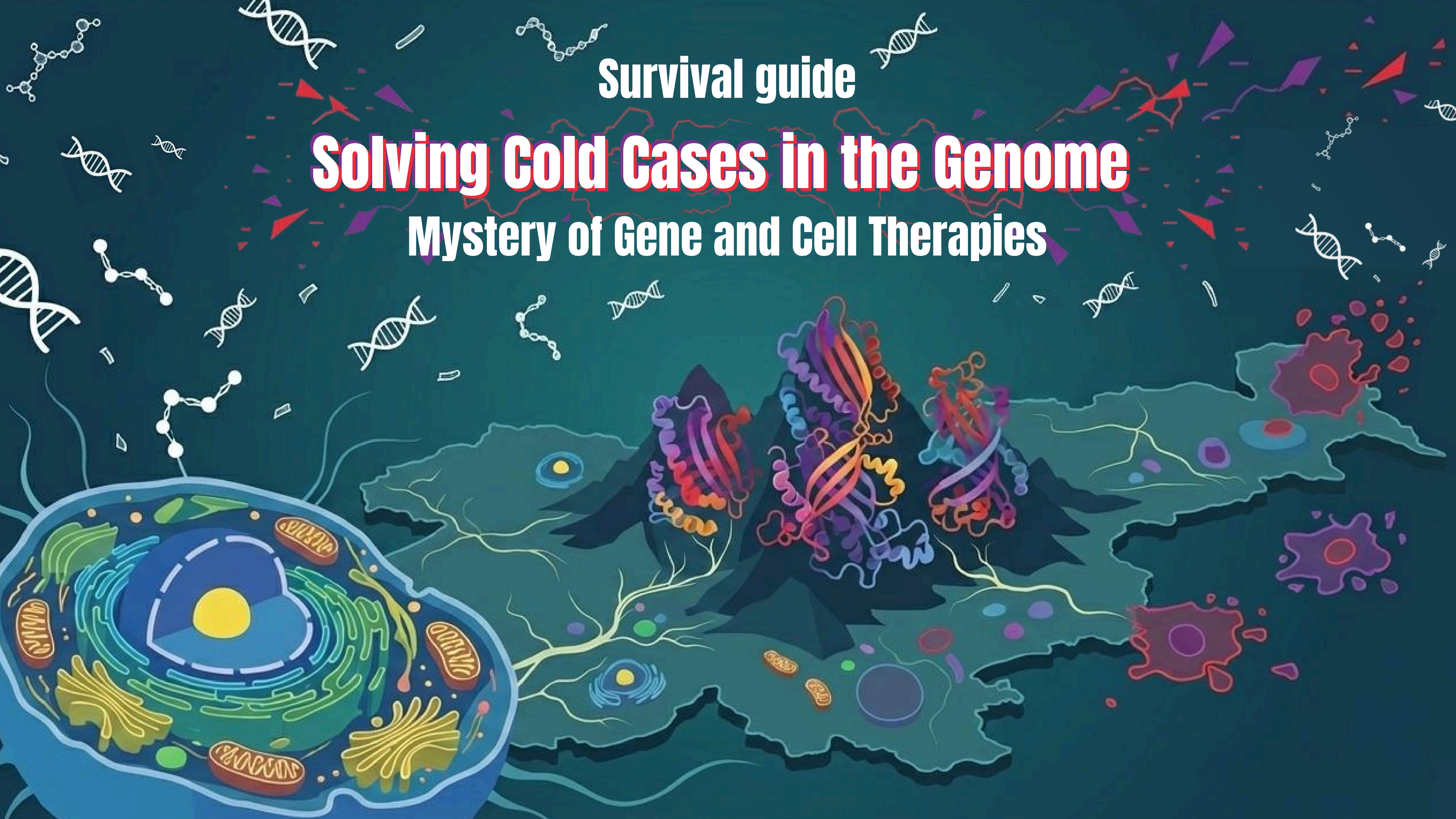


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What is a BEST Course??

