

GREAT GOLF IN SLOVENIA

Slovenia (the Republic of Slovenia – RS) is located in southern Central Europe at the crossroads of main European cultural and trade routes. It covers 20.273 square kilometers and has a population of 2.05 million. Slovenia became member of the European Union and NATO. Its capital and largest city is Ljubljana.

The Alps, the Dinaric Alps, the Pannonian Plain and the Mediterranean meet on the territory of Slovenia. The climate in the mainly hilly territory is influenced by the continental weather. The country is one of the most water-rich in Europe and more than half of the territory is covered by forests.

Slovene is the only official language throughout the country. The economy of Slovenia is small, open, and export-oriented, concentrating on services, followed by industry and construction.

The current territory of Slovenia was part of many different state formations, the Roman Empire and the Holy Roman Empire, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. In October 1918, the Slovenes exercised self-determination for the first time by co-founding the internationally unrecognized State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs, which merged that December with the Kingdom of Serbia into the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. During World War II, Slovenia was occupied and annexed by Germany, Italy, Croatia, and Hungary. Slovenia was a founding member of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia. In June 1991, Slovenia split from Yugoslavia and became an independent country. In 2004, it joined NATO and the European Union; in 2007 became the first former Communist country to join the Eurozone; in 2010 joined the OECD.

Presently, there are fourteen golf courses. The great advantage of golf in Slovenia is for sure the proximity of golf courses. You will never need more than less than one hour to travel to the next golf course. Golf is not a new sport in Slovenia; it has been present in the country for over 70 years.

Bled Golf Course is the oldest and the biggest in Slovenia. Opened in 1937, now offering play on 27 holes, in 2011 the golf course was rated 51st among 100 Top European golf courses. Both courses, the 18 holes King's course 6256 m, par 73, as well as 9 holes Lake course were designed by Donald Harradine. The longest hole for gentlemen is on the King's course hole no. 2, 538 m. Distance from



the airport Ljubljana: 40 km. www.golfbled.com
info@golfbled.com Green fee: 18 holes, Euro 70.

Otočec Golf Course, 6189 m par 72, is located on the river Krka, near the famous medieval Otočec castle. The golf course is the longest one in Slovenia (6189 m). The course built in 2005 and 2006 was declared the best Golf



course in Slovenia in the years 2007 and 2008. It was finished with 18 holes in 2009 and covers more than 75 hectares along the river Krka, (Designed by two renowned golf course architects, Peter Škofic, Slovenia and Howard Swan, Great Britain) nestled among lush forests of Dolenjska. The season - March to October. Distance from the airport

Ljubljana: 60 km. www.terme-krka.si golf.otocec@terme-krka.si

Diners Club Ljubljana Golf Course 5872 m, par 72, located close to the capital Ljubljana opened in 2008. The course is located in the village of Smlednik under the Šmarna Gora hill, approx. 10 kilometers from Ljubljana city centre. The course is nicely arranged and well maintained with 18

holes; with emphasis on large and well kempt greens and tees. There is the possibility to play golf at night as three holes are floodlit. Distance from the airport Ljubljana: 11.5 km.

www.golf-ljubljana.si info@golf-ljubljana.si Green fee: weekday Euro 60, weekend Euro 65.



Arboretum Golf Course

opened in 1998. 5392 m, par 72. The golf course is situated in picturesque landscape in pine forest, among ponds and other natural beauties. The course extended to eighteen holes in 2002. The clubhouse is located by the 9th green, facing an artificial lake. A view of the Kamniške Alps, combined with a nearby Arboretum Volčji Potok, guarantee a remarkable experience. The season starts in the middle of March and lasts up to the middle of November. Distance from the airport Ljubljana: 13 km. www.golfarboretum.si info@golfarboretum.si Green fee: weekday Euro 45, weekend Euro 50. Main event: European Tour longest drive (4-5.7.2014), International Festival Golf and Fun (20-24.8.2014).

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Dining:

Restaurant Grad at Otočec Castle www.terme-krka.si

Restaurant Strelec of the Kaval Group at the Ljubljana Castle www.kaval-group.si strelec@kaval-group.si

Restaurant of the hotel Rimske Terme www.rimske-terme.si info@rimske-terme.si

Flights: Adria Airways offer direct flights from many European destinations. In case you would like to combine your trip with golf in Austria and Italy, check also flights to Klagenfurt and Trieste.

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