



# SURVIVAL GUIDE

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MARIBOR

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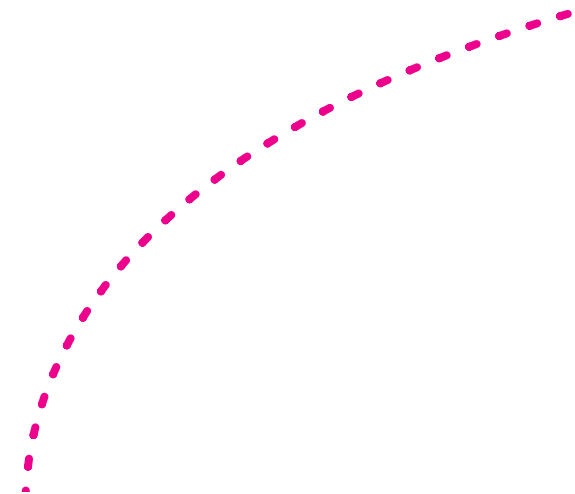
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# DOBRODOŠLI V SLOVENIJI! WELCOME TO SLOVENIA!

It is our pleasure to welcome you in the city of Maribor. We are happy you decided to study in Slovenia, an unique country with breathtaking nature and colorful culture. We hope you will enjoy your stay here.

We can't wait to meet you!

**SE VIDIMO!  
SEE YOU SOON!**

ESN MARIBOR TEAM



# EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency

112

Police

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Telephone area code

+386



# HOW TO GET TO MARIBOR



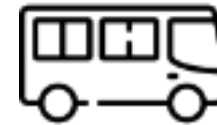
Take a flight to one of the destinations:

- Ljubljana
- Zagreb
- Venice Treviso
- Vienna



For connections check these websites:

- <https://www.oebb.at/en/>
- <https://potniski.sz.si/en/>



For connections check these websites:

- <https://flixbus.com>
- <https://nomago.si>
- <https://arriva.si>
- <https://marprom.si>



Shared rides are very popular in Slovenia.

You can find them here:  
<https://prevoz.org>

During the weekends and holidays you can travel with discount on all buses and trains (2nd class). You can also buy a monthly student ticket for around 20 EUR.

Useful apps which you can find in Google Play and App Store:



Grem z vlakom



ÖBB



Nomago



Arriva



Marprom



Prevoz



Cammeo

## HOW TO GET AROUND MARIBOR

Maribor is a small city and most of the destinations are easily reachable on foot. However, you can also borrow a bike for only 1 €/week or choose the annual plan.

Once you purchase the ticket for 1 €, you can use the bicycle free of charge for 60 minutes each time.

Extra 60 minutes will cost 1 €, the second extra hour 2 € and all next after it will cost 4 € each.

More info in the app mBajk.



# ACCOMODATION

## University dormitories

Gospodsvetska

Tyrševa

Quadro

## Private flats

<https://bolha.com>

<https://kamrica.dostop.si>

<https://nepremicnine.net>



## Private dormitories

Residence Meljska

House on the City Wall

S Hotel

ŠD Tomi

Minidorm

Mini Student Dorm

Maister Rooms

## Temporary accomodation

UNI Youth Hostel      Anna House

Hostel Pekarna      4Rooms



# UNIVERSITY

With 17 faculties, the University of Maribor is the second largest university in Slovenia:

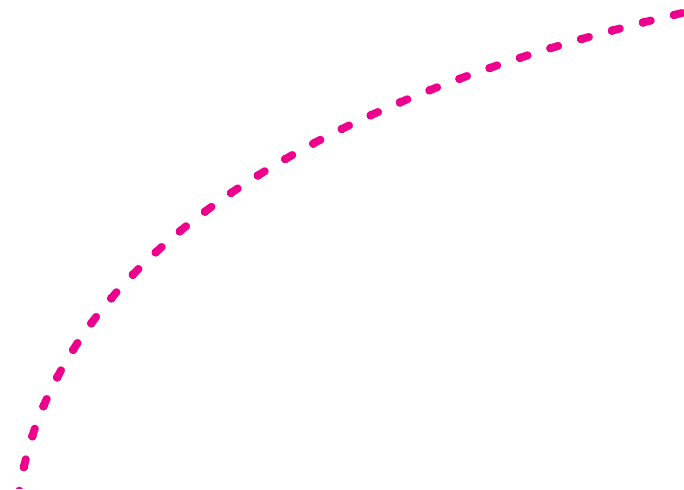
- Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Art
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Economics and Business
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering



