



### 1 Source of the Soča River

One of the finest and clearest karst sources in the Julian Alps bursts to the surface from a cave with an underground lake. There is a well-arranged and secure but nevertheless demanding hiking trail route to the source.

→ **Koča pri izvirju Soče Mountain hut**  
1 km ⌚ 40 min



### 2 Alpinum Juliana

This Alpine botanical garden is at its most beautiful in May and in the beginning of June when the primroses and gentians are in bloom. From early spring to late autumn you can find approximately 600 different plant species thriving in this garden, including endemic species. A special part of this garden is reserved for foreign plant species.

→ **Parking lot at the entrance to the botanical garden**  
→ 0,5 km ⌚ 4 h



### 9 Kanin Mountain Range and the Prestreljenik Window

The unique high-altitude karst terrain of the Kanin Mountain range includes numerous natural phenomena. You can take the trip along the natural science educational trail, while the more demanding hikers can take a tour to one of the nearby summits. Prestreljenik Window is a very popular destination which can be accessed along a marked hiking trail or along the family-friendly ferrata which is well secured and also appropriate for children over ten years of age. During the winter the Kanin Mountain range turns into a high altitude ski slope.

→ **Parking lot at Station A of the Kanin Cableway**  
⌚ At least 4 h



### 10 Virje Waterfall

The Kanin Mountain range provides water for the Giljün Stream which is dammed just behind the magical karst source. The water that manages to pass around the dam flows through the gorge and later forms a fan-shaped Virje Waterfall.

→ **Parking lot at the waterfall**  
→ 1 km ⌚ 30 min



### 11 Boka Waterfall

Boka Waterfall is the mightiest waterfall in Slovenia. The view of the water falling 105 metres into the valley below is quite magnificent in late spring when up to 100 m³ of water per second flows into the valley due to the snow thawing high in the mountains. You can observe the waterfall from the road Bovec-Kobarid or from the viewpoint on the right bank of the Boka River, which you can reach along a marked trail.

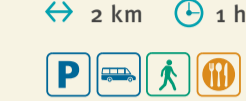
→ **Parking lot at Hotel Boka**  
→ 0,5 km ⌚ 45 min



### 5 Šunik Water Grove

Just in front of the confluence with the Sunik Stream, the Lepenja Stream hopped up a deep gorge with magical overflowing waterfalls. There is a marked circular trail routed through the Šunik Water Grove where you can visit the remnants of the old mill and a former sawmill.

→ **Parking lot at the information table in the Lepena Valley**  
→ 2 km ⌚ 1 h



### 6 Lake Krn

The largest Slovenian high-altitude lake is a popular hiking destination because it is located beneath Mt. Krn at an altitude of 1,391 m. The ecosystem of this lake contains 40 different plant species, mostly algae, and 24 lower animal species, mostly small crayfish. Swimming in the lake is prohibited due to the preservation of the ecosystem.

→ **Mountain hut in the Lepena Valley**  
⌚ At least 5 h



### 7 Mangart Mountain Pass

The highest-lying mountain road in Slovenia is routed through five tunnels carved into solid rock and leads to an excellent viewpoint. Mangart Mountain pass (2,055 m) represents a splendid starting point for climbing tours to Mt. Mangart (2,679 m), a destination for road cyclists and a take-off point for paragliding tandem flights.

→ **Parking lot beneath the Mangart Mountain pass (during the main season P + R Log pod Mangartom)**  
→ 4 km ⌚ 2 h (at least 3 h including transportation)



### 8 Kluže Fortress and Fort Hermann

The Kluže Fortress is most definitely one of the most picturesque fortresses in Slovenia. In 1882, it was built on an exceptional location above the Koritnica Gorge as a stronghold on the route to the Soča Valley. Nowadays, it serves as a museum and a stage for various cultural events. In 1897, Fort Hermann was built in order to serve as a protection for the Kluže Fortress.

→ **Parking lot at the Kluže Fortress**  
→ 2,5 km ⌚ 2 h (30 min - Kluže Fortress only)



### 14 Dairy Museum

The *Od planine do Planike* (From the Mountain Pasture to the Planika Kobariid Dairy) historic-ethnological exhibition presents the heritage of mountain pasture pastoralism and the development of cheese making in the Soča Valley. It is accompanied by a documentary about the traditional processing of milk into cheese and curd on the mountain pastures and about the production of milk products at the Planika Kobariid Dairy.

