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Population

145,000

Currency

Euro: €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops in the city centre open from

09.00 – 19.00 Mon to Fri

09.00 – 13.00 Sat

Internet

www.maribor-pohorje.si

www.pohorje.si

Publications

Slovenia Times Newspaper

(English)

Večer (Slovene)

Emergency number

Police 113

Fire, ambulance 112

Tourist office

Tourist Information centre (TIC)

Address:

Partizanska Cesta 6a

Tel: + 386 (0) 2 234 6611

Open:

Mon – Fri 09.00 to 19.00

Sat 09.00 to 17.00

Sun & hols 09.00 to 12.00

Another office is located at the The Old Vine House, open from Tues to Sun & hols 10.00 – 18.00

MARIBOR



Lent, Foto by Ian Middleton ©

WELCOME TO MARIBOR

Despite being Slovenia's second largest city, Maribor has the charm of a small town where nature and city live in close proximity. Embraced on all sides by lush green hills, forests and vineyards, most within an easy walk from the centre, you can sample the cafes and restaurants and stroll through the vibrant streets of the old town, but all the while the nearby hills are a constant reminder that nature is just a few steps away and a whole world of leisure awaits you. With such diversity in so small an area, the only difficulty will be choosing which to do first.

THE CITY

The chapel perched atop Piramida Hill stands as a reminder of the old days when the first fort built there in 1164 stood guard over the small settlement below. Since then Maribor has grown significantly to become Slovenia's second largest city. Set aside the lovely Drava River and surrounded by immense natural beauty, the city offers a wealth of leisure and entertainment opportunities for the visitor. Due to its close proximity to nature, foxes can often be seen in the city itself, thus becoming the symbol of Maribor and now seen on the label of the famous Mariborčan wine, just one of many exquisite wines produced in the surrounding hills.

The heart of the city lies in the old town with its university lending a youthful character, which blends nicely with the aging yet well-preserved and wonderfully ornate architecture lining its lively streets and squares running all the way down to Lent, the historic riverside port.

A few blocks to the north you'll find the Mestni (city) park, the starting point for many leisure activities into the nearby Slovenske Gorice hills. A little to the south lie the foothills of the Pohorje Massif, a densely forested mountain range and also a popular sports, skiing and recreational centre frequented by locals and visitors alike.



DO & SEE

Stara Trta (the oldest vine) & the Old Vine House

Crawling its way up the front of a house in Lent is the oldest vine in the world. At 400 years old Stara Trta is symbolic of Maribor's wine culture and is the city's top attraction. The house is now home to an information centre where you can take a walk through the history of Stara Trta and taste a variety of noble wines from local producers.

Address: Vojašniška ul. 8
Tel.: +386 (0)2 251 5100
E-mail: stara-trta@maribor.si

Vinag Cellar

This huge wine cellar spreads 20,000m² and is one of the oldest in Europe. Many of Maribor's finest wines are produced here. Visitors can book wine tasting and a tour of the cellars.

Address: Trg svobode 3
Tel.: +386 (0)2 220 8114
www.vinag.si

Stolnica (cathedral)

This magnificent cathedral contains a 57m high bell tower visible across the city. If you are feeling fit you can climb the long spiral staircase and take in the magnificent view. Tower is open by prior arrangement. Ask at TIC.

Address: Slomškov trg 21, Tel.: + 386 (0)41 762 244

Mariborski Grad (Maribor Castle)

This 15th century castle now contains the Maribor Regional Museum. Check out the wonderfully ornate baroque stairway and the ceiling in the Knights Hall painted by artist Jožef Gebler.

Address: Grajska ulica 2,, Tel: + 386 (0)2 228 3551
www.pmuzej-mb.si

Maribor Guided Tours

Discover Maribor's hidden treasures and listen with fascination to the stories related by a professional guide as you are taken on a walking or train tour of the city's top attractions. Cycling and wine tours are also available by special arrangement.

Wed and Fri: 10 am.
Sunday 11 am.
Price: €5 walking tour, €10 train tour
Must be booked in advance at TIC.

Rafting trip on the Drava

Sit back with a snack and a glass of Maribor wine and marvel at the landscape as the raft slowly meanders its way through the Drava valley and moors in Lent.

