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In its 60 years of existence and tradition, the Faculty of Economics and Business (the FEB) has developed and has become a modern faculty. During all these years, more than 34,000 students graduated from the FEB, hence acquiring different professional and scientific titles. Between 2006 and 2008, we successfully transformed all our study programmes in compliance with the Bologna declaration requirements by adopting the 3+2+3 model.

Although we can be satisfied with our path so far and although we can look upon our past achievements with pride, we are well aware that many challenges lie ahead for us in the European university area. Our vision that the FEB will be recognized nationally and throughout the wider European region as an excellent research-oriented and globally-connected school of economics and business is closely connected with carrying out our mission, which is to contribute to the holistic development of individuals and to participate in the development of the economy and community at both the national and wider European levels through the synthesis of economics and business research and education.

We firmly believe that excellence is of utmost importance in the globalisation processes, which also shape the university sphere. That is why the Faculty of Economics and Business has accredited its study programmes with the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the European Council for Business Education (ECBE) and the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which makes our programmes internationally comparable and modern.

Our integration in the European area and the globalized world is also evident from a wide number of international partnerships, agreements and numerous study exchanges. The Faculty of Economics and Business is involved in different international exchange programmes. More than 1,700 foreign students have studied at our faculty within the ERASMUS+ and CEEPUS programmes since 2006 alone. Regarding the number of foreign students studying at the University of Maribor, this ranks us first among all the faculties. Every semester, about 130 foreign students come to study at the FEB, while about 80 FEB students go on study exchange to our partner universities. Our graduates have high-quality education and good employability, which is without doubt a goal of every graduate. Apart from their study obligations at the FEB, our students can take part in international exchanges and various professional meetings and sports events with other students. They can also learn foreign languages and participate in a number of other well-organized extracurricular activities.

At the Faculty of Economics and Business, a lot of emphasis is placed on research excellence and on the integration of our research activities and our pedagogical activities, which is reflected in the transfer of research findings into the study process. Our motivated staff maintain the internationally comparable quality of their work. We are also well aware of our social responsibility and we support sustainable development.

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FEB's OVERVIEW

Staff

At present:
- 72 academic staff members,
- 31 professional staff members,

assure that teaching process is carried out in a highly professional manner.

The academic staff is organised in 14 departments:
- Department of Accounting and Auditing
- Department of Business Law
- Department of E-Business
- Department of Economic Policy
- Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Economics
- Department of Finance
- Department of Foreign Business Languages
- Department of General Management and Organization
- Department of International Economics and Business
- Department of Marketing
- Department of Political Economy
- Department of Quantitative Economic Analysis
- Department of Strategic Management and Company Policy
- Department of Technology and Entrepreneurial Environment Protection

Administration

- Assoc. prof. dr. Lidija Hauptman, Dean
- Assist. prof. dr. Andreja Lutar Skerbinjek, Vice-Dean for Education
- Prof. dr. Zdenka Ženko, Vice-dean for Research
- Prof. dr. Žan Jan Oplotnik, Vice-dean for International Cooperation
- Assoc. prof. dr. Dušan Jovanovič, Vice-dean for Business affairs and strategic projects
- Monika Strauss, Vice-dean for Students Issues
- Sebastjan Strmšek, univ. dipl. prav., Secretary General
FEB's OVERVIEW

VISION AND MISSION

Mission

“The Faculty of Economics and Business contributes to the holistic development of individuals and participates in the development of the economy and community at both the national and wider European levels through its synthesis of economics and business research and education.”

Vision

- Academic Freedom
- Knowledge
- Cooperation
- Personal and social responsibility
- Equality and democracy
- Credibility and ethical action
- Dialogue and interpersonal respect
- Innovation
- Critical thinking
- Entrepreneurship

Core Values

“FEB will be recognized nationally and throughout the wider European Region as an excellent research-oriented and globally-connected school of economics and business.”

Strategic Orientation

The following strategic objectives support the mission statement: meaningful and impactful research.