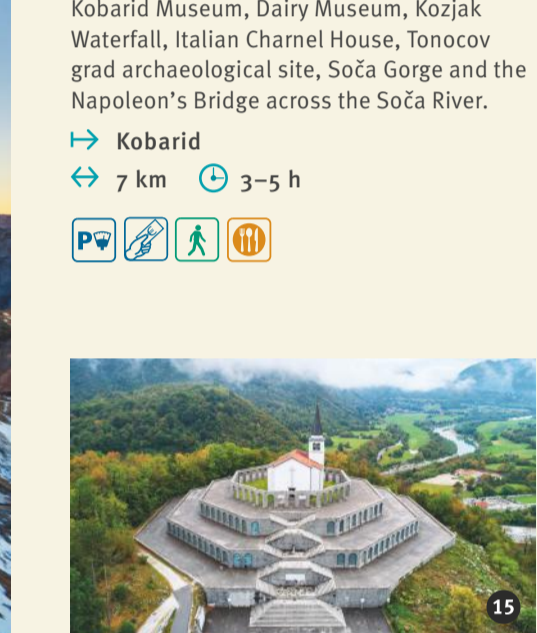
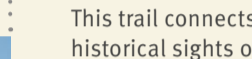
→ **Parking lot in front of the museum**  
⌚ 1 h



### 15 Kobarid Historical Trail

This trail connects the key natural and historical sights of the Kobarid area: Kobarid Museum, Dairy Museum, Kozjak Waterfall, Italian Chapel House, Tomcov grad archaeological site, Soča Gorge and the Napoleon's Bridge across the Soča River.

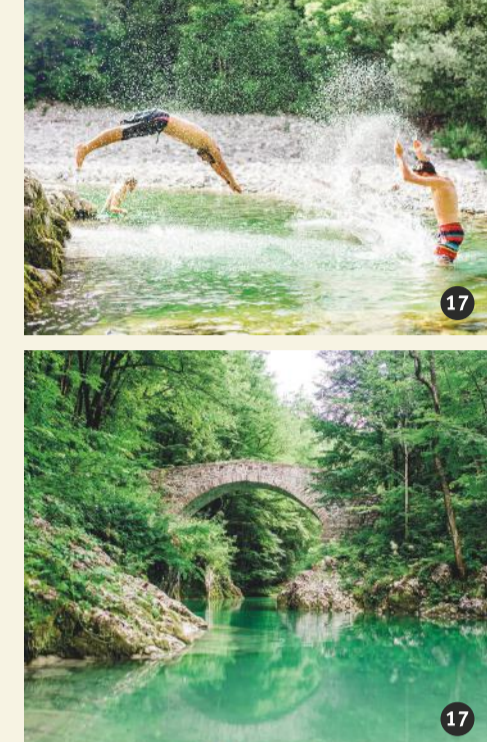
→ **Kobarid**  
→ 7 km ⌚ 3-5 h



### 16 Breginj, the old village centre

You can find several small villages on the Veneto hills in the Breginjski kot Valley. The largest of them is the village of Breginj which was considered the heart of the Veneto-Slovenian architecture until the earthquake of 1976. The complex of two-story stone houses interconnected with balconies is a unique outdoor museum and the only preserved witness of the former appearance of Breginj.

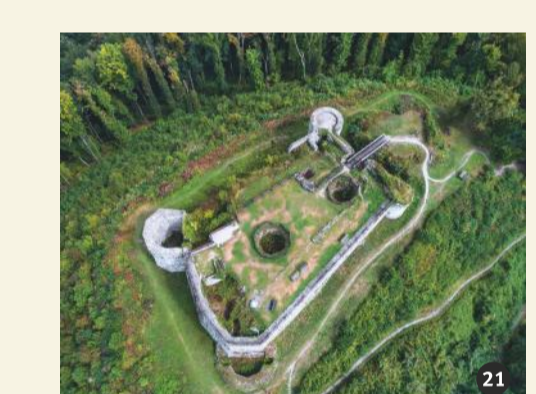
→ **Parking lot in Breginj**  
→ 200 m ⌚ 30 min



### 17 Napoleon's Bridge

There is a graduated stone bridge from the 19th century spanning over the narrow canyon of the Nadiža River. It was built during the times of the French emperor Napoleon's conquests, hence its name. Due to its exceptional construction it is nowadays an indispensable architectural monument and an important link to the past. Underneath the bridge you can find one of the most popular summer bathing areas by the Nadiža River.

→ **Parking lot at the Napoleon's bridge**  
→ 100 m ⌚ 15 min



### 21 Mt. Kozlov rob

This rounded hill above the town of Tolmin is a popular recreational point and an important cultural monument. The ruins you can notice on the top of the hill are the remnants of the once most important castle in the Tolmin area.

