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European Polymer Congress 2007

# IMPORTANT DATA AND CORRESPONDENCE

## Congress Dates

July 2-6, 2007

## DEADLINES

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| ■ registration and abstract submission: | February 1, 2007 |
| ■ notification of acceptance:           | March 31, 2007   |
| ■ early registration:                   | April 15, 2007   |
| ■ extended submission for posters:      | May 15, 2007     |
| ■ late registration:                    | June 15, 2007    |
| ■ final program:                        | June 18, 2007    |
| ■ congress opening:                     | July 2, 2007     |

## Congress Venue

### Bernardin Congress Centre, Portorož, Slovenia

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We are pleased to invite you to participate in one of the year's greatest events in polymer science – the European Polymer Congress 2007, which will take place on July 2-6, 2007, at the Congress Centre Bernardin in Portorož, Slovenia. The congress is organized by European Polymer Federation, the Slovenian Chemical Society - Section for Polymers, the National Institute of Chemistry, the University of Ljubljana and the University of Maribor and will be supported by various sponsors.

The European Polymer Congress is a biannual event that has attracted up to 800 participants attending the event. Conferences have been previously held in France, England, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Poland, the Netherlands and Sweden, with the last European Polymer Congress in 2005 being held in Moscow, Russia.

The European Polymer Congress 2007 (EPF-2007) will last for five days and will cover all key areas in the field of polymer science. EPF-2007 aims to bring together a wide range of polymer scientists, researchers, students and other relevant participants. More than 600 participants from all over the world are expected to attend the congress, where eight main sessions will be covered by around 80 renowned lecturers. The congress will offer an excellent opportunity for in-depth discussion between scientists, engineers and leading experts on all major cutting-edge topics of polymer science and is therefore a “must” for everybody in the scientific field of polymers. There will be plenary lectures (45 minutes), invited lectures (30 minutes including discussion), oral contributions (20 minutes including discussion) as well as a poster session. A special session will be dedicated to the memory of Victor Kabanov. A round table on polymer education will also be organized.

## **INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD**

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The programme will be divided into plenary and invited lectures, oral contributions, and posters, and will cover the following topics:

## **1. Polymer synthesis and modification**

Chairperson: Nikos Hadjichristidis, University of Athens, Greece

Co-chairpersons: Matjaž Krajnc<sup>\*\*</sup>, Peter Krajnc<sup>\*\*\*</sup>, Majda Žigon<sup>\*</sup>

## **2. Structures and architecture of synthetic and biopolymers**

Chairperson: Stanislaw Penczek, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Co-chairpersons: Irena Drevenšek Olenik<sup>\*\*</sup>, Ksenija Kogej<sup>\*\*</sup>, Ema Žagar<sup>\*</sup>

## **3. Complex polymer systems and nanoscience**

Chairperson: Jean-Pierre Pascault, INSA Lyon, France

Co-chairpersons: Miroslav Huskič<sup>\*</sup>, Vojko Musil<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

## **4. Polymers in medicine and the environment**

Chairperson: Ann-Christine Albertsson, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden

Co-chairpersons: Miomir Knežević,<sup>†‡</sup> Andrej Kržan,<sup>\*</sup> Rudolf Podgornik<sup>\*\*</sup>

## **5. Polymers for advanced applications**

Chairperson: Jacek Ulanski, Technical University of Lodz, Poland

Co-chairpersons: Matjaž Kunaver,<sup>\*</sup> Aleš Podgornik,<sup>‡</sup> Karin Stana Kleinschek<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

## **6. Theory, modeling and simulation**

Chairperson: Nico van der Vegt, Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Germany

Co-chairpersons: Janez Mavri,<sup>\*</sup> Ciril Pohar,<sup>\*\*</sup> Slobodan Žumer<sup>\*\*</sup>

## **7. Polymer rheology and processing**

Chairperson: Piet J. Lemstra, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands

Co-chairpersons: Igor Emri,<sup>\*\*</sup> Vojko Musil,<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Miha Žumer<sup>\*\*</sup>

## **8. Advances in polymer characterization**

Chairperson: Harald Pasch, German Institute for Polymers, Germany

Co-chairpersons: Matija Strlič,<sup>\*\*</sup> Ema Žagar<sup>\*</sup>

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<sup>‡</sup> Bia Separations d.o.o., <sup>††</sup> Blood Transfusion Centre of Slovenia

