**Lovely Weddings in Slovenia**

**Slovenia 2014 - In green SLOVEnia there is love present at every step. It's already there in name of the country and in the Slovenian language, which is the only national language whose word for love is the same as in English!**

**Love is always fresh in Slovenia as half of the country is covered in woodland. According to an old folk tale, all that beauty exists only because of love in the land between the Alps and the Mediterranean. Our natural and cultural beauties are made for marriage vows - many newly-weds say that Slovenia’s romantic, green backdrop seems almost as if it were painted. Weddings are usually held on Saturdays and are traditionally accompanied by beeping and the locals' applause.**

**The fateful *"I do"* sounds best in the iconic Bled under the mighty Slovenian mountains, in lovely Piran by the sea, in beloved Ljubljana, in one of many Slovenian castles and mansions or in amongst our green vineyards. Feel Slovenia, the boutique Central European country that is becoming a truly alluring wedding destination!**

**The iconic Bled, symbol of love**

The land between the Alps and the Mediterranean seems like a wedding catalogue of attractive locations for civil or church weddings, which are typically held in spring and summer. At the top of our most popular wedding destinations sits the world famous [Bled](http://www.bled.si/en/what-to-do/weddings). The Gothic Church of St Mary's Assumption towers stands alone on an island in the middle of the lake, whose waters act as a mirror for the surrounding peaks of the Julian Alps. Being married in Bled is believed to bring good luck as the island used to house a temple dedicated to the Old-Slavic goddess of love, *Živa*.

A wedding at Bled can be a true fairytale affair: a carriage ride around Lake Bled, a visit to the island on a traditional ‘*pletna’* boat, vows accompanied by ringing of the wishing bell and, finally, sunset at the Bled castle, which is believed to be the oldest castle in Slovenia. The world famous desert cream cake "kremšnita" calls for love too as it melts in the mouth!

**Piran, our most beautiful coastal town**

Slovenia doesn't have a long stretch of Mediterranean coastline, but it does have the medieval Piran, which was given timeless charm by the Venetian Republic. As the most well preserved old town of Slovenian Istria, Piran inspired the best film-makers from across the globe during the 1960s and 70s: Orson Welles, Yves Montard and František Čap visited and filmed at the Piran squares. Even then, Piran was proving a popular wedding destination.

**Weddings at Slovenian castles**

On the Slovenian hills you’ll find medieval castles stretching from the West to the East. Castles with ancient traditions and fine cuisine that make for some very unique wedding settings. People can get married in true ‘lord of the manor’ style at Ljubljana Castle, which overlooks the loved Ljubljana and its old town centre.

In the Notranjska region there is the fascinating Predjama Castle, which is built within a cave mouth, where the wedding host can become ‘*Erazem of Predjama’* himself. He was a slick knight, who had many underground passages that led out of the castle. The mansion Jamski dvorec close to Postojna Cave, which is the biggest Slovenian tourist attraction, is perfect for the wedding reception.

In the Dolenjska region, a royal experience is guaranteed at the Otočec Castle, which is the only river castle in Slovenia, towering over the green river Krka. At the Old Celje Castle your marriage can be blessed by Barbara of Cilli (of Celje) herself, who was Queen of Hungary and the Emperor's spouse in the Holy Roman Empire. The oldest Slovenian town of Ptuj is romantic due to the Ptuj Castle and the Ptuj thermal springs, which were restoring well-being even to the ancient Romans. [Here](http://www.slovenia.info/en/Poroke.htm?poroke=0&lng=2&redirected=1) you can check wedding offers at the other castles.

**Vows in Slovenian mansions and villas**

**Slovenia’s villas and mansions** know how to take care of very personal and ceremonial weddings. In the quiet Vipava Valley there is the world famous renaissance **Zemono Manor House**. Its restaurant has received countless awards and in 2007, the gourmet chef Tomaž Kavčič was responsible for it being listed as one of the most creative restaurants in Europe.

Half way between the Alps and the Adriatic there is Brda, home to a selection of celebrated Slovenian vintners and a place where the hills themselves call for a wedding. There is the wide open door of **Vipolže Villa**, the only renaissance villa in Slovenia.Many diverse wedding experiences can be found in the Savinja Valley's villas - the **Bianca Villa**, the **Herberstein Villa** and the **Široko Villa**. Wedding stories can also come true in our many **spas or estates**.The wedding white is everywhere accompanied by the most beautiful shade of green courtesy of Slovenian forests, rivers and meadows. **Feel Slovenia, feel the love!**

**Additional information**

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