- Continuous support for faculty and staff development.
- Ongoing cooperation with the business community.
- Current and effective undergraduate and postgraduate study programs and lifelong education in the field of economics and business.
- Increased internationalization in all operational areas.
- Encouragement of socially responsible behavior and morally and ethically principled action.
- Assurance of interdisciplinary knowledge and spreading awareness for sustainable development.
### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

**CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDIES AT FEB**

| .01 | Independence and active participation of students in the study process at the Faculty; |
| .02 | Opportunities to study at partner universities abroad (high student mobility within Europe); |
| .03 | Active role of students in the study process through up-to-date teaching methods (discussions, projects, team-work, etc.); |
| .04 | The range of knowledge communicated within our programmes enables the comparability of professional competencies with graduates from other European universities; |
| .05 | Adaptability of studies to students' interests and professional ambitions with a wide range of elective courses; |
| .06 | A simple and transparent system of transfers between different programmes; |
| .07 | Programme fulfils requirements of economists for professionally trained graduates; |
| .08 | Integration of professional knowledge into a whole, which prepares students for an integrated approach to solving economic issues; |
INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

Each economic agent, every business unit as well as economy as a whole, who strives for success and maximization of her/his utility, subject to given limitation, has to act competitively and be sure to differentiate herself/himself from others in the market. Our graduates will be in a similar situation in the labour market. Your competitiveness will be at that point represented by your FEB degree. Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Maribor is aware of the importance of the competitiveness of its graduates in the labour market in Slovenia, EU and the rest of the World. For almost 60 years, FEB has been making every endeavor to be distinctive regarding the quality of our study programs and employability of our graduates. International accreditations of study programs officially confirm our efforts.

FEB was awarded by ECBE accreditation in 2008. ECBE stands for European Council of Business Education. A year later, in 2009, we were accredited by ACBSP. The Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs is an American accreditation agency that accredits business programs across the globe. In year 2018, FEB has been accredited by AACSB (AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) after going through seven-year accreditation process, which presents synonymous with the highest standards of excellence since 1916. This means that our study programs fulfill the requirements of European and American quality standards and our school is highly committed to progress and continuous improvement of our study programs. Since 2008 the ECBE accreditation was subject to two reaccreditations, third reaccreditation is in progress, confirming our continuous efforts for quality assurance.

Among other benefits, the international accreditations enable our graduates with internationally recognized degrees opening the door to further studies and job positions abroad. After all, an ambitious graduated economist will eventually realize that Slovenia is too small and will try to find his or her professional challenges abroad - out of Slovenian borders.
PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

3+2+3 MODEL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY
1ST CYCLE
3 YEARS, 180 ECTS

‘ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SCIENCES’

‘BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’

POST-GRADUATE STUDY
2ND CYCLE
2 YEARS, 120 ECTS

‘ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SCIENCES’

3RD CYCLE
3 YEARS, 180 ECTS

‘ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SCIENCES’

In the academic year 2006/2007, the FEB introduced the new 2-cycle programmes according to the ‘3+2’ model, therefore harmonizing them with the Bologna process guidelines.

The 1st cycle, which comprises the university education programme and the professional higher education programme, lasts three years (180 ECTS credits), while the 2nd cycle, i.e. the master’s programme, lasts two years (120 ECTS credits).

The 3rd cycle, i.e. the research-oriented doctoral programme, is open to graduates from the 2nd cycle and lasts three years (180 ECTS credits).

Regardless of which 1st cycle programme they choose, the students may continue their studies in the 2nd cycle master’s programme ‘Economic and Business Sciences’ and following that in the 3rd cycle doctoral programme ‘Economic and Business Sciences’.
PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

STRUCTURE OF THE FEB PROGRAMMES

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME ‘4+3’

YEAR 1 (60 ECTS)
Common courses (11)

YEAR 2 (60 ECTS)
Study field courses (4)
Elective courses (1)

YEAR 3 (60 ECTS)
Common courses (3)
Study field courses (3)
Elective courses (2)

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME ‘3+4’

YEAR 1 (60 ECTS)
Common course (2)
Elective courses (1)
Individual research work (2)

YEAR 2 (60 ECTS)
Common course (1)
Elective courses (1)
Individual research work (2)

YEAR 3 (60 ECTS)
Individual research work (1)
Preparation and defense of the doctoral dissertation (1)

PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME ‘3+3’

YEAR 1 (60 ECTS)
Common course (2)
Elective courses (3)
Individual research work (2)

YEAR 2 (60 ECTS)
Study field courses (2)
Elective courses (1)

YEAR 3 (60 ECTS)
Common courses (4)
Study field courses (3)
Elective course (1)

MASTER’S PROGRAMME ‘2+’

YEAR 1 (60 ECTS)
Study field courses (4)
Elective courses (1)

YEAR 2 (60 ECTS)
Study field courses (2)
Elective courses (1)

YEAR 3 (60 ECTS)
Master’s thesis

ELECTIVE COURSES (4)

ELECTIVE COURSES (2)

ELECTIVE COURSES (4)

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

1ST CYCLE

2ND CYCLE

3RD CYCLE

1ST CYCLE

2ND CYCLE

3RD CYCLE

9 STUDY FIELDS

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The university education programme 'Economic and Business Sciences' defines the students as responsible and active partners in the educational process. The students are given the opportunity to adapt a large proportion of the programme according to their individual professional ambitions and to select those courses, which will enable them to acquire the professional knowledge they find significant for their personal professional development and future careers.

