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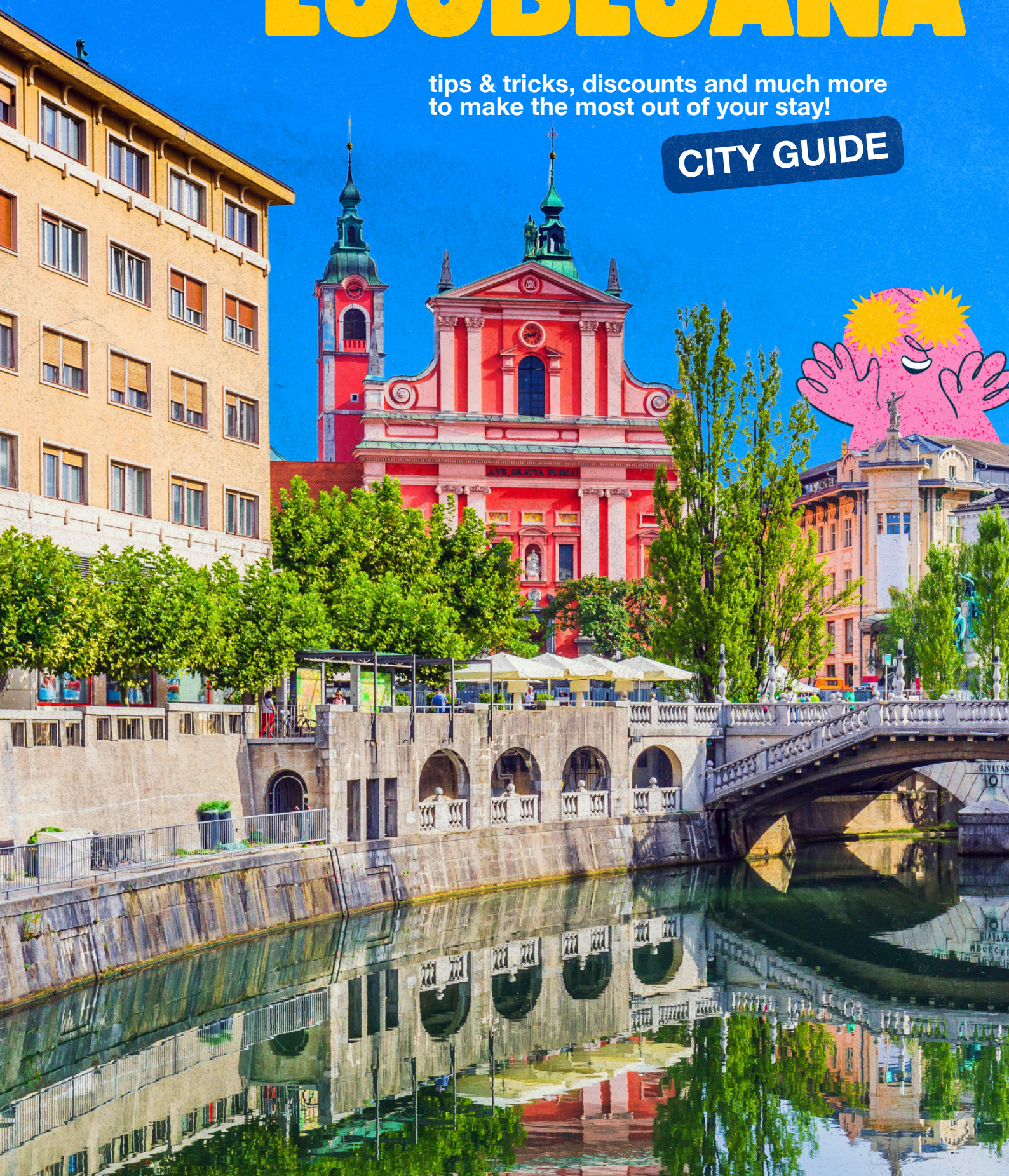
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European Youth Card

LJUBLJANA

tips & tricks, discounts and much more
to make the most out of your stay!

CITY GUIDE



THE CITY

Tucked between green hills and the winding Ljubljanica River, Ljubljana is a city that feels small enough to explore on foot but full of surprises around every corner. Colourful riverside cafés, lively street markets, hidden courtyards and a buzzing creative scene give the city an energy that instantly draws people in.





the beginning of your adventure!

DOBRODOŠLI!

*welcome in Slovenian

By day, you can wander through the charming Old Town, climb up to Ljubljana Castle for amazing views, or relax in huge green parks. By night, the riverside comes alive with music, food and people hanging out late into the evening. Friendly, youthful and easy to explore, Ljubljana is the kind of place that makes you want to slow down, look around and discover more.

In this guide, we're gathering all the best recommendations for your DiscoverEU trip. Leaf through the guide and find your perfect combo!





FUN FACTS

The name “Ljubljana”

The city's name is thought to be derived from the Slavic word "ljubljena," meaning "beloved," reflecting its charm and appeal.