- Faculty of Energy Technology (Krško)
- Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Architecture
- Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security (Ljubljana)
- Faculty of Logistics (Celje)
- Faculty of Tourism (Brežice)
- Faculty of Organizational Sciences (Kranj)

#### FOREIGN OFFICE:

Slomškovo trg 15, Maribor, 2000 (Rectorate)  
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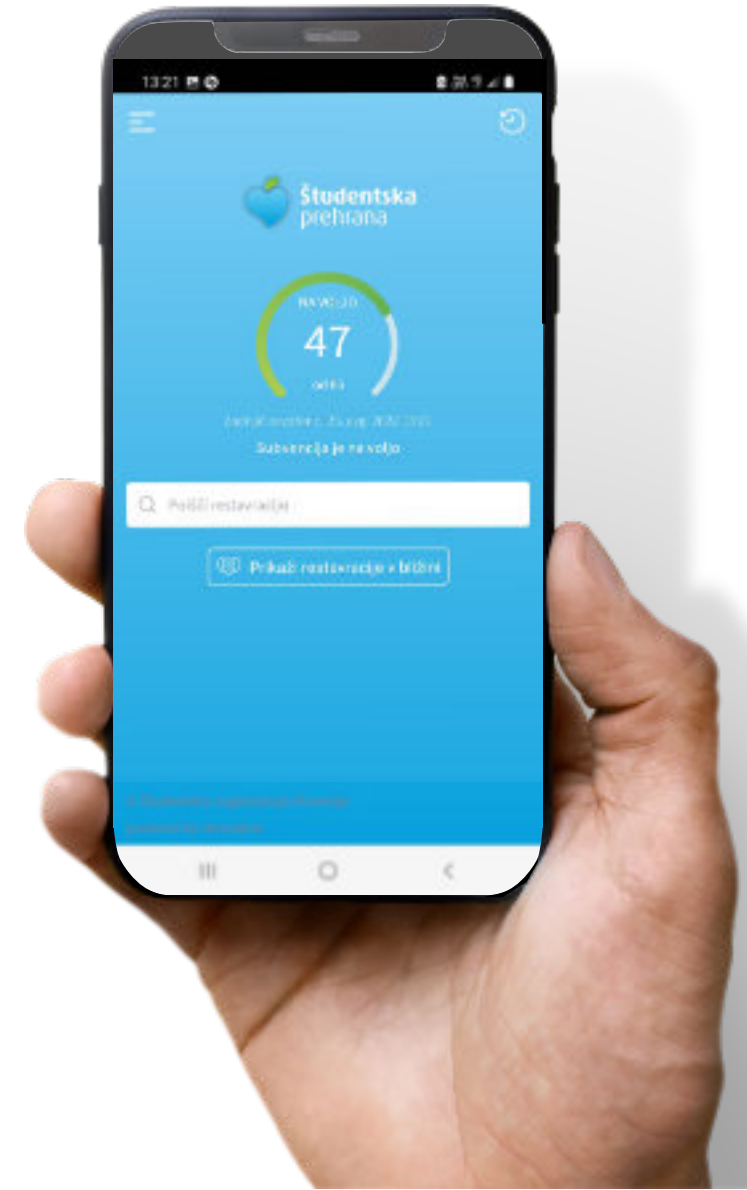
## SUBSIDIZED STUDENT MEALS

Slovenia offers a unique student food system. It is the only country in Europe with a food coupon system. It means you can eat a nice student meal in specific restaurants in Maribor or anywhere in Slovenia for 3 € on average. The rest of the meal is financed by the Slovene government.

