# CITY STREETS 4 – Ljubljana



2020

University of Ljubljana Faculty of Architecture

# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

# DATES

September 23<sup>th</sup> - September 26<sup>nd</sup> 2020

## VENUE

CITY STREETS 4, 2020 will take place at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana

Faculty building is located in the city centre; address: Zoisova 12, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

INTERNET ACCESS: Free WI-FI is available at the Faculty (EDUROAM or guests WI-FI).



# LJUBLJANA

The capital of Slovenia is located in the centre of the country, about an hour's drive from the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. Ljubljana is a lively, commercial, administrative, and cultural centre with a population of about 300,000 people, of which 54,000 are students. The city also happens to be one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals. Indeed, the European Commission awarded Ljubljana with the coveted Green Capital of Europe title for 2016. Car traffic is restricted in the centre, leaving the leafy banks of the emerald-green Ljubljanica River, free for pedestrians and cyclists.

Ljubljana is also distinguished by its well preserved and easily accessible natural environment, great biodiversity and varied landscape. It is precisely because of the vicinity of the preserved nature and the intertwinement of the built and natural environment that the Ljubljana Urban Region is unique among European metropolitan regions.

Numerous public space re-arrangements have greatly contributed to the higher quality of life and brought in numerous international expert recognitions. All these accomplishments have put Ljubljana on the world map and strengthened its recognizability which is above all reflected in the interest of the international public and the beauty of the city.

For more information on Ljubljana: www.visitljubljana.si; https://www.ljubljana.si/en/municipality/

## HOW TO GET TO LJUBLJANA



# By Air

There are daily flights from Slovenia's main international gateway, <u>Ljubljana Jože Pučnik</u> <u>Airport</u>, to a number of European cities, including flights operated by two low-cost airlines, EasyJet and Wizz Air. Adria Airways, Slovenia's sole carrier, has the most flights to Ljubljana. There are direct flights to Ljubljana from: Copenhagen, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome, London Brussels, Munich and others.

# Airport transfer (Brnik – Ljubljana city)

Ljubljana Airport is is located in Brnik, around 26 kilometres NW from Ljubljana, and can be easily reached either by public bus shuttle, private shuttle services, and taxi: **Public shuttle** – <u>bus service no.28</u> operates to and from Ljubljana bus station and runs about every hour. The journey takes 50 minutes, the cost is around  $4 \in$  and you buy your tickets directly from the driver; operates from 05:00 (5 AM) till 20:00 (8 PM). **Privat shuttle** – there are two main providers of the shuttle service (both cost  $9 \in$ ): <u>MNJ TRANSFER</u>, and <u>MARKUN SHUTTLE</u>, also <u>GOOPTI</u> offer shuttle service (the prices are flexible).

*Taxi* – the finest solution is to arrange taxi ride in advance by phone at one of the taxi companies such as <u>TaxiMetro</u>, <u>TAXIjezakon</u> or <u>TaxiLegende</u>

You may also find it convenient to use one of the **neighbouring airports** such as: <u>Trieste</u> (Italy), 128 km southwest of Ljubljana <u>Venice Marco Polo</u> (Italy), 240 km southwest of Ljubljana <u>Venice Treviso</u> (Italy), 240 km southwest of Ljubljana <u>Klagenfurt</u> (Austria), 90 km north of Ljubljana <u>Zagreb</u> (Croatia), 141 km southeast of Ljubljana

Transport services from nearby airports to Slovenia are offered by the low-cost carriers, such as <u>GoOpti</u>.

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# By train

Ljubljana is an important railroad junction and can be reached by trains from all major European cities. The main station is within walking distance of the city centre. More information is available at the <u>Slovenian Railways website</u>.



# By bus

Low cost bus transfers: FlixBus.

The main bus station is near the main railway station within walking distance of the city centre.



By car

Arriving to Ljubljana by car is easy, however make sure you buy vignette if traveling on highways. Listed below are distances to some nearby cities. Zagreb (Croatia) - 140 km, E70 Trieste (Italy) - 95 km, E61/E70 Venice (Italy) - 242 km, E61/E70 Klagenfurt (Austria) - 83 km E 652/E 61 Graz (Austria) - 190 km, E 57/E 59

# **GETTING AROUND LJUBLJANA**

# 1. Ljubljana public city buses

Ljubljana city buses are comfortable way to travel around the city centre and to all main peripheral directions. A single journey fare is  $\leq 1.20$ . It covers an up to 90-minute journey regardless of the number of buses needed to be changed to reach the destination.

IMPORTANT – you will need to have **Urbana card** to pay for the ride. It is not possible to pay for the ride by cash or other credit cards. We will provide Urbana cards for all the participants after the first meeting. You need to enter the bus at the front door and lean the contactless card on the card reader.

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#### <u>Click</u> for Bus routs map

The Urbana card can be topped up with credit at the green Urbanomat ticket machines located across the city, mostly next to bus stops, and at most of the city's newspaper kiosks, news-stands and post offices. The ticket machines accept both cash and credit and debit cards.

The Urbana card can also be used to pay for cable-car rides to the Ljubljana Castle, parking fees for white zones and parking lots managed by Javno podjetje Ljubljanska parkirišča in tržnice as well as the services at the Ljubljana City Library



# 2. <u>BicikeLJ – bicycle sharing system</u>

The <u>BicikeLJ bicycle-sharing system</u> gives you an opportunity to hire bikes from self-service terminals located across the wider Ljubljana city centre. BicikeLJ bikes are particularly suitable for shorter, up to an hour-long rides as hire is free if you return a hired bicycle to the nearest docking station within an hour and wait for five minutes before hiring a new one.



