

## Postojna Information PDF Sheet

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### Where is Postojna?

Postojna is a town about 40 minutes south-west of Ljubljana in the direction of the Slovenian coast.



### How do i get there?

#### From/To Ljubljana

- Bus –** There are hourly buses to and from Ljubljana starting early in the morning till late evening. Check for restricted services on weekends and public holidays. The journey is about an hour. See <http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/> for bus timetables.
- Train –** There are many trains to and from Ljubljana starting early in the morning till late evening. Check for restricted services on weekends and public holidays. The journey is about an hour. See <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/> for timetable/prices.
- Taxi -** You can hire a taxi\shuttle van from Ljubljana to Postojna  
Contact Slovenia for you for a taxi quote.
- Driving- 53km\40mins.** Head to the main highway A1\E70, look for the signs for Postojna heading south-west.  
\*\* Please ensure you have a vignette sticker on your car BEFORE entering the highway as they are needed for all tolled highways. They can be purchased at nearly all petrol stations.

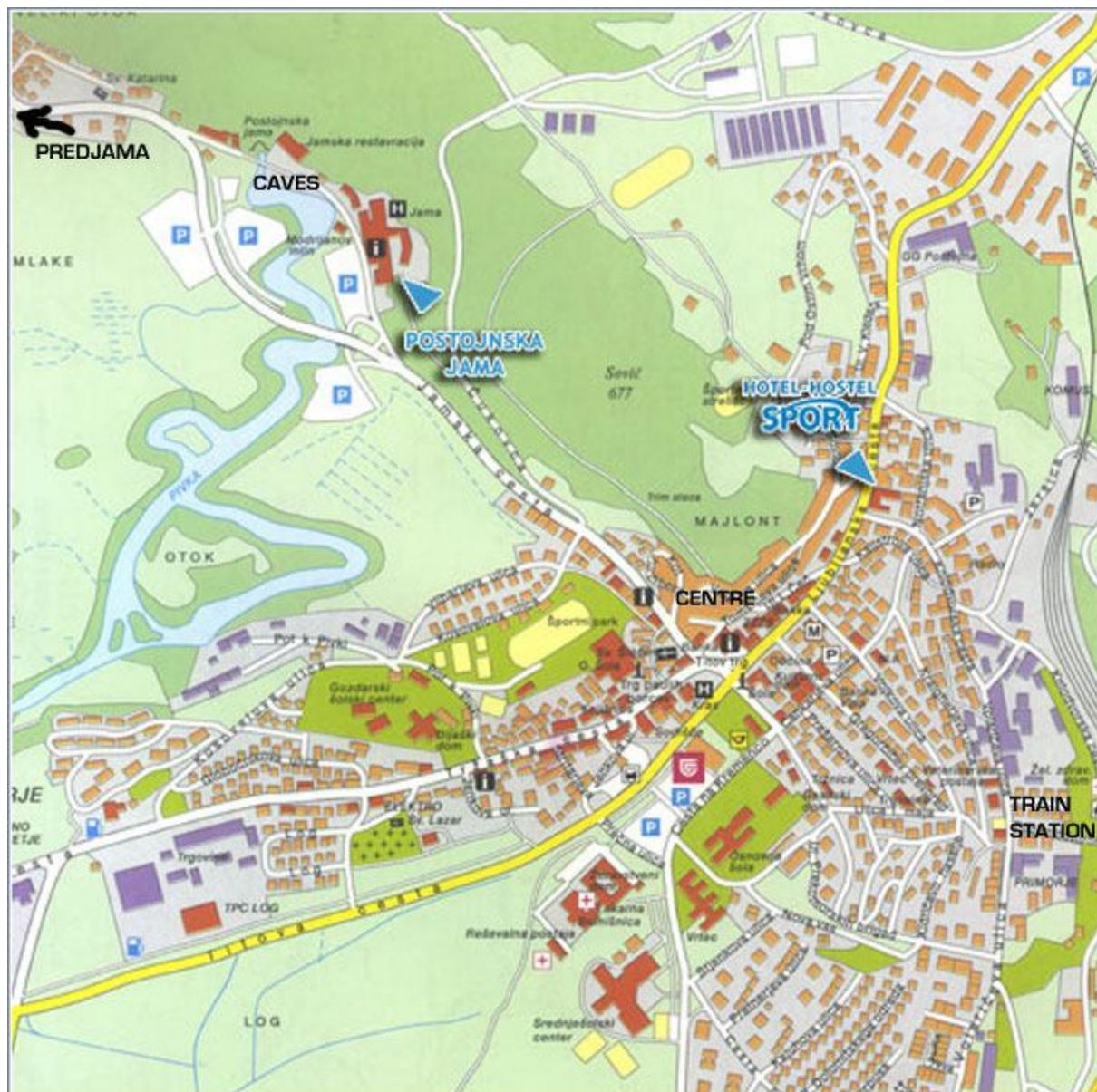
#### From/To Venice/Trieste/Italy

- Train -** There are many trains from Venice to Trieste daily.
- Bus -** From Trieste, take a bus to Sezana and continue to Postojna by train, or take a bus to Koper and continue to Postojna by train.
- Taxi –** You can hire a taxi\shuttle van from Trieste to Postojna but it will be quite expensive.  
Contact Slovenia for you for a taxi quote.
- Driving - 47km\43mins. from Trieste.**  
From Trieste centre, head north to Villa Opcina, turn right onto the E61 heading into Slovenia and past Sezana. This meets up with the A1\E70, turn left towards Ljubljana and turn off at Postojna.  
\*\* Please ensure you have a vignette sticker on your car BEFORE entering the highway as they are needed for all tolled highways in Slovenia. They can be purchased at nearly all petrol stations.