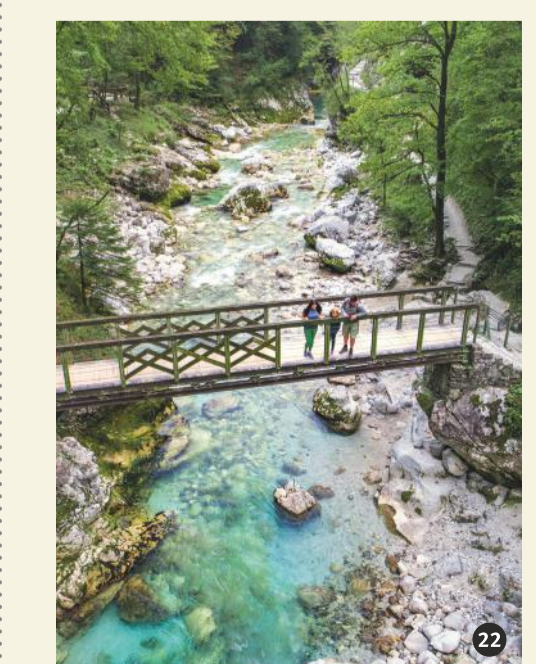
→ **Tolmin or parking lot P2**  
→ 3 km ⌚ 1 h 30 min



### 22 Tolmin Gorges

The wild gorges of the Tolminka and Zadlaščica rivers with the distinctive wedged rock resembling a bear's head are the lowest entry point into the Triglav National Park and an exceptional natural sight. The confluence of these rivers is the only confluence in a gorge you can find in Slovenia.

→ **Parking lot P1 or P2**  
→ 2-3 km ⌚ 2-3 h



### 23 Javorca, the Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit

In the vicinity of the Polog Mountain pasture in a picturesque valley of the Tolminka river you can find the Church of the Holy Spirit – a magnificent monument of World War I. It is dedicated to the fallen Austro-Hungarian defenders of the Tolmin battlefield of the Isonzo front. The exterior of this wooden sanctuary is decorated with coats-of-arms of Austro-Hungarian regions, while inside the church you can find oak panels with burnt names of the fallen heroes. In 2018, the church received the European Heritage Label.

→ **Parking lot beneath the church (during the main season P + R Tolmin)**  
→ 1 km ⌚ 1 h 30 min (at least 3 h including transportation)



### 24 German Ossuary

Just above the Soča River you can find an ossuary with the remains of the German soldiers fallen in the 12th Isonzo battle. The interior of the ossuary is divided into two parts. In the first part, the names of soldiers are carved into oak panels, while in the second part, the names of soldiers are written on the walls in a mosaic technique. Visits to the interior of the monument are possible upon advance reservation at the Tolmin Museum. In the vicinity you can find the confluence of rivers Soča and Tolminka.

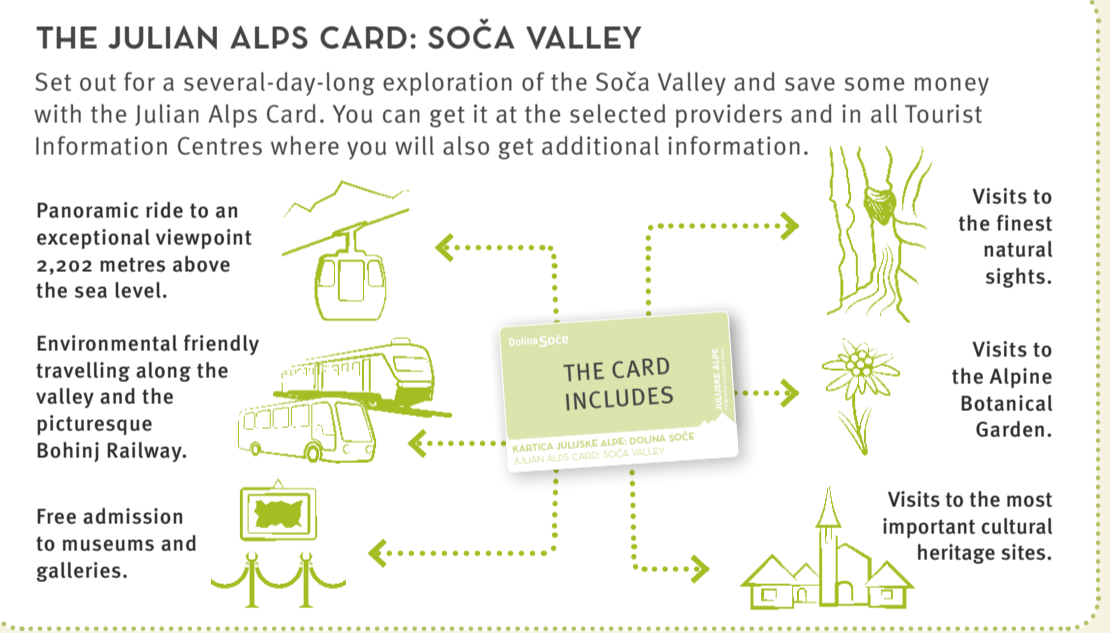
→ **Parking lot at the confluence**  
→ 1 km ⌚ 1 h



### 25 Beri Waterfall

The Godiša Stream that flows from beneath Mt. Tolminski Triglav forms a wonderful waterfall in the vicinity of Tolmin. You can reach it along a marked trail which is ideal if you would like to escape to the intact nature.