## Plenary lectures will be given by:

- **Markus Antonietti (Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Germany)**  
New techniques of heterophase polymerization, hybrids, block copolymers, and the world of carbon
- **Dirk J. Broer (Philips Research Laboratories, The Netherlands)**  
Polymers in motion: from painted displays to artificial muscles
- **Taihyun Chang (Pohang University of Science and Technology, Korea)**  
Chromatography characterization of polymers beyond size exclusion chromatography
- **José M. Kenny (University of Perugia, Italy)**  
Functionalization of carbon nanotubes for polymer matrix nanocomposites with multifunctional properties
- **Alexei R. Khokhlov (Moscow State University, Russia)**  
Towards new functional synthetic copolymers via rational design of their sequences
- **Kurt Kremer (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Germany)**  
Multiscale modelling of soft matter: where chemical details and generic properties meet
- **Krzysztof Matyjaszewski (Carnegie Mellon University, USA)**  
New ATRP processes with ppm amounts of Cu for nanostructured functional materials
- **Christopher K. Ober (Cornell University, USA)**  
Building and patterning the biology-materials interface
- **Rudolf Podgornik (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)**  
The nature and characterization of order in high density DNA mesophases
- **Sanjay Rastogi (Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands)**  
Dissolution of hydrogen bonded polymers in water; syntetic to biopolymers
- **Mitsuo Sawamoto (Kyoto University, Japan)**  
Transition metal-catalyzed living radical polymerization: recent progress and beyond
- **Stanislaw Slomkowski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)**  
Very small polymer particles and medicine



- **Brigitte Voit (Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research Dresden, Germany)**  
Hydrophilic and amphiphilic polymers and gels for biomedical applications
- **Manfred H. Wagner (Technical University of Berlin, Germany)**  
Elongational rheology as a structural probe for polymer melts
- **and the Nobel prize winner, Jean-Marie Lehn (ISIS - Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France), to be confirmed**

## Invited lecturers that have confirmed their lecture so far:

Eric J. Amis, USA	David J. Lohse, USA
David Andelman, Israel	Martin Moeller, Germany
Fabio Biscarini, Italy	Axel Mueller, Germany
Simona Bronco, Italy	Florian Mueller-Plathe, Germany
Vincenzo Busico, Italy	Roland Netz, Germany
Neil R. Cameron, UK	Jiri Pflieger, Czech Republic
Philippe Dubois, Belgium	Karel Prochazka, Czech Republic
Adi Eisenberg, Canada	Michael Rubinstein, USA
Igor Emri, Slovenia	Anthony J. Ryan, UK
Hans Peter Fink, Germany	Jozef Rychly, Slovak Republic
Dieter Fisher, Germany	Julio San Roman, Spain
George Floudas, Greece	Peter Schoenmakers, The Netherlands
Holger Frey, Germany	Hans W. Spiess, Germany
Juan Antonio Galbis Pérez, Spain	Franz Stelzer, Austria
Andrzej Galeski, Poland	Matija Strlič, Slovenia
Graeme George, Australia	Aleš Štrancar, Slovenia
Jean-François Gerard, France	Goran Ungar, UK
Yves Gnanou, France	Julius V. Vancso, The Netherlands
David M. Haddleton, UK	Michael Vert, France
Oli Ikkala, Finland	Christine Wandrey, Switzerland
Bela Ivan, Hungary	Gerhard Wegner, Mainz, Germany
Jung-Il Jin, Korea	Roberto J. J. Williams, Argentina
Ioannis Kallitsis, Greece	Mark R. Wilson, UK
Harm-Anton Klok, Switzerland	Vojko Vlachy, Slovenia
Marek Kowalczyk, Poland	Boštjan Zalar, Slovenia
Sebastien Lecommandoux, France	Ema Žagar, Slovenia

Authors are invited to submit short and extended abstracts. The Congress Committee will ultimately decide whether a submitted paper will be selected for an oral or a poster presentation. Oral presentations will be selected based on scientific merit of the submitted abstracts. Please make sure to indicate the preferred presentation type on the abstract submission website. All contributions will be reviewed before being included in the program. A CD-ROM of extended abstracts will be made available to all delegates at the conference. Authors are invited to submit papers associated with the congress to the journal e-Polymers.