Sundays: 11.30am, Tel: +386 (0)4 055 2162
Bookings must be made in advance at TIC.

Wellness and Spa centres

Thermal spas and wellness centres are a popular recreation in Slovenia and you'll find many of them around Pohorje Mountain. Pamper yourself at Habakuk Hotel at the bottom, or head to the mountaintop where you'll find two more.

www.termemb.si, www.pohorje.org

Wine roads

There are three wine roads covering a total of 50kms and all beginning in the city centre. Most can be travelled by car, but there is one that can be walked in around 4 hours. For more info and maps inquire at TIC, or visit their website.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Court Masters and Small Court Market

18 May – 22 Sept

On Saturdays from 11 – 1pm the streets come alive with theatre, folklore music, singers and dancers. The events are accompanied by an all day arts and craft market, 9am – 6pm Fri & Sat.

International Festival Lent

22 June – 6 July

The largest and most elaborate of Maribor's festivals with over 400 events taking place alongside the Drava.

lent.slovenija.net

Festival of the old Vine

25 – 29 Sept

Maribor comes alive with this yearly celebration of the harvest of the old vine. Not to be missed.

Splavarski krst (The baptism of rafts)

Sept

Don't miss this wonderful event held once a year to keep the historic tradition of wooden rafting alive in Maribor.

Martinovanje v Maribor (Saint Martin's Day)

9 Nov

Annual celebration of the first wine of the year. Held in Glavni Trg



Velika Kavarna and Glavni Trg. Foto by Ian Middleton

EATING

Maribor is packed with a diverse choice of restaurants offering a delicious variety of international cuisine, as well as many traditional Slovene dishes. You will be spoilt for choice with Italian, Mexican, Chinese and Balkan... to name but a few. In the nearby hills you can join other Mariborians and sample the local food and wine. Eating out is a popular pastime in Slovenia, and when you've tasted their food you will know why.

EXCLUSIVE

Novi Svet pri Stolnici

This classy restaurant specialises in fresh fish and seafood flown in daily from the Adriatic. Beautifully decorated interior and regular live traditional music.

Address: Slomškov Trg 5
Tel: +386 (0)2 250 0486
www.novi-svet.com

Gostilna pri Treh Ribnikih

Located in the beautiful surroundings of the Mestni Park (City Park), this homely gostilna is 300

years old and serves excellent food along with fine wines from its cellar. Try the local speciality: the Štajerska pork and sausage platter. Wine tasting can also be arranged.

Address: Ribniška 9
Tel: +386 (0)2 234 4170

Rožmarin

This stylish place is located down a quiet street just off Glavni Trg and has an excellent choice of Slovenian and international wines to complement your meal.

Address: Gosposka 8
Tel: +386 (0)2 234 3180

MID-RANGE

Samsara

Excellent Italian restaurant located at the back of the Kolosej building along the waterfront with a bar and a nightclub downstairs. Large bay windows provide a lovely view of the Drava River.

Address: Loška Ulica 13,
Tel: +386 (0)2 234 2350
www.samsara.si

Astoria

A popular restaurant and coffee shop. The restaurant is located upstairs and you can eat inside or out on the terrace.

Address: Slovenska 2, Grajski Trg
Tel: +386 (0)2 251 5250

Ancora

A pizzeria, pub and restaurant situated in the heart of the shopping area, but its location up a small alleyway keeps it away from the noisy street.

Address: Jurčičeva 7
Tel: +386 (0)2 250 2033

Gostilna in Pivnica Štajerc

This gostilna is particularly known for its homemade yeast beer brewed



Cantante-cafe. Foto by Ian Middleton ©

in the pub's own brewery. This is also a good place to try a number of Slovene dishes. Also has live music every Friday and Saturday night.

Address: Vetrinjska 30
Tel: +386 (0)2 234 4234

Takos

For some spicy (or not so spicy) Mexican food head to Takos, located up a narrow, cobbled street just off Lent.

Address: Mesarski Prehod 3
Tel: +386 (0)2 2527150
www.takos.si

Gala Žar/Srbska Restavracija

Serbian restaurant located along the Drava River

Address: Loška 10
Tel: +386 (0)2 252 3600

BUDGET

Panda

An excellent little place just off Slomškov Trg serving breakfasts, pizza slices and other snacks.

