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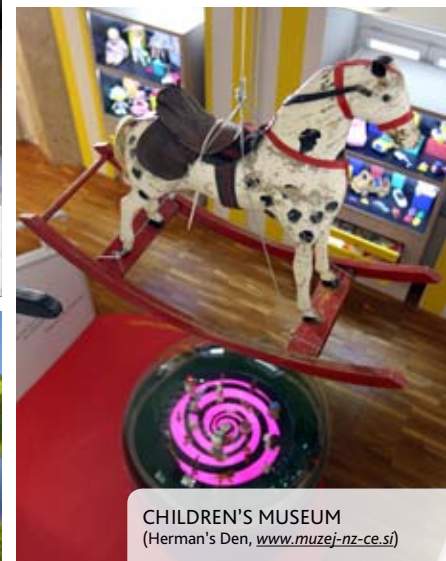
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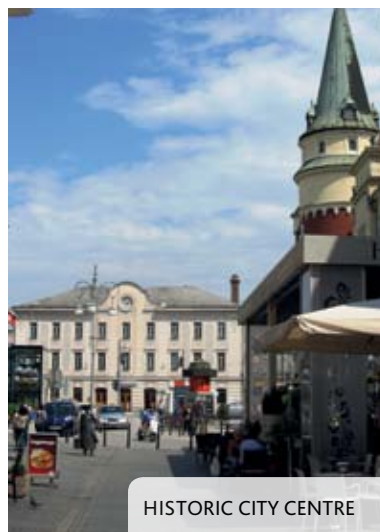
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HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

## Dear visitors of Celje!

It gives me great pleasure that you have selected Celje as your travel destination or have included it on your list of places to visit for either one day or to spend a longer break in. I am positive that you will be enthralled by our city as a tourist destination that offers many adventures for various tastes and age groups. During recent years, the city has invested a large amount of funds, particularly into its tourism facilities and also into the revamping of the historic city centre. We continue to strive to improve the quality of living of our inhabitants and to also improve your quality of stay as our visitor. It is no coincidence that the city of Celje also constitutes the regional hub of a larger tourist area – the Land of Celje (which encompasses 21 municipalities) – and that, jointly with tourism service providers from the surrounding municipalities, creates a



unique range of tourism services that provide you with pleasant and unforgettable memories. Tourism as an industry will continue to constitute one of our main priorities during the following Programming Period 2014–2020.

Return back to Celje, and I guarantee that our city will never fail to be interesting, new and, most of all, inviting!

Wishing you a great day or break in our small city – small compared to European capitals but large in terms of heart!

### **Welcome!**

Bojan Šrot,  
*Mayor of the Urban Municipality  
of Celje*

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Special attention of tourists has been paid to Celje from time immemorial – our glorious history and the Counts of Cilli are well-known among foreign visitors as well. Old Castle Celje is the most popular tourist sight in the city that attracts as many as 70,000 visitors per year. The number of visitors to Celeia – The City Below the City that unveils the rich history of Roman Celje and provides for an unique experience – has also been experiencing a steady rise. The growing number of visitors and overnight stays throughout recent years is the result of either revamped or brand new tourism facilities and collaboration among various organisations in Celje with which we jointly create various events in all seasons that are visible throughout Slovenia as well.

The modernisation of accommodation capacities in the city and the growing interest of private tourism investors indicate that Celje is a tourist destination. Our city can take pride in the professional hotel staff and other tourism operators, friendly traders and



innkeepers, helpful tourist information staff and the excellent knowledge and individual approach to organised tours of our local tourist guides.

Our organisation operates two Tourist Information Centres: one in the historic city centre and the other at Old Castle Celje, where the tourist information staff will be more than happy to provide you with all the information you seek. We are here for you and your wishes. Because we love our city and want you to love it as well.

### **Wishing you pleasant experiences in our city!**

Milena Čeko Pungartnik, MA,  
*Head of the Institution for  
Cultural Events and Tourism  
Celeia Celje*

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# CELJE

Celje – diverse and rich experiences in a small area. Romantic streets in the historic city centre, small corners for secret conversations at the city park, architecture that unveils the richness and diversity of the past and rich content provided by museums, galleries and theatres. All of that in the city centre and only a few steps away.







## CELJE THROUGH TIME

The appearance of Celje discreetly combines Antique and Medieval heritage and a modern urban environment. Well-preserved paved Roman streets, magnificent castles and the remnants of the Medieval walls in the city centre bear witness to its rich history that dates back to the Celts and Romans. Because of a favourable geographic location and living conditions, the area was settled about 300 B. C. by the Celts, who established a powerful Celtic settlement Keleia.

The Celts were followed by the Romans. During the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius (41–54), Keleia became the Municipium Claudium Celeia. The city, which was also called Troia Secunda (The Second Troy), became a significant traffic and trade hub from where transport links to other parts of Europe ran. Following a major natural disaster that took place at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and subsequent Gothic and Hunnic

invasions, the city experienced a decline until at least 452, when the densely populated Celeia was destroyed by the Huns. The reign of the Counts of Celje, who actively shaped political developments in Europe and were involved in the top-level European political scene, constitutes an important milestone in the history of the city in the Middle Ages. The Counts reached their peak of power during the reign of Herman II. Only one year after his death (in 1436), his two successors, his son Frederick II and grandson Ulrich II, were elevated to the ranks of Princes of the Holy Roman Empire in Prague. During the same period of time, in 1451, Celje was also granted city rights that also favourably contributed to its development. After the male line of the Counts of Celje died out with Ulrich II, the city was handed over to the Habsburgs on the basis of an inheritance agreement. Subsequent historical events



and socio-political developments resulted in a large number of changes in terms of development of the city. The construction of the railway that, in 1846, connected Celje to Northern and Western Europe undoubtedly marked an important milestone. More recently, the city has been experiencing exceptionally fast development with regard to urbanisation, transport infrastructure and modern industry and even more recently also with regard to education, health care, business and culture. Nowadays, Celje constitutes the business, economic, cultural, educational, health care and tourism centre of the region with a regional administrative function.

The revamped city centre has provided it with a new and attractive image. Revamped squares and streets, urban facilities and the fountain are popular meeting points and promenades

for both locals and all visitors to the city.

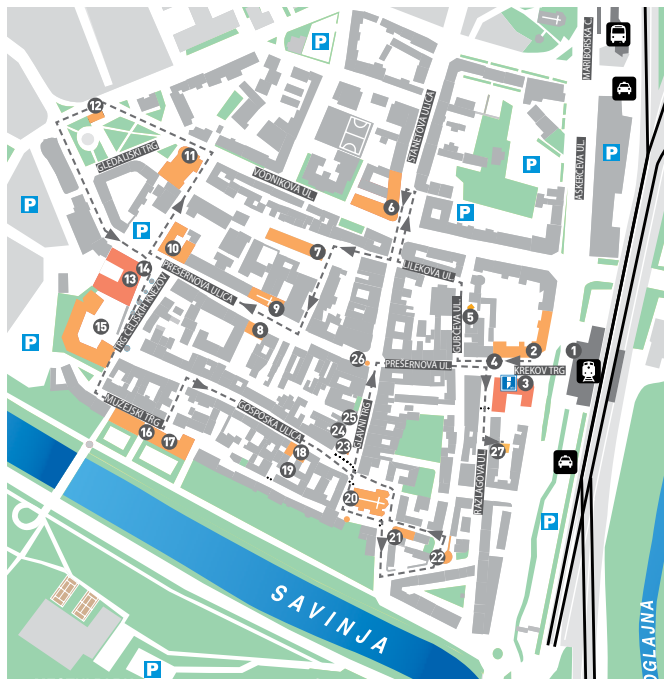
Celje is also the regional hub of the LAND OF CELJE regional destination that encompasses 21 surrounding municipalities and covers an area of 1,598 km<sup>2</sup>. The intriguing destination in all seasons is predominantly marked by its geographically diverse landscape filled with valleys surrounded by mountains and high hills. The area includes six state-of-the-art thermal spas (Terme Dobrna, Rogaška Slatina Group, Rimske terme, Thermana Laško, Terme Olimia and Terme Zreče) that provide its visitors with all the comfort that wellness and professional medical care can offer. The area is full of cultural and historical sights and numerous natural endowments. Many a castle, manor, convent, preserved city and market centre as well as open-air museum bears witness to its rich history. Well-marked pathways as well as hiking and cycling trails take you through the intact nature of our nature parks and to our ski resorts in the winter and breath-taking golf courses in the summer.



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## AROUND THE CITY CENTRE

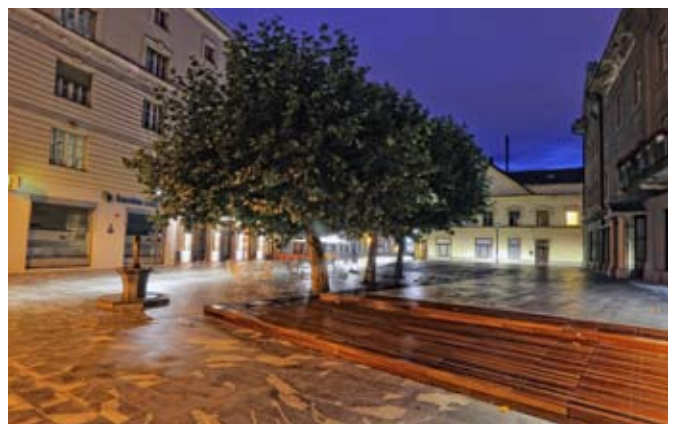
Surrender to the atmosphere of the hustle and bustle on the street and, while walking around the city centre, look around you... Don't worry, you will not get lost. A new experience awaits you around each and every corner. Paved streets that run along the Medieval city walls, impressive façades and welcoming squares – join the locals and experience the pulse of the city through their eyes.

Locals are proud of all they possess and are renowned for being appreciative of spending leisure time in a high-quality manner.