#### From/To Koper/Piran

- Bus –** There are many daily buses between Piran/Koper and Postojna. Check for restricted services on weekends and public holidays. The journey is about an hour. See <http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/> for bus timetables.
- Train -** There are several trains every day to Postojna from Koper and vice versa. See <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/> for timetable/prices.
- Taxi –** You can hire a taxi\shuttle van from Piran/Koper to Postojna. Contact Slovenia for you for a quote.
- Driving – Piran (73km\1hr) or Koper (59km\40mins)**  
Take main road from Piran through Koper where you enter the A1 freeway to Postojna and Ljubljana. Exit at Postojna turnoff.

**Postojna Region Map**



**List of Useful Contacts**

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| Information Centre - | Turizem Kras, Postojna Caves, Tel: 386 5 7000 163<br>Notranjsko-kraški RZT/Tourist board, Ljubljanska cesta 4 , 6230 Postojna<br>386 5 728 07 88 |
| Police -             | Emergency 113 Postojna Police 386 5 726 51 00  |
| Ambulance -          | 112  |
| Medical Centre -     | Zdravstveni dom dr. Franca Ambrožiča , Prečna ulica 2<br>386 5 726 54 01   |



## Weather

POSTOJNA												
Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max Temp. (C)	4	5	9	12	17	21	24	25	20	15	8	4
Max Temp. (F)	39	41	48	54	63	75	77	68	59	46	39	12
Min Temp. (C)	-4	-4	0	3	7	10	12	12	10	6	2	-2
Min Temp. (F)	25	25	32	37	45	50	54	54	50	43	36	28

## Attractions

### 1. Postojna Caves

#### Description:

The World Famous Postojna Caves are simply awe-inspiring. Having formed over thousands of years, thousands of tourists of all ages now flock to the caves annually to marvel at this Karst phenomenon. Don't miss out!

#### The LowDown:

Upon arrival, patrons buy a ticket from the ticket booth and then walk up to the main entrance and wait in a small enclosure before being guided towards the train platform.

The electric train whisks you a few kilometres into the system before you alight in the hall of the Great Mountain.

Groups then form by choice of language and your guide takes you through the remainder of the caves by foot before you take a short train journey back to the entrance.