→ **Poljubinj**  
→ 2 km ⌚ 1 h



### THE JULIAN ALPS CARD: SOČA VALLEY

Set out for a several-day-long exploration of the Soča Valley and save some money with the Julian Alps Card. You can get it at the selected providers and in all Tourist Information Centres where you will also get additional information.

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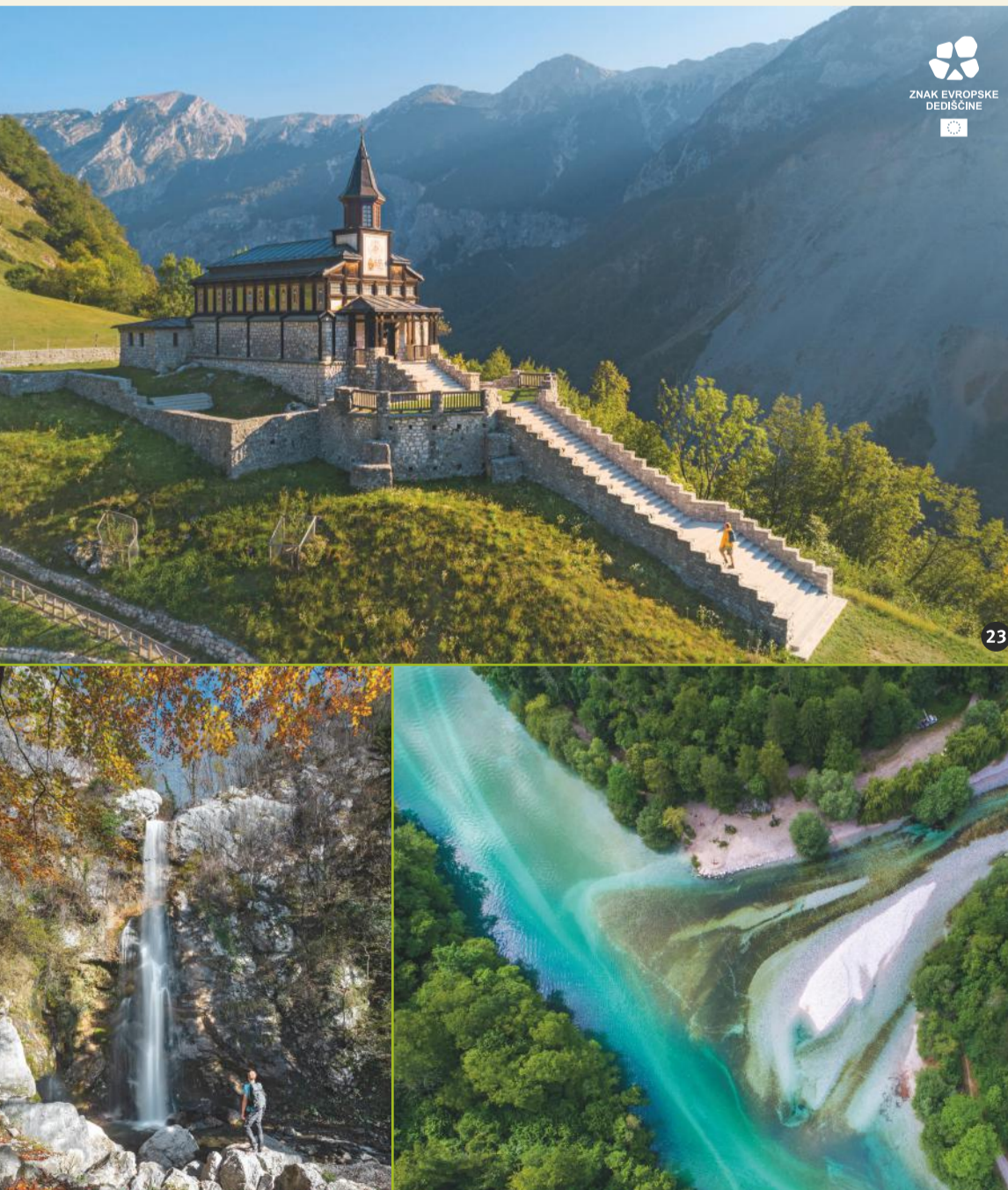
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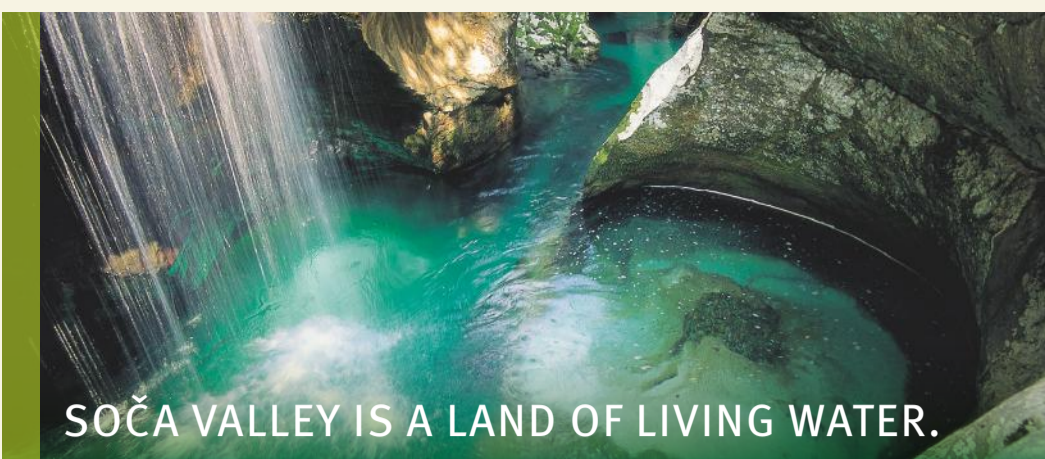
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SOČA VALLEY IS A LAND OF LIVING WATER.

