

RADOVLJICA & SURROUNDINGS

Mini guide



I FEEL
SLOVENIA

Discover the sweetest Slovenian town
and the little gems of its countryside

3 reasons why you shouldn't miss Radol'ca on your travels through Slovenia:

1

RADOVLJICA IS THE SLOVENIAN CAPITAL OF BEEKEEPING

In 2018 the first World Bee Day was celebrated on 20th May thanks to Slovenian beekeepers. Learn about Slovenian beekeeping at the Museum of Apiculture in Radovljica.

2

AUTHENTIC TOWNS AND VILLAGES WITH UNIQUE STORIES

Radovljica is not the only town in the area with a charming centre. Explore more and visit the lesser-known attractions in Kropa, Kamna Gorica or Brezje with their authentic stories and reminders of the past.

3

RADOL'CA IS HOME TO MANY ASPECTS OF CREATIVITY

Did you know that the village of Begunje is where traditional Oberkrainer music was born, thanks to Slavko Avsenik and his ensemble? For over 70 years, the same village has been home to Elan, the brand that is famous for its inventions in the world of skiing.

RADOVLJICA

The Sweetest Slovenian Town

The heart and soul of Radovljica is Linhart Square which inspires with the variety and authenticity of its architecture. Many consider it **the most beautiful small town in Slovenia**. It boasts preserved houses from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, a magnificent manor and numerous museums, galleries and local restaurants.



Linhart Square (Linhartov trg)



Museum of Apiculture




Radovljica Manor



The old park



Honeybread Workshop and Museum

 **The Museum of Apiculture** will take you into the world of the Carniolan grey bee and the history of beekeeping in Slovenia; closed on Mondays •

The Lectar Honeybread Workshop and Museum is a place of tradition, sweet smells of honey and lovely hearts • **Radovljica Manor** with its baroque appearance; enter its wooden doors, have a look at the interior, visit museums or attend one of the many events held inside • **St. Peter's Church**, the rectory building and **defence walls** offer an insight into gothic architecture • The former **medieval defence trench**, now partly a tunnel, the only preserved town moat in Slovenia • **The Municipal Museum** with its exhibition about **Anton Tomaž Linhart**, after whom the square was named and who gave the Slovenian nation its theatre; closed on Mondays • **The Šivec House Art Gallery** is a place for all art lovers; closed on Mondays • The viewpoint at the end of the square offers **astounding views of the Sava river valley** and the **Julian Alps**

- ★ Don't miss a **free guided tour** of the town. Every Tuesday at 10am beginning at the Tourist Information Centre.
- ★ Linhart Square is a perfect venue for **musical, cultural and culinary events**. Check the up-to-date events calendar on www.radolca.si
- ★ Explore the old town centre with a **mobile app**. Download the app and let Anton Tomaž Linhart guide you through town.
- ✗ Try local cuisine at the Kunstelj, Avguštin or Lectar restaurants.

Radovljica with a mobile app

Explore the old town centre with a mobile app. Download the free diStory app from the AppStore or Google Play Store and let Anton Tomaž Linhart be your guide on an interactive walk through his hometown.





Ruins of Lipnica Castle with views towards the Julian Alps



Radovljica old town



Kamna Gorica village centre



Kamna Gorica

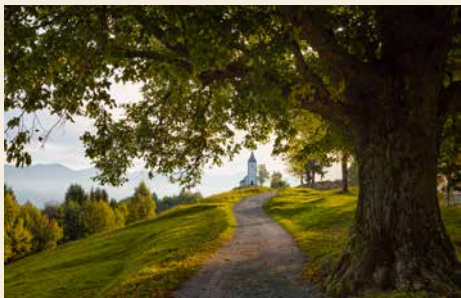


Town moat in Radovljica

KAMNA GORICA & LIPNICA VALLEY

A picturesque village with numerous water troughs and small bridges, which have earned it the name 'Mini Venice'.

- The **village centre** with typical houses and wrought iron features
- The park and **wooden water troughs** near the large linden tree
- The view from the Church of the Holy Trinity
- **The Sextons' Museum House**; local



Church of St. Primus and Felician in Jamnik



Kropa village centre

museum, open at weekends • The ruins of **Lipnica Castle**, located a 45 min walk from the village, offer astonishing views of the Julian Alps

- ★ You can visit Kamna Gorica **on foot from Radovljica** via the Fux footbridge.
- ★ The beautiful green and traditional Lipnica Valley is best explored by **bike via country roads**.
- ✗ The local inn 'Gostilna Mlin' serves fresh trout and other homemade dishes.