## **Guidelines for Abstract Preparation**

The length of extended abstracts must not exceed two pages, including tables, figures and references. The title should be typed in capital letters. The next ensuing lines should contain the authors of the paper and their affiliation. The abstract should be typed, single spaced, using Times New Roman letters of 11 point size, leaving 2.5 cm margins on both edges. Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the congress website where detailed submission guidelines as well as a template for extended abstracts can be found. An acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent by e-mail.

### **Deadline for abstract submission: February 1st, 2007.**

Extended deadline for **poster presentations only: March 31st, 2007.**

### **Short Abstract Guidelines**

- Title of the presentation not longer than 150 characters including spaces, all authors and affiliations should be introduced separately, using web interface.
- Abstract body must contain **only** the text of the abstract, i.e. it must **not** duplicate information about title, authors, etc. Using web interface directly online, the size limitation of the complete abstract is 600 characters with spaces.

## **Extended Abstract Guidelines**

- Title of the presentation not longer than 150 characters, including spaces.
- Abstract body up to 2 pages including tables, pictures and references, not more than 1 MB.
- Using web interface attach abstract in preferably \*.pdf file format, if not possible, please use \*.doc file, using Times New Roman, size 11. Please visit the congress website, where the abstract template is available.

**E-mail notification of abstract acceptance will be sent  
by March 31st, 2007**

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Please feel free to review our sponsorship brochure outlining the various packages and options available. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact:

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## REGISTRATION

Registration is required for all congress participants and accompanying persons. The conference fee covers the costs of participation, the programme and short abstract booklet, the conference proceedings, welcome reception, refreshments during coffee-breaks, and a sight-seeing tour on Sunday, July 1st, 2007. The accompanying person registration fee covers the welcome reception, refreshments during coffee-breaks, a sightseeing tour on Sunday, and another excursion that will be chosen additionally. The recommended option is to register via the internet at <http://www.epf2007.org>. The completed registration form can be also submitted to the congress technical organizer:

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**Important note for authors:** A contribution will be included in the conference proceedings only after full payment of registration fee, confirmed by May 15, 2007.

### Registration Fees (VAT included):

	Early registration (up to April 15, 2007)	Late registration (after April 15, 2007 till June 15, 2007)	On site registration (after June 15, 2007)
Participants	500 EUR	550 EUR	600 EUR
Reduced fee* (students only)	240 EUR	290 EUR	340 EUR
Accompanying persons	220 EUR	260 EUR	310 EUR

\*Student participants are requested to send a letter confirming their current student status, indicating the educational institution - university, and signed by their supervisor. The certificate should be enclosed with the registration form and presented at the registration desk

## Payment:

Payment in euros without any charges to the beneficiary should be made:

- *By bank transfer*

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Notification: EPF2007 and name of the participant

- *By credit card (Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, American Express)*

- *On site payments* will also be accepted

## Important:

- Payments should clearly state the participant's and/or accompanying person's name(s)
- All payments should have the notification 'epf2007'
- For summary payment orders, please enclose a list of names
- Payment or proof of payment should accompany the registration form
- VAT (20%) is included in the registration fee

## Confirmation of Registration

After on-line registration you will receive an immediate e-mailed acknowledgement of your registration. However, your registration will not be officially confirmed until payment is received. Your registration and all payments will be confirmed in writing upon receipt of your registration form and payment or proof of payment. Registrations and payments submitted after June 15, 2007, may not be confirmed in writing. In this case please bring the copy of the registration form as well as the proof of payment of your registration fee with you.

## Changes to Applications

Changes to your original application for registration will be charged a handling fee of 25 EUR.

## **Cancellations and Refunds**

All cancellations following the conference registration, which must include your full bank account details, should be sent in writing to the conference technical organizer **Albatros Bled, Mrs. Veronika Šmid**, at **e-mail veronika@albatros-bleed.com** or **fax number +386 4 5780 355** no later than May 15th, 2007. A full refund will be given less an administrative fee of **40 EUR**. Refunds will be paid after the conference. Cancellation received after May 15, 2007, will not be refunded.