The upper part of the Soča Valley is protected by mighty peaks of the Julian Alps, while its lower part is surrounded by green hills. It is connected by the emerald Soča River which rises from a spring in the most preserved and protected part of Slovenia – the Triglav National Park. You can find small and hospitable towns of Bovec, Kobarid, Tolmin and Kanal standing on its banks, while on the slopes of the nearby hills you can find friendly and sunny villages. The valley is full of mysterious caves, magical waterfalls, picturesque lakes, medicinal springs and crystal-clear rivers. The diverse landscape is perfect for outdoor activities and experiences and, at the same time, full of places where you can retreat and find your peace.

Soča Valley is writing a green story as a recipient of the golden label Slovenia Green Destination. Sustainable development, preservation of nature and cultural heritage are the key commitments that will preserve this piece of paradise for the next generations. The rich tradition, which is firmly anchored in the hearts of the locals, is being preserved with the help of the local collective brand Soča Valley Finest.

### BE A PART OF THE GREEN STORY OF THE SOČA VALLEY

Slow down your pace and experience the Soča Valley from up close. Visit it as guests and make sure that everyone feels pleasant.

#### Travel responsibly.

- Leave your vehicles at designated parking places.
- Use tourist buses to travel along the valley.
- Take a ride along the 100-year-old Bohinj railway: by train, car-train or museum train.
- Discover the hidden corners on foot, by bicycle or kayak.
- Travel outside the high season and stay longer.

#### Living greenly.

- Walk along marked trails wearing appropriate footwear and clothing.
- Make no noise – the nature will be grateful.
- Stay at designated accommodations, which you have to book in advance during the high season.
- Respect the regimes in force (by the river, on the river and in the air).

#### Consider the future.

- Drink water from the tap and natural springs.
- Use a refillable water bottle.
- Separate the waste and take it with you.
- Stay at Slovenia Green accommodations.

#### Respect the local.

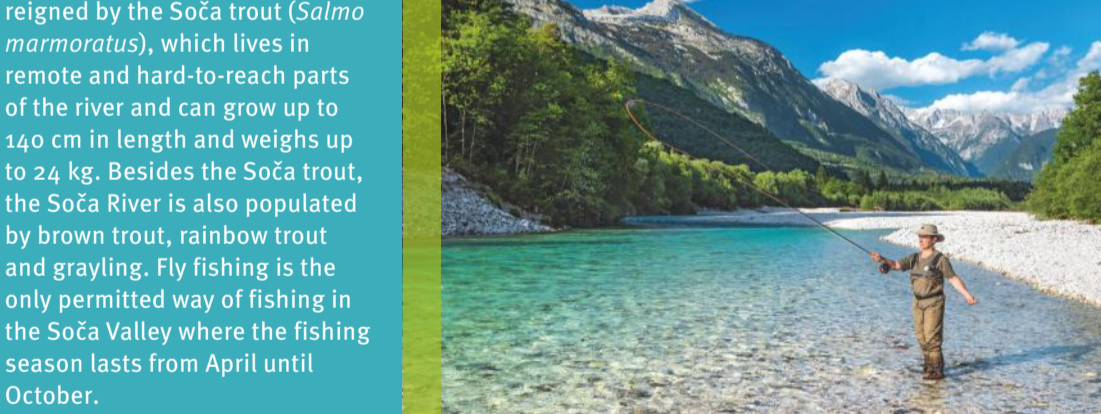
- Visit traditional events.
- Buy high quality Soča Valley Finest products and services.
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- Choose guided tours with local tourist guides.

