



SLOVENIAN ALPS



Mangart, Photo by Bor Rojnik

Slovenian Alps are truly remarkable, easily discovered by road as well as by trails suitable for hikers and cyclists. Marvellous panoramas, blooming meadows, alpine pastures and forests are surely never to be forgotten and are one of the most fascinating tourist spots in Slovenia.

The high summits of the Julian Alps, the Karavanken chain and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, open up amazing panoramas of the surrounding territory. It is hardly to find such a blooming meadows, alpine pastures and forests, elsewhere in the world within easy reach.

*The Julian Alps are a mountain range of the great Alps that stretches from northeastern Italy to Slovenia. They cover an estimated 4400 km², of which 1542 km² lies in Slovenia, and rise to 2,864 m at Mount Triglav, the highest peak in Slovenia. The entire mountain range constitutes about 150 mountains and is divided into two sections - the **Western Julian Alps** and the **Eastern Julian Alps**.*



Mount Triglav, Photo by Ana Jakelic

The Triglav National Park, boasting a number of peculiarities, is the largest and the earliest protected natural heritage site in the country. It is located in the north-west of Slovenia, more precisely in the Julian Alps. The park was named after the highest mountain of Slovenia, the Triglav, which is located nearly at the center of the park. It is the only National Park in Slovenia and among the earliest European parks.

Pokljuka, is the southernmost highland marsh in Europe and a natural habitat of sphagnum moss. Near Kranjska Gora you can find nature reserve, the Zelenci, whom lakes provide Sava Dolinka with its source.

Nearby there is also Mala Pišnica, a protected forest reserve with karstic caves and abysses. Not far from Bled and Bohinj is the cave under Babji Zob, one of the oldest Slovenian underground beauties.



Lakes, Waterfalls and Rivers

Lake Bled, Photo by Bor Rojnik



Peričnik Waterfalls, Photo by Bor

The best known Slovenia's alpine waters are combined of world famous Lake Bled with its island in the middle, Bohinj the country's largest lake, and the famous Seven Lakes Valley in the Triglav National Park.

One of the most beautiful and most visited Slovene natural remarkableness is definitely **Waterfall Savica**. It has also been an inspiration for Slovenian greatest poet France Prešeren.

Some of the other gems of this region are combined of the upper and lower Peričnik Waterfalls in the Vrata Valley, the three-stage Martuljek Waterfalls close to Kranjska Gora and the powerful Šum Waterfall at the Vintgar Gorge near Bled.

Definitely worth to visit is also The Kokra stream, located near Kranj, which has carved a near 30-metre deep kanyon.

Ravines and gorges

The mysterious Vintgar Gorge is one of the most popular natural features in Slovenia. It has been accessible for visitors by wooden bridges for more than a hundred years.

There is also the Pokljuka Gorge with its natural bridges, pools and rapids, as well as the Dovžan Gorge with its palaeozoic fossils, settlement in the heart of the Karavanke mountain range.



Vintgar Gorge, Photo by Bor Rojnik



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*The Alps are the storehouse of natural treasure that will win your heart the moment you arrive. The **rich flora, fauna** and the **plentiful water sources** make it a wonderful place for life.*

Nearly half of the Gorenjska region falls within biodiversity conservation sites in the context of Europe's Natura 2000 network. Such areas are habitats of endemic plants, many named after renowned botanists from these territories.





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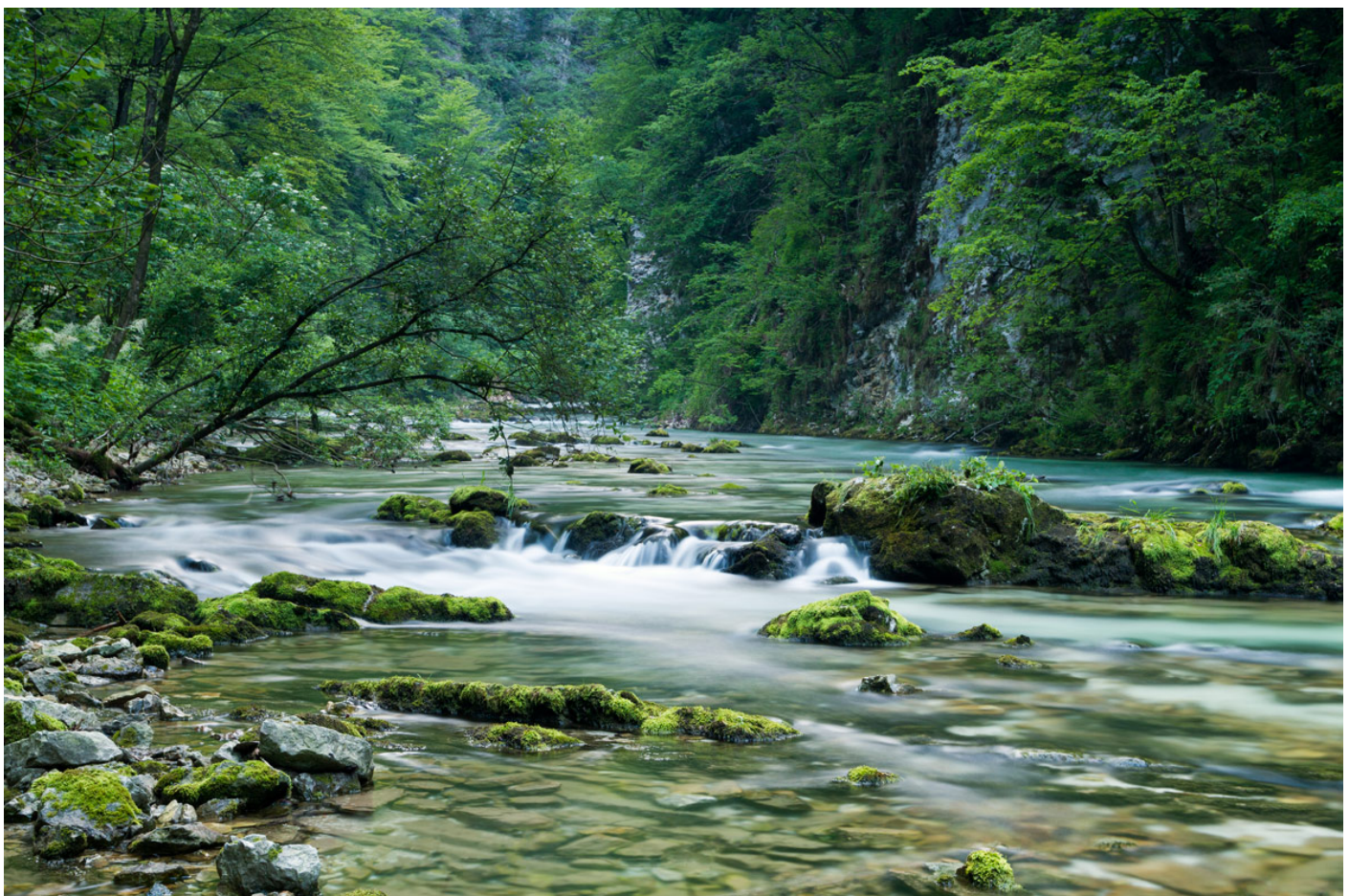
Lake Bohinj



Lake *Bohinj*



Mojstrana in Winter





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Plansarska planina, Pokljuka







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