GETTING READY TO VISIT SLOVENIA

ASEF FELLOWSHIP

AMERICAN SLOVENIAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION
BOOKING FLIGHTS

Student Discounts
- Skyscanner
- Hipmunk
- StudentUniverse Travel
- Adria Airways student offers
- Consider flying into Venice, Zagreb, Vienna, Munich, Klagenfurt or Graz airports & then taking a GoOpti shuttle to Ljubljana

Transportation from airport to Ljubljana City Center
- GoOpti shuttle
  - Home to airport transfers, offering private & shared rides
  - Book ride in advance at goopti.com for €9
- Public bus no.28
  - Departs approx every hour from bus stop in front of airport
  - Departure times can be found at ljubljana.info/airport/bus/
  - Pay for ride on the bus for €4.10

HOUSING

University of Ljubljana student dorms
- University has 29 dormitories located around Ljubljana
- Rent price €70 to €180 per month
- For more information go to www.stud-dom-lj.si or consult with ASEF team to help book a dorm
- Student Center Ljubljana, Svetčeva ulica 9
  Phone: +386 (01) 242 1000 | Email: studentski.domovi@siol.net

Private Housing
- Hostelworld
- Airbnb

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Urbana Cards
- no-contact smart card, allowing quick & cash-free payment for rides on Ljubljana city buses
- Urbana value card (yellow)
  - Replaces tokens & cash
  - Bears no name of the holder & is transferable
  - Obtained at Urbanomats near bus stations
  - Can load up to €50 on card
- Urbana time card (green)
  - Replaces all types of monthly tickets
  - Issued to a specific holder & is not transferable
  - Obtained at the LPP Ticket Office or Ljubljana Bus Station
  - Student price €20 for unlimited bus rides

Bicike(Lj)
- City bikes located in 38 bike stations allows you to travel freely around the city
- Grab a bike from one station & drop it off at another
- Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
- Sign up for a yearly membership (€3) at en.bicikelj.si/ or go to LPP Ticket Office to attach membership to your Urbana Card
**LEARNING THE LANGUAGE**

Centre for Slovene as a Second & Foreign Language
- Offers intensive courses in Ljubljana year-round
- Scholarships available for Slovenian descendants

Slovene Learning Online (SLO)
- [www.slonline.si](http://www.slonline.si)
- Freely accessible online course in Slovene for foreigners

**BASIC SLOVENE**

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<td>Dober dan (DOH-ber dahn)</td>
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<td>Goodbye</td>
<td>Nasvidenje (nahs-VEE-deh-nyeh)</td>
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<td>Please</td>
<td>Prosim (PROH-sihm)</td>
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<td>Thank you</td>
<td>Hvala (HVAH-lah)</td>
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<td>You're welcome</td>
<td>Ni za kaj (nee zah kai)</td>
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**OTHER RESOURCES**

Using phone internationally
- If you need phone data, buy a pre-paid SIM card at [www.visitorsim.si](http://www.visitorsim.si), various GB storage & prices available

U.S. Embassy in Slovenia
- U.S. Embassy located at Prešernova 31 in Ljubljana
- U.S. Citizens with emergencies, please call +386 1 200 55 00
- Visit [si.usembassy.gov](http://si.usembassy.gov) for more info on all services provided

Travel Tips
- Always ask about student discounts at museums, restaurants, etc.
- Consider traveling with Flixbus, BlaBlacar or Prevoz.org ride share for low cost transportation

**WHAT TO SEE**

**Things to Do in Ljubljana**
- Ljubljana Castle
- Tivoli City Park
- Paddle boarding & boat tours down the Ljublanica River
- Natural Museum of Slovenia
- National Gallery of Slovenia
- City Museum of Ljubljana
- Open Kitchen Market (every Friday)
- Metelkova Art Community
- Mount Saint Mary
- Look out for festivals happening around the city