And do not forget about the city park located only a few steps from the city centre, providing you with an urban beach during summer, a pleasant and convivial area for all generations.







## STROLL AROUND THE CITY CENTRE

Take a stroll around the city centre from Krekov trg (Krek Square).



### THE RAILWAY STATION WITH THE PLANE TREE 1

The two-storey railway station was built in 1846 when the first train arrived to Celje. The construction of the approximately 570 kilometres long railway line connected Celje to Vienna and Trieste, this constituting one of the first milestones in the development of the city's economy. In the middle of the road located next to the railway station, you will find the largest plane tree in Slovenia, which was declared Tree of the Year in 2006. Because of its unique and grandiose nature, the course of the new road through the city was routed around it so that the more than 120-year-old plane tree has been preserved to present day.

### CELJE MUNICIPAL SAVINGS BANK 2

The exceptional Neo-Renaissance palace with a rich façade thought out to the last detail was built in 1887 following the example of Henrik's Manor in Vienna and houses the Celje Municipal Savings Bank.

### CELJE HALL 3

The former German Deutsches Haus on Krekov trg was built in a Neo-Gothic style. It was constructed in 1905 and 1906 by the German inhabitants of Celje to act as a counterweight to the Slovenian Community Centre (Narodni dom). Until the dissolution of former Austria-Hungary, it was deemed the social centre of the local German bourgeoisie. Afterwards, it was renamed the Celje Hall and housed the local movie theatre. Today, it houses the Celje Tourist Information Centre.

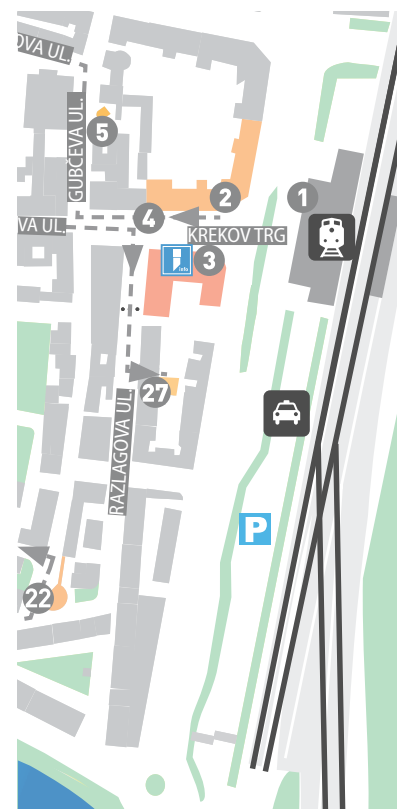
### ALMA M. KARLIN'S STATUE 4

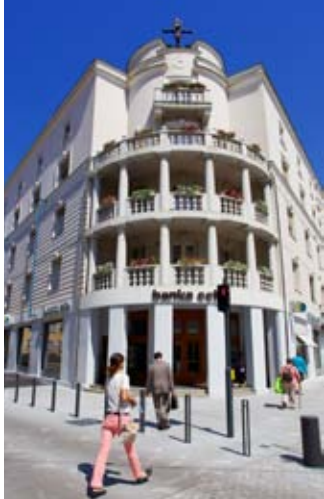
The statue is devoted to the globetrotter, authoress, polyglot and Theosophian Alma M. Karlin. Alma M. Karlin was born in 1889, travelled around the world on her own and later returned to Celje. She died in 1950 in a small house in Pečovnik, where you can visit an exhibition dedicated to her life. The Celje Regional Museum has been bestowed with the honour of putting a permanent exhibition dedicated to her life and her journey around the world on display.



### EARLY CHRISTIAN BAPTISTERY 5

Gubčeva ulica (Gubec Street) houses an early Christian baptistery with a baptismal pool, built at the turn of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> centuries that probably formed part of a larger church complex built in that part of the city.





## PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK 6

The People's Savings Bank was designed by renowned Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik and constitutes the most important facility in the city dating back to the Inter-War Period, unique for its column-supported balconies that grace the main entrance of the building.

## MUNICIPAL MARKET 7

The well-stocked Municipal Market constitutes one of the most popular meeting places in the city where you can also try numerous home-made delicacies. Its refurbished design has earned it a place among the 39 best projects running for the European Prize for Contemporary Architecture (Mies van der Rohe Award).



## CITY HALL 8 (Museum of Recent History Celje)

The City Hall dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century marks one of the most prominent buildings in the city centre, unique for its Renaissance core and Classical façade with a balcony. During the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was subject to extensive rebuilding for City Hall purposes, whereas nowadays it houses the Museum of Recent History Celje and the only museum for children in Slovenia, Herman's Den.



## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY CHURCH 9

The Romanesque church (13<sup>th</sup> century) was built as an integral part of a Minorite convent. Its original appearance was not preserved, having been adversely affected by several fires, the most destructive of all being in 1798, which also destroyed a major portion of Celje.



## PROTHASI MANOR 10

The 18<sup>th</sup>-century manor named after its Lord Anton pl. Prothasi constitutes an isolated example of architecture of that time. Today, it houses judicial offices and a wedding hall.





### CELJE PEOPLE'S THEATRE WITH THE GUARD TOWER 11

The North-western guard tower of the former city walls now forms part of the Celje People's Theatre, which was built in 1885. As early as 1825, the guard tower, which used to house the city torture chamber, was used by travelling actor troupes. In 1849, the play *Micka, the Mayor's Daughter*, written by playwright A. T. Linhart, was performed in Slovenian for the first time.



### THE WAR AND PEACE MONUMENT 12

The expressive monument was erected in 1954–1958 to commemorate the victims of World War II and belongs to the best National Liberation Struggle monuments in terms of its design. The monument is erected on a 10-metre-tall granite block. The bronze figures symbolically stand for the sculptor's vision of war and peace.



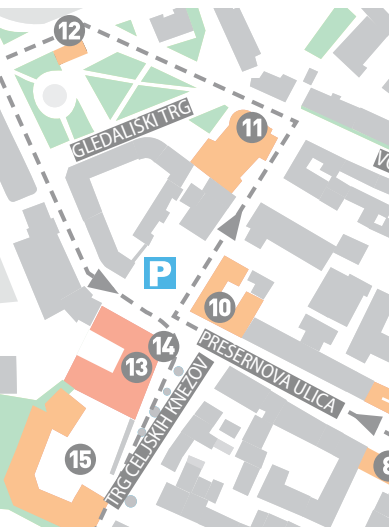
### CELJE COMMUNITY CENTRE 13

The Neo-Renaissance Celje Community Centre located at Trg celjskih knezov (Counts of Celje Square) was built in 1895 and 1896 and designed by Czech architect Vladimír Hrašky. In the former Habsburg Monarchy, the Community Centre constituted the cultural and social centre of the Slovenian bourgeoisie in Celje, whereas nowadays it houses the Urban Municipality of Celje.



### PRINCELY PALACE 15

In the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, it served as the residence of the Counts of Celje. After they died out, the building housed the Prince's or Grand Duke's office and, in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, was refurbished into a barracks. The building as it is known today has experienced significant changes, most radically during the reign of Empress Maria-Theresa. Nowadays, a part of the Princely Palace the Celje Gallery of Contemporary Art and two permanent exhibitions of the Celje Regional Museum: the *Celeia* – a town beneath today's town archaeological exhibition space and the Counts of Celje Exhibition.



### JOSIP PELIKAN'S STATUE 14

The statue is dedicated to Celje photographer Josip Pelikan, of Czech descent, who was born in 1885 in Tarvisio. To commemorate him, the Museum of Recent History Celje preserved his photography studio where original equipment, including a glass parlour, are on display.



## CELJE CENTRAL LIBRARY 16

The Celje Central Library can be found on one of the most beautiful locations of the Princes' City – by the Savinja River. In January 2010, the doors of the refurbished 4700 square meter library were opened to an area of inspiration, life-long learning and creativity. The library is open all-day long and almost all days of the year. Its services contribute to the quality of life in the community, its events for all ages facilitate relaxation and high-quality spending of leisure time and it also provides all its visitors with free-of-charge internet access and creates a lively cultural and social throb in the city by the Savinja River – in its centre in particular. Its 16,000 active members, 370,000 units of library materials and 1,000,000 visits per year make it the most frequently visited cultural institution in Celje and the third largest library in Slovenia. It also includes the Miško Knjižko Café and Sweet Shop, where you can enjoy the most delightful views of our city.



## OLD COUNTS' MANSION 17 (Celje Regional Museum)

The most beautiful Renaissance building was constructed between 1580 and 1603 along the Southern part of the city walls, on the very spot where administrative and agricultural buildings of the Celje Lower Castle had been erected previously. At the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, arcaded hallways were added. In 1869, it was purchased by the Municipality of Celje. Since then, the designated function thereof has changed several times. During refurbishment in 1926, the renowned »Celje Ceiling« was found. An open-air lapidarium can be found behind it.



## QUARTER HOUSE WITH ALFRED NOBEL'S STATUE 18

The building used to serve as an accommodation facility for troops and constitutes an example of preserved Early Renaissance architecture. An interesting feature thereof is the semi-circle portal and bust of Alfred Nobel, who used to visit his mistress Sofija Hess there. Today, it houses the headquarters of the Celje Tourist Association and the Quarter House Gallery.



## THE ARTISTS' QUARTER 19

Art lovers can visit the Artists' Quarter, located in the historic city centre, where art studios and a gallery of artists' works are on display.



## ST. DANIEL'S CHURCH 20

The present-day Celje Cathedral was originally a Romanesque single-nave church. After several rebuilds, it acquired its current appearance in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 2001, a chapel devoted to bishop and author Anton Martin Slomšek, whose statue is located by the church, was added. Among other things, you can also see a valuable item from the Gothic period – the sanctuary of Our Lady of Sorrow, decorated with rich masonry, and a stone sculpture of the Pieta, medieval paintings and a Venetian-style main altar.



