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September 23th – 26th



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DATES

September 23th – 26th 2020 (Exhibitions open on September 21st 2020)

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VENUE

The conference will take place at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Ljubljana (FA).

Faculty building is located in the city centre at *Zoisova cesta 12, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia*.

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



The workshops will commence at the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia (UIRS), which is in a five-minute walk distance from FA, located at *Trnovski pristan 2, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia*. The entrance to UIRS is from the back alley which runs parallel to Ljubljanica river (Mercator shop passage).

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 city centre, leaving the leafy banks of the slow-floating Ljubljanica River free for pedestrians and cyclists.

The city is safe, walkable and particularly charming in warm part of the year – which you will fortunately be able to see this time - together with our charming programme it will make a memorable stay! For more information on Ljubljana, you can visit www.visitljubljana.si

HOW TO GET TO LJUBLJANA



By Air

There are daily flights from Slovenia's main international gateway, [Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport](#), to a number of European cities, including flights operated by two low-cost airlines, EasyJet and Wizz Air.

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Airport transfer (Brnik – Ljubljana city)

Ljubljana Airport 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 – [bus service no. 28](#) operates to and from Ljubljana bus station and runs about every hour. The journey takes 50 minutes, the cost is around 4 € 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 €): [MNJ TRANSFER](#), and [MARKUN SHUTTLE](#), also [GOOPTI](#) offer shuttle service (the prices are flexible, you can pre-arrange our transfer using the contacts provided in the links above).

Taxi – the finest, however the most costly solution is to arrange a taxi ride in advance by phone at one of the taxi companies such as [TaxiMetro](#), [TAXIjezakon](#) or [TaxiLegende](#).

You may also find it convenient to use one of the **neighbouring airports** such as:

[Trieste](#) (Italy), 128 km southwest of Ljubljana,

[Venice Marco Polo](#) (Italy), 240 km southwest of Ljubljana,

[Venice Treviso](#) (Italy), 240 km southwest of Ljubljana,

[Klagenfurt](#) (Austria), 90 km north of Ljubljana,

[Zagreb](#) (Croatia), 141 km southeast of Ljubljana.

Transport services from nearby airports to Slovenia are offered by the low-cost carriers, such as [GoOpti](#).



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 [Slovenian Railways website](#).



By bus

Low cost bus transfers are offered by [FlixBus](#).

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



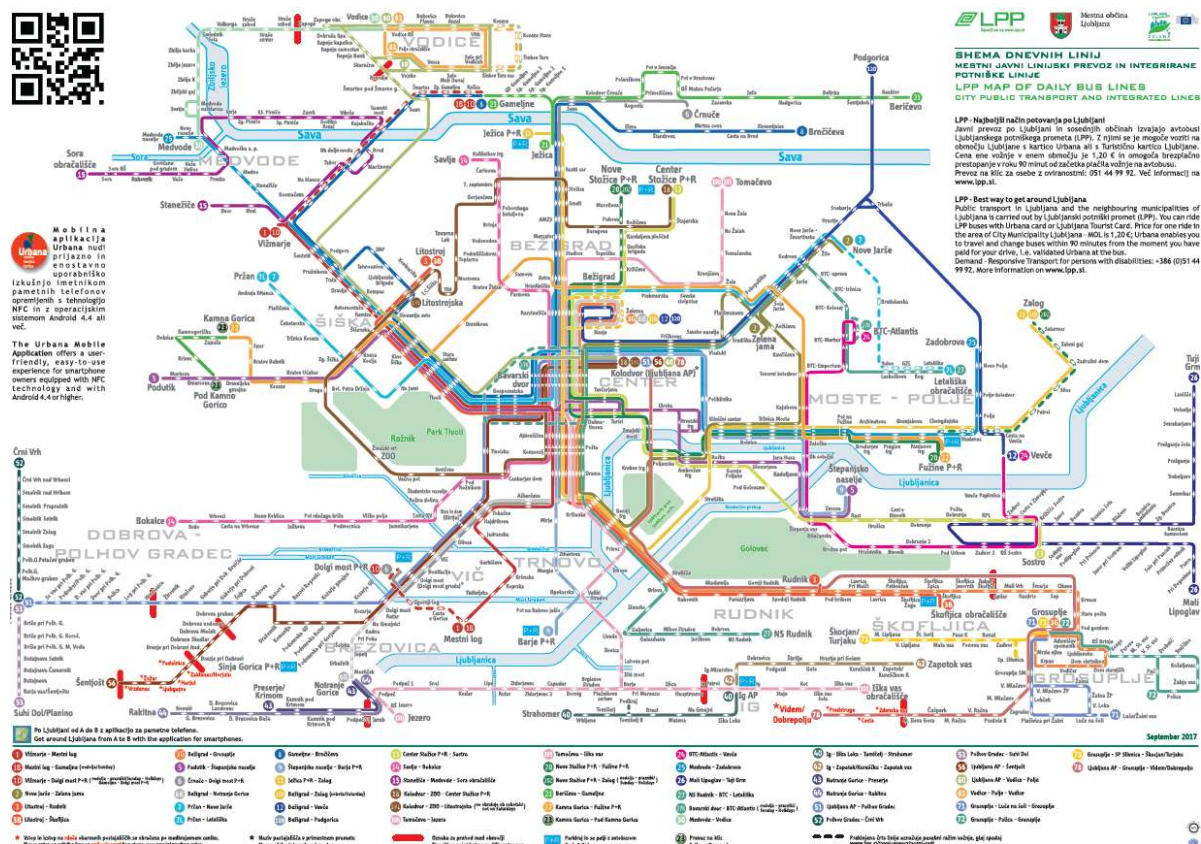
Zagreb (Croatia) - 140 km, E70
Trieste (Italy) - 95 km, E61/E70
Venice (Italy) - 242 km, E61/E70
Klagenfurt (Austria) - 83 km E 652/E 61
Graz (Austria) - 190 km. E 57/E 59