The programme offers 31 courses, 16 of which are common to all study fields while 15 courses depend on the students' decisions (i.e. 9 study field courses and 6 elective courses).

After completing the common first year of study, students may enrol into one of the 8 study fields:

- Accounting, Auditing and Taxation
- Business Management and Organisation
- E-Business
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance and Banking
- International Business Economics
- Marketing
- European Business Studies

After fulfilling all the requirements of the programme, the students are awarded the professional title 'Bachelor of Science in Economics'.

Each study field offers the students a narrow professional specialisation and, consequently, the development of specific competencies. This enables the students to develop relevant professional competencies during their studies and acquire a specialised knowledge to perform tasks within the selected business function, the level of management and professional field. Atious students may enrol into two parallel study fields, therefore gaining a much broader professional knowledge.
The professional higher education programme ‘Business Administration’ offers a competitive concept of education in business administration, which is interesting for the economy. The programme provides employment opportunities to students in various areas of business life in the economy and other organisations, which base their operations on economic principles as well as on the principles, and concepts of modern management.

The professional higher education programme ‘Business Administration’ is conceptually and structurally harmonized with the Bologna model in the 1st cycle and comprises new study fields.

**PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES**

**PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMME (+3) – ‘BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’**

The students can specialise in individual fields of business and economics by choosing one of the 8 study fields:

- Accounting and Business Taxation,
- Business Finance and Banking,
- Entrepreneurship,
- International Business,
- Management,
- Marketing,
- Public Sector Economics and Management,
- Tourism.

**Study Fields**

The contents of the professional higher education programme ‘Business Administration’ enable successful graduates a direct enrolment into the second cycle of the study, i.e. the master’s programme ‘Economic and Business Sciences’.
This post-graduate programme is research-oriented. It guides the students towards extended and research-based solving of economic and business issues within the selected study field. It ensures required professional skills for work in the economy at the most demanding professional, analytical, research and managerial positions.

The 2nd cycle of study, i.e. the master’s programme ‘Economic and Business Sciences’, comprises 10 courses. From the very beginning, the students acquire fundamental methodological knowledge for scientific research and for the solution of economic and business issues.

### Study Fields

With its wide range of courses, the master’s programme enables the students to choose their individual fields of specialisation already in the first year. The programme offers 12 study fields:

- Accounting, Auditing and Taxation
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Finance and Banking
- Information Systems and E-Business Management
- International Business Economics
- Management, Organisation and Human Resources
- Marketing Management
- Strategic and Project Management
- Corporate Governance and Management
- Management of Public Enterprises
- Corporate Governance and Management in Health Organization

After fulfilling all the requirements of the programme, the students are awarded the professional title ‘Master of Science in Economics’.
The doctoral programme is strictly research-oriented. The students acquire extended knowledge and understanding of the most complex economic and business phenomena at national and international level. The students are required to carry out individual research work and to present results, which are assessed, by professors, students and professionals.

The 3rd cycle of study, i.e. doctoral programme ‘Economic and Business Sciences’, comprises 6 courses. The students acquire the latest knowledge in economics and relevant research methodologies for the realization of their unique research potentials.

From the very start, the students gain fundamental methodological knowledge for scientific research as well as for the solution of economic and business issues. After fulfilling all the requirements of the programme, the students are awarded the scientific title ‘Doctor of Science’.

### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

**DOCTORAL PROGRAMME (3+) – ‘ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SCIENCES’**

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The Faculty of Economics and Business is engaged in research activities and consultancy within its 15 institutes. Research activity is financed by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, other Ministries of the Republic of Slovenia, the EU budget and by Slovenian and foreign companies. Research is conducted within the framework of basic and applied research financed by the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Our researchers also work with economic operators and carry out applied and development projects for the needs of the economy.

The researchers are tied to the international research area mainly through the Research Framework Programmes. As a partner institution, the FEB participates in Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and Interreg programmes. The bilateral cooperation with foreign universities presents another form of research activities at the FEB.