### MUNICIPAL POORHOUSE WITH ST. ELIZABETH'S CHAPEL 21

This is the only example of a preserved medieval poorhouse in Slovenia, dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it served as the municipal hospital but continues to constitute an intriguing complex of facilities in ambient terms. On the exterior, you can observe a stone bearing the year 1726 that constitutes a collection plate where alms for patients were placed.



### THE WATER TOWER 22

The South-eastern corner guard tower forms part of the medieval city walls and is also called the Almshouse Tower. It was built in the second half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century and constitutes one of only four city towers that have been preserved to this day. An interesting feature of the Water Tower is the tablet with an inscription and a stuck-out finger indicating the level of water during the 1672 flood.

### ST. MARY'S SHRINE 23

Mary's statue was erected at the same spot where a vicious killer was once executed – so as to have Mary protect locals from similar atrocities. A statue of the Virgin Mary was erected on top of a tall column, surrounded by Baroque statues of St. Rocus, St. Florian and St. Joseph from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### HOHENWARTER HOUSE 24

The Hohenwarter House is an example of a lavish house from Humanism and awakening Renaissance. The Renaissance portal with a Latin and German inscription bearing the years 1543 and 1673 carved one on top of the other is of interest.



### THE WELL 26

The stone well of approximately 1.40 m in diameter was discovered in 2013 during construction work. It supposedly dates from the Late Roman period. A coat-of-arms with three stars and the year 1781 can be observed on the upper rim.



### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS AT MAIN SQUARE 25

During the refurbishment of the Glavni trg (Main Square), the rooms of two urban Roman villas and a Roman road with a colonnade-covered pavement were examined. The two villas were lavishly furnished with wall paintings, floor mosaics and a hypocaust system. A part of the finds will be presented in-situ and will be on display to the public.



### SKYLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO OF JOSIP PELIKAN 27

The 1899 glass photography studio presents the life and work of the master of photography from Celje Josip Pelikan. His original equipment and glass parlour are on display.





## MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Culture discreetly accompanies you in Celje every step of the way – the lively events are the result of a diverse musical, fine art, theatre and other cultural programme. Do not forget to visit the unique CELEIA – a town beneath today's town archaeological exhibition space and the only museum for children in Slovenia, Herman's Den, as well as the Račka Gallery of Erotica and the Artists' Quarter, where independent visual artists of various profiles are active.



# MUSEUMS



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## MUSEUM OF RECENT HISTORY CELJE

can be found in the former City Hall in the city centre. By bringing artefacts and their stories to life, it clarifies the past, helps to understand the present and co-creates the future. Welcome to an area of discovery, learning, socialising and reflection.

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### *Permanent exhibitions:*

**Living in Celje - The Journal of Three Generations (01)** presents the life of locals in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. When you take a walk through the reconstructed Celje, you get to enter workshops of various craftsmen and become familiar with their work or even visit the museum's pharmacy or a bourgeois apartment. Working-class Celje is dedicated to the tradition of industry in Celje.

Opening times: Tue – Fri: 9 AM to 5 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM, Sun and public holidays: 2 to 6 PM

**Children's Museum Herman's Den (02)** – the working methods of the only museum for children in Slovenia help children become familiar with and understand the world they live in. Its popular mascot, Herman the Fox, presents original content at



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temporary exhibitions; since 2014 also at the permanent exhibition entitled the Lair of Toys.

Opening hours: Tue– Fri: 9 AM to 5 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM, Sun and public holidays: 2 to 6 PM

**Dentistry Collection (03)** – this one-of-a-kind collection in Slovenia provides an insight into equipment and instruments used by Slovenian dentists and dental technicians in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in particular as well as into the development of dentistry as a profession in the local area.

Opening times: Tue– Fri: 9 AM to 5 PM, Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM, Sun and public holidays: 2 to 6 PM

**Skylight photographic studio of Josip Pelikan (04)**, Razlagova ulica 5 - The 1899 glass photography studio presents the life and work of the master of photography from Celje Josip Pelikan. The studio has preserved and displays the photographer's original equipment, including the glass parlour, which can be photographed.



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Opening hours: Tue – Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM, Sun and public holidays: from 2 to 6 PM

**"Stari pisiker"**, Prešernova ulica 20 – the former jail where Nazi violence took place during World War II. Nowadays, one part of Stari pisiker – the yard and memorial room – contains an exhibition that bears witness to a dark era of our not yet so distant past.

Opening hours: Tue – Sat: 9 AM to 1 PM  
(visits only by prior arrangement)

### *Open depot\_1:*

**Železninar Shop (05)**, Stanetova ul. 4 (Celje Museum of Contemporary History and Municipal Marketing of the Urban Municipality of Celje) Through the window of the former Rakusch/Železninar shop, you can observe the furniture of this famous hardware shop. The museum thus expands knowledge of cultural heritage and facilitates access, mobility and interpretation of museum materials.



# CELJE REGIONAL MUSEUM



The exhibits of the Celje Regional Museum are on display at two locations in the city centre of Celje – at the Old Counts' Mansion and at the Princely Palace. By visiting our permanent exhibitions, visitors take a stroll through time from pre-historic times to the present day.



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The following permanent exhibitions are on display at the **Old Counts' Mansion**:

**The Lapidarium (01)**, where the stone monuments take you back in time to the Roman Celeia;

**The Cultural History Collection (02)** presents a rich collection of furniture, paintings, engravings and other objects dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This exhibition also includes the “Step-by-step from Gothic to Historicism” exhibition for people with visual disabilities;

**The Celje Ceiling (02)** - constitutes the main attraction of the museum and at the same time also one of the few and far between examples of secular paintings at the transition point between Renaissance and Early Baroque;

**The Ethnological Collection** presents a rich selection of spiritual and material heritage of the Celje region;

**The Alma M. Karlin “Journeys” Exhibition (05)** that provides an insight into the life of local globe-trotter and authoress Alma M. Karlin (1889–1950).



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At the **Princely Palace** you can visit:

**Celeia - a town beneath today's town (03)** that includes a Roman road, a wall with the Western city gate and the foundations of two villas of Roman Celeia “in-situ”;

**The Counts of Celje Exhibition (04)** that presents the rise and fall of the Counts of Celje Dynasty, including their skulls.



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Opening hours:  
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CLOSED, except for 8 February

March – October:  
Tuesday – Sunday: 10 AM – 6 PM

November – February:  
Tuesday – Friday: 10 AM – 4 PM,  
Saturday: 9 AM – 1 PM  
Sunday: CLOSED

The museum can also be visited by groups outside of opening hours by prior arrangement.

The opening hours apply to all permanent and temporary exhibitions at the Old Counts' Mansion and the Princely Palace.

# GALLERIES



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## GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART (01)

The Celje Gallery of Contemporary Art with its representative exhibition facilities at the Princes' Manor is intended for major, study-designed, thematic and comprehensive exhibitions of local and foreign artists engaged in recent and modern fine arts.

The Gallery strives for a flexible, current programme network, establishes connections with the wider and global area and creates conditions for suggestive visual addresses.

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## LIKOVNI SALON GALLERY (03)

The Celje Fine Art Exhibition Space is an area intended for modern art and presents current artistic production that reflects the Zeitgeist. It goes beyond formal and aesthetic aspects and is



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influenced by the development of digital and virtual technologies and the radical changes to the concepts of man, society and life.

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## RAČKA GALLERY OF EROTICA (02)

The Račka Gallery of Erotica is located in the former peep-show and is thus intended for art that deals with erotica. The exhibitions, performances and other events of Račka's art programme provoke bourgeois (im)morality and interpret various types of erotica, sexual behaviour and hybrid sexual identities.

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## THE QUARTER HOUSE GALLERY (04)

The Quarter House Gallery is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the beautifully preserved Renaissance facility of the former Quarter House, at Gospoka ulica 3 in Celje.

The more than 100 m<sup>2</sup> exhibition space presents state-of-the-art local and foreign painters, sculptors, photographers and designers on a monthly basis. The premises also sometimes serve as a venue for various concerts, lectures, literary evenings, performances and theatre performances. A "Sofija Hess Tea Party" is prepared for groups by prior arrangement.



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It is an animated presentation during which, while serving you seasonal bourgeois pastries and beverages, the memory of the ill-fated love that Alfred Nobel had for Sofija Hess, who lived in the premises of the present-day Gallery during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is rekindled.

What the Quarter House has to offer is complemented by the Celje Tourist Association Tourist Information Office with its souvenir shop.

Monday – Friday:  
mornings: 10 AM to 1 PM and  
afternoons: 4 to 7 PM Saturday:  
9 AM to noon Sundays and public  
holidays: closed  
Visits for groups also by prior  
arrangement.

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### AQ GALLERY (01)

The AQ Gallery is the youngest art gallery in Celje that opened its doors in November 2013. The Gallery was created as a project of artists active in the Celje Artists' Quarter, a part of the city lined with art studios intertwined with the historic city centre. Recently, it has hosted top-quality local and foreign artists active in various art practices, i.e. painters, sculptors and photographers, and sometimes also complements its programme with musical and literary projects. Opening nights are always visited by a large number of people and take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

Na okopih 2c, Celje,  
t:+386 (0)40 629 870,  
aq.galerija@gmail.com,  
[www.facebook.com/aq.galerija](http://www.facebook.com/aq.galerija)



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### NIKO IGNJATIČ GALLERY (02)

The Children for Children Association operates at the Niko Ignjatič Gallery located in the historical city centre. The Association organises fine art, sculpture and photography exhibitions, literary evenings, concerts and arts workshops for children.

Na okopih 2b,  
T: +386 (0)70 399 680



(03)



(04)

### PLEVNIK – KRONKOWSKA GALLERY (03)

The PLEVNIK – KRONKOWSKA Gallery is an area where modern art practices of young Slovenian and foreign artists can be presented.

