

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Visit Slovenia to trace human history and culture back to their very origins. Discover medieval castles and Roman ruins or seek out fascinating artefacts including the world's first musical instrument and the oldest wooden wheel in existence. Here are just a few of the cultural sights not to be missed.

The Škocjan Caves, 6km of subterranean passages

Discover the subterranean chambers of the 6km Škocjan Cave system, spectacularly carved by the Reka River, from the village of Škocjan to the Gulf of Trieste. Look out for mighty stalagmites, 'The Giants' and 'The Pipe Organ' in the silent cave and listen out for sounds of the Reka as you enter the Murmuring Cave. Cross the Cerkevnik Bridge, suspended nearly 50m above the riverbed.

The Krokar virgin forest & Snežnik-Ždrocle forest reserve

The Krokar virgin forest and Snežnik-Ždrocle forest reserve were added to the UNESCO list in 2017. Both boast historic forest ecosystems where nature has been allowed to progress, unhindered, for thousands of years. Take a walk through Slovenia's ancient natural wilderness, gazing up at centuries-old trees and appreciating the silence.

Idrija Mine Museum

Idrija was once home to the second largest mercury mine in the world. Today you can visit some of the old mining buildings and facilities, including venturing underground into Anthony's Shaft to see first-hand how working in a mine was like. There's also the Municipal Museum and the many historical buildings within the town itself.

Pile Dwellings of Ig, (Stilt Houses)

The area just outside Ljubljana offers a fascinating insight into Slovenia's prehistoric pile-dwelling civilisations, which existed in the region for over 4,500 years. Due to the wet conditions, wooden structures, tools and even clothes were all excellently preserved, thus offering a unique understanding of the world, life and inventions of Europe's original farmers.

Škofja Loka Passion Play

The UNESCO listed Škofja Loka Passion Play, is **Slovenia's oldest play**, which, due to the complex nature of the performance, is only performed once every six years. It has been staged on the streets of the medieval town centre of Škofja Loka since the Baroque era, brimming with rich costumes, intricate scenery and an **ensemble of over 900 local actors**. The Škofja Loka Passion Play has now been recognised on UNESCO's List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and its next performance will take place in 2021.

Other treasures of Slovenia to be included in the World Heritage

A Walk of peace, from the Alps to the Adriatic

This homage of peace takes walkers through the Soča Valley, where numerous World War One battles took place. The trail leads walkers through a world of underground bunkers, firing trenches, military cemeteries, charnel houses and outdoor museums from the Alps to the Adriatic. In remembrance of the First World War, this moving trail of both discovery and reflection is now on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List.

Franja Partisan Hospital

Franja hospital is on a tentative UNESCO World Heritage List and is awaiting approval as a UNESCO heritage site. Built in World War II by the resistance movement in the far reaches of the country, Franja Partisan Hospital was built in Pasice, a hard-to-reach gorge near the village of Novaki. With secrecy of utmost importance, the wounded were blindfolded and carried to the hospital by its staff, most often at night. The original structures were washed away by floods in 2007 but has since been completely rebuilt.

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