The researchers are involved primarily in research on international entrepreneurship and the internationalisation of small and medium-sized enterprises, economic policy in view of the integration and globalisation processes, development of econometric models for studying open economies, international economic relations, public sector financing, corporate law, negotiable instruments law, strategic marketing, relationship marketing, environmental marketing, mathematics in economic, operations research, innovative business operations, human resource management, total quality management, IT systems in companies, project based business operations, strategy and strategic management, accounting, auditing and business taxation, environmental management, logistics processes quality and optimization of domestic transport.

FEB institutes:

- Institute of Accounting, Auditing and Business Taxation
- Institute of Business Law
- Institute of Economic Analysis and Forecasting
- Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
- Institute of Finance and Banking
- Institute of International Trade
- Institute of Languages and Foreign Business Languages
- Institute of Marketing
- Institute of Operational Research
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Stemming from its long and successful tradition, the FEB undertook an important task to give international dimension to its educational and research activities, and hence continuously create new opportunities for students and academic staff in the form of linkage and cooperation with renowned foreign experts, partner universities, education, etc.

The FEB International Office was established to support the Faculty’s internationalisation and to facilitate the development of various European mobility programmes. The most important exchanges are performed within various programmes, i.e. Erasmus+, Ceepus and bilateral agreements.

The FEB is proud of its long and successful experience in international student and staff exchange. Namely, the FEB was one of the first Slovenian Faculty to enable and recognise the whole semester of studies that our students complete at any of the renowned universities abroad. In addition, the FEB helps the students to carry out compulsory practical training in companies abroad.

In terms of their scope, the international activities present one of the largest ones at the FEB both in terms of student and staff mobility and in terms of research and development cooperation in Europe. Within the Erasmus+ programme, the FEB has concluded agreements with more than 180 European universities in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, France, Greece, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, Macedonia, Finland, Sweden, Hungary, Turkey, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Poland.

The FEB has fruitful cooperation with 18 partner universities in Brazil, India, China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Taiwan and Malaysia.

Every year, the FEB International Office prepares the traditional event called ‘The International Week’, within we are hosting visiting lecturers and other guests from partner universities to strengthen our collaboration with several lectures, round table discussions and social events. The main purpose of the event is to promote internationalization which is part of students mobility at FEB with slogan ‘Pack’n’go’.

Compared with other Slovenian Faculties, the FEB is at the very top as regards the ratio of outgoing and incoming students.
The FEB is aware of the fact that just good-quality programmes are not enough for the students to fully exploit their study potentials. For that reason, professional support is constantly developed and improved to facilitate the studies one would expect at a modern business school. In this way, the FEB assists students in networking and provides them with an adequate study environment.

**PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The FEB’s orientation into future is also illustrated through the application of modern education technology. All lecture rooms and seminar rooms are equipped with up-to-date multimedia equipment plus wireless educational network EDUROAM. Computer classrooms are equipped with virtual computers – Thin Clients. Apart from tutorials and lectures, these rooms are available for the students’ individual or team work. The students may also use personal computers placed in the halls of both buildings.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

Information Technology Department is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the Faculty’s information technology services to support teaching, learning, research and administrative activities. The staff are involved in network, hardware solutions, software, system and web based solutions. In providing services offered to all faculty members, staff, the student community and visitors, the IT Department sets out the details with descriptions and links, helping everyone be easily accommodated with the latest technological developments at the University. Technical support for students is offered via phone, e-mail or on the Faculty’s premises.

**LECTURE ROOMS & COMPUTER CLASSROOMS**

**FEB CAREER CENTRE**

The FEB Career Centre helps the students become the managers of their own professional careers. The students learn to plan the start of their professional careers and they develop skills of successful communication, creative thinking, etc. They also have the opportunity to contact potential employers and gain work experience as well as build a network of business contacts. When they complete their studies, the graduates must be particularly aware of their strengths, skills and interests when looking for a job. To help them in this respect, the FEB Career Centre organizes different events (e.g. workshops, lectures, round table discussions, professional excursions to business environments), informs the students and graduates about job vacancies and job opportunities, and cooperate with employers (e.g. free job advertisements, presenting organizations at the Faculty, advertising practical training).
The FEB Library participates in the Slovenian library information system COBISS. Being a member of the University of Maribor, the FEB has access to a number of databases, including:

- Web of Science (WoS),
- ProQuest Dissertations and Theses – A&I,
- Scopus,
- EIFL Direct – EBSCOhost,
- ScienceDirect,
- IUS-INFO,
- Tax-Fin-Lex

The FEB Portal provides support to students via links to various services which the University of Maribor offers to all its students on different platforms. The students can thus register to or withdraw from the exams, check exam results, select elective courses via the Internet platforms AIPS (Academic Student System) and Moodle. Apart from basic and daily information, the FEB Portal publishes important news and messages from the Student Office, academic staff and other students.