Hop-On Hop-Off Bus

In July and August you can explore Radovljica and its surroundings by taking a journey on a special bus. On the bus you will meet a local guide, and special guided tours are available at various destinations.





Kropa village centre



A blacksmith at the Vigenjc Vice Forge



Traditional architecture in Kropa

KROPA

Unique in its appearance and stories from the past, this former iron forging centre is tucked away beneath the Jelovica plateau.

The village centre with its **distinguished traditional architecture** and wrought iron features • **Water barriers** and other technical equipment on the gushing Kroparica stream • **The Iron Forging Museum**, exhibiting the history of iron forging • **Vigenjc Vice**, a well-preserved forge from the 18th century • **St. Leonard's Church** with lovely views over the village centre

- ★ Every Tuesday in July and August you can **visit Kropa on the Hop-On Hop-Off bus**, join free guided tours and visit the Vigenjc Vice forge.
- ★ **The Church of St. Primus and Felician** in Jamnik is one of the most scenic spots in Slovenia. From Kropa, you can reach it by car or on foot.
- ✕ Stop at Gostilna pr'Kovač for a traditional meal in a homely atmosphere.

BREZJE & LJUBNO

The largest and most important Slovene pilgrimage centre.

📍 The **Basilica of Mary Help of Christians**, Slovenia's most important pilgrimage site • The **Nativity Museum** with nativity scenes from all over the world • The Brezje Path of Peace (Pot miru) leads through the forest to the small **Peračica waterfalls** • The **village of Ljubno**, a former pilgrimage site, now a picturesque village full of old and new frescoes

★ The **Pilgrimage bureau** offers visitor information and local souvenirs.

✕ If driving between Kropa and Brezje, you can stop for a meal at Joštov hram in Podnart.

MOŠNJE

A small village with a rich history and top Slovenian restaurant.

📍 The Mošnje **Ethnological Museum** represents the history of everyday life in a village • **Villa Rustica**, the remains of a Roman country villa • **Vila Podvin**, once part of Podvin Castle, now **one of the best restaurants in Slovenia** with a vast garden and beautiful interior

✕ Vila Podvin, is one of Slovenia's best restaurants, with its kitchen being run by the famous chef Uroš Štefelin.

Sweet memories

Choose from the range of local products available at Radovljica's Tourist Information Centre and take part of Honestly Sweet Radol'ca home with you. There is a wide range of souvenirs, from chocolate pralines and honey to ceramics and modern design products.





Bazilica of Mary Help of Christians in Brezje



Brezje Path of Peace (Pot miru)



Vila Podvin




Nativity Museum in Brezje



Avsenik Museum in Begunje

BEGUNJE

The village at the foothills of the Karavanke mountains is the birthplace of the famous Slovenian musician Slavko Avsenik, and home to Elan skis.

 The **Avsenik Museum** with its exhibition about Slovenian popular folk music and the life of Slavko Avsenik and his Oberkreiner Original Ensemble • The **view from St. Peter's church** above the village • **Kamen**

Castle at the entrance to the Draga Valley dates back to the 12th century • The **Elan Alpine Skiing Museum**, dedicated to the history and innovation of the world-famous Elan skis • The surroundings of **Katzenstein Mansion** with the Museum of Hostages, park and views of the Karavanke mountains

- ★ Avsenik Restaurant organises **Slovenian popular folk music concerts** every week from April until November.
- ★ **Hiking routes** lead from Begunje to the famous Roblekov dom mountain hut on Mt. Begunjščica.
- ★ Easy to moderate **themed hiking routes** will take you around the village to St. Peter's Church and via Kamen Castle to the Draga Valley. Maps are available at the Radovljica and Begunje Tourist Information Centres.
- ✗ Pr Tavčar Inn and Draga Inn in Begunje offer tasty traditional food, while the modern restaurant at the Lamberg Hotel near Begunje serves modern Slovenian cuisine.

LESCE

The capital of Slovenian skydiving and home of Gorenjka chocolate.