## HOTELS AT THE BERNARDIN COMPLEX

### Booking and Payment of Hotel Accommodation

The Bernardin complex offers various levels of accommodation rates and is located in very close proximity to the congress centre. For more information, please visit the Hotels Bernardin website <http://www.h-bernardin.si/en/home>. We are pleased to offer the following accommodation at special reduced rates for the conference participants at the following hotels in the Bernardin complex: **Grand Hotel Bernardin\*\*\*\*\***, **Hotel Histriion\*\*\*\***, **Hotel Vile Park\*\*\***, **Apartments Vila Barka\*\*\*\***. The congress centre is located at the Grand Hotel Bernardin while the other three hotels are within a walking distance from the conference venue.

Conference participants are advised to reserve hotel rooms well in advance, as rooms cannot be guaranteed after **April 15, 2007**. All reservations will be handled on a "first come - first served" basis, after April 15, 2007, upon availability. Accommodation can be booked either via the conference website <http://www.epf2007.org>, or by completing and returning the hotel reservation and transfer form to the **Albatros Bled** agency. **Accommodation is payable directly to the hotel when checking out.** All major credit cards are accepted.



			<b>5 day special offer</b>	
Hotel	Single use	Double use	Single use	Double use
Grand Hotel Bernardin *****	129 EUR	154 EUR	84 EUR	140 EUR
Hotel Histriion ****	95 EUR	120 EUR	64 EUR	100 EUR
Hotel Vile Park ***	60 EUR	95 EUR	49 EUR	78 EUR
Apartments Vila Barka ****	130 EUR *		-	-

The rates are for a room per day (with breakfast, VAT included)

\* The price is per apartment per day. Up to 4 people can be accommodated in the apartment. Breakfast is not included. A very limited number of apartments is available. All hotels in the complex are located directly on the sea front.

A limited capacity **of low cost off site accommodation** (youth hostel, student halls of residence and private rooms) is also available. For further enquiries please send an e-mail request to [veronika@albatros-bled.com](mailto:veronika@albatros-bled.com). There will be a 5 Eur charge for private room bookings.

**All cancellations must be sent in writing and addressed to the Albatros Bled.** Cancellations received before May 31, 2007, will not incur any additional charges. Following this date, a one night stay will be charged to your credit card. Please inform Albatros Bled and **NOT** the hotel booked about any changes regarding arrival and departure dates.

You will receive written confirmation of your hotel reservation after the receipt of your credit card details.

The European Polymer Congress 2007 will be held at the Bernardin Congress Centre which is located on the Slovenian Adriatic coast between the medieval town of Piran and the modern tourist destination of Portorož. The congress centre is one of the largest convention centres in Slovenia, capable of hosting large sized congresses. With a floor space area covering 1500 m<sup>2</sup>, state-of-the-art technical equipment including simultaneous translation and wireless internet connections, the congress centre provides excellent facilities for such events. For more information, please visit the following website <http://www.h-bernardin.si/en/home>.



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## **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language at the congress will be English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

## **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

The registration desk for the European Polymer Congress 2007 will be located in the Grand Hotel Bernardin reception hall at the congress centre and will be open from Sunday, July 1st, 2007, to Friday, July 6th, 2007.

## **CONFERENCE IDENTIFICATION BADGE**

A conference identification badge will be included in the conference material provided upon registration.

## **ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE**

A certificate of attendance will be issued to the registered participants upon request.

## **LETTER OF INVITATION/VISA REQUIREMENTS**

The Organizing Committee will send a letter of invitation upon request. The invitation is intended solely to facilitate participants' travel and visa arrangements, and does not imply the provision of any financial or other support.

A valid passport is required to enter Slovenia. Although Slovenia applies a visa waiver policy for most nationalities, there are however exceptions. Participants are therefore strongly advised to check visa requirements prior to departure at the nearest Slovenian embassy or consulate. Information on visas and addresses of Slovenian embassies abroad is available on the website of the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

All participants are reminded that neither the Organizing Committee nor the technical organizer Albatros Bled, are liable for any losses, accidents or damage to persons or private property. Participants and accompanying persons are requested to make their own arrangements with respect of health and travel insurance.

## **COFFEE BREAKS**

During the session breaks, refreshments will be served free of charge to participants wearing conference identification badges.

## **LUNCHES**

Lunch is not included in the registration fee. A lunch buffet will be organized in the Grand Hotel Bernardin. The organizers will also provide a list and a map of restaurants in the vicinity of the congress centre.

