

## Ptuj Information PDF Sheet

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### Where is Ptuj?

Ptuj is a town about 1hr and a half north-east of Ljubljana in the direction of Maribor and the Hungarian border.



### How do i get there?

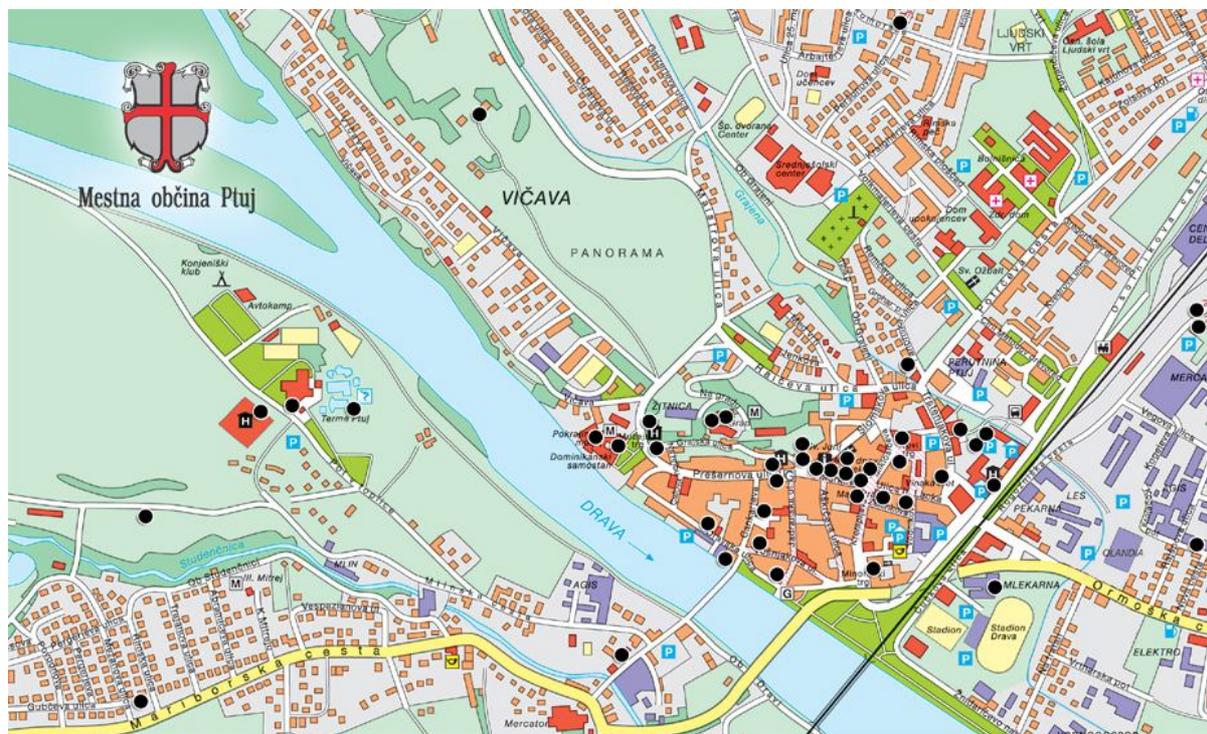
#### From/To Ljubljana

- Bus –** There are many buses to and from Ljubljana to Maribor daily starting early in the morning till late evening. Take another bus or taxi from Maribor to Ptuj. Check for restricted services on weekends and public holidays. See <http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/> for bus timetables.
- Train –** There are many trains to and from Ljubljana to Ptuj starting early in the morning till late evening. Some are via Zidani Most, others are direct. The journey is about 2.30/3.30hr. Check for restricted services on weekends and public holidays. See <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/> for timetable/prices.
- Taxi -** You can hire a taxi\shuttle van from Ljubljana to Ptuj  
Contact Slovenia for you for a taxi quote.
- Driving- 130km\1hr 40mins.** Head to the main highway A1 leaving Ljubljana for Maribor. Turn off at the Ptuj exit.  
\*\* 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 Maribor

- Bus –** There are many daily buses between Maribor and Ptuj. 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 Ptuj from Maribor and vice versa. Some direct, others via Pragersko. See <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/> for timetable/prices.
- Taxi –** You can hire a taxi\shuttle van from Maribor to Ptuj.
- Driving – 30km/30mins**  
Take the E59/A4 freeway to Ptuj.  
\*\* 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

