

**5th ISA Council of National Associations Conference
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Empowerment
Nova Gorica, Slovenia, November 21-24, 2022**

Arrival date: 20. 11. 2022

Conference dates: 21. 11. 2022 – 24. 11. 2022

Departure date: 25. 11. 2022

Accommodation - Hotel & Spa - Perla, Resort & Entertainment,
Kidričeva ulica , 5000 Nova Gorica

Location of the meeting:

School of Advanced Social Studies / Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije v Novi Gorici
Gregorčičeva ulica 19, 5000 Nova Gorica

Travelling to Nova Gorica

At the border with Italy, Nova Gorica is an easily accessible destination to reach being at the crossroad of several important airports.

Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari is the closest airport to Nova Gorica (approx. 30 km). Transfers for pick up to Nova Gorica will be organized only from this airport.

Venice Marco Polo is the international airport for national and international flights with over 60 direct connections to European and international destinations, is the third Italian system after Rome and Milan. Transfer from Venice Marco Polo to Nova Gorica has an average duration of 3 hours and several means of transportation are available on the web page BUS RADAR.

Venice Treviso Airport is a secondary destination within the network of the Venice Marco Polo airport. Options for transfer to Nova Gorica are available www.suntransfers.com.

Transfers from airports you can use:

GoOpti is a service for shared and private airport transfers that covers all of the above airports at reasonable prices. The service provides comfortable, flexible and affordable transfers based on on-line bookings.

Getting around Nova Gorica and surroundings

In Nova Gorica bus transport in the city area is free of charge. You can find information about timetables and bus lines on NOMAGO. There is also an international bus line connecting Nova Gorica and Gorizia (Italy). The price for 1 trip is EUR 1.30.

Taxi service in Nova Gorica:

Taxi center +386 70 222 777

Inter-city travelling:

To travel between cities, you can use bus or train services.

Bus services between cities:

For information about bus services and timetables of buses in Slovenia you can consult the AP Ljubljana web page and NOMAGO

Train services:

- For more information about connections and prices check the Slovenian Railways web page.
- Also Gorizia (IT) is very close and you can use train service in Gorizia. Please refer to the Trenitalia web page.

What can you see and do in Nova Gorica and surroundings

Nova Gorica is the “youngest Slovenian” town. It is a small town at the border with Italy that has been the heart of the Goriška region for seven decades. It has grown after World War II as a substitute of Gorizia, which remained on the other side of the border. It is a town with a mild climate, green and blooming all year round, young, lively and friendly to the local people and visitors from all over the world. As a unique example in Europe, the two towns are located at the border with no border crossings and living in greater co-existence on all levels. (Source: novagorica-turizem.com)

Places to see in Nova Gorica:

- Kostanjevica Monastery
- Europe Square
- Solkan Bridge
- Sveta Gora Monastery
- Bevkov trg – city centre
- City Hall

Outdoor activities:

Hiking around Nova Gorica, biking around Nova Gorica, biking trails in Nova Gorica, biking in Brda, biking in Vipavska dolina.

Places around Nova Gorica:

- Soča valley (Kanal, Tolmin, Kobarid, Bovec)
- Proposed itinerary by car: Nova Gorica, Kanal, Tolmin, Kobarid (WWI museum), Bovec (Soča river – kayak, rafting), Vršič (pass on 1,611 m), Kranjska Gora – Bled – Ljubljana – Nova Gorica
- Wine regions close to Nova Gorica: Brda, Vipavska dolina, Kras
- Proposed itinerary by train: Nova Gorica – Bohinj and/or Bled – Nova Gorica
- 1 hour to Ljubljana, Koper, Trieste, Croatia
- 2 hours to Venice, Maribor
- 20 min to Vipavska dolina
- 20 min to Goriška Brda
- 40 min to Postojnska jama or Škocjanske jame (caves)
- ...there's a lot to explore...

Around Nova Gorica in Italy:

- **Gorizia**
- **Trieste**
- **Devin, Miramare**
- **Cormos, Cividale del Friuli**
- **Venice by train from Gorizia**



Gastronomy:

Goriška region is well-known as an excellent gastronomic destination. In Vipava Valley we have two restaurants holding one Michelin star (Restavracija DAM, Gostilna pri Lojzetu, Zemono).

In the sunny Vipava Valley and Brda, vegetables thrive, and the best fruit ripens to perfection. For long centuries this land was the plentiful garden of the surrounding regions, supplying the first cherries, delicious apricots and myriad vegetables. Grapes and wine were the staples of this abundant paradise. Today the Vipava Valley is a place of vineyards and orchards, though the variety of its produce remains colourful. In boutique manner, the locals cultivate numerous kinds of fruit, vegetables and field produce, in addition to drying meat for home consumption. All this forms the firm foundation of the simple, nourishing and extremely tasty local dishes.

