



Ljubljana

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Best Places to Eat

- » Gostilna na Gradu (p55)
- » Ribca (p55)
- » Špajza (p55)
- » Julija (p55)
- » Falafel (p57)

Best Places to Stay

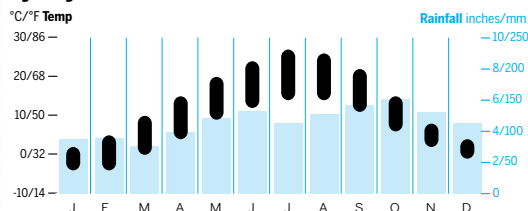
- » Antiq Palace Hotel & Spa (p52)
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Why Go?

Slovenia's capital and largest city also happens to be one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals. Car traffic is restricted in the centre, leaving the leafy banks of the emerald-green Ljubljanica River, which flows through the city's heart, free for pedestrians and cyclists. In summer, cafes set up terrace seating along the river, lending the feel of a perpetual street party. Slovenia's master of early-modern, minimalist design, Jože Plečnik, graced Ljubljana with beautiful alabaster bridges and baubles, pylons and pyramids that are both elegant and playful. Attractive cities are often described as 'jewel boxes', but here the name really fits. The city's 64,000 students support an active clubbing and cultural scene, and the museums, hotels and restaurants are among the best in the country.

When to Go

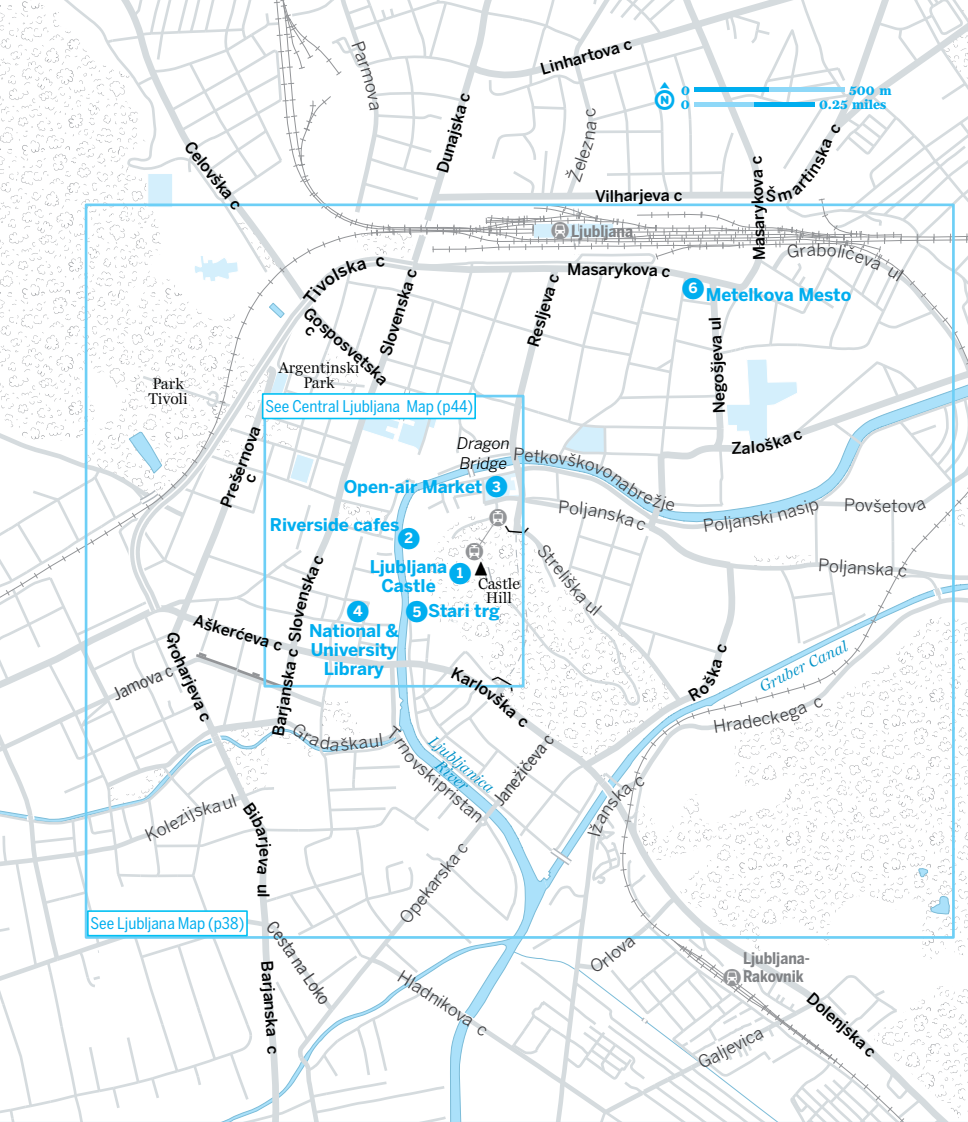
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Apr & May Sunny days, blossoms, and cafe terraces on the banks of the Ljubljanica.

Jul & Aug Street theatre, happenings every week, and the lively Ljubljana Festival.

Sep & Oct Warm temps during the day, and an autumn cultural program.



Ljubljana Highlights

- 1 Enjoy a ride on the funicular to **Ljubljana Castle** (p37) for an overview of the city's past and present
- 2 Spend an evening at an outside table at **Maček** (p59) or any other riverside cafe
- 3 Indulge in fresh fruits, vegetables and some delicious

- fish at the Ljubljana **open-air market** (p42)
- 4 Consider the genius of Slovenian architect and designer Jože Plečnik at the **National & University Library** (p43)
- 5 Stroll through lovely **Stari trg** (p41) and marvel that this

- pretty place is actually the capital of a European country
- 6 Crawl through the waterfront pubs of the Old Town and end up at an alternative club in **Metelkova Mesto** (p61)