Razlagova 9, 3000 Celje,  
T: +386 (0)4 197 79 58,  
matijaplevnik@yahoo.com  
<http://plevnik-kronkowska.com>



### VOLK GALLERY (04)

The Volk Gallery is engaged in manufacturing glass and framing paintings, however, an artist engaged in fine arts is hosted on a monthly basis as part of its gallery-related activities.

Ozka ulica 2, 3000 Celje,  
T.:+386 (0)3 544 25 35,  
+386 (0)3 544 11 79,  
galerijavolk@gmail.com,  
[www.galerijavolk.si](http://www.galerijavolk.si)



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### THE ARTISTS' QUARTER (05)

The Artists' Quarter between the start of Gosposka ulica and Na okopih, or the embankment of Savinja, was created between 2004 and 2005, when the former crafts and boutique facilities were leased to Celje artists by the Urban Municipality of Celje, and constitutes one of the few comprehensively rounded-up creative areas in Slovenia that has formed an integral part of the cultural and art scene in Celje for almost a decade. At the moment, 10 artists (painters, a sculptress, two photographers, a performing artist and musician) and a gallery run by the artists themselves are operating in this independent community that often collaborates with other artists and cultural professionals from Celje and elsewhere and organises events in cooperation with public institutes and catering establishments in the immediate vicinity. Even though works of art can be purchased at the art studios, the contents or approaches are not of a commercial nature. The Artists' Quarter provides locals and visitors with creative content, a diverse art programme and an area where you can gladly stay for a while and bring together creative ideas.



# GUIDED TOURS OF THE CITY OF CELJE

All of you that wish to learn MORE – about the history of the city, about prominent figures from Celje, about Celje characters, more secrets of Celje streets ... are recommended to attend a guided tour with our local tourist guides.

By prior arrangement, guided tours in the following languages: English, French, Croatian, Italian, German, Russian, Slovenian, Serbian and Spanish are available.

Regular visits to the city of Celje: a walk around the city with a local guide during which you will learn about the history of the city at its most important sights. Duration: max. 2 hours. Meeting point: Krekov trg (Railway Station). You are advised to combine regular visits to the city with a visit to the Old Castle Celje or the exhibitions on display at the Regional Museum and the Museum of Contemporary History or to opt for either of the THEMATIC GUIDED TOURS!

## THEMATIC TOURS OF CELJE



VIA TROIA SECUNDA

Celje is an old city. Older than you may think... learn why it was called the Troia Secunda and explore the Roman history of the city.

**Programme:** a walk around the city with a guide, visit to the Celeia – a town beneath today's town exhibition and the Lapidarium collection. Duration: max. 3 hours.



THE COUNTS OF CELJE TODAY AND NEVER AGAIN

Discover the mysterious life of the Counts of Celje as well as their power and glory! Your journey will take you from the striking Old Castle Celje to the breath-taking exhibition that will render you speechless – when you find the Counts of Celje in a darkroom with their skulls.

**Programme:** guided visit to the Old Castle Celje, guided visit to The Counts of Celje Exhibition at the Princely Palace, a walk around the city with a guide. Duration: max. 3 hours.

## THE MODERN CITY

Celje had a railway track before Ljubljana. What else influenced its economic development and the present-day appearance of the city?

**Programme:** visit to the **LIVING IN CELJE** exhibition, a walk around the city with a guide, photograph-taking at Skylight photographic studio of Josip Pelikan, Open Depo 1 – Železninar Shop). **Duration:** max. 3.5 hours.



## THE CELJE ADVENTURE

Celje has had a heart for sports since time immemorial ... And what about you?

**Programme:** walk around the city with a guide, Summer Programme of the Celjska Koča: visit to the Adventure Park + ride at the bob cart toboggan + lunch/dinner, Winter Programme of the Celjska koča: ski pass + lunch/dinner

**Duration:** upon agreement



## AROUND THE WORLD WITH ALMA M. KARLIN

Meet this fascinating woman from Celje –globetrotter Alma M. Karlin that would nowadays undoubtedly be the best known blogger in the world!

**Programme:** a walk around the city with a guide, visit to **The Alma M. Karlin »Journeys«** Exhibition at the Celje Regional Museum and **The Lonely Journey** of Alma M. Karlin's exhibition in Pečovnik. **Duration:** max. 3 hours.

## ROMANTIC CELJE

Become familiar with the history of the city through tragic, dramatic and unrequited love stories born in Celje. Who was Alfred Nobel's mistress?

**Programme:** a walk around the city with the guide, **TEA PARTY** programme at the Quarter House. **Duration:** max. 2 hours.



## MYTHS AND LEGENDS – Become familiar with Celje in a slightly different way

**Programme:** walk around the city with a guide, visit to the **MCC Hostel**, whose rooms are based on the **MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF CELJE**. **Duration:** max. 2 hours. **Note:** Rooms at the MCC Hostel can be visited subject to occupancy.



## DISCOVER YOUR TALENTS!

Meet local artists and take a peek into their art studios!

**Programme:** guided tour: Plevnik – Kronkowska Gallery, Fine Art Exhibition Space, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Artists' Quarter including the AQ Gallery and art studios, RAČKA Gallery of Erotica. **Duration:** max. 3 hours.



## VISIT THE CITY BY NIGHT

The city is especially lively during summer. The guide will present its history and take you to the locations of numerous events – open-air concerts, workshops, hidden corners at the Savinja River embankment. Different stories are told at night...

**Programme:** a walk around the city with the guide, 1 drink/person included. **Duration:** max. 2 hours.

## CELJE CENSORED

Allow yourself to “get lost” with your guide. Visit locations that are usually not mentioned in either books or guidebooks and may not even be listed on the map. Interesting stories told by the guide will let you know what influenced the present-day appearance of the city in addition to the official history. To be honest, you will learn about both the good and bad of our city.

**Programme:** a walk around the city with a guide, 1 drink/person at one of the popular pubs in Celje included. **Duration:** max. 2 hours.

To book please contact:  
Celje Tourist  
Information Centre  
tel. +386 (0)3 42 87 936,  
e-mail: tic@celje.si,  
tina.kozmus@celje.si

Romantic, seductive, mighty, dark, scary ...  
Old Castle Celje. A definite must-see in Celje that you cannot miss no matter which direction you are coming from. The mighty castle with its walls ruling over the hill above the city for centuries will leave you speechless once you gaze on it from afar. Once you visit it, it stays in your memory forever.

# OLD CASTLE CELJE





## *In the past...*

Old Castle Celje was built by the Counts of Heunberg in the second half of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. After the dynasty became extinct, the castle was taken over by the Lords of Sanneck. After they moved to the confluence of Savinja and Voglajna rivers, they changed their name to the Counts of Celje and began to turn the castle into a modern residential building. In the time of Herman II of Celje, who was the strongest and most influential ruler of the Celje dynasty, the counts reached the peak of their glory, successfully integrating themselves into the European political elite, and became connected to the most important noble dynasties of that time. In the year 1436, Sigismund of Luxembourg

elevated two representatives of the dynasty, Frederick II of Celje and Ulrich II, to the ranks of Princes of the Holy Roman Empire. With the death of the last male descendant of the Celje dynasty 20 years later, one of the most important periods of Celje's history was over.

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Counts of Celje built the so-called "bergfrid" on a hill. The guard tower with walls as thick as 3 meters served as the last refuge from attackers. The first floor of the 23 meter-high tower was a darkroom and above it were spaces intended for storage of weaponry and other equipment. The top floor of the original building was surrounded by a defence passageway.





The tower was named after Frederick II, the first-born son of Herman II. He disapproved of his son's marriage to Veronika of Desenice and had Frederick imprisoned in the guard tower and his wife never-to-be killed.



The youngest daughter of Herman II, Barbara of Celje, was also an important figure of the Celje dynasty. Emotions ran high because of her free thinking, religious tolerance and especially her interest in alchemy and astrology long after she died. She was crowned as the Hungarian, German and Czech queen. Elisabeth of Habsburg, the granddaughter of Barbara of Celje, married Casimir IV Jagiellon, king of Poland. They had 13 children, out of which 10 survived.







### ... and today

The image and the intended use of the castle have changed many times since the glory days of the Celje dynasty, whereas the rocks of the castle have also been used in the construction of the buildings nearby. Today, the renovated castle has become an attractive tourist spot, offering a beautiful view of the city and its outskirts.



Visitors are welcome to visit the modern Tourist Information Centre and Veronika Café. At the Tourist Information Centre, visitors may gather promotional brochures as well as information material about the castle, Celje and its surroundings and information about sightseeing and entertainment events in Celje.

There are a variety of souvenirs and items produced by the cottage industry and artistic crafts to choose from as well as the official I FEEL SLOVENIA Slovene souvenirs and all kinds of literature. Every last Saturday in August, Old Castle Celje is the venue of the traditional medieval performance called "The Land of Celje Invites", and during summer, it is the site of the Living History programme, where visitors have the chance to play a part in the "living" history and fence with knights, shoot using a bow, flirt with the castle princes and princesses and participate in medieval workshops ...



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[www.grad-celje.com](http://www.grad-celje.com),  
FB Stari grad Celje



# RELAXATION AND LEISURE



Have you had enough of wandering around city and need an active break? For many locals, sports have always been a synonym for the city itself. We recommend a hike to the Celjska koča and a test of your skills in the Adventure Park or an adrenaline ride in a bob cart. Borrow a vessel and embark on a romantic journey across Lake Šmartinsko jezero and get your adrenaline pumping with zorbing. For those who cannot get by without cheering – visit a handball match in the Zlatorog Hall, a football match in Arena Petrol or a hockey game in the Ice Hall. The Heart Path in the City Park is perfect for jogging or simply taking a walk!

## Near Savinja River

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### CITY PARK WITH RAFTER STATUE AND LAPIDARIUM (01)

The park is a popular city promenade and a site for summer events.