## Ptuj Map



## List of Useful Contacts

- Information Centre - Slovenski trg 5, 2250 Ptuj, Tel.: 02/ 779 60 11
- Police - Emergency 113    Police - Osojnikova 29, 2250 Ptuj, (02) 780 91 00
- Ambulance - 112
- Medical Centre - Ptuj , Potrčeva cesta 19 a Tel: 2 71 25 11

## Weather

<b>MARIBOR (closest to Ptuj)</b>												
Month	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max Temp. (C)	4	6	11	16	20	23	26	26	23	16	10	5
Max Temp. (F)	39	43	52	61	68	73	79	79	73	61	50	41
Min Temp. (C)	-4	-3	2	5	10	14	15	15	12	7	2	-3
Min Temp. (F)	25	27	36	41	50	57	59	59	54	45	36	27

## Attractions

# 1. Ptuj Castle

### Description:

The main attraction in Ptuj is undoubtedly its castle that towers over the small town and was a strategic vantage point dating back to 70AD.

Ptuj Regional Museum brings together a fantastic array of historical art collections and archaeological findings from various sites around Ptuj.

The area is rich in prehistoric sites dating back to the Stone Age and as an example, the region was also one of the biggest Mithraic centres in the Roman Empire.

### The LowDown:

Entering through an enticing courtyard, the Castle grounds offer fine views of Ptuj and the surrounding area. The Castle's main attraction is the Ptuj Regional Museum which houses the main permanent exhibitions of various collections.

These include a collection of arms, musical instruments, an exhibition of a feuding dwelling culture, collection of shrovetide masks, collection of glass paintings, the Castle's own Gallery, The Sluga Collection, the Lords of Ptuj, the Leslie Family, the France Mihelic Graphics Cabinet and the ethnologic collection. There are also temporary exhibitions to admire.

You may purchase a ticket for the castle alone, or a combo ticket for the other related sites around the town.

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

The Castle sits above the town centre and the River Drava. There is a car park on the corner of Raiceva Ulica at the rear of the castle and also a road a little further along that takes you up to the summit (Na Gradu off Raiceva Ulica). Of course you can also walk up the paths through Grajska Ulica and Presernova Ulica at the base of the castle.

Price List:	Operating Hours:
Adults 5euros Children 3euros Students 4euros Seniors 4euros Families 15euros	Oct15-Apr30 * 0900-1700 May 1-Oct14 * 0900-1800 Jul-Aug (Sat&Sun) * 0900-2000

# 2. Mithra Shrines

### Description:

Mithraism was an ancient belief with its origins in Persia and it was brought west by the Roman legions. Unlike the Roman religions which worshiped many Gods, Mithraism had a single deity. Mithras was a sun god who supposedly created the earth by sacrificing a bull. In its time, Mithraism rivaled even Christianity!

### The Low Down:

Ptuj is home to some of the finest examples of Mithra shrines.

Mithra I shrine is located in the village of Spodnja Hajdina and has two altars worth visiting. Across the river in Zgornji Breg is the Mithra III shrine which can be found in a small pavillion. Dating from the 3rd century are the remains of a temple and altars caved with inscriptions. Enquire at the tourist office on how to obtain entry to view the shrine. There may be a small charge as well. Mithras Shrines II, IV AND V can be found in the Dominican Monastery on the outskirts of town but it is under renovation at the moment so check ahead if you wish to visit.

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

Mithra III shrine is located in the Ptuj suburb of Zgornji Breg, signposted on the Maribor Road (Mariborska cesta). Housed in a small pavillion, location of the entrance key is signposted on the door. Mithra I shrine is a few kilometers west of Ptuj in the village of Spodnja Hajdina behind Number 40.

### 3. The Kurent Festival

**Description:**

The Kurent is Slovenia's most famous folklore event.

**The Low Down:**

It's roots in paganism, The Kurent is a combination of a fertility rite and a celebration of the beginning of spring. The event takes place through the main streets of Ptuj 10 days leading up to Shrove Tuesday (late Feb\early March) with Carnival Sunday being the main drawcard!

60,000 people flood into Ptuj to see the "Kurenti" who are dressed in sheepskins and sport horns or feathered headresses and leather masks.

On Carnival Sunday the precession led by the Devil (hudic) trapped in a net, walk between the houses to scare off the evil spirits of winter by waving wooden clubs and ringing cow bells. Pots are smashed for good luck and ladies hand over handkerchiefs to win favour from the Kurenti.

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

You will find all the action on the main streets of Ptuj.

**ACCOMMODATION near PTUJ:**

**Hlebec - Great Tourist Farm near Ptuj, contact them now!**

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