





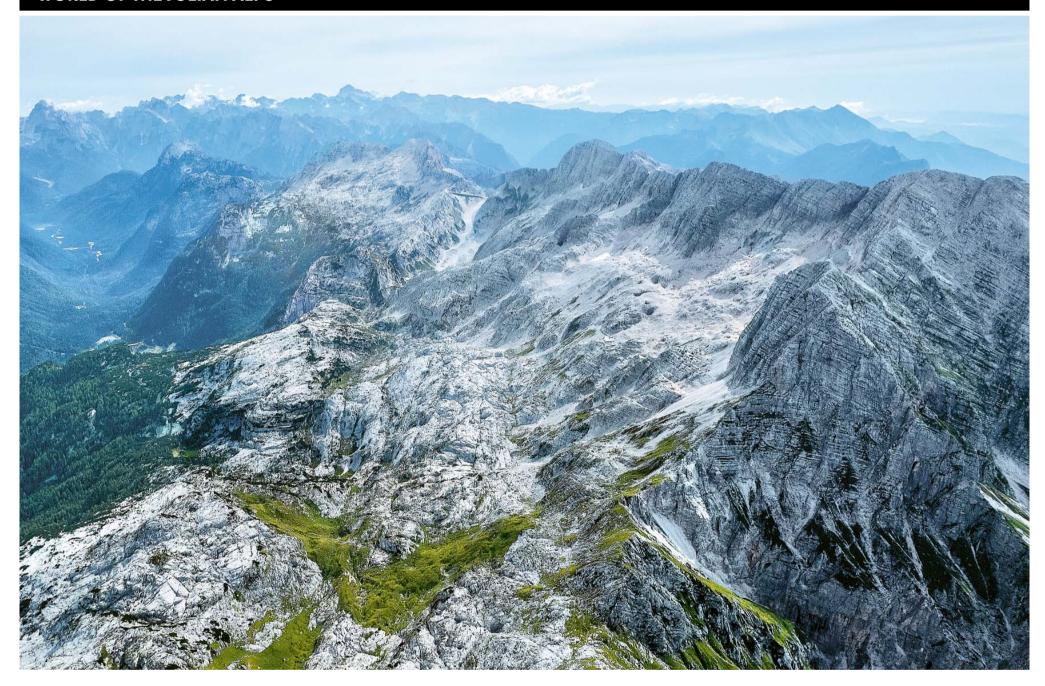


# JULIAN ALPS TRANSBOUNDARY **BIOSPHERE RESERVE**

**SLOVENIA – ITALY** 

**VISITOR GUIDE** 

JULIAN ALPS TRANSBOUNDARY BIOSPHERE RESERVE • CULTURE • TYPICAL PRODUCTS • MAP • JULIAN ALPS TRAILS SLOVENIA • JULIAN ALPS TRAILS ITALY • TRANSBOUNDARY HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS • ENTERING A MYSTERIOUS **WORLD OF THE JULIAN ALPS** 



"It's the view, the fascinating view towards midday. Sun, light, brilliance! Kanin/Canin has an advantage over all the other peaks of the Julian Alps, that is, the unobstructed view of the sea: towards the white rocky coasts of Istria and the Isonzo delta, towards the lagoons of Grado gleaming in the sun and, when there is the help of a crystal-clear day and perhaps also a little imagination, towards a fabulous point down there in the glitter of the horizon, where one thinks one can recognize the queen of the sea."

> DR. JULIUS KUGY (1858 1944)



n the heart of Europe, in the Julian Alps and Prealps, lies an unspoilt area of high mountains and green valleys, thick forests and flowering meadows, crystal-clear waters and friendly villages, called the Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve. A territory rich in nature and culture, history and traditions. An area of nature shaped during the centuries by people living here, in harmony with the environment.