The students also have free access to selected Microsoft software within MSDN Academic Alliance free of charge. They have the possibility to access the Internet contents on their laptops, tablets or smartphones via the wireless educational network EDUROAM as well.

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ALUMNI FEB

The FEB graduates, who are successfully building their professional careers, meet in the Alumni FEB club. Alumni FEB is a professional, scientific and social meeting point of all graduates from all generations of students that studied at the FEB. This strengthens the ties between the graduates and the FEB and broadens the cooperation with the economy and other social institutions.

The aim of these ties is to reach mutual professional and personal benefits from the exchange of knowledge and experience. The FEB thus understands the economic and social issues better and which enables it to develop new programmes for new generations of students in a more profound way.

Many Alumni members hold important managerial positions in public and private organisations in Slovenia and abroad.

FEB STUDENT COUNCIL

The FEB Student Council is the only student management body at the Faculty and consists of 13 members. The students from each year of study, including post-graduate students, vote their own representatives and presidents at direct elections. The Council is chaired by the vice-dean for student issues.

The Council represents student interests in various Faculty bodies, it helps students to solve different study-related problems and it expresses opinions on study programmes and academic staff. In addition, the students carry out questionnaires about the satisfaction of students at the FEB, organise round tables, sports events and a sophisticated social event of the year - the ‘FEB Freshman Party’.

STUDENTS AT THE FEB

ALUMNI FEB AND THE FEB STUDENT COUNCIL
The FEB Marketing Club’s mission is to combine theory and practice, to serve as the link between academic staff, the students and professionals. The work and socialising at the Club are based on the acquisition of experience and broadening of knowledge.

The FEB Marketing Club was established in 1997 upon the initiative of the marketing students at the Faculty. They saw the Club as an opportunity to start building their professional careers already in their student years and as the possibility to have realistic opportunities for employment adequate to their degrees.

The FEB Marketing Club has been active in the following projects and events:

- ‘Student Marketing Conference’,
- organisation of round table discussions,
- professional excursions to successful companies and advertising agencies (Telekom Slovenije, Proplus, Pristop, etc.),
- participation at conferences and seminars (SOF, Golden Drum, SMK, etc.).

AIESEC Maribor is a part of AIESEC International, which is the world’s largest student organisation. It is present in over 100 countries and at more than 1,100 universities throughout the world. Since its beginnings, it has developed into an organisation with endless energy and inspiration. Its international professional exchanges and support activities provide practical learning experience to thousands of young people.

Far the best experiences available to AIESEC members are the work-abroad opportunities, which are offered to more than 4,000 students annually. Work placements in the organisations in selected countries may last up to 18 months. The members work in a wide range of fields in the economy as well as in public and civil sector. AIESEC organises more than 350 conferences annually and provides more than 5,000 leadership positions.

Together with a focus on building personal networks and exploring the direction and ambition of their future, AIESEC has an innovative approach to engaging and developing young people. Our partner organisations see AIESEC as the path to development of young people and as the means of the access to high-potential young talent from around the world.
The academic year lasts from 1 October to 30 September. The students at the University of Maribor have many benefits, such as subsidised meals, accommodation in student’s dormitories, access to university and individual Faculty’s libraries, discounts for various purchases, etc.

The student life at the University of Maribor is versatile regarding food, entertainment (e.g. dance, concerts, performances, festivals) and sports.

The University Sports Centre ‘Leon Štukelj’ organizes various sports activities at reasonable prices. Several sport halls are provided for indoor sport activities. Apart from that, Maribor’s sports facilities offer ice skating, skiing, and swimming. The students can also join sports schools like the school of tennis, skiing, swimming, sailing, kayak, riding, as well as competitions between Faculties.

FROM THE BEGINNING TILL THE END OF MY STAY I HAD THE FEELING OF BEING AT HOME. ALTHOUGH THE SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE IS REALLY HARD TO LEARN, I ALWAYS HAD THE FEELING OF BEING INTEGRATED. THIS EXPERIENCE DEFINITELY ENRICHED MY LIFE, ESPECIALLY IN A CULTURAL AND SOCIAL WAY.”