The statue of a rafter is located between Celje Central Library and the bridge over Savinja River as a remembrance of the waterway that was used by the raftsmen to transport wood on rafts on Savinja River all the way to the Sava River and then towards the south.

In the immediate area, also near Celje Central Library and the Celje Regional Museum, you can find the lapidarium with the display of the finds from the Roman Celeia such as: tomb remains, marble blocks, Roman milestones and a Renaissance fountain decorated with mythological images.



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### CITY FOREST (03)

A settled and well-equipped net of 12 forest routes measuring 14 kilometres in length stretches over 100 hectares of compact forests. The area is located in the immediate vicinity of the city centre and represents a popular "city" recreation yard.

### SAINT NICHOLAS' CHURCH

The church is located on the hill over the city park and is dedicated to Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of raftsmen. In the past, raftsmen on their route on the Savinja River said special prayers on this spot for a safe journey, whereas today the church is a popular walking point, offering a beautiful view over the Celje basin.

### SAINT CECELIA'S CHURCH (02)

On the top of the hill near the city park, you can find the Franciscan Saint Cecilia's church, with about a hundred wooden stairs leading up to it. The church and the convent were built during the counter-reformation period.



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## Areas nearby

### KALVARIJA

The famous Kalvarija stands on Joseph's hill; it comprises four out of the five chapels and the Golgota group on the top of the hill.

### SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH (04)

The church was built in 1680 as a thanks for the defeated plague, which had spread through the city. The church has a simple architectural base with two belfries on each side of the gate. Above the portal is a statue of St. Joseph leaning towards Jesus.



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### SAINT MAXIMILIAN'S CHURCH AND THE TRUBAR STATUE

The church was built around the year 1300. It is named after the Celje bishop and saint St. Maximilian who was supposedly beheaded on this spot. On the green plot next to the church is a statue of Primož Trubar, a protestant priest, the founder of the Slovene literary language and the author of the first book printed in the Slovene language.

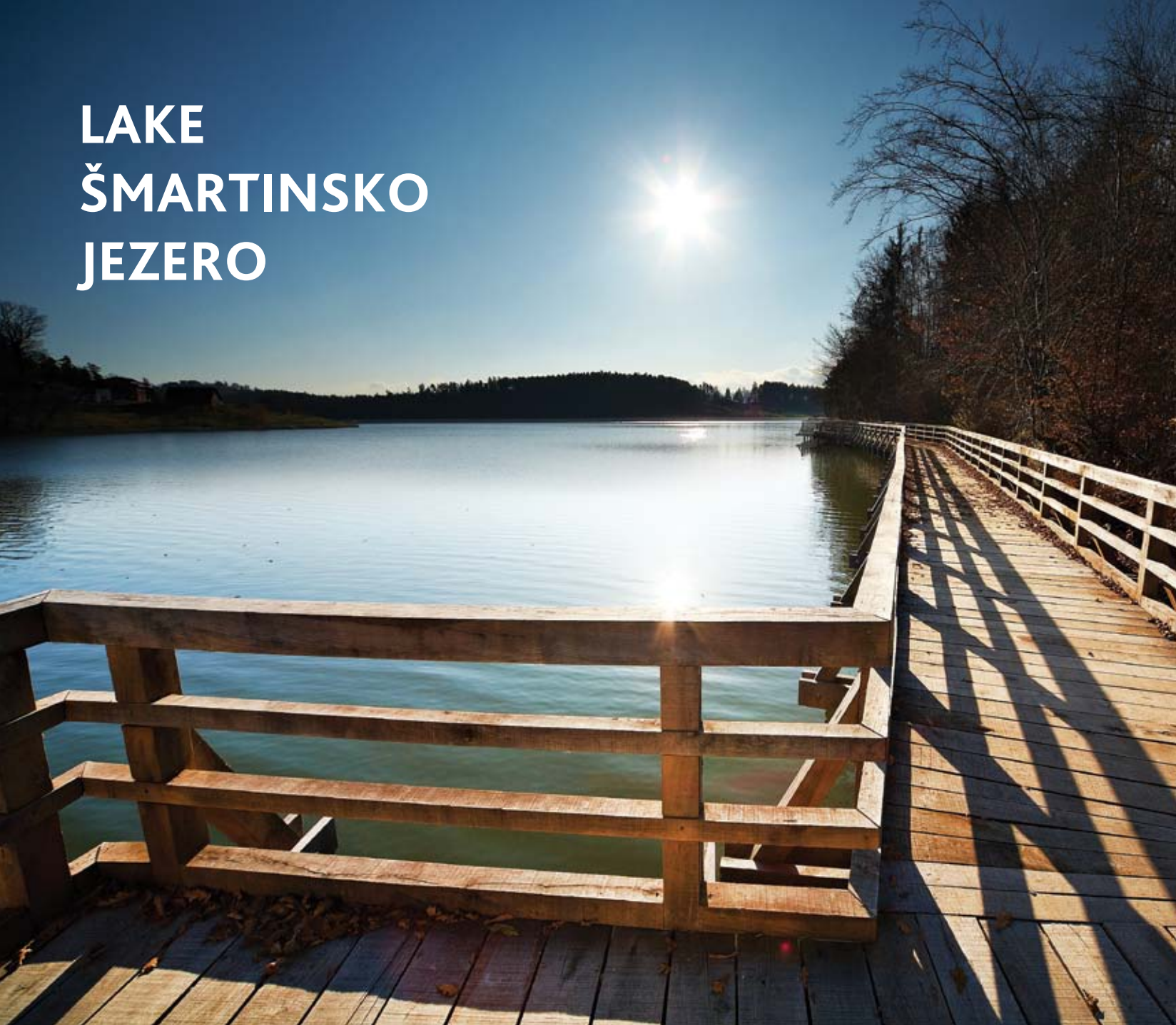
### ALMA IN PEČOVNIK (05)

In Pečovnik, at the outskirts of city, you can find the house that was to be home to Alma M. Karlin and her friend Thea in the last years of her life. She was a globetrotter, writer, polyglot and Theosophian, born in 1889 to bourgeois parents. In 1901, she set off on a trip around the world that lasted eight years. In her life, she wrote many books and articles and collected a series of ethnological materials, part of which is on display in the Celje Regional Museum. Her life's journey ended in Pečovnik in 1950, where an exhibition of her life is on display.

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# LAKE ŠMARTINSKO JEZERO





[www.smartinsko-jezero.com](http://www.smartinsko-jezero.com)



Lake Šmartinsko jezero in the immediate vicinity of Celje is an attractive walking point due to its diverse coast and interesting surroundings. It came into existence in 1970 after the construction of the 18.5 m tall and 205 m long Loče barrier and stretches over 113 ha of lake surface. Beside its primary function, i.e. to restrain high waters, the lake and its surroundings have, through time, turned into a recreational, sport and tourist area, which is growing even more popular with each passing year. Given its arranged appearance and intact nature, and especially the safe and settled path to and around the lake,

the area is suitable for jogging, biking and trekking. Near the lake, there is also the option of recreation on water - you can rent a boat, kayak or pedalo or you can take a boat ride with the Lake Queen boat. Close by, there is also a golf course and picnic plots you can rent.



## Near the lake

A settled biking route and footpath starts at the Church of the Holy Ghost, from where a secured and nicely marked path leads directly to the lake. The path is intended for both walking and biking. At first, it runs along the local road with a security fence and then turns to the meadows and fields. At the lake, it joins with a footpath that splits in two directions: on the left, you can take the rounded path past the Lake Queen boat. Later on, you continue through one of the many lake channels,



cross the floating bridge at the Muzelj boathouse and return to the boat. If you walk to the other side and turn right at the merger of the route with the footpath, you can take a stroll on the footpath leading through a forest. You can return on the same path or take the local asphalt road. Wooden benches are placed all along the way, so you can rest and relax, and you can read about the lake and the life therein on the information boards close to water.

# CELJSKA KOČA (CELJE HUT) WITH ITS ADVENTURE PARK



HOTEL  
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Pečovnik 31, 3000 Celje,  
Slovenija  
T: +386 59 070 400,  
+386 41 718 274,  
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[www.celjska-koca.si](http://www.celjska-koca.si)



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Celjska koča is an attractive finish line for bikers and hikers, as settled and marked paths lead up to it. If you are looking for an adrenaline rush, you can visit the Adventure Park with training ranges for people of all ages and the bob cart summer toboggan run, offering an 800 m fast or easy-going ride. For winter leisure, there is a ski run equipped for artificial snow and with lighting for night skiing. After recreation, you can relax at the wellness centre with a Turkish and Finnish sauna, two whirlpools and a mini gym.



# BIKING AND HIKING

Hiking and biking is a very popular form of recreation among locals, so there are many settled and marked hiking and biking routes available. Please find the map with the marked routes at the TIC.



## 1. FACKA'S ROUTE

The route begins at the outskirts of town in Dečkovo naselje at IV. Elementary School.