## **CURRENCY**

With January 1st, 2007, Slovenia will use the euro as its official currency. Foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks, exchange bureaus and the Hotels Bernardin.

## **AUTOMATIC CASH DISPENSERS**

Automatic cash dispensers accepting Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, American Express credit cards and Maestro are situated at all main banks in Portorož, Piran and also at Ljubljana Airport.

## **CREDIT CARDS**

All major credit cards, such as American Express, Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners, are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants, and shops.

## **ELECTRICITY**

Electricity in Slovenia is 220 V, 50 Hz. Continental Europe 2 pin plugs are used.

## **DRINKING WATER**

Tap water is safe to drink in Slovenia.

## **TIME**

European summer time, one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

## **WEATHER**

The weather in Portorož in early July is generally fair with temperatures between 22 and 30 degrees Celsius.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Portorož operates various national bus routes between all coastal cities, Portorož, Piran, Izola and Koper, and also daily services between Portorož and Ljubljana. Payment can be made in cash to the driver.

## **TAXIS**

A taxi service is available day and night.

## **SHOPPING**

There are many shops within walking distance away from the congress centre in Portorož and Piran. Shopping hours during the week are between 9.00 and 19.00.

The Bernardin Hotel Resort is located between the medieval town of Piran and the modern town of Portorož on the Adriatic coast of Slovenia. The congress centre is easily accessible by car (motorway) or train to Koper. The nearest airports suitable for traveling to Portorož are Ljubljana/Brnik (Slovenia) and Trieste/Ronchi (Italy) airports.

## BY AIR

### The nearest airports:

- Airport of Ljubljana, Brnik, Slovenia, 140 km to Portorož
- Airport of Trieste, Ronchi, Italy, 80 km to Portorož
- Airport of Venice-Marco Polo, Italy, 200 km to Portorož
- Airport of Venice-Treviso, Italy, 230 km to Portorož

The nearest airports are the International Airport of Ljubljana, Slovenia (Brnik - 20 km northwest of Ljubljana) and the international Airport of Trieste, Italy. Ljubljana airport at Brnik is connected by frequent flights to most major European airports. There are connections three or four times per day to Frankfurt, Munich, Paris (Charles de Gaulle), and Vienna airports, twice per day to Brussels, Prague, Warsaw and Zurich airports and daily connections with London (Gatwick and Stansted), Moscow (Sheremetyevo) and Istanbul airports. There is a shuttle or taxi connection between airport Brnik and Ljubljana. Arriving in Ljubljana, travel to Bernardin/Portorož can be continued by bus directly to Portorož or by train to Koper, where a local bus to Portorož/Piran is available. Another option is to fly to the Trieste Airport at Ronchi. Ronchi airport is 80 km away from the Bernardin Congress Centre but please note that you have to cross the Italian border (where visa might be needed) to get into Slovenia. There is a bus connection between Trieste Airport and Piran. You can also use **Venice airport**. For transfers to Portorož please contact Albatros Bled agency directly.

### Shuttle

Shuttle transportation prior, during and after the congress will be organized between Ljubljana airport (Brnik), Trieste airport (Ron-

chi) and Venice airport (Marco Polo and Treviso) to Portorož based on interest. If you are interested in this shuttle service please note it down on the accommodation form.

**The fares are:**

From	To	Price (approx.) per car (1- 3 people)	Price (approx.) per shuttle (4-7 people)
TRIESTE airport/Italy	Portorož/Slovenia	90 EUR	120 EUR
TRIESTE bus or railway station/Italy	Portorož/Slovenia	70 EUR	100 EUR
LJUBLJANA airport/Slovenia	Portorož/Slovenia	130 EUR	170 EUR
VENICE airport Treviso/Italy	Portorož/Slovenia	210 EUR	260 EUR
VENICE airport Marco Polo/Italy	Portorož/Slovenia	180 EUR	220 EUR

**BY CAR**

You can reach Slovenia and Portorož via major motorways from Italy, Austria, Hungary (via Koper), and Croatia (via Rijeka or Pula). You may want to consult the online route planner which can be found on [map24.com](http://map24.com). Please note that the motorway is not free of charge, toll charges do apply. For traffic information visit website of the Automobile Association of Slovenia, AMZS. The Bernardin Congress Centre has a large parking lot (free of charge) behind the congress centre.

