



## **How to adapt to Slovenia?**

*You planned a wonderful trip to Slovenia, but are worried about your poor knowledge of Slovenian culture? Not a problem! This blog will teach you **useful words, main celebrations, and etiquette** that will help you while traveling!*

### **1. Simple etiquette and table manners.**

The first and super important thing is, of course, etiquette! If you are always thinking how not to disgrace yourself in a restaurant or other places, than read the following. This blog will tell you about **important customs, table**

**manners and traditions** that will help you not to worry about your behavior.

## **1.1 Meeting and greeting etiquette.**

- If you are meeting someone for the first time, you should shake their hand and smile.
- You should keep eye contact when chatting.
- Family members and close friends may kiss each other twice on a cheek and hug you. It may sound strange, but cute, and you should understand that not everyone does this.
- If you meet someone you do not know, you should address them “Gospa” (Madam), “Gospodična” (Miss), or “Gospod” (Sir).
- First names used only if you are talking to your family member or close friend, otherwise, you should use the surname until the person agrees to using the first name, or it will be seriously rude.

- If you are lucky and you were invited to a birthday party and you greet someone, it is traditional to kiss this person three times – once on each cheek.
- Giving gifts at the first meeting are not that important, you should do that later. But some souvenirs are also acceptable. There is only one important thing: make sure that the present is not expensive, or person will be in a uncomfortable position.

## **1.2 Dining etiquette.**

- Arrive on time or within 5 minutes. It will show your respect for the hosts, so do not be late to a meeting, or people will be offended by your terrible behavior! Only joking, but try not to be late.

- When you come into the house, you should remove your shoes at the door. You also will be offered slippers to wear.
- You should wear conservative clothes.
- Try to separate your modern life and business life while talking to the host or somebody else.

### **1.3. Eating etiquette.**

- Slovenians usually order soups as the first course, so salads are brought to the table after the main dish. There are many types of meat food on the menus in Slovenia, but fish is also popular.
- What about tipping? It is not a big part of culture in Slovenia, but staff service receives poor wages, so you can leave a small amount if you liked how they worked.



## **2. Useful words and phrases.**

Now we are going to talk about useful words and phrases, that will help you with communication in Slovenia. I will only teach you the most important words and phrases, which you need to know.

Hi - Živijo

Good morning - Dobro jutro;

Good day - Dober dan;

Good evening - Dober večer;

Goodbye – Nasvidenje;

Bye – Adijo;

Yes – Da;

No – Ne;

Please – Prosim;

Thank you – Hvala;

Shop – Trgovina;

Post - Pošta;

Railway station - Železniška postaja;

Bus station - Avtobusna postaja;

Hospital - Bolnišnica;

Restaurant – Gostilna;

Drink - Pijača;

Water – Voda;

Food – Hrana;

Useful phrases:

What is your name? - Kako ti je ime?

Where do you come from? - Od kod prihajaš?

How much does it cost? - Koliko stane?

What is the time? - Koliko je ura?

It is eight o'clock. - Ura je osem.

How are you? - Kako si?

I do not understand – Ne razumem.

Thank you – Hvala.

My name is... - Moje ime je...

How can I help you? - Kako ti lahko pomagam?

Help! - Na pomoč!

Stop - Stoj

Are you okay? - Ste v redu?



### **3. Main celebrations.**

Now lets talk about the main celebrations in Slovenia, that might give you beautiful memories later!

New Year. 1-2 January.

The Slovenian people love to celebrate New Year's Eve gathering at the main city squares. So which place in Slovenia is the best to celebrate Christmas?



- Ljubljana. Here, numerous events take place, and the incredible fireworks are going up to the sky from the Ljubljana Castle Hill.
- Bled. Another good place to celebrate Christmas Eve is Lake Bled. It is even more beautiful when the whole town is decorated with New Year's decorations and the huge fireworks reflect on the lake.
- Maribor, Piran, Kranj, Celje, and Novo Mesto. Other charming Slovenian towns like Maribor, Piran, Kranj, Celje, and Novo Mesto also hold memorable celebrations

you will enjoy.



*Day of Slovenian Culture. 8 February.*

It is unusual for a country to have a national Culture Day, however, Slovenians believe that their national identity developed and was preserved through culture and arts, as the nation only became an independent state in the early 1990s.

On February 8, all over the country, there are many cultural events being held and there is a free admission to museums and galleries. It is a day to focus on cultural education, attend

cultural events and to celebrate the highest achievements of Slovenian culture. You can use this chance and visit museums, galleries and to learn more about Slovenia.

### *Slovenia Statehood, 25 June.*

Slovenia Statehood Day is celebrated annually on 25 June. Statehood Day is the most important holiday in Slovenia and the country's National Holiday.

How to celebrate Day of Slovene Statehood?

- Watch cultural programs

Watch the cultural program and the main speech happening at the Ljubljana Castle each year. This is the best thing you can do to celebrate Slovenia Statehood Day, it seems boring, but you will love it.

*Now our blog post is coming to the end. I hope you have learned something new and now, you do not have stress about traveling to Slovenia. I wish you the best trip, good luck!*



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