### On the Emerald Rapids



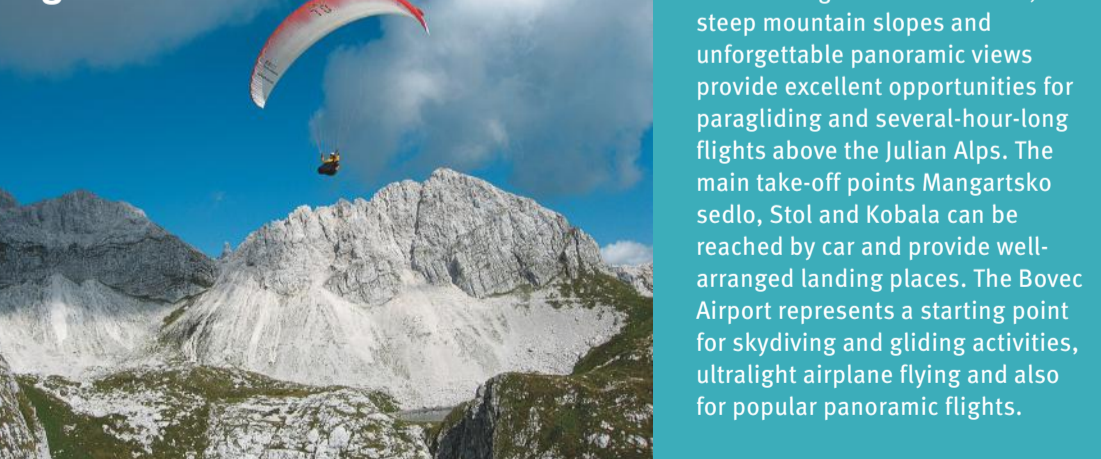
The emerald Soča River is a popular destination for water sport aficionados. Numerous of them enjoy the river with kayaks, rafts and SUP boards, while the mysterious gorges and magical pools of its tributaries invite the adventurers to try canyoning activities. During the hot summer it is nice to refresh yourself in the Soča River and also in the warmer rivers Nadiža and Idrija.

### Fly Fishing Paradise



Soča River and its tributaries are reigned by the Soča trout (*Salmo marmoratus*), which lives in remote and hard-to-reach parts of the river and can grow up to 140 cm in length and weighs up to 24 kg. Besides the Soča trout, the Soča River is also populated by brown trout, rainbow trout and grayling. Fly fishing is the only permitted way of fishing in the Soča Valley where the fishing season lasts from April until October.

### High Above the Ground



Outstanding warm air currents, steep mountain slopes and unforgettable panoramic views provide excellent opportunities for paragliding and several-hour-long flights above the Julian Alps. The main take-off points Mangartsko sedlo, Stol and Kobača can be reached by car and provide well-arranged landing places. The Bovec Airport represents a starting point for skydiving and gliding activities, ultralight airplane flying and also for popular panoramic flights.

### Land of Adventures



Daring visitors can try several-kilometre-long ziplining on the Kanin Mountain range or high above the Uča Gorge, test their climbing skills on boulders and equipped climbing walls or horse ride along the Soča River. It is also possible to participate in one of the numerous sporting events: Soča Outdoor Festival, Bovec Marathon, Podbrdo Trail Running Festival, various paragliding competitions, Bridge Diving Competition in Kanal, Hiking festival.

### Alpe Adria Trail



Alpe Adria Trail is an attractive hiking trail connecting the Austrian Carinthian Region, Slovenia and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region. It is 720 km long and divided into 43 stages. It starts at the Pasterze Glacier beneath Mt. Grossglockner and ends at the coast of the Adriatic Sea. Most hikers regard the Soča Trail, which is located from the source of the Soča River to the town of Bovec, as the finest part of the Alpe Adria Trail.

### Juliana Trail



This circular long-distance hiking trail is mostly routed along the flat terrain and small hills surrounding the Julian Alps and the Triglav National Park. It takes the visitors through picturesque valleys, onto vast plateaus, across mountain passes and to places where they can learn about the local customs and tradition. The basic circle, which includes 16 stages, is complemented with 4 stages leading into the Goriska brda Region.

### Juliana Bike



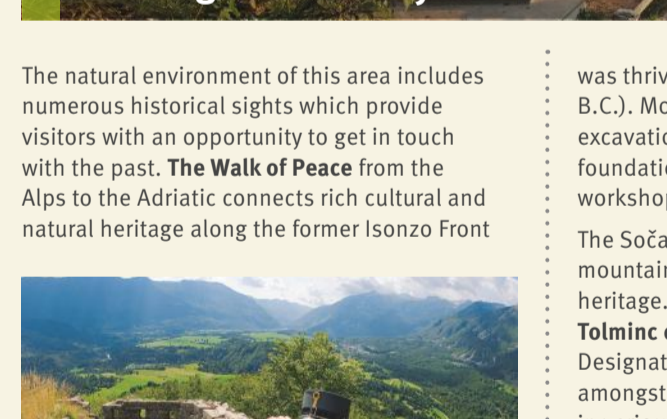
Just like the Juliana Trail for hikers, the Juliana Bike for tour cyclists is also routed around the Julian Alps and represents a part of the Slovenian tour cycling trail. It is routed along local roads, cycling trails, forest trails and cart tracks. The basic 7 stages of the circle are complemented with access stages from three directions: Radovljica, Zirovnica and Goriska brda Region.