- 📍 The **Beekeeping Education Centre** of Gorenjska is a modern facility with an apiary, cafe and well-stocked Beeshop • **Lesce Sports Airfield** offers **panoramic flights** over the Julian Alps • **Camping Šobec** is worth a visit all year round due to its idyllic location next to the Sava river
- ★ The Beekeeping Centre in Lesce offers **guided tours** every Wednesday from May to September.
- ✗ Our pick in Lesce is Gostišče Tulipan for local cuisine and the Kavarna Panj cafe in the Beekeeping Centre for refreshments.



Lesce



St. Peter's Church above Begunje



Beekeeping Centre in Lesce



Kamen Castle



Hiking in Draga Valley

Local cuisine

The Radovljica area is famous for its restaurants. You can choose from traditional dishes to contemporary cuisine. A culinary guide to 'Taste Radol'ca' restaurants, offering local ingredients and top-notch preparation, is available at the Radovljica Tourist Information Centre and on www.radolca.si



ACTIVITIES

Head up to magnificent viewpoints by bike or on foot, paddle on the Sava River or find joy in family activities.

Hiking

Hiking routes are suitable for those seeking easy to moderate hikes. They combine culture, nature and amazing views.

Cycling

Radovljica is an excellent place to set off on a cycling trip to discover the countryside and nearby attractions.

River-based Activities

Great fun and adventures await in and on rivers near Radovljica. Whitewater rafting is the most popular.

Fishing

Fishermen who love wild and unspoilt nature will find a perfect spot by the Sava or Lipnica rivers.



Parkour Archery

The parkour archery course in the Draga valley is suitable for beginners and experienced archers and has 30 model forest-animal targets.

Panoramic Flights

Take a panoramic flight from the sports airfield in Lesce and enjoy the view over Bled and Triglav National Park from a bird's eye view.



Swimming

Cool off in swimming pools in Radovljica, in Kropa and at the natural lake at Camping Šobec.

Horse-Riding

Experienced riders can enjoy rides in the lush countryside, whilst beginners can take the opportunity to have a go at horse riding for the first time.

Mini Golf and Goldmine

With nice views and children's activities, the Panorama mini golf and gold mine is a perfect location to spend family time together.

Before you set off on your chosen path, pick up a copy of a hiking or cycling map at the Radovljica Tourist Information Centre. Guides and maps covering the region and all of Slovenia are also available. For more information on activities visit www.radolca.si or ask at information centres in the area.



FESTIVALS AND MAJOR EVENTS

Spring

Radovljica Chocolate Festival: mid-April

Summer

Thursday Evenings in Linhart Square: Every Thursday in July
Hop-On Hop-Off Tourist Bus between Bled, Radovljica, Kropa, Begunje and Žirovnica: July and August

Medieval Market Day in Radovljica: Every last Sunday in July

Radovljica Early Music Festival: Two weeks in August

Avsenik Festival in Begunje na Gorenjskem: at the end of August, every 2 years

Oberkreiner Weekend in Begunje na Gorenjskem: at the end of August, every 2 years



Autumn

Taste Radol'ca month of local cuisine: all November

Winter

St Nicholas Fair in Radovljica: First weekend in December

Festive December in Radovljica: From Christmas until New Year's Eve

St Gregory's Fest in Kropa and Kamna Gorica: Eve of 11th March

All year round

Farmers Market at Vila Podvin: Every first Saturday of the month

Flea Market in Radovljica old town: Every first Sunday of the month

Music evenings at Avsenik Restaurant: From April until November once or twice a week





TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

Radovljica: Linhartov trg 9 (entrance to the old town)

+386 (0)4 531 51 12, info@radolca.si

Opening Hours: October – May: Daily from 9am–4pm and

June – September: Daily from 9am–7pm

Begunje: at the bus stop, opposite the Gostilna pri Jožovcu

+386 (0)5 916 61 76, begunje@radolca.si

Opened in June, July, August

HOW TO GET HERE



Radovljica is located close to the exit from the A2 motorway and only 5km from Bled.



All buses from Ljubljana towards Bled or Kranjska Gora stop in Radovljica. The old town is just a few minutes' walk from the bus station.



The Ljubljana – Jesenice railway line runs through Radovljica and stops in Radovljica and Lesce.



Choose one of the panoramic countryside roads and cycle to Radovljica from Bled, Kranj or even Ljubljana.

LEGEND



Mountain hut



Train station



Viewpoint



Tourist Information Centre







Castle, castle ruins



Sports Airfield



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Looking for hidden gems, quaint towns and a touch of Slovenian tradition? Radol'ca offers all of this and more, including top-notch restaurants, beautiful views and homely accommodation.



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