The use of the BicikeLJ system is practically free of charge. The only cost involved is the symbolic fee for compulsory online registration with the system, which stands at  $\leq 1.00$  for a week and  $\leq 3.00$  for a year and must be completed in advance of hiring. Credit card is needed for the registration. There are more than 35 bicycle stations around the city, situated also in the vicinity of our neighbourhood sites.



More information: <u>http://en.bicikelj.si/Ljubljana</u>.

# ACCOMMODATION

Ljubljana offers width variety of accommodation facilities around the Faculty and in the city centre.

# 1. Hostels

Most "easy on the pocket" are youth hostels, where you will spend around  $\leq$  15-25 for a dormitory bed. Some hostels offer a private double beds (approx.  $\leq$  40/night), but the lavatories are usually shared. Breakfast is usually not included, but is available in most cases for around 3  $\leq$ /day.

In the vicinity (3-10 min. walk) of the Faculty of architecture are:

KVA HOSTEL (3 min. walk), HOSTEL VRBA (3 min. walk), ADHOC HOSTEL (5 min. walk)

You can find and book most of other hostels here **HOSTELWORLD** 

# 2. Private rooms and apartments

For those who require quiet and privacy, we recommend staying in one of the private rooms or apartments. Prices are settled around 35-60 €/person/night. In case of apartments it is common to pay extra fee for cleaning per stay. According to preferences you can find and book different rooms and apartments at <u>Booking.com</u>

# 3. Hotels

One can find numerus mid-range hotels in the vicinity of the Faculty and in the city centre. Prices vary from around € 50 to €100 per night with breakfast included. Some of the nearby hotels with good value recommended by TripAdvisor are:

<u>Adora Hotel</u>\*\*\*(5 min. walk), <u>Central Hotel</u>\*\*\*(15 min walk), <u>Hotel Emonec</u>\*\*\* (8 min walk), <u>City</u> <u>Hotel Ljubljana</u>\*\*\*(15 min. walk)

You can find more suitable /recommended hotels on TripAdvisor or directly on booking.com

# EAT & DRINK

There is a cosy cafeteria in the basement of the Faculty, where one can grab coffee, tea, sandwich or some croissants. It is open from 8.am-2.pm.

Cafés in Ljubljana are usually opened from 7 or 8 am and offer drinks, breakfasts and light meals. However, most restaurants get opened by 10 or 11 am and offer daily multi-course set lunches, or *kosila*, for between  $\xi$ 5-12.

Some capacities in the vicinity of the Faculty:

# Le Petit Cafe

Is situated near Krizanke monastery, or (if you prefer) near the <u>National Library</u>, the cafe is an ideal choice for breakfast. They offer a breakfast menu and fresh juice. 3 min walk from Faculty. Address: Trg Francoske Revolucije 4

# Druga violina

located in the old city centre, is a very special little gostilna-style restaurant employing several people with special needs. It serves traditional Slovenian dishes. Occasionally it hosts creative workshops for children and other events. Offers daily lunches for around 6-10€. Address: Stari trg 21, 1000 Ljubljana

# **Pizzeria Foculus**

Pizzeria Foculus is located only 5 min walk from the Faculty, close to architect Plečnik's most famous work The National University Library. Pizzeria Foculus is open every day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Address: Gregorciceva 3, Ljubljana

# Zvezda Café

If you've got a sweet tooth, you should mark Zvezda Café on your map. The home made cakes they bake are said to be the most delicious in the city. A coffee with a cake is a must, of course. Café is located in the city centre just by the Congress Square, 5 min walk from the Faculty.

# Klobasarna - Kranjska Sausage

"Klobasarna" is a place, positioned in the heart of Ljubljana's old town center, where you can treat yourself to an original Slovene Carniolian sausage. The Carniolian sausage is served with a fresh bagel, mustard and horseradish and you can get all this as take-away as well. Open Monday – Saturday 10 am till 11 pm, Sunnday 10 am till 3 pm. Address: Ciril-Metodov trg 15, 1000 Ljubljana www.klobasarna.si

# WEATHER CONDITIONS

In Ljubljana, the month of January and beginning of February are statistically characterized by daily highs around 4°C, and rarely exceeding 10°C or dropping below -2°C. Daily low temperatures (night) are around -3°C, rarely falling below -10°C or exceeding 3°C.

If lucky, we get some snow, if less lucky just some rain.



More info about actual weather conditions can be found here: METEO.si.

# OTHER

#### **Currency and Money Exchange**

The Slovenian legal tender is EUR. Foreign currency may be exchanged at banks, exchange offices, travel agencies, hotels, airports and railway stations.

## **Automatic Cash Dispensers**

Automatic cash dispensers accepting Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, American Express credit cards and Maestro Cirrus are situated at all main banks in Ljubljana and also at Ljubljana Airport and all over the city centre.

## **Credit Cards**

All major credit cards, such as American Express, Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops.

## Electricity

Electricity in Slovenia is 220V, 50Hz. Continental Europe Type F (Schuko) plugs are used. This socket also works with plug C and plug E.

## **Drinking Water**

Tap water is safe to drink in Slovenia.

#### Time

CET (Central European Time); UTC/GMT(Greenwich Mean Time) +1 hour

#### **SLOVENIA**

Distances between places in Slovenia are squat, which makes Ljubljana a perfect base for exploring Slovenia's diverse beauty. If you prolong your trip for a day or two, you can make an excursion around Slovenia.

If there is a common interest for an excursion among the participants, we can organize one, taking you, for instance, to the magnificent Škocjan caves or maybe just on a short trip to taste the Blejske kremšnite in Bled.