Here, you can quietly admire ancient fossils while chamois, ibex and eagles are looking at you; astounded, you will see a rare flower when you casually sit down in front of a mountain hut enjoying a glass of milk or tasting a piece of local cheese. But not only nature is special here. People and history have left indelible marks that characterize the entire area. You can find them in traditional buildings and museums, in music and dances, in the testimonies of religiosity and work but also of past wars. You just need to know where to search for them, and then stop and look. All you need is to open your eyes and your heart.

The Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve is special and unique. To really show how special it is, it requires a respectful, gentle visitor who leaves a minimal footprint.











# Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve



It is a great honour to greet you as Ambassador of the Julian Alps Biosphere Reserve. Upon appointment, I was first filled with a sense of

unease. I remember once writing in one of my journals that unease could

be positive and should not be avoided at all cost, lest we risk losing our

of Slovenia, I advocate for the adoption of laws that protect national interests and promote international cooperation in the areas of economy,

politics, sustainability and culture, including the protection of natural

and cultural heritage. I strongly believe in raising public awareness of the importance of environmental protection and sustainable development

for preserving biodiversity. We all aspire to live in a green, healthy, economically stable and culturally rich country – in a country that is a good

place to raise a family, work, be paid fairly for work done, and enjoy a

an effort, and I believe that together we can push boundaries.

However, nothing is for granted. Every step toward change requires

fulfilling old age.

I wish us all the best of luck.

I'm a nature lover, a conservationist, and an academically-trained painter. Nature is a continued inspiration for my art. The beauty of nature knows no bounds. As a Deputy of the National Assembly of the Republic

juired by the мав Programme.

Transboundary Bio-Biosphere Reserve involves 2 counsphere Reserve was tries, Italy and Slovenia, and it is the result of merging the existing Naproclamated in July tional Julian Alps UNESCO Bio-The award of the sphere Reserves (BRs): Julian Alps as Transboundary Bio-Slovenia: Slovenian Julian Alps

Biosphere Reserve (2003) sphere Reserve, therefore, reaffirms the common desire of strengthening • Italy: Italian Julian Alps Biosphere the long-lasting cooperation between Reserve (2019). the two areas and moving beyond the national borders. This new rec- UNESCO Man and the Biosphere ognition will facilitate the pursuit of (MAB) Programme Advisory Board and Austria on ecological connecthe objectives of nature conserva- underlined the natural and cultural tivity and a common strategy for tion and culture haritage, sustainacharacteristics of the transboundary ble development and education rebiosphere reserve and the excellent

The Julian Alps Transboundary holders on both sides of the border into cooperating and supporting the

The new designation is a motivation for the authorities of both countries or regions to continue their joint actions for the future extension of the transboundary biosphere reserve to include the Dobratsch Nature Park in Austria. The In reaching its decision, the actions based in the current trilateral projects between Italy, Slovenia sustainable tourism will lead to a creation of an extended transwork done to engage various stake- boundary biosphere reserve. •

# **FACT FILE**

Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (Slovenia-Italy)

**COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUAL BIOSPHERE RESERVES** 

SLOVENIA: Slovenian Julian Alps Biosphere Reserve (2003) ITALY: Italian Julian Alps Biosphere Reserve (2019)

**SURFACE** 

Core area(s): 73,526.92 ha

Buffer zone(s): 43,752.48 ha

Transition area(s): 149,727.14 ha

Total Area: 267,006.54 ha

mag. Alma Intihar **HUMAN POPULATION OF THE** TRANSBOUNDARY BIOSPHERE

Being named ambassador of the Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve is an honour and a pleasure for me. The recognition testifies to the positive conclusion of a path that began about 15 years ago in a meeting held in Bled between the board of the Prealpi Giulie Nature Park and the staff of Triglav National Park. There, the characteristics and meaning of the Slovenian MAB Reserve of the Julian Alps were illustrated to us. We became aware that the boundary of the reserve coincides with the border that used to divide nations, but fortunately did not divide people.