# The caves have a constant temperature of between 8C-10C or 39--50(F) so you will need a pullover/jacket even on hot days.

# Coats are also available for hire as you wait to be led through to the train.

# The tour lasts one and half hours (90 minutes).

# Photos are not permitted in the caves so as not to disturb any creepy crawlies that live down there (but people take them anyway!)

# Food and drink also not permitted.

# Shoes with good traction are advisable as it may be slippery underfoot in some places

# The paths consists of some low to medium level ascents and descents but nothing extreme.

#### Where is it \ How to get there?:

**Train:** The train station is located S/E of the town centre and is a 1km walk.

**Bus:** The bus station is in central Postojna just near the Hotel Kras.

**To the Caves:** From the centre of town, travel north-west along Jamska Cesta. You can't miss it. The walk is about 1.5 kilometres.

**At the Caves:** There is a huge tolled car park for the trailer loads of buses, cars and campervans that show up throughout the year.

Opening Hours (All Year Round)										
JAN		1000		1200			1500			
FEB		1000		1200			1500			
MAR		1000		1200			1500			
APR		1000		1200		1400		1600		
MAY	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	
JUN	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
JUL	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
AUG	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
SEP	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
OCT		1000		1200		1400		1600		
NOV		1000		1200			1500			
DEC		1000		1200			1500			

Entrance Fees 2011 (All Year Round)	
Adults	22.90 euros
Children 6-15 years	13.20 euros
Students under 26	18.30 euros

## 2. Predjama Castle

### Description:

Situated some 9km north of Postojna Caves lies the tiny village of Predjama (pred-yama). Apart from being as cute as a button, this tiny hamlet's main claim to fame is the fantastically dramatic castle of the same name.

In the past, many people would visit the caves and then move on. But now it seems that many will add Predjama onto their schedule as a Postojna side trip, only to find the castle no less spectacular. Put it on your list!

### The Low Down:

Set into and spilling out of a huge cavern, the castle has stood on this site since 1202, although what you see today was built in the sixteenth century. It's probably Slovenia's most photographed castle and it's easy to see why.

Recently visited for an investigation by the world famous television program "Ghost Hunters International", the castle is yet another must-see stop while in Slovenia.

Take one of the helpful leaflets available at the entrance to guide you through fifteen numbered rooms. The castle is sufficiently spooky and includes a chaplain's room from which one could watch prisoner's being tortured in the dungeon below. At the very top of the castle is a drawbrige which leads visitors to a natural passage built into the rock. Tours are available of this passage in the summer months, but call in advance if you are interested.

Easier to inspect is the cave under the castle. It has no electric lighting, so torches (flashlights) and rubber boots are available to visitors at the entrance. Scheduled tours of the cave under the castle last 45 minutes and take place between May and September.

For a bit of medieval recreation, take a visit in July. On the third Sunday in July, the castle holds it's annual jousting tournament.

### Where is it \ How to get there?:

**Train:** The train station in Postojna is located 1km south east of the town centre. You can take a taxi to Predjama or walk about 1 kilometre to the Postojna town centre and grab one there.

**Bus:** The bus station is on the main road in the centre of town. Take a taxi to Predjama from here.

**Taxis:** Will take you to the castle and also charge you a fee if you want them to wait an hour for the return trip.

**Car:** From town centre intersection in Postojna, travel north-west along Jamska Cesta. There are several signs pointing the way to the caves. Go past the caves until you reach the village of Bukovje. Turn left and continue until you reach Predjama.