Address: Oktobra Ulica 10
Tel: +386 (0)2 251 4159

CAFÉS

Čajnica Čajek

Wonderful little tea shop. Your pot of tea comes complete with a little wooden hourglass timer so you can infuse your tea to perfection.

Address: Slovenska Ulica 4

Velika Kavarna

This is a deservedly popular place for a coffee and snack. Also serves hot and cold sandwiches and a deliciously mouth-watering choice of chocolate drinks.

Address: Glavni Trg 16

Barista

Large trendy and bright cafe offering a variety of coffees including Brazilian and Jamaican.

Address: Gosposka Ulica 6
www.barista.si

Gledališka Kavarna

Next door to the National Theatre this large café simply oozes class. Also known for their roasted almonds, caramel and fruit chocolates.

Address: Slovenska 27, Slomškov Trg
www.gledaliska-kavarna.com

Kiber Kavarna - Cyber Cafe

Located in a huge, pristine white room inside the Kibla Multimedia Centre, it offers ten computer terminals with free internet access.

Address: Kneza Koclja Ulica 9
www.kibla.org

Cafe Llich

Serves a delicious array of cakes and the best Italian ice cream in town.

Address: Slovenska 6

BARS

As a university town, Maribor is naturally not short of bars and during the spring and summer these spill out onto the streets. Many are located along the Drava and in particular the Lent area, while others are scattered throughout the heart of town.

Patricks J&B Pub

Great Irish pub that also serves good pub food during the day and has seating outside with a great view of Stolnica. The beer isn't bad either!

Address: Poštna Ulica 10
www.patricks-pub.si

Niagara Falls

Trendy cocktail bar in Lent, serving a bountiful selection of cocktails as well as coffees, yoghurt drinks, different natural fruit drinks and sandwiches.

Address: Ulica Talcev 24

Cantante Café

This excellent little Cuban café/bar offers cocktails and Cuban drinks such as Mojitos served alongside Cuban music in a very cool interior.

Address: Vetrinjska ulica 5 and Koroška 62
www.cantante.net

Toto Café/Bar

Situated opposite the university this relaxed place has a nice beer garden and is popular with students.

Address: Slomškov Trg 13

La Corrida

Tucked away up a small alleyway underneath Stari Most, this is a Spanish theme bar in the heart of Lent with regular music and parties.

Address: Vinarje 18
www.lacorrída-lent.com



NIGHTLIFE

Maribor is not short of good nightlife and you will find a mix of dance, house, jazz, funk and Latino along with theatrical performances and literary evenings. For the more cultured there's opera and ballet.

Slovensko Narodno Gledališče

(Slovenian National Theatre)

A regular schedule of opera and ballet.

*Address: Slovenska 27, Slomškov Trg
www.sng-mb.si*

KGB (Kulturno Glasbeni Brlog) (Cultural Music Den)

Secreted away up an alley off this small square at the western end of Lent, this underground nightclub in a vaulted cellar is one of the most popular nightspots in town.

Address: Vojašniški trg 5, www.pernatgts.si

Bongos Latin Club

Next door to Takos Mexican restaurant, this is the premier Latino music hotspot in Maribor.

Address: Mesarski prehod 3

Satchmo Jazz Club

Located in a cellar decorated with art, this moody and atmospheric club offers regular live music once a week not always confined to jazz, but also blues, soul and funk.

Address: Strossmayerjeva 6, www.jazz-klub.si

Štuk (Študentski Prireditveni Center)

Open seven days a week there is music for all tastes in this trendy nightspot.

Address: Gosposvetska 83, www.stuk.org

Casino Maribor

Located in the beautiful "belle époque" styled building the games room is spread over 1200 squared metres.

Address: Glavni trg 1, www.casino-maribor.si



SHOPPING

For lovers of shopping then Maribor will not disappoint. From city centre shopping to the markets and large shopping malls, this is the best place in the east of Slovenia to find anything from designer Italian clothes to the latest technology.