The river

Ljubljanica river has 7 names, due to the fact that it disappears underground and pops back up loads of times along its journey. People from different regions named it something different, convinced they had stumbled across a brand new river each time.
Starting in the foothills of Mount Snežnik, it first goes by Trbuhovca, then Obrh, followed by Stržen, Rak, Pivka and Unica, before finally resurfacing one last time as the Ljubljanica, where it keeps its most famous name to this very day.

Did anyone say... dragons?

One of Ljubljana’s most famous symbols is the dragon. According to legend, the Greek hero Jason and his Argonauts defeated a dragon in the swamps where Ljubljana stands today.
The legend says that, many years ago, a terrifying dragon lived in the swamps around the Ljubljanica River. Anyone who entered the area became easy prey. Then Jason, a Greek hero sailing on the Argo ship with his crew of warriors, arrived during his journey home to Thessaly. After winning the Golden Fleece, he travelled through the Danube, Sava and finally the Ljubljanica river. When Jason reached the swamps near Ljubljana, he fought and defeated the dragon, proving himself worthy of becoming a king. Over time, this settlement developed into the Roman town of Emona in 14 AD, and eventually became modern-day Ljubljana.

A green city

In 2016, Ljubljana was declared European Green Capital by the European Commission. This recognition was due to its rapid sustainability transformation, high environmental standards, and commitment to green urban development, including pedestrianizing its city center and expanding green spaces. Sound like a great destination to explore by foot and bike!

DISCOUNTS

to save some ca$$$hhhh

We know what it means to travel on a buget and we're here to make it as easy as possible! In this section you will find some discounts that will help you save money without giving up on that one meal out you really want to have or that outdoor experience. Click on each discount to see how to use it on EYCA's website <3

CULTURE



National Museum of Contemporary History

50% off entrance ticket to the museum that tells Slovenian history in the 20th and 21st centuries!



Ljubljana City Museum

25% off your ticket and 10% off on publications by the Museum and Galleries of Ljubljana. Two birds with a stone: you visit the museum and get souvenirs for cheaper!



City Gallery of Ljubljana

Free entrance in this museum showing works from Slovenian and international artists who, by using different media, integrate into current artistic and social contexts and society at large.



Jakopič Gallery

25% off the entrance ticket to explore this museum showing extensive exhibitions of works by globally-known photographers as well as Slovenian ones!



Cukrarna Gallery

25% off the entrance tickets in this gallery exhibiting contemporary art as well as contemporary art projects - a true cultural hub in the city!

*always check eyca.org or the myEYC app to explore more discounts!

ACCOMMODATION

HI hostels

10% discount in five different hostels located in the capital!

SERVICES

Avant2Go

Get 10€ credit if you're a new user and hop on the electrical car sharing to go around the city!
*to access this discount, you need to download the Slovenian EYCA mobile app.

DAY TRIP TIP

WHAT ABOUT THE ALPS?



Slovenia might be a small country, but it sure does have a lot of things to offer. The Alps, however far they might seem, are just a couple of hours away from Slovenia. With this beautiful scenery in the background, you can enjoy hikes, picnics and all sorts of sports!

Camping Kamne

20% off camping prices. starting point for numerous easy and more demanding hikes into the Karavanke and Julian Alps. If hiking is not your thing, no worries! There are a lot of other activities to do in the area like walking, sightseeing, canoeing and fishing!

PAC Sports

10% off all sport activities & 20% off renting sports equipment.

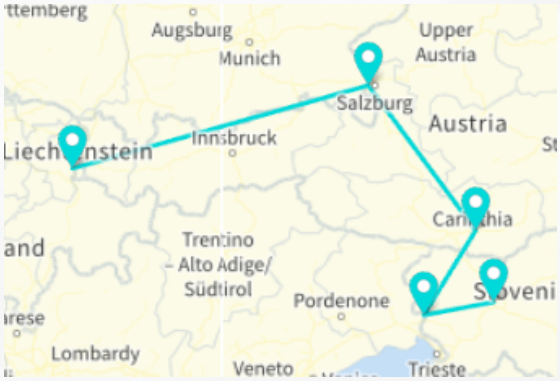
Hostel Pod Voglom

10% off overnight stay; 10% off sport activities; 20% off renting sport equipment.

DID YOU KNOW...

THAT YOU CAN TRAVEL ALONG A CULTURAL ROUTE?

The DiscoverEU Culture Route is a collection of European destinations carefully curated for fans of film, fashion, food, fine art and more.
One of these cultural routes passes by Ljubljana: it starts there, travels through Austria and arrives all the way to Liechtenstein.



By following this route, you will be transported into the European fine arts world though UNESCO World Heritage Sites, performance arts, nature and museums!

To know more about the different DiscoverEU Culture Routes, visit the website.

LIFE-SAVER VOCAB

Surviving in another country is no joke! This is why we have collected some very useful vocabulary to help you socialise with locals and get by. Check the basics here:

Zdravo/Živjo: Hello

Prosim: Please

Hvala (lepa): Thank you (very much)

Nasvidenje: Goodbye

Kako si?: How are you?

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