## BY TRAIN

Slovenia can be reached by train as there are regular connections with Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. The nearest railway stations are:

### ■ **Koper railway station, Slovenia (15 km)**

You should take the train between Ljubljana and Koper railway station. Please visit <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/> to see a detailed schedule. To reach Portorož, you can use the local bus connection, or taxi between Koper and Portorož.

### ■ **Trieste railway station, Italy (35 km),** <http://www.trenitalia.com/>.

There is an international bus connection between Trieste railway station (Italy) and Koper (Slovenia). To reach Portorož, you may use the local bus connection or taxi.

## BY BUS

It is also possible to reach Slovenia and Portorož from neighboring countries by bus. Internal bus transport is well organized and relatively inexpensive. There are several buses running daily between Ljubljana and Portorož, the journey takes about 2 hours. Please visit <http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/> for exact bus connections and schedule between European cities and the town of Ljubljana. In Ljubljana you should take a bus that will take you to Koper and then change to local bus between Koper and Portorož.



Participants and accompanying persons are warmly welcome to attend the conference social events. An attractive tourist programme during the conference, pre- and post-conference tours will also be organized on site.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Sunday, July 1, 2007**

19.00 – 22.00 Welcome reception

Grand Hotel Bernardin, front side, by the sea, Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

Sightseeing walking tour around Piran is included in the registration fee.

### **Wednesday, July 4, 2007**

20.00 – 22.00 Gala Dinner

Grand Hotel Bernardin, Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

A rich selection of dishes from different parts of Slovenia will be served together with fine local wines. Local music will add to the Slovenian flavor of the evening.

## **TOURIST PROGRAMME**

### **Slovenia**

Slovenia is a country with an excellent geographic position at the crossroads of routes leading from the cold north to the warm Mediterranean south. Within an area of 20,000 square kilometers, a fascinating variety of landscapes can be found, ranging from the Mediterranean seaside and stone Karst to the Alps and the Pannonian lowlands. Equally diverse and attractive is the cultural heritage of Slovenia and its people. For further information about Slovenia, see <http://www.slovenia-tourism.si> and <http://matkurja.com/eng/>.



### **Excursion to Bled**

Bled is the most popular tourist resort in Slovenia. With its emerald-green lake, a church on the island in the middle of the lake, and a medieval castle from the 11th century perched on a cliff over the lake, it is often referred to as the pearl of the Alpine region. For more information on Bled, please visit <http://www.bled.si>.

### **Excursions to Postojna caves and Škocjan caves regional park**

Postojna caves, an impressive, two million years old underground world of fabulous stalactites, stalagmites, pillars, and translucent curtains, constitute one of the most beautiful natural attractions in Europe. For more information see the website <http://www.postojnska-jama.si>.



Škocjan caves were included in UNESCO's world heritage list in 1986

because of their extraordinary significance for the world's natural heritage. The regional park embraces the characteristic and unique Karst landscape combining a great number of Karst features in one place. More information at <http://www.park-skocjanske-jame.si>.

### **Excursion to Ljubljana**

The guided walking tour will take you through the centre of the Slovenian capital, past its many tourist attractions. From the tower of the Ljubljana castle, you will enjoy a magnificent view over the city and its surroundings. Please visit <http://www.ljubljana-tourism.si>.



### **Excursion to Lipica – stud farm**

In the southwestern part of Slovenia stretches a region called the Karst. It is a land of rare beauty, with hidden underground waters and caves, a special climate and scarce vegetation. In the picturesque village of Lipica, for more than 400 years, beautiful white horses called Lipizzaners have been bred. A local guide will take

visitors on a guided tour through the stables, pointing out the different stages of breeding and training these noble animals. Please visit [www.lipica.org](http://www.lipica.org).



### **Excursion to Salina Sečovlje**

Not only that the traditional manual gathering of salt in the salt fields is a special feature of the cultural heritage of the Mediterranean Slovenia, but it also provides for conditions that enable conservation of the most significant natural heritage of the Sečovlje Salina. The tradition of salt-making, which originates from the

14th century, is still practiced within the Museum of Salt-making. See website <http://www.kpss.si/eng/park/382>.



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