Following this meeting, we also understood the potential of establishing a Biosphere Reserve in our territory. We worked hard in this direction and finally in 2019, UNESCO formalized the recognition of the territory of the Italian Julian Alps as a Reserve. It planted a seed that eventually grew into the Transboundary Biosphere Reserve that today we are happy to celebrate and share with Slovenian colleagues and stakeholders.

A Reserve that unites the two peoples who love, live and thrive in the

Andrea Beltrame

Core Area: 37

Buffer Zone: 2,403

Transition Area: 106,620

Together: 109,060 inhabitants







PLAN YOUR ACTIVITY CAREFULLY.





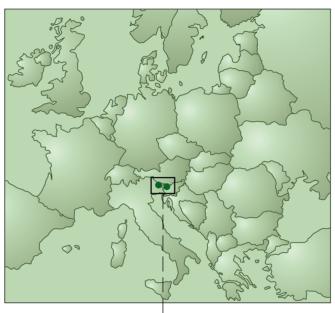


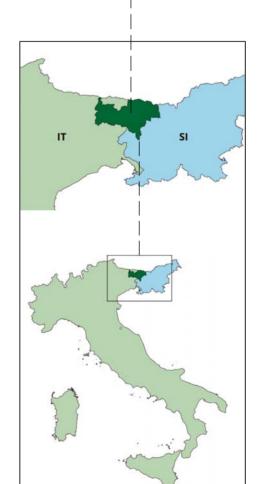


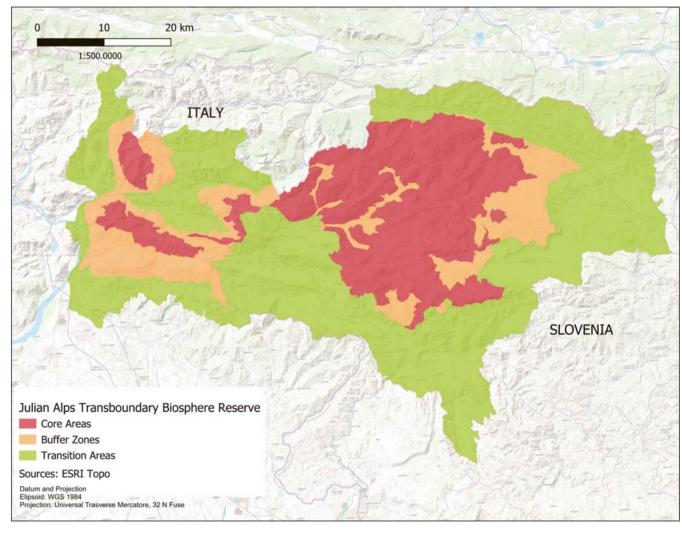












# THE VISION

The unified vision for the Julian Alps territory as a whole specifically focuses on respecting cross-border ecological connectivity to preserve species and habitats; enhancing the Julian Alps shared history and traditions; promoting sustainable development through cooperation and exchanges (expertise and good practices) and, finally, becoming an international example of cooperation.

















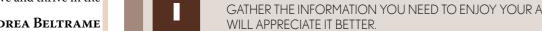












**ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES** 





"It is most important to foster the awareness that there is only one nature. Nature attracts visitors, and with proper guidance and incentives, nature is the source of survival for local residents. To keep both in balance, it is crucial that we respect, preserve and responsibly experience nature."

DR. TIT POTOČNIK























































THE POCAR HOMESTEAD IN ZGORNJA RADOVNA







5 THE KLUŽE FORTRESS





6 THE TRENTA MUSEUM







7 VENZONE

























11) THE TIERE MOTUS MUSEUM





12 THE ETHNOGRAPHICAL MUSEUM OF LUSEVERA/ **BARDO** 







# **Typical Products**

understand that you have arrived in a unique and special place, shaped by the people who inhabited it and by a nature that has never known boundaries.'