### Juliana SkiTour Kanin



Experienced tour skiers can take an unforgettable four-day ski touring Juliana SkiTour trip along the Julian Alps, while the aficionados of arranged ski runs can meander on natural snow of the high-altitude Kanin ski resort until late spring. Including the connection with the Italian Sella Neveja ski resort, skiers can enjoy in approximately 30 km of ski runs.

### Tracing the History

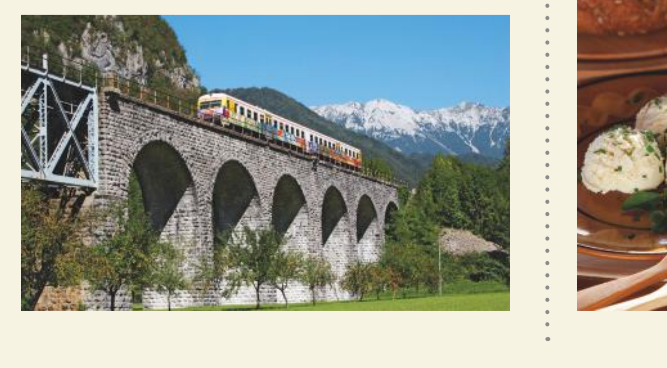


The natural environment of this area includes numerous historical sights which provide visitors with an opportunity to get in touch with the past. The Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic connects rich cultural and natural heritage along the former Isouza Front



and is arranged as a memory and a reminder of the events that took place during World War I. Numerous fortifications, caverns, trenches, remains and cemeteries are nowadays arranged as outdoor museums (Ravelnik, Čelo, Zapirkaj, Klovat, Mrzli vrh, Mengore, Priznica and Vodice), while the numerous artefacts and stories from this war were collected and presented in museums and private museum collections. The most magnificent monuments along the Walk of Peace in the Soča Valley include the Kluz Fortress, Chamber Houses in Kobarid and Tolmin and the Memorial church in Javorca.