**Route:** IV. Elementary School – Medlog – Prešnik mansion – Šmartno v Rožni dolini - Lake Šmartinsko jezero – Dobrova – Nova vas - IV. Elementary School

**Sites:** Jošt's mill, Prešnik mansion, Šmartno v Rožni dolini, Lake Šmartinsko jezero, Late-Baroque plague memorial in Dobrova, Church of the Holy Ghost

**LENGTH: 18.5 km**

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## 2. CASTLE ROUTE

**Route:** Celje – Skalna klet – Grajski hrib – Zagrad - Celje

**Sites:** St. Joseph's church, Old Castle Celje

**LENGTH: 9.2 km**

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## 3. ALMA M. KARLIN'S BIKING ROUTE

**Route:** Celje – Skalna klet – Pečovnik – Celjska kočica – Svetina – Šentjanž nad Štorami – Teharje – Celje

**Sites:** permanent exhibition The Alma M. Karlin »Journeys« Exhibition at the Celje regional museum, ruins of the birth house of Alma M. Karlin (Celje), Alma's last home in Pečovnik with the permanent exhibit "Lonely journey of Alma M. Karlin", Celjska kočica, Svetina with the grave of Alma Karlin, charcoal-burners' collection in Šentjanž nad Štorami

**LENGTH: 25.3 km**

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## 4. BIKING ROUTE CELJE 1

**Route:** Celje (Nova vas) – Dobrova – Lake Šmartinsko jezero – Slatina v Rožni dolini – Lopata - Celje (Ostrožno) – Celje (Lava)

**Sites:** Church of the Holy Ghost, Late-Baroque plague memorial (Dobrova), Lake Šmartinsko jezero, Prešnik mansion (Šmartno v Rožni dolini)

**TOUR LENGTH: 12.6 km**

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## 5. BIKING ROUTE ON CELJSKA KOČA

**Route:** Celje – Zagrad – Vipota –  
Celjska koča – Celje

**Site:** Celjska koča with its  
Adventure Park

**LENGTH: 8.5 km**

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## 6. ROMAN ROUTE

**Route:** Celje (Regional  
Museum) – City park – Breg –  
Miklavžev hrib – Lisce – Košnica  
– Polule – Breg - Celje

**Sites:** Regional Museum,  
lapidarium, City park, St.  
Cecilia church, Temple of  
Hercules, St. Nicholas' church

**LENGTH: 5.2 km**

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## 7. ŠMARTNO ROUTE

**Route:** Celje (Nova vas) – Slatina  
v Rožni dolini – Loče  
– Brezova – Vojnik – Lešje –  
Runtle – Prekorje – Dobrova  
– Celje (Nova vas)

**Sites:** Lake Šmartinsko jezero,  
Prešnik mansion (Šmartno v  
Rožni dolini), Late-Baroque  
plague memorial (Dobrova),  
Church of the Holy Ghost (Nova  
vas)

**LENGTH: 13 km**

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# HIKING

### 1. CELJSKA KOČA - MUSHROOM EDUCATIONAL ROUTE

The starting point is at the  
Celjska koča hotel, where you  
can receive more detailed  
information on the route.

**Route length: 1.9 km**

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### 2. CELJSKA KOČA - FOREST EDUCATIONAL ROUTE

The starting point is at the  
Celjska koča hotel, where you  
can receive more detailed  
information on the route.

**Route length: 1.9 km**

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### 3. FOREST EDUCATIONAL TRAIL – CITY FOREST

Entry points are in the  
immediate vicinity of downtown  
in city park: at Mešek spring, at  
the end of the bridge over the  
Savinja River (Čopova ulica),  
at Petrček, at the Temple of  
Hercules and at the Belaj tavern  
on Polule.

**Length: 12 routes,  
altogether 14 km**

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### 4. ROUTE ON CELJSKA KOČA

**Route:** Celje (Polule) – Pečovnik  
– Celjska koča

**Length: 8 km**

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### 5. STROLLING ROUTE LAKE ŠMARTINSKO JEZERO

**Route:** Celje (Nova vas) –  
Dobrova – Lake Šmartinsko  
jezero

**Length: 9.9 km**

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# FOOD AND DRINKS

Culinary knowledge combined with the urban environment reveals itself through the excellent catering services on offer – hotel restaurants, spaghetti houses, pizzerias, taverns with local food and various options of fast food will not leave you hungry. Take a turn to the municipal market and take a look at the homemade delicacies and chat with the salesladies. They may offer you a piece to taste...

In the evening, a glass of good wine will surely hit the spot – in a stylish hotel restaurant, in one of the summer gardens in the city centre or in the lovely atmosphere of the Celje taverns.



## RESTAURANTS IN THE HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

### Genuine Slovene cuisine

**GOSTILNA JEŽ**, Linhartova 6,  
[sl-si.facebook.com/gostilna.jezcelje](https://www.facebook.com/gostilna.jezcelje)

**GOSTILNA MATJAŽ**, Gosposka  
ulica 16, [www.gostilnaslovenija.si/  
menus/gostilna-matjaz-2](http://www.gostilnaslovenija.si/menus/gostilna-matjaz-2)

### Italian cuisine

**ŠPAGETERIJA & PIZZERIA KOPER**,  
Gubčeva 3, [www.pizzeria-koper.si](http://www.pizzeria-koper.si)

### Other world cuisine

**GOSTILNA STARI PISKER**,  
Savinova 9, [www.stari-pisker.com](http://www.stari-pisker.com)

**GOSTILNICA CELJSKI HRAM**,  
Linhartova 5

**GOSTIŠČE HOCHKRAUT**,  
okrepčevalnica Peron, Krekov trg 1,  
[www.hochkraut.com](http://www.hochkraut.com)

**HOTEL EVROPA**, Krekov trg 4,  
[www.hotel-evropa.si](http://www.hotel-evropa.si)

**KONOBA DALMACIJA**,  
Linhartova 8

**LOVING HUT CELJE**, Linhartova 7,  
<http://celje.lovinghut.si/>

### Fast food

**CENTRAL BUS STATION** – several  
fast food restaurants

**KEBAPCI AGA**, Ljubljanska cesta 6,  
[www.agakebapci.com/index\\_si.htm](http://www.agakebapci.com/index_si.htm)

**MCDONALD'S**, Gubčeva 2,  
[www.mcdonalds.si](http://www.mcdonalds.si)

### Sweet shops and cafés

**HIŠA PRIBOLJŠKOV KUBA KAFE**,  
Prešernova 16, [www.facebook.com/  
pages/Kuba-Kafe/599503810063112](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kuba-Kafe/599503810063112)

**KAVARNA EVROPA**, Krekov trg 4,  
[www.hotel-evropa.si](http://www.hotel-evropa.si)

**KAVARNA OAZA**, Glavni trg 13,  
[www.kavarnaooaza.si](http://www.kavarnaooaza.si)

**KAVARNA PRI NEJCU**,  
Trg Celjskih knezov 8,  
[sl-si.facebook.com/SladoledpriNejcu](https://www.facebook.com/SladoledpriNejcu)

**KAVARNA ROLCA**, Gubčeva ulica 1

**MCC KAVARNA** (Celjski mladinski  
center), Mariborska cesta 2,  
[www.mc-celje.si](http://www.mc-celje.si)

**KAVARNA IN SLAŠČIČARNA  
LEONARDO**, Gosposka 28,  
[www.leonardo.si/dejavnosti/kavar-  
na\\_leonardo](http://www.leonardo.si/dejavnosti/kavarna_leonardo)

**KAVARNA IN SLAŠČIČARNA PRI  
MIŠKU KNJIŽKU**, Muzejski trg 1 a  
**SLAŠČIČARNA ZVEZDA**,  
Prešernova 11







## RESTAURANTS OUTSIDE THE CITY CENTRE

Beside the restaurants in shopping centres, there are also many restaurants outside the city centre offering a variety of flavours.

### Clubs, bars & pubs

**BRANIBOR CLUB**, Stanetova 29,  
[www.branibor.com](http://www.branibor.com)

**CELE CLUB**, Aškerčeva 14

**HIŠA PIVA CELJE**, Gubčeva 8,  
<http://cebs.si/>

**HIŠA PRIBOLJŠKOV CUBA LIBRE BAR**, Gubčeva 6, <https://sl-si.facebook.com/BarKubaLibre>

**JAZZ PUB**, Ljubljanska cesta 7

**KINO METROPOL**, Stanetova 15,  
[www.kinometropol.org](http://www.kinometropol.org)

**MALI PLAC**, Linhartova 10

**MANSION**, Trg celjskih knezov 10,  
[www.mansion.si](http://www.mansion.si)

**MAVERICK PUB**, Ljubljanska 7

**PIERCING & TATTOO & CAFE**,  
Levstikova 1 e

**POPULUS**, Ljubljanska cesta 5 a

**PRI LAŽNIVI PRIČI**, Prešernova 20,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pri-La%C5%BEnivi-Pri%C4%8Di/230845993747095?ref=stream>

**ŠPITAL ZA PRJATLE**, Slomškov trg 5,  
<https://sl-si.facebook.com/spital-zaprjatle>

**TAMKOUČIRI**, Gosposka 1 a,  
<https://sl-si.facebook.com/tamkouciri>

**VRTNICA**, Malgajeva 2 a,  
[www.vrtnica-bar.si](http://www.vrtnica-bar.si)



### Genuine Slovene cuisine

**GOSTILNA FRANCL**, Zagrad 77

**GOSTILNA MEDVED**,  
Ulica Cirila Debeljaka 7 a,  
[www.gostilna-medved.com/](http://www.gostilna-medved.com/)

**GOSTILNA PRI KMETEC**,  
Zagrad 140 a, [www.tlacan.si](http://www.tlacan.si)  
(immediate vicinity of Old castle)

### Italian cuisine

**PICERIJA OLIVA**, Dečkova 41,  
[www.oliva.si/sl/](http://www.oliva.si/sl/)

**PICERIJA PICIKATO**, Teharje 21,  
[www.picikato.com/](http://www.picikato.com/)

**PIVOVARNA, PIVNICA, PIZZERIA DIAVOLO**, Mariborska cesta 118,  
[www.diavalo.si](http://www.diavalo.si)

### Balkan cuisine

**GOSTILNA AMERIKA**, Mariborska  
cesta 79, [www.gostilna-amerika.com](http://www.gostilna-amerika.com)

**TAVERNA CARRARO**,  
Opekarniška cesta 15 a,  
<http://taverna.carraro.si/>

### Other world cuisine

**GOSTILNA MLAKAR**, Teharska 26

**GOSTILNA ŠPENGL**, Ljubljanska  
cesta 39, [www.spengl.si/sl/](http://www.spengl.si/sl/)

**KITAJSKA RESTAVRACIJA  
DVA ZMAJA**, Kersnikova ulica 31,  
<http://dvazmaja.si/>

**KITAJSKA RESTAVRACIJA  
KITAJSKI DVOR**, Teharska cesta 35

### Sweet shops and cafés

**KAVARNA VERONIKA**, Cesta na  
grad 78 (na Starem gradu) <https://www.facebook.com/KavarnaVeronika?rf=1379631968974296>

# SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Shopping has become a lifestyle, and that is no different in Celje. Boutique shops of well-known designers from Celje, with their attracting displays downtown, are very appealing, just like the souvenir shops and sales galleries with diverse offers from Slovene traditional souvenirs to trendy and useful gifts in the Artists' Quarter. One must pay a visit to the shopping centres which, in Celje, also offer lots of ways to have fun besides shopping – cinemas, children's fun parks, restaurants and thematic entertainment. Above all, shopping in Celje is fun!