Use the app Študentska prehrana on your smartphone. Other way is to use a Slovene phone number or buy a special card for 15 €.

You will receive the same amount of food coupons as there are working days in the month. You can only use them every 4 hours and a maximum of 2 coupons per day. They are available from 7.00 to 22.00.

Student Meal App



- 1 Obtain your EMŠO number from your Erasmus coordinator
- 2 Register on the website
- 3 Download the app Študentska prehrana
- 4 Check the list of all available restaurants
- 5 Enjoy your meal!

FAQ: <https://www.studentska-prehrana.si/en/home/PogostaVprasanja>

Do you have any problem with the app? Contact their support or ŠOUM

# OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

To open a bank account in Slovenia you need Slovenian tax ID number and identity card or passport. Some banks offer student accounts.

## LIST OF BANKS:

- ADDIKO BANK
- NKBM
- NLB
- BKS BANK

## Maribor Financial Office

Titova cesta 10

SI - 2502 Maribor, Slovenia

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[mb.fu\(at\)gov.si](mailto:mb.fu(at)gov.si)

## Office hours

Monday: 08:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00

Tuesday: 08:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00

Wednesday: 07:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 17:00

Friday: 08:00 – 13:00

# CREDIT CARDS

Visa is the most commonly accepted credit card network, but it should be no problem making payments using Mastercard, American Express or other smaller networks.

You should find it simple enough to find an ATM as there are plenty located through the city.

As you'd expect, there are a few potential fees to watch out for when you're paying with credit card in Slovenia:

a) Foreign transaction fees (charged by your own bank):

A fee of around 3% per transaction can apply, depending on your credit card.

b) Cash advance fees (charged by your own bank).

Your card issuer may charge a fee for cash advances (withdrawing cash using your card).

c) Cash machine fees (charged by the cash machine provider).

The provider of a cash machine may charge a fee if you withdraw cash using your card.



# ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK MARIBOR

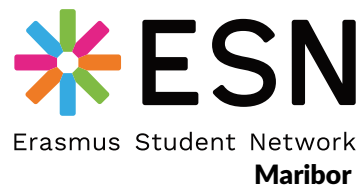
## What is ESN you ask?

Why did we create this compact and helpful survival guide?

We are one of about **550 ESN setions** in Europe that collectively have about **40 000 active volunteers**. Our mission is to make your Erasmus experience as best as it can be in many ways possible. We organize different events, trips, workshops and activities that help you to assimilate into a new environment, meet new people, develop new skills, and do many other amazing things.



Keep in mind that our organization and identity are based on volunteering, meaning that we are not employed in ESN and don't receive financial compensation for our work, we are students just like you, well, some of us have steady jobs already, some of us live in dormitories just like you, but there is one thing that we all have in common – we try to offer you the best Erasmus experience as we possibly can.



## BUDDY PROGRAM

To try to help you out as much as we can we have a thing called a buddy program, so you as a foreign student can sign up and you will be delegated a local student here in Maribor who will help you with things like getting a residence permit, help you to get food coupons, take you to the best bar in town, etc.

You can sign up to our buddy program through app called Papaya.



## WELCOME WEEKS

ESN Maribor offers a variety of activities throughout the semester, from social to cultural events, to sports activities and parties, and a couple of trips to top it all off.

On your arrival to Maribor, you are probably anxious to meet new people, get to know the city, and build connections. This is what our Welcome Weeks are for! The Welcome Weeks program generally lasts for two weeks and features two events per day on most days. The highlights of these two weeks are the PubCrawl, Wine Tasting, Timber Rafting, and Slovenian Dinner.