**Weekend Trips in Slovenia**
- Postojna & Škocjan Caves
- Hiking through Triglav National Park
- Kranjska Gora & Vršič Pass
- Lake Bled & Lake Bohinj
- Soča valley (great for water sports)
- Slovenian wine regions such as Goriška Brda
- Maribor
- Piran & the Salt Pans
- Lipica horses
This summer, I work for both the American Slovenian Education Foundation and TRUD Travel Agency. With TRUD, I work with the incoming tourism sector to create a marketing strategy for implementing tours throughout Slovenia’s regions. Slovenia is rich in cultural heritage and has so much to offer those who travel here. I am excited to be a part of expanding Slovenia’s distinct cultural brand to new consumers. I am also honored to be working directly with the people who have helped make this experience possible. At the ASEF office in Ljubljana, I am helping create branding and marketing content for the website, social media sites, and upcoming newsletters. Since most of my work is on my laptop, so I am taking this opportunity to find cool cafes and explore study spaces to work in around the city.

Michaela Gačnik: Marketing at TRUD Travel Agency

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I absolutely love the vibe of Ljubljana. People here know how to indulge in and enjoy their lives. Many friends I’ve met have found a healthy balance between work and leisure. Like any big city there is hustle and bustle, but since the city center does not allow cars, the streets have a unique and enchanting social scene. People are constantly meeting up at charming cafes near the river, enjoying the many musical events in the parks, and riding their bikes over the various bridges and small cobbled streets. So far, my favorite thing about Ljubljana is the Open Kitchen Market every Friday. Open all day, it is a great spot to grab some of the best food and drinks from around Slovenia and hang out on the steps of the Cathedral.

Lacey Viano: Food Science at University of Ljubljana Biotechnical Faculty

"My work at the University is helping me achieve my goals"

I have been able to expand my knowledge through my work at the University of Ljubljana while exploring the culture and beauty of this wonderful, little county. It is very enjoyable working with Dr. Tanja Pajk within the Biotechnical Faculty as she has introduced me to various research opportunities. The technology we have been using to practice this area of food science and research leaves me with unlimited opportunities for the next weeks I am here. Currently, I have been assisting research on dietary fiber with specific foods, such as algae. The ability to use enzymes that are produced in the body to destroy specific macronutrients within a sample resulting in the discovery of dietary fiber is absolutely spectacular. The members of the Biotechnical Faculty have done everything possible to help me gain as much as I can from this experience.

The recommendations for food, fun, and adventure they have given me has also provided more ways to enjoy Ljubljana and the beautiful culture surrounding it. A few of my favorite pastimes here include outdoor concerts, the Odprta Kuhna (Open Kitchen Market), walking around the City Centre, biking through the park, and chatting with friends at small coffee shops. The charm of this city and the people in it make me look forward to everyday and my work at the University is helping me achieve my goals as I continue to learn all that I can about nutrition.
When I arrived in Ljubljana, I was warmly welcomed by my mentor Franc Kosem who is principal trumpet of the Ljubljana Philharmonic and a professor at the Ljubljana Academy of Music. He immediately got me involved in the music scene here, introducing me to Slovenian music students at the academy and allowing me into rehearsals with the philharmonic where he is preparing me to perform as a substitute trumpet. I’ve also been rehearsing with Cantabile Orchestra in Logatec, Slovenia. I’m beyond excited by the performing and mentorship opportunities here, and I feel so grateful to be involved in the Slovenian community through music!

My visit to Slovenia has been a dream come true. Getting to reconnect with my Slovenian heritage while building my career in music in the incredible city of Ljubljana is already making this one of the greatest summers of my life. When coming to live in most cities for the first time, it’s easy to feel intimidated or unwelcome. Not Ljubljana. Despite somewhat of a language barrier, the culture has been extremely inviting, and I feel at home on the cobblestone streets of. The last time I was in Slovenia was during summer 2001, and it’s been incredible meeting family here that I haven’t seen in 17 years and learning about the culture and the language through their eyes. It has also been amazing seeing the beauty of this country on the weekends and I recently enjoyed visiting Lake Bled and the coastal town of Piran.

"There is love in every Slovenian."