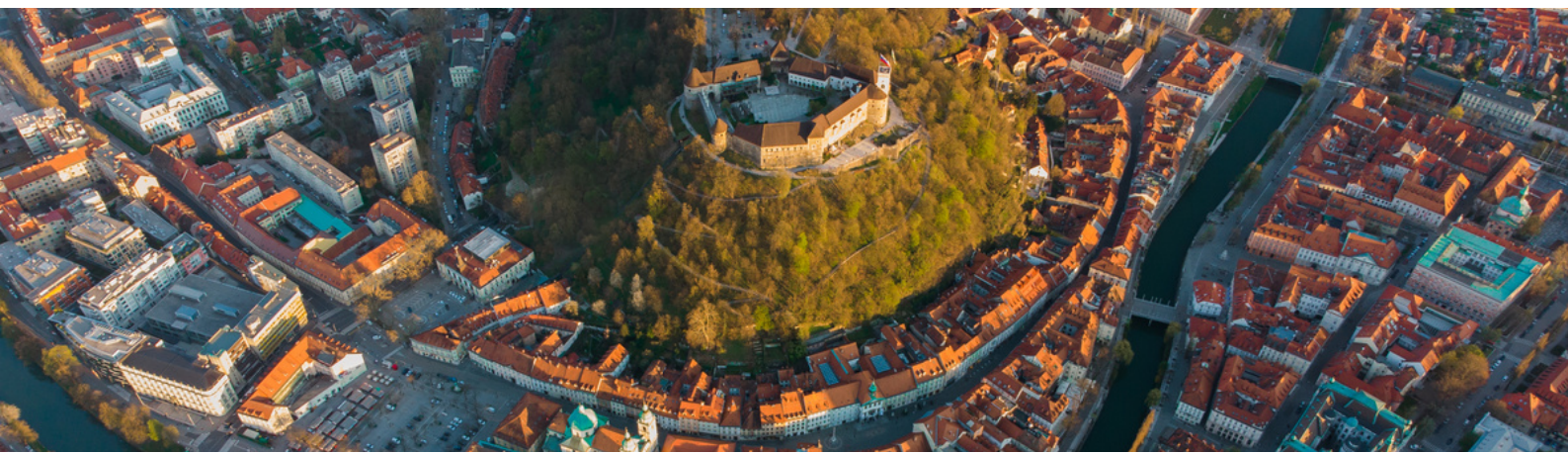
More information about gastronomy and possibilities in Vipava Valley are available on the [Vipava Valley official website](#).

What can you see and do in Ljubljana?

Slovenia's capital is by all accounts a special discovery. Its pleasant atmosphere, friendly locals, wide variety of events and a host of cultural and historical curiosities will make you want to come back for more. Boasting architect Jože Plečnik's indelible mark, Ljubljana reveals a bounty of fascinating Renaissance, Baroque and Secession style buildings in its historic core. It could be right here where you meet your new friends in some of the many bars, inns and restaurants. Both its residents and numerous visitors perceive Ljubljana as a city built on a human scale. Despite the fact that it ranks among the mid-sized European cities, it has preserved its small-town friendliness and, at the same time, it has everything that all the larger capitals have. In the winter its dreamy central European character prevails, while the summer brings out its relaxed Mediterranean feel.

Basic information about **Slovenia** [here](#)

You can find complete information about what you can explore while in near **Ljubljana** [here](#).



Excursion proposals:

ONE-DAY EXCURSION ACROSS NOVA GORICA

When you by chance decide to come to the Goriška region, more precisely to Nova Gorica and its outskirts, we recommend you to take a closer look at it. Maybe you'll come via the Vipava Valley or via the dark red Karst, or even on the road along the River Soča. No matter how, you'll see and experience many appealing things.

First stop is **Kostanjevica hill** (143 m a.s.l.), known for the Franciscan Monastery situated there. In the Library of the Monastery there are some precious incunabula and a copy of the Bohorič grammar. In the crypt under the Kostanjevica Church lie the mortal remains of the last members of the French dynasty of Bourbon, among these also the last King of France, Charles X. For all who love gardens there is one of the biggest collections of Bourbon roses.

Next stop is the **Train station**, which is also the oldest public house in the town. There is the **Museum collection: Border-line in the Goriška region 1945 - 2004**, which with photographic material, uniforms, flags, maps and documents presents us the story of this region. Before entering the train station there is an interesting square called **Trg Evrope that connects two cities**, two states. It was built in 2004, in occasion of the Slovenian entrance into the European Union and it soon became a new symbol of Nova Gorica (Slovenia) and Gorica (Italy).

A short break for a coffee and walk along the pleasant city streets with plenty of nice rose gardens. On the main square – Bevkov trg is situated an originally plan of the city and the monument to the constructors of Nova Gorica. Just across the street there are the municipality house, the library (one of the biggest libraries in Slovenia – Goriška knjižnica Franceta Bevka) and the Slovene National Theatre Nova Gorica. Passing the Casinò Perla, one of the biggest casinòs in Europe, we shall proceed our tour to the Lower Vipava Valley.

The next stop is the visit of the chambers of the Kromberk Castle, which houses the permanent Museum collection of the Regional museum »Goriški muzej«.

Turnig to the Soča valley, we shall proceed along the emerald River Soča and up on the top of the 681 m high mountain, known as Sveta Gora - the Holy Mountain. On the way up we'll have the chance to admire the celebrated Solkan Stone Bridge, a railway bridge, with the largest (85 m) stone arch in the world and the mountain Sabotin, where members of 22 different nationalities fought in the battles of the Isonzo Front during the World War I. Today Sabotin is the Peace Park with numerous hiking trails and cycling routes, an extensive system of caverns and trenches that can be explored and with a small museum collection.

On Sveta Gora (The Holy Mountain) visit of the pilgrimage Basilica of the Madonna. In good weather the stunning view up to the Alps and as far as the sea will delight us.

An afternoon walk along the pleasant streets of the town of Gorizia.