**PubCrawl** is a fun night of general debauchery: upon arrival at the first location, you will be given a welcome drink and split into groups. In the form of these groups, our ESN volunteers will then guide you to some of the best bars in town, where you will receive free drinks again and possibly play some fun games. The event wraps up at a club where all groups reunite for the party.

**Timber Rafting** is a time-honored tradition on river Drava, going back to the middle ages, when lumberjacks would transport wood downstream by tying trees together into large wooden rafts. On a modern reconstruction of this kind of raft, you will take a slow cruise down the river, accompanied by some drinks, snacks, and traditional Slovenian music.



**Slovenian Dinner** is simply a dinner for all Welcome Weeks participants where you can try traditional Slovenian foods at an all-you-can-eat buffet.

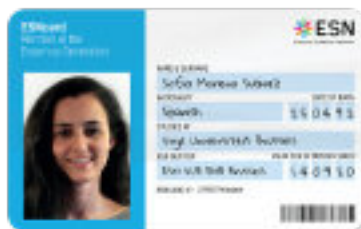
**Wine Tasting** is pretty self-explanatory. Most of you may not know that Maribor is famous for its white wines – and yes, white wines can be quality wines as well. At this event you will visit one of the oldest and largest wine cellars in the region, beginning with a historical tour of the cellar tunnels and finishing up with a tasting of selected samples.



## ESN CARD PARTNERS

Our section can also provide you with an ESN Card. It offers you discounts on many different services and products, for example with it you get a 10% off on RyanAir flights and a free 20 kg luggage bag, a 10% off on Flixbus tickets and much more, ranging from discounts on hostels, Grammarly and so on... There is something for everyone.

Check it here: <https://esncard.org/>



We as a local section also try to get many local businesses to provide foreign students with discounts. so that you receive as much value as you can.

Some of the partners:



\*Disclaimer: Discounts and vendors can change during the year

## SLOVENIA TRIP

This 3-day trip gives you the chance to see some of the best bits of the country. Starting Friday morning, the buses depart towards **Bled** lake, where boats await us to visit the island on the lake as well as enjoy some free time at this gorgeous location.

After lunch nearby, we continue to **Ljubljana** to visit the famous **Union brewery** with a tour and, of course, a tasting and a pub quiz. Then it is time for us to head to our first accommodation in Kranj, where we have dinner and the option to visit a club for a party.

\*Disclaimer: Offered trips and their programs can be different in each semester.



After breakfast on Saturday, we set off towards **Postojna Cave** to wander the spectacular underground system for a couple of hours. This is followed by lunch and afternoon visits to two castles – **Predjama** and **Socerb** – before checking in to our hotel by the sea in Ankaran, where we will have organized some evening activities by the beach.

The last day is fully marked by the sea, with the first destination of the day being the historical Venetian town of **Piran**, and the second the resort town of **Portorož** where it should be warm enough for a swim.

Piran →



You can also expect two one-day trips during your time here:

**WINE TASTING** - Extended Edition takes us to the hills outside of Maribor where we hike from farm to farm to sample their local product, not limited to just wine but also home-made cold cuts, sausages, cheeses, breads, and so on.

**BEER & CHOCOLATE TOUR** goes across the border to the Slovenian-owned craft brewery Bevog a few hundred meters inside Austrian territory, and the Zotter chocolate factory, whose owner is no less crazy than Willy Wonka...

*Wine Tasting trip* →



For those arriving in the winter semester there will also be a **Christmas Trip to Budapest**, another three day trip including accommodation with breakfast, PubCrawl and parties, a free tour of the city, the opportunity to explore the old town and its beautiful Christmas markets, and a whole-day pass to one of Budapest's famous thermal baths.