Stefano Santi



valleys, rich wildlife and flora with increased tion.

traditions he Quality Marks are based on the biodiversity, and villages where old traditions coexistence of nature and man, who and manufacturing of exquisite typical prohas in the Julian Alps Transboundary ducts are still alive. As you buy these products Biosphere Reserve and its central or services, your purchase has an added value, area been actively creating, preserving the as it actively contributes to the sustainable heritage, and protecting the nature. In this economic development of the area as well as territory we find high mountains and green to its environment protection and conserva-



# TYPICAL PRODUCTS IN TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK

We are mindful of tradition, our connection with the area, and the local-based approach. Products with Protected Designation of Origin, e.g. the Tolminc cheese, Bovec cheese and Mohant cheese, are a symbol of quality. The holders of the Triglav National Park Quality Mark also offer other culinary delights, local specialities and artisan prod-







## TYPICAL PRODUCTS IN JULIAN PREALPS NATURE PARK

The "Marchio di Qualità del Parco naturale delle Prealpi Giulie" (Julian Prealps Park Quality Mark) is a strategical initiative of the Park Authority to promote and enhance the territory of the protected area, supporting the sustainable socio-economic progress according to the institutional goals.

The awarding of the label represents the commitment of the joining economic activities to work in a network coordinated by the plied in the respect of the environment, of the Park Authority, to foster the area and to im-



prove the quality of goods and services supethical values and of the local traditions.





Hard, full-fat cheese produced in the south-western area of Triglav National Park, in Alpine and at select village cheese diaries. The Society of Tolminc Cheese Producers is the bearer of the certification for this product.



# **BOVEC CHEESE**

Hard, full-fat cheese, produced from raw sheep milk. Often, 20% of goat or cow milk is added. The cheese is produced in the mountain farms around Bovec, in the western area of Triglav National Park.



# **RESIA GARLIC**

It's cultivated only in the Resia Valley and preserved by local people from generation to generation. It has been Slow Food Presidium since 2004.



# **MOGGIO UDINESE BROVADÂR**

It is a traditional fermented dish made from a local variety of small, late cropping field turnip. It is commonly used to make soups or as a



# MOHANT CHEESE

Produced in the Bohinj area, in the centre of the park. Its distinctive, slightly tangy and bitter taste and a strong smell make it different from other cheeses produced in Slovenia.



# LUSEVERA FIORINA BEAN

Used as ingredient for the "štak" (a typical puree made from beans, potatoes and lard). It got its name from a lady who selected and preserved the variety.



# MALGA MONTASIO CHEESE

Malga (Mountain farm) Montasio is located at the feet of Mount Montasio, facing Mount Canin/Kanin. The cheese is characterized by a typical straw yellow colour and a mild and tasty flavour.