For the markets head to Glavni Trg on Fridays and Saturdays where you'll find a good selection of organic produce at the bio market, or try the fruit and veg market at Trg Svobode on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For a more relaxed shopping experience head to the heart of the city's shopping area, around Gosposka Ulica. Interspersed with cafes, you can stop for a drink and snack to rest your arms from the weight of the shopping bags. Here you will find many big named stores such as Benetton. For fashion head to the recently renovated department store, Galerija Gosposka at Gosposka Ulica 8 www.galerijagosposka.si. The store comprises a group of brand

names such as Lacoste and Mango. There is also a small shopping centre nearby called City Center.

For the ultimate day out head across the river to the massive Europark (www.europark.si) at Letališka cesta 26, just across Titov Most (Tito's bridge). Here you will find absolutely everything your little heart desires. Immerse yourself in the wealth of designer clothes shops or head to Emporium, which has the biggest choice of clothes with more than 40 different brands. Big Bang is the place to go for the latest technology, and for books in several languages head to Felix Knjigarna. For sports and leisure try Hervis.



SLEEPING

EXCLUSIVE

Hotel Piramida

Primarily a business hotel, but open to all travellers looking for a quality room with all amenities.

Address: Ul. Heroja Šlandra 10

Tel: +386 (0)2 234 4400

Double room from €58 pppn breakfast included.

Hotel Habakuk

Located at the foot of Pohorje, beside the cable car, this hotel is the ultimate in luxury comprising 137 luxury rooms, spa and wellness centre.

Address: Pohorska ulica 59

Tel: +386 (0)2 300 8100

Double room from €88 pppn breakfast included.

GOOD VALUE

Hotel Orel

Ideally located in the centre of town, this recently renovated hotel provides comfortable rooms for the business traveller or tourist.

Address: Volkmerjev prehod 7

Tel: +386 (0)2 250 6700

Double room from €45 pppn breakfast included.

Garni hotel Milena

Lovely small hotel with a well kept garden and terrace providing a gorgeous view of the Pohorje mountain range.

Address: Pohorska ulica 49

Tel: +386 (0)2 613 2808

Double room from €60 pn with breakfast included.
www.hotelmilena-garni.com

BASIC

Youth Hostel Maribor - Dijaški dom 26.

Located out in the eastern suburb of Pobrezje, this student hostel is open to tourists from July 1st to August 20th

Address: Železnikova Ulica 12

Tel: +386 (0)2 480 1710

Dorm beds from €17. Double from €30
www.dd26junij.si



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

The Maribor airport lies 12kms south of the city centre in the small village of Orehova Vas and is easily reached by bus, taxi or private transfer.

Airport:

Letališče Maribor,

Address: Letališka Cesta, 10, Orehova Vas

Tel: +386 (0)2 629 1175

www.maribor-airport.si

Private Transfer: Kompas. 5.50 EUR one way

Bus Station:

Address: Mlinska Ulica 1,

Tel: +386 (0)2 235 0212

Freephone info (within Slovenia): 080 1116

Located in the centre about five minutes walk from Grajski Trg. Bus no 6 runs every 15 mins to Pohorje cable car, and buses also run to the airport at arrival and departure times.

Train Station:

Partizanska Cesta 50

Tel: +386 (0)2 292 2164

www.slo-zeleznice.si

Other modes of transport:

Maribor is a small city and getting around is relatively easy. Almost every sight, except perhaps the cable car to Pohorje, is accessible on foot. Walking or cycling around the city is a great way to soak up the atmosphere. Bikes can be hired from TIC.

Taxi

Taxis are readily available in town. As Maribor is small it's best to simply flag one down in the street or at the bus or train station.

Post Office (Pošta)

www.posta.si

There are several post offices in town, the two mains ones are:

Address: Partizanska Cesta 1

Tel: + 386 (0)2 449 2000

Open Mon-Fri 08.00-19.00, Sat 08.00-12.00

Address: Slomškov trg 10

Tel: +386 (0)2 235 1010

Open Mon-Fri 08.00-19.00, Sat 08.00-13.00

Pharmacy

Lekarna

Address: Ljubljanska Ulica 9

Tel: +386 (0)2 320 7911

Open 24 hours a day

www.mb-lekarne.si

Dentist

Zdravstveni dom Adolfa Drolca

Address: Ulica talcev 9

Tel: + 386 (0)2 228 6200

www.zd-mb.si

Telephone

International code: 386

Area code: 02

Electricity

230V 50HZ

MAP

DESTINATION: MARIBOR



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