- Marcus from Bremen

“This is my first time to be separated from my family for a longer period. The people in Maribor, the exchange students, the professors – all are really kind and help in any situation. So after one semester I decided to prolong my stay in Slovenia.”

- Ivan from Podgorica

“When the teachers at my school told me to go to Maribor I had no idea to what kind of country I would be going. But after a few days in Maribor I experienced that the Slovenians were very nice and open minded. We stayed in a nice student dormitory and had the opportunity to visit also the neighbouring countries like Austria, Croatia and Hungary.”

- Mart from Leeuwarden
Slovenia, the green heart of Europe, lies between the mountainous Austria and Italy, flat Hungary and the warm Adriatic Sea. It has a population of 2,067,284 inhabitants. Ljubljana is the capital and the largest city in Slovenia, that is the cultural, educational, economic, political centre of independent Slovenia since 1991.

It is a nice surprise for many visitors from all over the world. Snowy Alpine peaks and the Triglav National Park with many glacial valleys, gorges, waterfalls, lakes, and crystal-clear wild waters attract visitors looking for peace in the mountains as well as sports climbers, skiers, canoeists, gliders in search for relaxation and excitement in everyday life.

Bled with an island in the middle of a lake and a mighty cliff-top castle is the Alpine tourist centre.

The Slovene Riviera “Slovenska obala” is the coastline of Slovenia, located on the Gulf of Trieste, by the Adriatic Sea. The region comprises the towns of Koper and Piran with Portorož, and the municipality of Izola. It is a seaside tourist destination, with a vibrant multiethnic Slovenian and Italian heritage. Coastal towns show their beauty in the sun, with original cuisine with olive oil and wild plants, Brda and the Vipava Valley are home to world famous wines.

The Karst region with its caves, plateaus, fields, disappearing streams, and a periodic lake offers many possibilities for exploring and discovering Slovenia.

There are many underworld caves, from the world famous Postojnska Cave with beautiful stalactites, pillars and rocky curtains and UNESCO’s Škocjan Caves to grottos that are difficult to access, where you can climb only with the help of experienced local guides. In Lipica (Karst) sheltered by century-old lime trees there is an over 400 years old stud farm of Lipizzaners, the world famous white horses with their origin in Slovenia.
Maribor, whose origins as a town can be traced back to the 13th century, is today the second largest city of the Republic of Slovenia (115,000 inhabitants) and represents the centre of Slovenian Styria (Štajerska) region. Throughout centuries, it has developed into a cultural, business, political, sports, events and modern tourist centre of Eastern Slovenia.

The city’s character has been shaped by its industry, which once performed a significant role in the Slovenian economy. Today, Maribor offers a rich and varied cultural experience to its inhabitants and visitors alike with its renowned Slovenian National Theatre Maribor featuring drama, opera and ballet performances, a number of museums and galleries offering numerous cultural events, therefore greatly contributing to the Slovenian cultural life.

Moreover, with its University, Maribor is also the city with a distinguished intellectual potential. The fact that the town has chosen to call itself ‘the University City’ denotes its awareness of the importance of education and research in its development.

All these features make Maribor an attractive and enjoyable destination for visitors from Slovenia and abroad.

Maribor provides a lot of possibilities to spend your free time. You can visit museums, galleries, theatres, cinemas or you can spend the evening with your friends in one of the pubs and disco clubs.

In addition to many cultural events, the citizens can enjoy the city’s beautiful and relaxing surroundings as it lies at the foothills of the Pohorje Mountain, providing several outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing. A trip to the green Pohorje Mountain thrills hikers, cyclists, adrenalin seekers as well as everyone who enjoys the tranquillity of the Pohorje’s primeval forest and its waterfalls and peat moors. After all the outdoor activities, the visitors can relax in city and Alpine Wellness Centre. During winter, the snow turns the Maribor Pohorje slopes into one of the most attractive skiing centres in Slovenia.

Particularly pleasant atmospheres are animated during special events; among the most resounding is certainly the already traditional Golden Fox Trophy, a Women’s Ski World Cup competition as well as the international multicultural Festival Lent and events within the frame of The Embrace of the Old Vine. The casino enriches the nightlife in the city.

Maribor is also known for its excellent wines, which is quite understandable as many vineyards surround the city. Cultural events may contribute to helping you get acquainted with the city. Some of these events are known also abroad – especially the ‘Festival Lent’ in the early summer, the festival of chamber music ‘Musical September’ and the Borštnik Meeting of Slovenian theatres.
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