GETTING AROUND LJUBLJANA

1. Ljubljana public city buses

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. You need to enter the bus at the front door and lean the contactless card on the card reader.

[Click](#) 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. BicikeLJ – bicycle sharing system

The [BicikeLJ bicycle-sharing system](#) 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 €1.00 for a week and €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: <http://en.bicikelj.si/Ljubljana>.

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 € 15-25 for a dormitory bed. Some hostels offer a private double beds (approx. € 50/night), but the lavatories are usually shared. Breakfast is usually not included, but is available in most cases for around 5 €/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 40-70 €/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 accommodation-search portals (such as [Booking.com](#) or [Airbnb.com](#)).

3. Hotels

One can find numerus mid-range hotels in the vicinity of the Faculty and in the city centre. Average prices vary from around € 60 to €120 per night with breakfast included. Some of the nearby hotels with good value recommended by TripAdvisor are:

[Adora Hotel](#)*** (5 min. walk), [Central Hotel](#)*** (15 min walk), [Hotel Emonec](#)*** (8 min walk), [City Hotel Ljubljana](#)*** (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 €5-12.

Some capacities in the vicinity of the Faculty:

Le Petit Cafe

Is situated near Krizanke monastery, or (if you prefer) near the [National Library](#), 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 (*kranjska klobasa*). 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, Sunday 10 am till 3 pm.

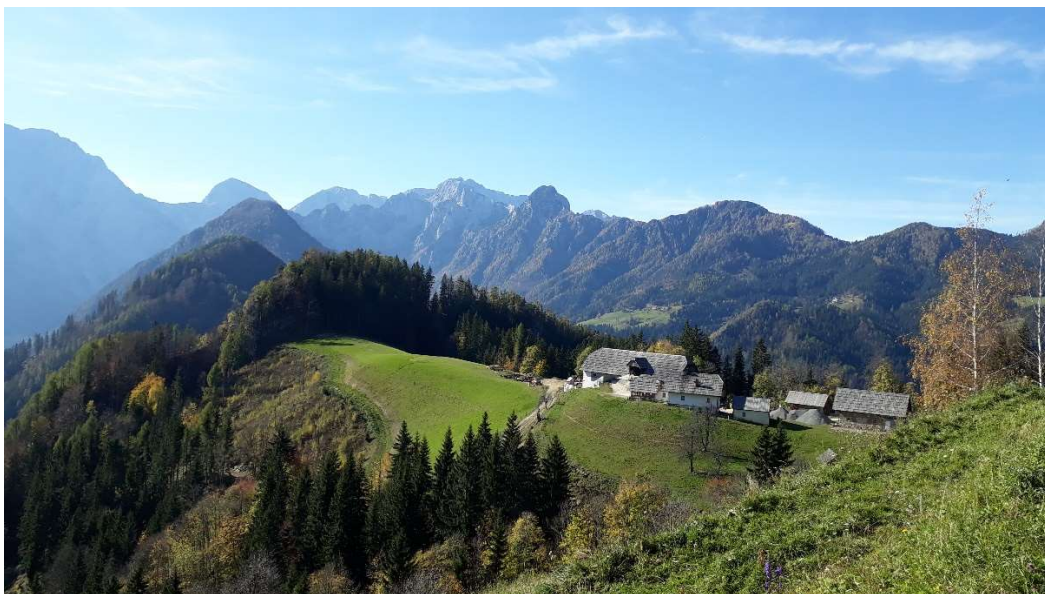
Address: Ciril-Metodov trg 15, 1000 Ljubljana

www.klobasarna.si

WEATHER CONDITIONS

In Ljubljana, the month of September is statistically characterized by daily highs around 22°C, and rarely exceeding 26°C or dropping below 18°C. Daily low temperatures (night) are around 13°C, rarely falling below 10°C or exceeding 16°C.

If lucky, one gets lots of sun in late September in Ljubljana and surrounding landscapes.



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 assist you in organizing one, taking you for instance to the magnificent Škocjan caves or maybe just on a short trip to taste the *Blejske kremšnite* in Bled, or to make your fingers salty at the Adriatic coast – the options are plenty!



Disclaimer: The information in this welcome-guide was last updated in December 2019.