## SHOPPING CENTRES

**CITYCENTER CELJE** is the largest shopping centre in town. Its offer is very broad, both in terms of shops as in its catering establishments, and children can be entertained in the Jungle children's park.

CITYCENTER CELJE,  
Mariborska 100, 3000 Celje,  
T: (+386) 3 425 12 50,  
[www.city-center.si](http://www.city-center.si)

**PLANET TUŠ CELJE** encompasses several shops, eight cinema screens and a bowling alley. Its catering services are complemented with restaurants, sweet shops and bars and a playing corner for the youngest visitors.

PLANET TUŠ,  
Mariborska 128, 3000 Celje,  
T: (+386) 59 73 37 10,  
[www.planet-tus.si](http://www.planet-tus.si)

**CENTER SUPERNOVA** is located next to the other shopping centres (City center and Planet Tuš).

Center Supernova, Bežigrajska  
cesta 16, SI 3000 CELJE

**MERCATOR CENTER CELJE**, is located close by the most important sports facilities in Celje. It has a diverse offer of catering establishments and shops.

MERCATOR CENTER CELJE,  
Opekarniška cesta 9, 3000 Celje,  
T: (+386) 3 426 80 00

### CELEIA PARK

is located near the city centre and also offers parking in its parking garage.

Celeiapark, Aškerčeva 14,  
3000 Celje

## ENTERTAINMENT

**MESTNI KINO METROPOL**, Stanetova 15, Celje,  
tel.: 031 324 400,  
info@kinometropol.org,  
[www.kinometropol.org](http://www.kinometropol.org)  
Metropol city cinema plays a programme of artistic films and hits from the last couple of months and has its own café.

**PLANET TUŠ CELJE**, Mariborska 128, Celje,  
tel.: 059 733 700,  
[www.planet-tus.com](http://www.planet-tus.com)  
The Planet Tuš cinema in Celje comprises 8 screens with a total of 1,759 seats. The screens are equipped with an excellent sound system and play the newest box-office hits from around the world.

**PLANET TUŠ CELJE BOWLING**  
There are 14 modern equipped bowling alleys and evening as well as night time music entertainment.

### IGRALNI SALON CASINO FARAON

Ljubljanska 39, 03 426 02 24,  
03 02 22, casino.faraon@siol.net,  
[www.casino-faraon.com](http://www.casino-faraon.com)  
Bordering the city park, there is a modern gaming salon with 114 gaming machines and two electronic roulette wheels.

**CLUB CASA**, Dečkova cesta 1,  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Club-Casa/218730054974187>

**DISCO PLANET TUŠ**,  
Bowling & billiards, cinema  
Mariborska cesta 128,  
[http://celje.planet-tus.si/si/dogodki/disco\\_planet](http://celje.planet-tus.si/si/dogodki/disco_planet)

# FAIRS

Celje is an ideal place for different working meetings, national and international congresses, scientific symposiums and cultural as well as business meetings. Modernly renovated and equipped halls of various capacities will meet the demands of all attendees. The halls of the National and Celje Halls have been renovated in the style of past periods, whereas the halls of the Celje fair and Tehnopolis are equipped and designed in a more modern fashion.



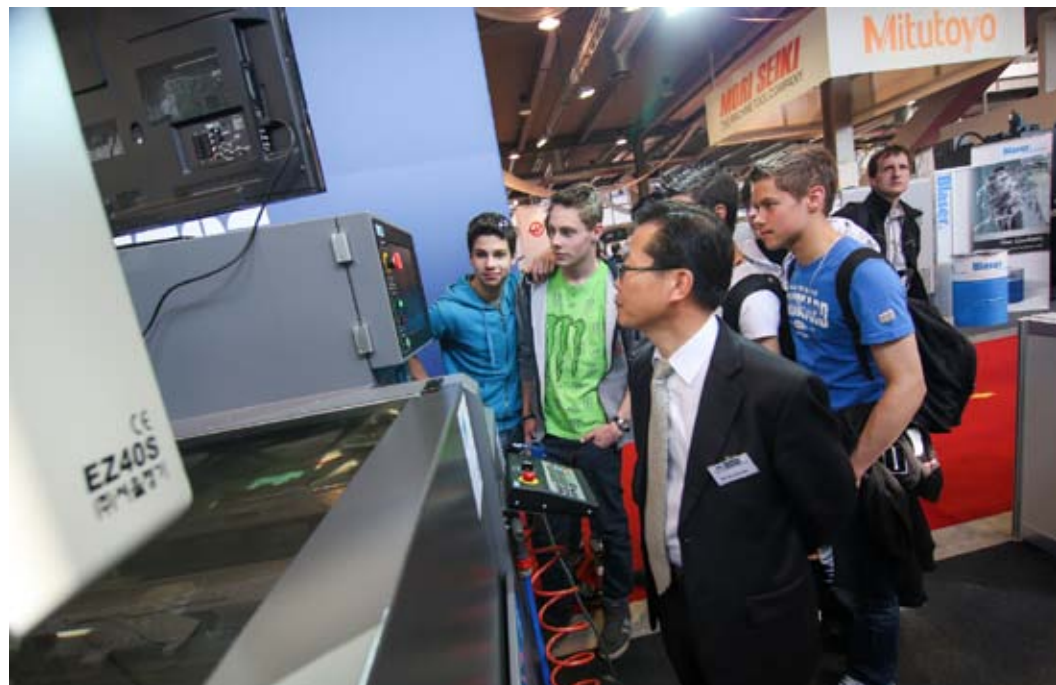
March:  
*Fairs FLORA, WEDDING, ALTERMED and Beekeepers' days Api- Slovenia*

May:  
*Fairs ENERGETICS, TEROTECH-MAINTENANCE*

April:  
*Fairs FORMA TOOL, PLAGKEM, GRAF&PACK, WELDING and FOUNDRIES*  
*Fairs CAR AND MAINTENANCE, MOTO BOOM, LOGOTRANS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES*

September:  
*MOS – International fair of crafts and entrepreneurship*

December:  
*sLOErotika Fair*



# EVENTS

Celje is a family-friendly city – almost every corner in the city, be it a shop, a tavern or a park, has a playground, books and other toys to entertain children throughout the day. Celje is especially alive during many events that last throughout the year and serve as entertainment for children as well as for adults.



## TRADITIONAL EVENTS

### CARNIVAL WITH SHROVE PARADE

Festive street atmosphere downtown and a pageant for the best mask.



### April: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

Biennial traditional event dating back to the year 1946 that is attended by choirs from all over the world.

### June and October: COUNTRYSIDE IN THE CITY

Countryside delicacies are presented on stands downtown.

### June – August: SUMMER IN CELJE

A rich programme of events, performances, concerts and theatre plays at many sites in the city and at Old Castle Celje.



### 31 December: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Open-air New Year's Eve with concert

Last Friday and Saturday in August:

### LAND OF CELJE INVITES...

A two-day medieval event at the Old Castle Celje and downtown

### COUNTRYSIDE IN THE CITY

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February and March:

### COMEDY DAYS

A festival that brings top theatre performers to Celje every year



Every weekend from April to October:

### LIVING HISTORY AT OLD CASTLE CELJE

Medieval camp, knights, archery, fencing

December:

### FAIRY-TALE CELJE

Fairy-tale land (with fairies and fairy-tale heroes), Christmas – New Year's fair, free open-air concerts, holiday lights' switch-on with arrival of St. Nicholas and gifts, children's New Year's Eve in Fairy-tale land...





# ACCOMMODATION

The city and its surroundings have five hotels in the category of three or four stars, two hostels, a camp and a guesthouse. They are all modernly equipped and offer their visitors quality services for a comfortable stay in the city.

## HOTELS:

### HOTEL EVROPA\*\*\*\*



Krekov trg 4, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 3 426 90 00,  
E: [info@hotel-evropa.si](mailto:info@hotel-evropa.si),  
[www.hotel-evropa.si](http://www.hotel-evropa.si)

A luxury hotel downtown and in the immediate vicinity of the railway station. Sauna, Wi-Fi and parking available.

### HOTEL CELEIA\*\*\*



Mariborska 3, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 (0)3 426 97 00,  
E: [info@hotel-celeia.si](mailto:info@hotel-celeia.si),  
[www.hotel-celeia.si](http://www.hotel-celeia.si)

The renovated Celeia hotel is enriched with a new appearance, top offers, various services and favourable prices. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the bus and railway station and offers all the comfort one would expect of a city hotel.

### HOTEL FARAON\*\*\*



Ljubljanska 39, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 3 428 71 00,  
E: [hotel.faraon@siol.net](mailto:hotel.faraon@siol.net),  
[www.hotel-faraon.si](http://www.hotel-faraon.si)

It is located near the city park's outskirts near the Savinja river, and the outdoor summer swimming pool. Equipped with Wi-Fi and a casino.

## HOTELS:

### HOTEL GRANDE\*\*\* superior



Bežigrajska 7, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 3 425 51 00,  
E: [hotelgrande.celje@siol.com](mailto:hotelgrande.celje@siol.com),  
[www.hotelgrande.si](http://www.hotelgrande.si)

It is located in the immediate vicinity of shopping centres and the fair park. Free internet, bike rental and air conditioning also available.