# **INFO POINTS** BIOSPHERE RESERVE



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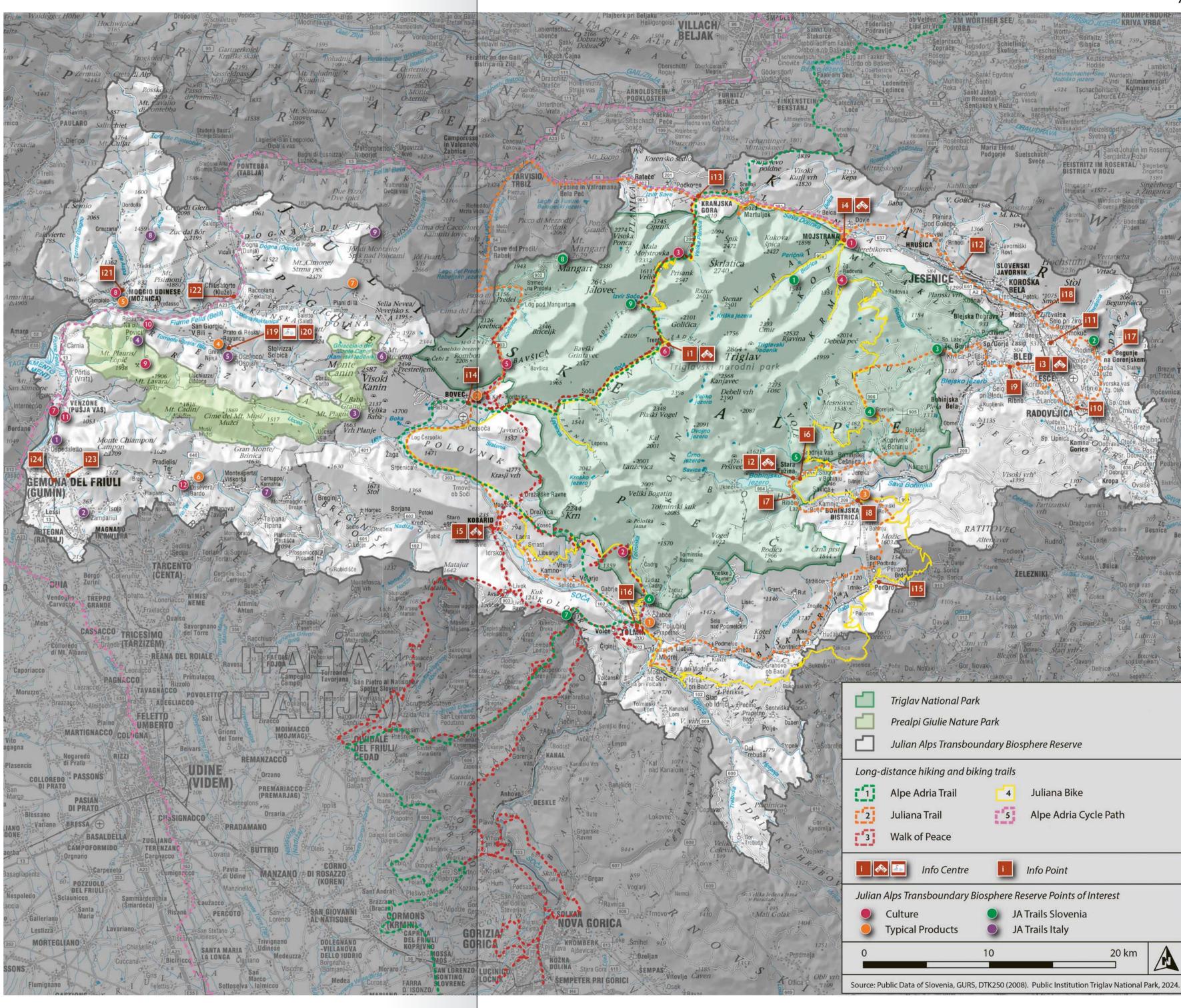
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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TRAILS









**EXPLORING THE JULIAN ALPS TRANSBOUNDARY BIOSPHERE RESERVE SUSTAINABLY** 

**DURATION** 

DIFFICULTY



WESTERN CAPERCAILLIE (Tetrao urogallus)



TRIGLAV ROSE (Potentilla nitida)





# Julian Alps Trails Slovenia

"A positive, respectful and responsible attitude when visiting our park promotes long-term coexistence and connection of nature, culture, visitors and locals in the exceptional, yet fragile environment. This is also a guarantee for memorable experiences and a contribution to creating a better world. Welcome to the Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve."

Jela, Krnica (Zgornje Gorje)

→ 3 км (circular route)

Motel Jelka, Goreljek 1 км (circular route)

220 M

1 H 10 MIN

Triglav National Park Institute Expert Service

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Rateče Museum, Kajžnek Homestead

Kranjska Gora Museum, Liznjek Homestead

Planica Museum

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Slovenian Alpine Museum Mojstrana and

Triglav National Park Info Point

Pocar Homestead, Zgornja Radovna

Kos Manor Museum, Jesenice

Worker's Culture Museum, Jesenice Prešeren's Birth House, Vrba 1 Finžgar's Birth House, Doslovče Museum of Apiculture, Radovljica

