



# Ljubljana

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- ➔ Prince of Orange (p58)

## Best Places to Stay

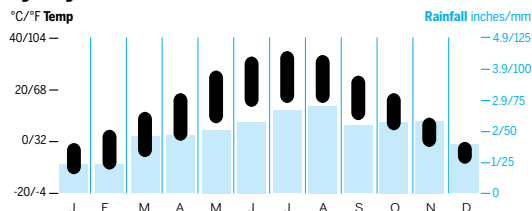
- ➔ Anti Palace Hotel & Spa (p55)
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## Why Go?

Slovenia's capital and largest city also happens to be one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals. Indeed, the European Commission awarded Ljubljana with the coveted Green Capital of Europe title for 2016. 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; it almost feels like a nightly street party.

Slovenia's master of early-modern, minimalist design, Jože Plečnik, graced Ljubljana with beautiful buildings and accoutrements; attractive cities are often described as 'jewel boxes', but here the name really fits. And bringing life to these historical riches, the city's 50,000-odd students support an active clubbing and cultural scene, and the museums, hotels and restaurants are among the best in the country.

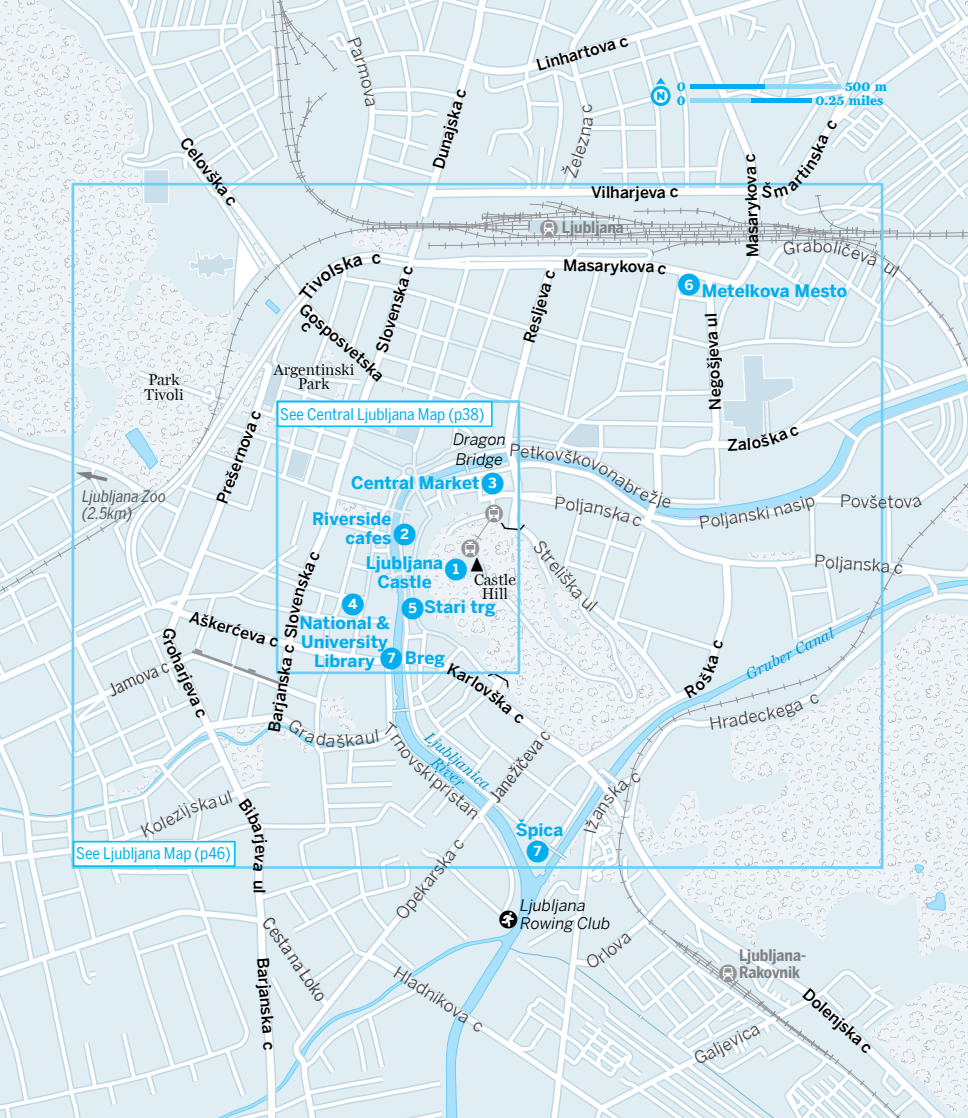
## When to Go Ljubljana



**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 temperatures during the day, and an autumn cultural program.



## Ljubljana Highlights

- 1 Enjoy a ride on the funicular to **Ljubljana Castle** (p36) for an overview of the city's past and present.
- 2 Spend an evening at an outside table at **Slovenska Hiša** (p60) or any other riverside cafe.
- 3 Indulge in fresh fruits, vegetables and some delicious

fish at Ljubljana's **central market** (p59).

- 4 Consider the genius of Slovenian architect and designer Jože Plečnik at his masterpiece, 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 Old Town's waterfront pubs and end up at the alternative clubs at **Metelkova Mesto** (p64).
- 7 Enjoy the redesigned embankment from **Breg** (p43) south to **Špica** (p61).