

Partner country of the month:

Slovenia

Our partner country for the month of March is Slovenia. In the following article, we would like to highlight what Slovenia has to offer, how beautiful its capital Ljubljana is, and why you should spend your stay abroad there. We have two Slovenian partner universities, the Slovenia University of Ljubljana and the University of Maribor.



Facts & Figures

Capital: Ljubljana

Population: approx. 2 million

Bank holidays: 25 June (independence from former Yugoslavia)

Currency: Euro

Time zone: UTC+1 CET - UTC +2CEST (March to October)

Official languages: Slovenian - regionally also Italian and Hungarian can be found

Brief ¹language lesson:

English	Slovenian
Hello	Dobrodošli
Bye	Zbogom
Thank you	hvala
Don't mention it	Ni za kaj
Yes	Da
No	Ne

Slovenia is located at the interface of Central Europe and the Balkans and has an impressively diverse landscape and natural surroundings. In 2016, Slovenia was the first country to be declared a "green destination". This is a sign of the sustainable use of resources in the country. Slovenia is perfect for skiing in winter and hiking in summer. Slovenia is also known as the land of thermal springs, as these water sources can be found in around 100 places. ²

¹ <https://www.evaneos.de/slowenien/reisen/wichtigster-wortschatz/>

² <https://www.travelzoo.com/de/blog/slowenien-das-kleine-grune-paradies/>



Ljubljana

Ljubljana is one of the smallest capital cities in Europe, with a population of around 300,000, but this does not make the city any less interesting. The city is located in the centre of Slovenia and, apart from its castle, is especially known for the triple bridge Tromostovje, which crosses the Ljubljanica River. The middle bridge serves as a car lane, the two outer bridges as footpaths. The Ljubljanski Grad (Ljubljana Castle) is situated on a small hill above the city and can be reached on foot in about 25 minutes from the city centre. Due to its size, the city can be explored perfectly on foot; the best way to do this is simply to walk along the river and pass all the important sites in the city all by yourself. Another highlight of the city, is the garden in the park of Ljubljana, which is about 5 km² in size and was built around two small castles. Apart from many small cafés, the capital of Slovenia offers a charming atmosphere. If you want to find out more about Slovenia's capital, you will find the most important information [here](https://www.travelzoo.com/de/blog/slowenien-das-kleine-grune-paradies/).



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Univerza v Ljubljani



The University of Ljubljana was founded in 1919, making it the oldest university in the country. For almost half a century, it was even the only university in Slovenia, and to this day it is also the largest in the country. It is located in the heart of Slovenia's capital and with more than 40,000 students, of which about 2,000 are international students, enrolled in 374 different bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes. According to the Shanghai Ranking (AWRU), it is also one of the top 3% universities in the world.

If you would like to learn more about the University of Ljubljana, check out the university's [video](#) and take a look at the [website](#).





Univerza v Mariboru

With about 15% exchange students, the University of Maribor is the most international university in Slovenia. It also offers English-taught courses in all 17 faculties. It was founded in 1975 and is the second oldest and second largest university in the country with approximately 13,500 students. The university also offers three halls of residence directly on campus, where you can stay as an exchange student. The city of Maribor was named "European Capital of Culture" in 2012 and "European Youth Capital" in 2013. The city has a population of around 100,000, making it the second largest city in the country. It is known for its wine culture and its wide range of cultural events and entertainment programmes. In winter, you will also find the largest ski area in the country.

For more information, visit the website of the University of Maribor [here](#).

Faculty of Medicine



Main building of the University



Faculty of Architecture



The application deadline for bachelor's and master's students for stays in the following academic year is always **1 December**. Erasmus+ waives all tuition fees at the foreign university. In addition, you will receive a monthly grant of €330 in Slovenia, as the country belongs to country group 3 in the Erasmus+ programme. More information about funding is available [here](#).