Pharmacy and Alchemy Museum, Radovljica Bled Castle Museum Bohinj History Museum, Bohinjska Bistrica Historia Bohinj Museum Collection, Bohinjska Bistrica

**5** MOSTNICA GORGE

12 KM (circular route) 240 M moderate

Stara Fužina



# **LONG-DISTANCE HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS**

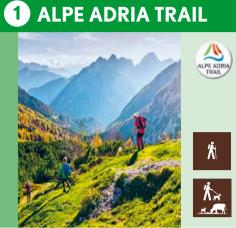


MORE INFORMATION



Tolmin 2 KM (circular route) 150 M 1 H 30 MIN







Parking beneath the outdoor museum Kolovrat 8,6 км (circular route)





Mangrt Saddle 8 KM (circular route) 2 H 45 MIN moderate





The source of the Soča river ≥ 28 KM (one way) **1** 460 M

8 H 30 MIN





Church of St. John the Baptist, Ribčev Laz Alpine Dairy Farming Museum, Stara Fužina Oplen House, Studor Kobarid Museum

Tolmin Museum

Historical Ethnological Collection Od planine do Planike, Kobarid Simon Gregorčič's Birth House, Vrsno 1 Private museum collections 'Nježna hiša' Homestead, Jevšček (Matajur)

Most na Soči Archeological Museum Breginj Museum Homestead of Ciril Kosmač, Slap ob Idrijci Kluže & Fort Herman The Fisherman's House, Kal Koritnica









MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TRAILS







**EXPLORING THE JULIAN ALPS TRANSBOUNDARY BIOSPHERE RESERVE SUSTAINABLY** 

DIFFICULTY





ROCK PARTRIDGE (Alectoris graeca)



ROSALIA LONGICORN (Rosalia alpina)

# Julian Alps Trails Italy

"The Julian Prealps Nature Park and Triglav National Park share an area rich in biodiversity, history and culture that characterise the Julian Alps Transboundary Biosphere Reserve. Whether on foot or by bike, you will be surprised by the hidden corners of nature and wilderness."

Alessandro Benzoni Julian Prealps Nature Park, Transboundary Ecoregion Julian Alps Team



Ospedaletto, Gemona del Friuli (UD)

10 км (circular route) 420 M

3 H 35 MIN



Via Montenars, Artegna (UD)

← 8.40 км (circular route)

575 M

3 H 30 MIN



Malga Coot/Kot, Resia/Rezija (UD)

9 км (circular route)

600 м



Povici di Sotto, Resiutta (UD)

← 4.5 км (circular route)

easy/moderate



Resartico Mine Museum, Resiutta

BOSC - Small Natural History Museum, Venzone

The Mummies of Venzone, Venzone

Exhibition "Speleology and Karst of Sella Nevea", Chiusaforte

Museum of the Resian People, Resia/Rezija Knife Grinder Museum, Resia/Rezija

Tiere Motus Museum – History of an earthquake and its people, Venzone

5 POTI PO NAS TRAIL

Prato di Resia/Ravanca, Resia/Rezija (UD)

21 KM (circular route)

moderate/hard

**LONG-DISTANCE BIKING TRAIL** 



MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TRAILS





CORNAPPO SPRINGS LOOP

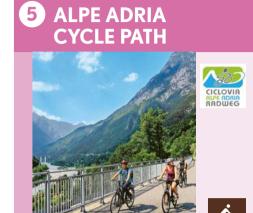
Sella Nevea, Chiusaforte (UD)

11.8 KM (one-way route)

moderate/hard

€ 5.8 км (circular route)

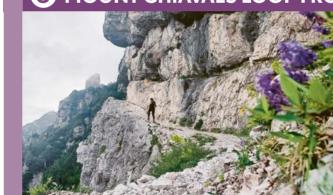
moderate



**CONNECTION BIKING** TRAIL TO ALPE ADRIA CYCLE PATH FROM **KRANJSKA GORA (SI)** TO TARVISIO/TRBIŽ (IT)



**8** MOUNT CHIAVALS LOOP FROM VAL ALBA



Val Alba, Moggio Udinese (UD)