↙ Budapest

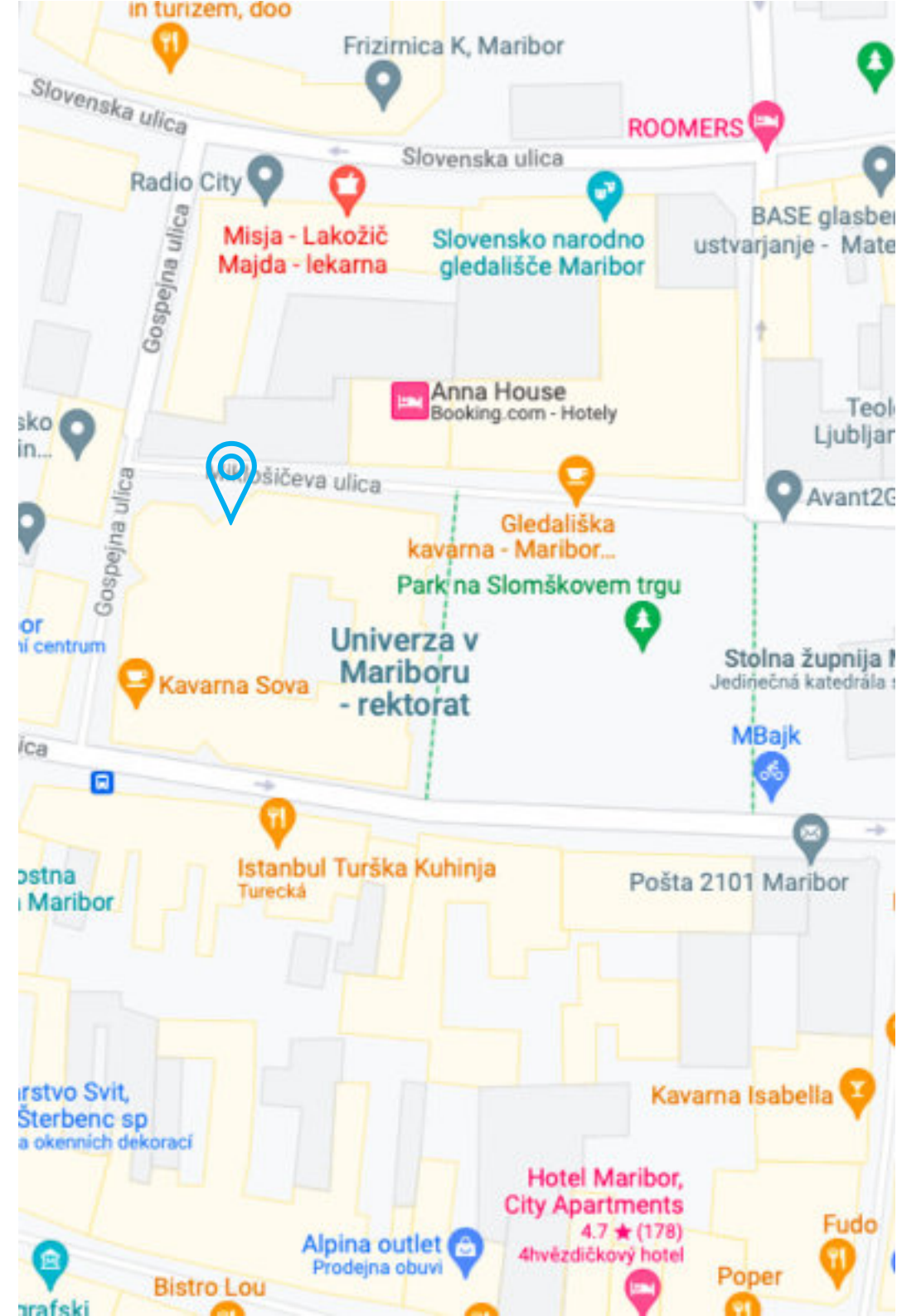
For those staying with us in the summer semester we organize the **Dalmatia Trip**, during which we visit Plitvice National Park, Split with the tour of Diocletian's Palace on the first day, one of the quaint little beach towns along the way to relax and Zadar on the second day, and a whole-day cruise around the Kornati National Park on the last day of the trip.



## ESN OFFICE

- open during announced office hours  
or by prior arrangement

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