### HOTEL CELJSKA KOČA\*\*\*



Pečovnik 31, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 59 070 400,  
+386 41 718 274,  
E: [info@celjska-koca.si](mailto:info@celjska-koca.si),  
[www.celjska-koca.si](http://www.celjska-koca.si)

It is located in nature, approx. 8 km outside Celje. Sauna, whirlpool, gym, massage, toboggan, adventure park, skiing (during winter) also available.

## HOSTELS:

### MCC HOSTEL – house of legends



Mariborska 2, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 3 490 87 40,  
+386 40 756 009,  
E: [mcc.hostel@mc-celje.si](mailto:mcc.hostel@mc-celje.si),  
[www.hostel-celje.si](http://www.hostel-celje.si)

Located downtown in the immediate vicinity of the bus and railway station. It offers single, double and multi-bed theme rooms, kitchen, laundry room, internet access, park with picnic and sports area, free bike rental.

### GEORGES HOSTEL



Aškerčeva 3, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 (0)41 329 179,  
E: [violeta.stojs@sz-atrij.si](mailto:violeta.stojs@sz-atrij.si),  
[www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Georges-Hostel/Celje/80146](http://www.hostelworld.com/hosteldetails.php/Georges-Hostel/Celje/80146)

It is located downtown in the immediate vicinity of the bus and railway station. It offers rooms with three beds and more, a common area, kitchen, laundry room, free Wi-Fi.

## GUESTHOUSE:

### HOCHKRAUT\*\* GUESTHOUSE



Tremerje 2, 3000 Celje, Slovenia  
T: +386 3 427 91 00,  
+386 3 427 91 04  
E: [gostisce@hochkraut.com](mailto:gostisce@hochkraut.com),  
[www.hochkraut.com](http://www.hochkraut.com)

It is located approx. 3 km outside Celje next to the Celje – Laško road. Besides accommodation, whirlpools, sauna, internet and parking are also available.

## CAMPING:

### AUTOKAMP CELJE



Zadobrova 37a, 3211 Škofja vas  
T: +386 41 726 516,  
E: [branko@verdev.si](mailto:branko@verdev.si),  
[www.camping-celje.com](http://www.camping-celje.com)  
GPS coordinates: 46° 15' 46,12" / 15° 17' 54,61"

It is located at the outskirts of the city. The camp with approx. 30 vacancies is equipped with all the necessary infrastructure and also offers the possibility of camping in mobile homes.

## USEFUL INFORMATION:



### CITY TRANSPORT:

Celje has local bus connections for trips outside downtown. You will find many taxis at parking spaces in front of the railway station and at other parking areas in the city.



### PARKING:

The city centre is intended for pedestrians and is therefore closed for traffic. Payable parking spaces are located at marked spots in the blue zone downtown. They are intended for short parking periods between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days and between 6 and 10 a.m. on Saturdays.



### PARKING GARAGES:

There are two parking garages available:

#### Glazija parking garage

Ljubljanska 20, 3000 Celje  
Tel: +386 3 490 15 50

The parking garage is located in the immediate vicinity of Celje general hospital and operates 24 hours a day. Along with the indoor parking spaces for personal vehicles, there is also a supply station for 2 mobile homes.

#### Celeipark parking garage

Aškerčeva 14, 3000 Celje  
Tel: +386 3 490 15 50

It is located in the immediate vicinity of the bus and railway station and downtown; operates from Monday to Saturday between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

## Important contacts:

**Celje community health centre:** +386 (0)3 543 40 00

**Celje general hospital:** +386 (0)3 423 30 00

**Emergency call centre:** 112

**Police:** 113

**AMZS:** 1987

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tic@celje.si

www.celeia.info

www.dezela-celjska.si

www.smartinsko-jezero.com

www.grad-celje.com

### Distances between cities:

Celje – Ljubljana: 71 km

Celje – Trieste: 200 km

Celje – Venice: 350 km

Celje – Milan: 620 km

Celje – Zagreb: 115 km

Celje – Belgrade: 500 km

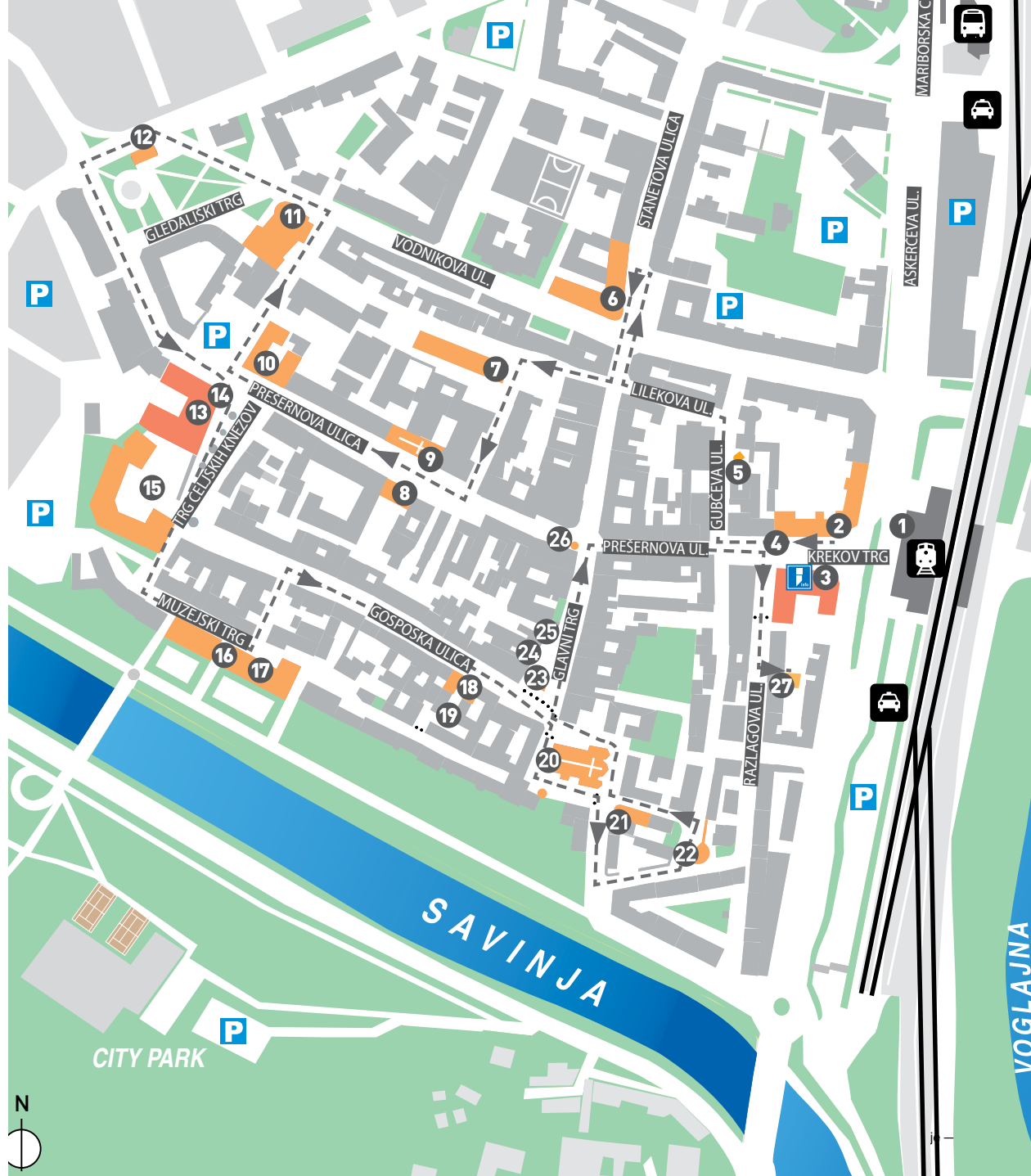
Celje – Budapest: 350 km

Celje – Vienna: 280 km

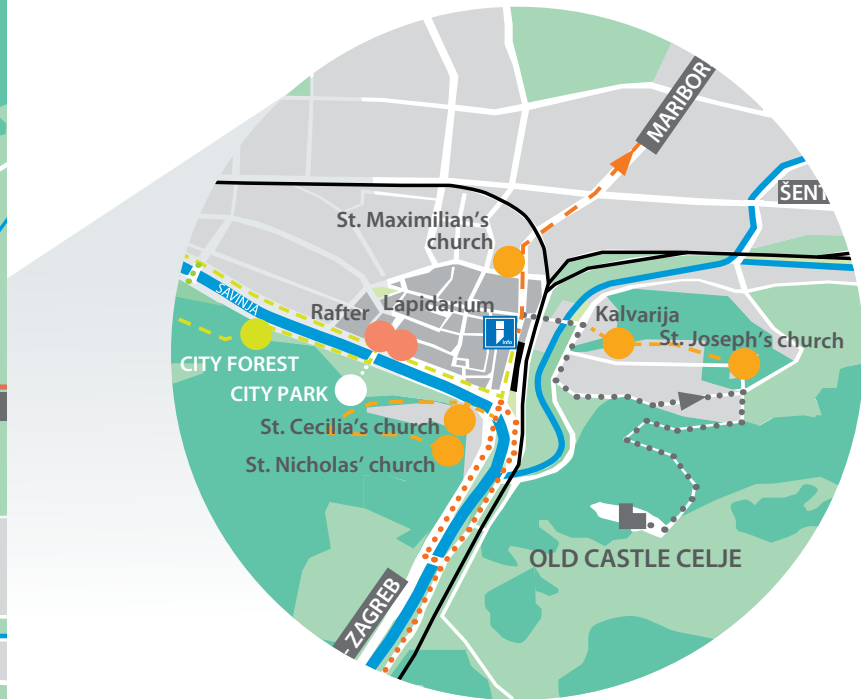
Celje – Graz: 110 km

## A WALK THROUGH TOWN CENTRE

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