**At the Castle:** There is a small car park available or you can park on the side of the street.

Predjama Castle - 2011 Opening Hours (All Year Round)	
JAN	1000-1600
FEB	1000-1600
MAR	1000-1600
APR	1000-1700
MAY	0900-1800
JUN	0900-1800
JUL	0900-1900
AUG	0900-1900
SEP	0900-1800
OCT	1000-1700
NOV	1000-1600

Entrance Fees 2011 (All Year Round)	
Adults	9 euros
Children 6-15 years	5.40 euros
Students under 26	7.20 euros

Cave Under Castle - Hours for Tours (Closed Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov, Dec)				
MAY	1100	1300	1500	1700
JUN	1100	1300	1500	1700
JUL	1100	1300	1500	1700
AUG	1100	1300	1500	1700
SEP	1100	1300	1500	1700

Entrance Fees	
Adults	8 euros
Children 6-15 years	4.80 euros
Students under 26	6.40 euros

### 3. Pivka\Black Caves

#### Description:

These smaller caves are understandably low key when compared with the might of Postojna, but if you are a cave enthusiast and are looking to escape the crowds, this might just be the answer if you're a cave enthusiast!

#### The Low Down:

The Pivka and Black Cave are located about 5km north of Postojna Caves. The entrance is found in the Pivka Jama camping ground.

You reach the 4km-long system by descending more than 300 steps into a 60 metre deep chasm. A walkway has been cut into the wall of a canyon and a bridge links you to the Black Cave.

Both caves are remarkable examples of a cave along a subterranean water course with a collapsed ceiling. The Black Cave boasts beautiful calcite formations, whereas the Pivka Cave is worth visiting for its view of the subterranean river, especially when the water level is high.

A tour of both caves takes about two hours and bookings are made in advance through Postojna Caves.

#### Where is it\How to get there?:

Pivka Campground is 4 km northwest of town, drive past the caves and follow the signs along Veliki Otok.

Price List:	Operating Hours:
Adults: 11 euros	Rest of Year: By Arrangement
Students: 8.80 euros	July&August: DAILY 0900/1500
Children 4-14yrs: 6.60 euros	

### 4. Rakov Skocjan Regional Park

#### Description:

Situated only a few kilometres east of Postojna, this Regional Nature Park is a favourite of local strollers. If you want to experience a real Karst Valley without the tourists, then definitely head across to Rakov for some R&R!

#### The Low Down:

The Rakov Skocjan is a gorgeous place to while away an afternoon when the weather is good. Here in the park, the Rak stream (which becomes the Ljubljanica) flows underground and created such sights as the Great Natural Bridge and the Little Natural Bridge when the roof of the underworld tunnel was destroyed.

Rakov Skocjan is 6 kilometres long and is a protected gem of nature. The walking path which is 3km long, leads over wooden footbridges and past caves, sinkholes, springs and babbling brooks. Afterwards the path goes up to the ruins of the St. Kancijan Church, where it ends.

#### Where is it \ How to get there?:

**Car:** From town centre in Postojna, head back on the freeway or secondary road towards Ljubljana. The road to Rakov heads south just before the Unec turnoff and there are car parks at both ends of the river/path.

## 5. Pivka Military Museum

### Description:

The Park of Military History is a military museum placed in the town of Pivka. The museum has a small but very interesting and well maintained collection of tanks, armoured vehicles and other military equipment.

### The Low Down:

If you're a military enthusiast or looking for something to do in the area, this might be for you!

The Pivka Park of Military History currently includes a pavilion dedicated to tanks and artillery. The local council has plans to upgrade the existing museum by renovating buildings of the old Pivka barracks and build a second pavilion which will showcase armoured vehicles and other heavy weaponry. It is hoped in a few years this will be a fully fledged tourist attraction in its own right!

### Where is it\How to get there?:

The museum is easily found in Pivka which is just off the main road from Postojna to Rijeka just 20km south of Postojna.

Price List:	Operating Hours:
Adults: 6 euros Students: 4.80 euros Children: 3.60 euros	DEC/JAN/FEB: Sat/Sun 1000, 1200, 1400 MAR/APR/MAY/OCT/NOV: Sat/Sun 1000 to 1500 JUN/JUL/AUG/SEP: Daily from 1000 to 1700

### ACCOMMODATION IN POSTOJNA:

**Hudicevec - Great Tourist Farm with animals and just outside Postojna!**

**Tel: 5 703-03-00 Razdrto 1**

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