Cornappo/Karnahta, Taipana/Tipana (UD)

😝 17 км (circular route)

moderate/hard

# THE POND OF SELLA SOMPDOGNA



Cooperative Dairy of San Giorgio/Bila,

Resia/Rezija

Ethnographical Museum of Lusevera/Bardo

Civic Museum of Palazzo Elti,

Gemona del Friuli

Sella Sompdogna, Dogna (UD)

€ 2.5 KM (circular route)

Pieve Museum and Gemona Cathedral Treasure, Gemona del Friuli

> Renato Raffaelli Museum, Gemona del Friuli

> > Earthquake LAB, Gemona del Friuli

Savorgnan Castle of Artegna, Artegna

Museum of Rural Life Heritage of Prossenicco/Prosnid, Taipana/Tipana

Museum of the Territory of Dogna Dogna





# **SOS CALL 112**



**TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK** 



**PREALPI NATURE PARK** 



**JULIAN ALPS** 



BENEČIJA

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Triglav National Park and Prealpi Giulie Nature Park

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# Transboundary Hiking and Biking Trails





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# FROM BOVEC, SLOVENIA, TO RESIA/REZIJA, ITALY



**DURATION** 

STARTING POINT

B station of the Kanin/Canin cable car

12,2 KM (one way)

7 H 10 MIN

moderate

DIFFICULTY

**ELEVATION GAIN** 

# LET'S PEDAL: FROM SOČA TO NADIŽA RIVERS

DISTANCE



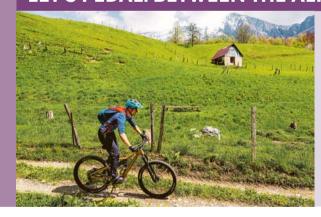
7-day easy cross-border cycling tours between the Soča Valley and Benečija

Suitable for:

- individual cyclists, perfect for couples
- recreational cyclists
- regular bikes or e-bikes



# LET'S PEDAL: BETWEEN THE ALPS AND THE VINEYARDS



8-day cycling in the Soča Valley, with a visit to the vineyards of Goriška Brda and Benečija

Suitable for:

- individual cyclists, perfect for
- recreational cyclists
- regular bikes or e-bikes







# **LET'S PEDAL: NATURE WITHOUT BORDERS**



7-day cross-border cycling tour from the Torre Valleys to Lake

Suitable for:

- individual cyclists, perfect for
- recreational cyclists
- regular bikes or e-bikes



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# **ENTERING A MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF THE JULIAN ALPS**

KLEMEN LANGUS

From time to time we all go for a visit to see somebody, whether relatives, friends, or acquaintances. Our reasons for such a visit or meeting are different. It might be a Sunday lunch or a celebration. Or a flatwarming party. On such an occasion we feel particularly curious, and probably even excited. What kind of a world will we enter? Will it be small, big, colourful, warm? Sometimes our expectations know no bounds.

With a gift in hand, we first ring the doorbell. Just a few seconds more, and our curiosity will be quenched. The door opens. Smiling faces. Greetings are exchanged, but barely heard as the curiosity builds up. Finally someone says: "Come on inside!" And while we strain our eyes to catch a glimpse of the new flat, we automaticaly reach for our shoes. And then we hear again: "No, no, leave your shoes on!" And so we enter a world that is completely new to us. Our first steps are slow and careful. We move on as if we were entering a sanctuary, exploring the flat room after room. Making intriguing new discoveries. As the conversation continues, we begin to understand why the living room is so bright, why the kitchen is so pleasantly warm, and why everything feels so homey. The time passes all too quickly. But it is not so hard to say goodbye. We return home with pleasant experiences. And deep inside we know that we will be coming back, ringing that bell, and knocking on that door, and that it will open again ....







