

Congress Venue

The 29th International Congress of Vexillology will be held at the Best Western Premier Hotel Slon. Celebrating 460 years of tradition, offering comfortable accommodation, multipurpose conferencing facilities combined with excellent cuisine at an elite location. It has been a member of the Best Western hotel chain for over 10 years. Hotel Slon situated in the very heart of Ljubljana city centre and it is only a few steps away from the old city core, Ljubljana castle and all the main city sights. It is said to be the most beautiful and the most modern hotel in Ljubljana.



Accommodation facilities

Ljubljana provides a good range of accommodation facilities of all categories and types, currently totaling to around 2,650 hotel rooms (year 2017). Additional units are available in pensions, bed & breakfast, short-let apartments, plus youth- and student hostels. Many of them are found at a downtown location, close to the Old Town.



Travelling to Ljubljana

All flights to are operated through the Ljubljana International Airport (www.lju-airport.si), which is located at 25 km from the city. The current non-stop connections comprise 230 scheduled flights / week to 25, mostly European destinations. They are operated by 6 regular and 3 low-cost airlines. Adria Airways (www.adria.si), Slovenia's national carrier, is a member of the Star Alliance network. New destinations and airlines are being negotiated for the coming years.

The closest airports in the neighbouring countries serve as an additional gateway (Trieste and Venice – Italy, Graz and Klagenfurt – Austria, Zagreb – Croatia).



Discover why small is beautiful!

Ljubljana offers a host of guided tours for visitors to discover the major city sights, as well as a range of special-interest programmes. Apart from walking tours, some itineraries may include the Ljubljana Castle, from where a magnificent panorama unfolds, or a boat ride down the river. Many of them run on a regular scheduled basis. Ljubljana is also an ideal departure point to reach a number of Slovenia's natural and cultural attractions, many of which are within one hour's drive. The picture-postcard Lake Bled, the



General destination information

Coiled up by mountains, Slovenia is surrounded by Austria, Italy, Hungary and the Adriatic Sea on the one side, and Croatia on the other. This Central European country of two million residents, only half the size of Switzerland, surprises first-time visitors with the array of landscapes and its rich cultural heritage. Slovenia joined the European Union in 2004, as well as the Eurozone and the Schengen Zone in 2007.

Ljubljana, the capital, is a vibrant city which is developing with a clear vision, putting the quality of life at



underground realm of Postojna Caves, the Lipica Stud Farm and historic town of Piran at the coastline are just a few to suggest. Even Venice is only 240 km away! The diversity of experiences close to the capital can enhance and bring added value to the 29th International Congress of Vexillology in 2021!

the forefront. With 280.000 residents, it does not rank among the major European capitals, yet combines many facilities and services of a larger city with the relaxed ambience and safety of smaller towns. Its image features a harmonic blend of Baroque, Art Nouveau and newer styles, complemented by a medieval hilltop castle and a river. A rich agenda of cultural events, a lively café society and an active youth scene fuelled by 55,000 university students contribute to Ljubljana's dynamic flair. It is also distinguished by an attractive historic quarter with a cosy, lounge-style feel, which is ideal for networking, and also offers very good value for money.

The European Commission has awarded Ljubljana with the prestigious title of European Green Capital 2016, while the World Travel and Tourism Council has named it winner of the Tourism for Tomorrow 2015 award in the destinations category. Both are an important recognition of Ljubljana's sustainable development strategy and its visible results.

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29th International Congress of Vexillology, Ljubljana, Slovenia

30th anniversary of Slovenia's independence





Invitation Letter for the 29th International Congress of Vexillology



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Heraldry Society of Slovenia, I have the privilege and honor to submit our candidacy for the 29th International Congress of Vexillology to be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. We would like to inform you that the excursion programme and companion programme have been prepared and the venue arranged.

We are ready!

The Congress will be held in the Best Western Premier Hotel Slon, a luxurious 4-star hotel with a premier location in the very heart of Ljubljana, only steps away from the Old Town and less than 30 minutes from the international airport.

The 29th International Congress of Vexillology in Ljubljana represents an unmatched opportunity for everyone interested in Slovenian vexillology to experience our heritage firsthand. The main theme will be the celebration of the 30th anniversary the country's declaration of independence.

The opportunity gave rise to a partnership with Museum of Contemporary History, City Museum of Ljubljana, and Park of Military History Pivka, top three locations to offer a unique opportunity to participants to be introduced to Slovenian historical flags. The jewel in the crown of the Slovenian independence is the original 13-metre flag that was hoisted in Ljubljana at the moment of the formal declaration of independence in 1991. After a long period of safekeeping, the flag will be unveiled again solely on our behalf.

In cooperation with the Municipality of Ljubljana, we shall have accomplished tourist guides at our disposal to highlight the beautiful features of the city. The President of the Republic of Slovenia has confirmed to assume the patronage of the reception; His Excellency is a friend of our Society and has already honoured FIAV by hosting Mr. Michel R. Lupant, the President of Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques.

Dear Colleagues, we will do our best to make you feel welcome in the city of Ljubljana, and enjoy our diverse program and unique social events surrounded by the beauty of Slovenia and kindness of Slovenian people. We want to make your trip worthwhile and leave you with a desire for more!

I sincerely hope you will do us the honour and **vote for Ljubljana 2021**.

Aleksander Hribovšek
President of the Heraldry Society of Slovenia



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Declaration of Independence 26 June 1991



Independence flag



People's Republic of Yugoslavia 1945



Regimental flag 1912-1918



Park of Military History Pivka



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