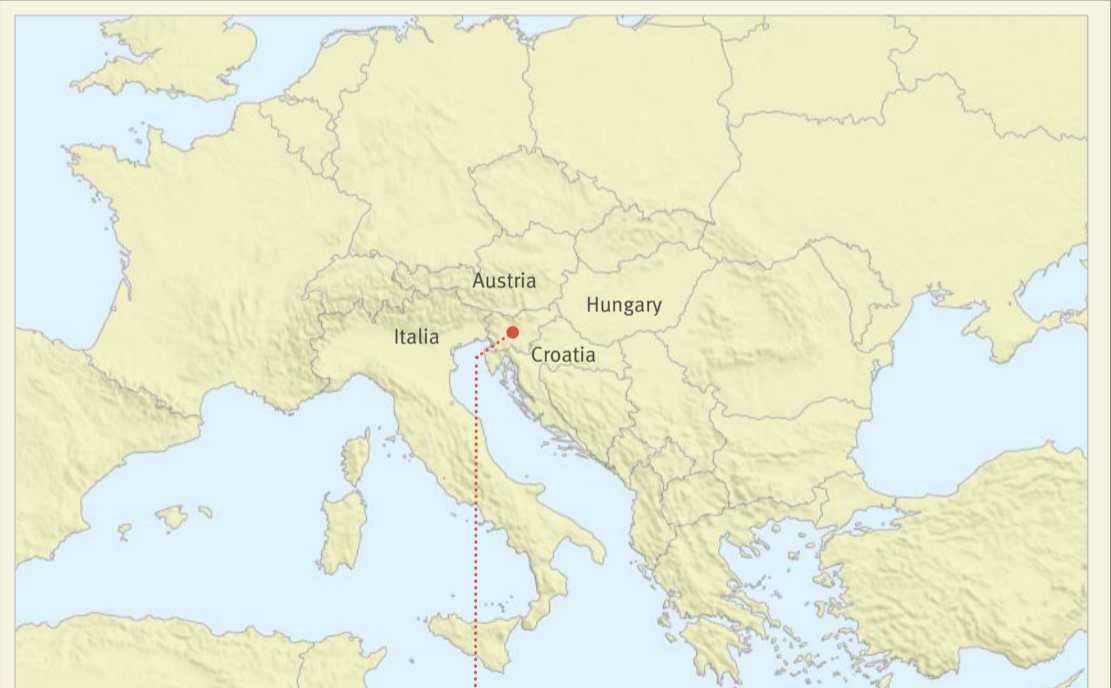
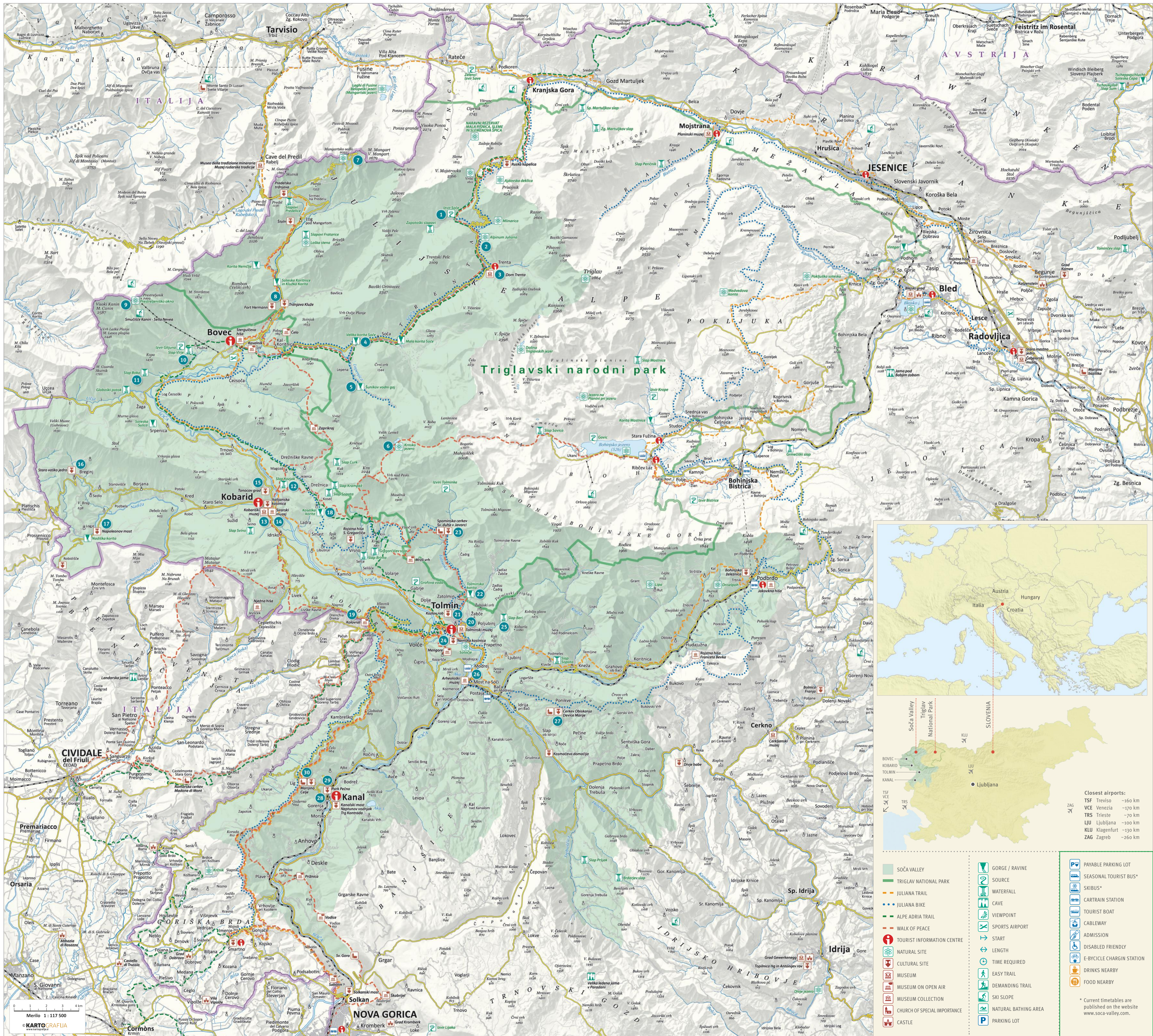
The train ride along the picturesque 100-year-old Bohinj Railway is a unique journey into the past. It is a journey across a wonderful countryside, across daring and ingenious bridges, viaducts and through numerous tunnels. Travellers can get off the train at Most na Soči where a so-called **St. Lucia culture**



was thriving in the Early Iron Age (800–400 B.C.). More than 100 years of archaeological excavations revealed thousands of graves and foundations of residential houses and crafts workshops.

The Soča Valley has always been preserving the mountain pasture, dairy and cheese-making heritage. The Bovec cheese (sheep milk) and Tolmin cheese (cow milk) with the Protected Designation of Origin are extremely appreciated amongst consumers. Tradition is being preserved in various inns and restaurants where they serve culinary specialties, such as *čompe in skuta* (curd and potatoes), *fika* (potato cheese omelette), trout, *kobarški štruklji* (Kobarid dumplings) and *bovški krofi* (pies with dried pears and walnuts). It is a special experience to visit the **Hiša Franko** restaurant where dishes are being prepared by the **globally renowned Chef Ana Roš**.

Gastronomic offer is complemented by various culinary events and festivals: **Festival soške postvri**, **Čemparska noč**, **festival Frikafest**.



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VCE Venezia	~170 km
TRS Trieste	~70 km
LJU Ljubljana	~100 km
KLU Klagenfurt	~130 km
ZAG Zagreb	~260 km

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