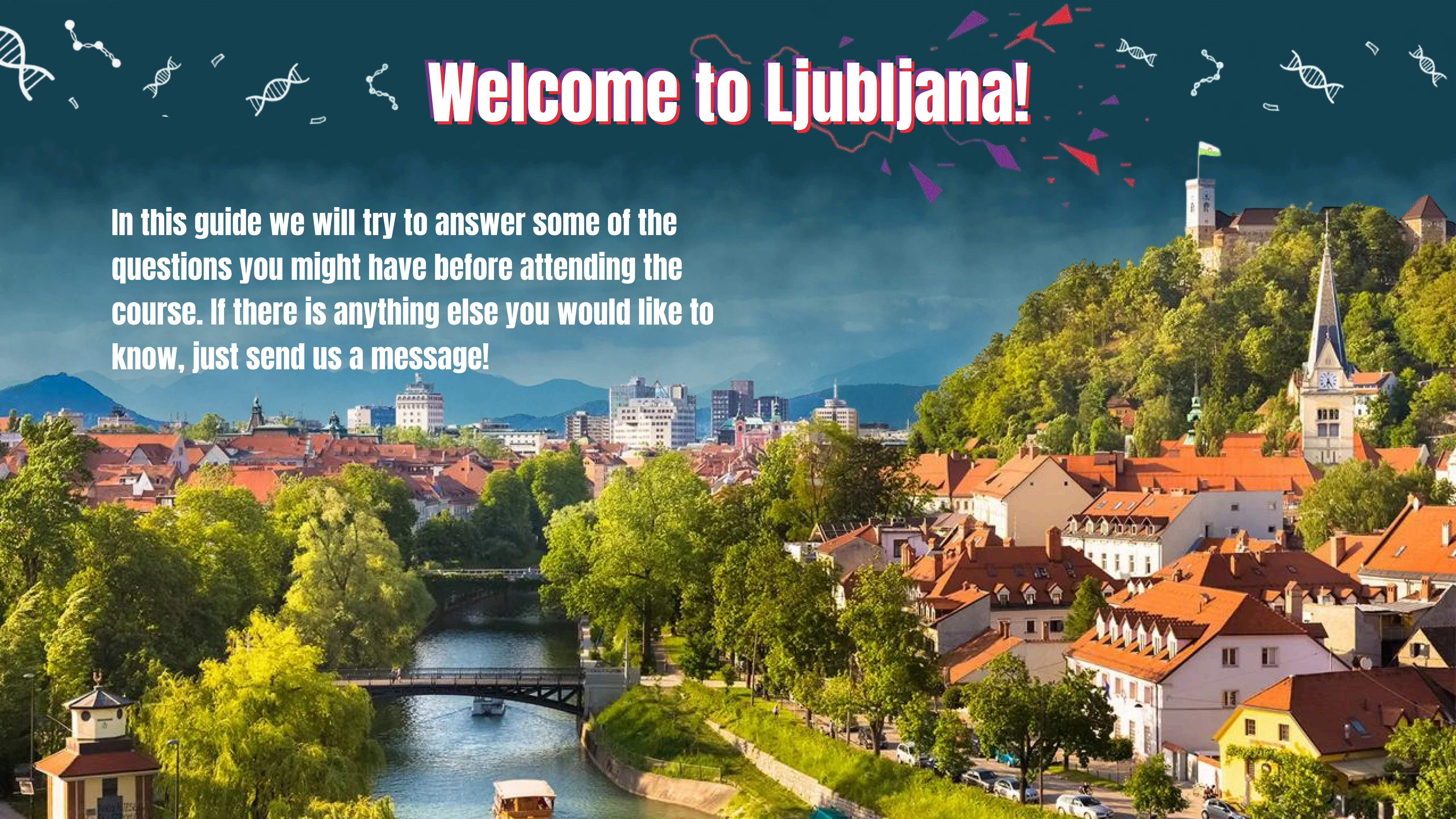
Throughout the whole year, BEST organizes different activities where students of technology from member universities get the chance to complement their fields of study, discuss educational matters, learn and take their first steps into an international career, increase their international experience, set up contacts, improve their English level and have fun. Each BEST event is attended by 20-30 engineering and technology students like you, who have something in common: they want to live a unique experience, different from day-to-day school life! In these events, participants attend lectures given by the university's teaching staff or by experts from companies. At the end of the course, students take an exam, which is designed to evaluate the participants' success.





Welcome to Ljubljana!

In this guide we will try to answer some of the questions you might have before attending the course. If there is anything else you would like to know, just send us a message!



The background of the slide is a vibrant, high-angle photograph of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The city is built on a hillside, with numerous buildings featuring red-tiled roofs. A prominent church with a tall, dark spire is visible on the right. In the foreground, a river flows through the city, with a bridge crossing it. The sky is a clear, bright blue, and the overall scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

What to know about Slovenia?

The event will take place in Ljubljana between the 24th and 31st of August 2026. But that does not mean you will see only Ljubljana, we will try to show as much of our beautiful country as the schedule will allow us.

First, let us tell you some general information about our country: the language spoken is Slovenian and we will teach you some useful phrases, the currency used is Euro, we are in the CET timezone and you should expect sub-mediterranean temperatures - hot days and slightly chilly nights with occasional rain, but probably no less than 15 degrees



What to expect from Slovenians?

We are a sport crazy nation with an incredible number of top athletes based on our population - you will be hearing about this.

You will see it emphasized that we are the only country with LOVE in the name.

You will witness someone argue if Laško or Union is better (beer is very important!).

We have the oldest grapevine in the world and we love our wine.

Our highest mountain Triglav will show up very often, so remember the name.



What is a must see while in Ljubljana?



Dragon Bridge



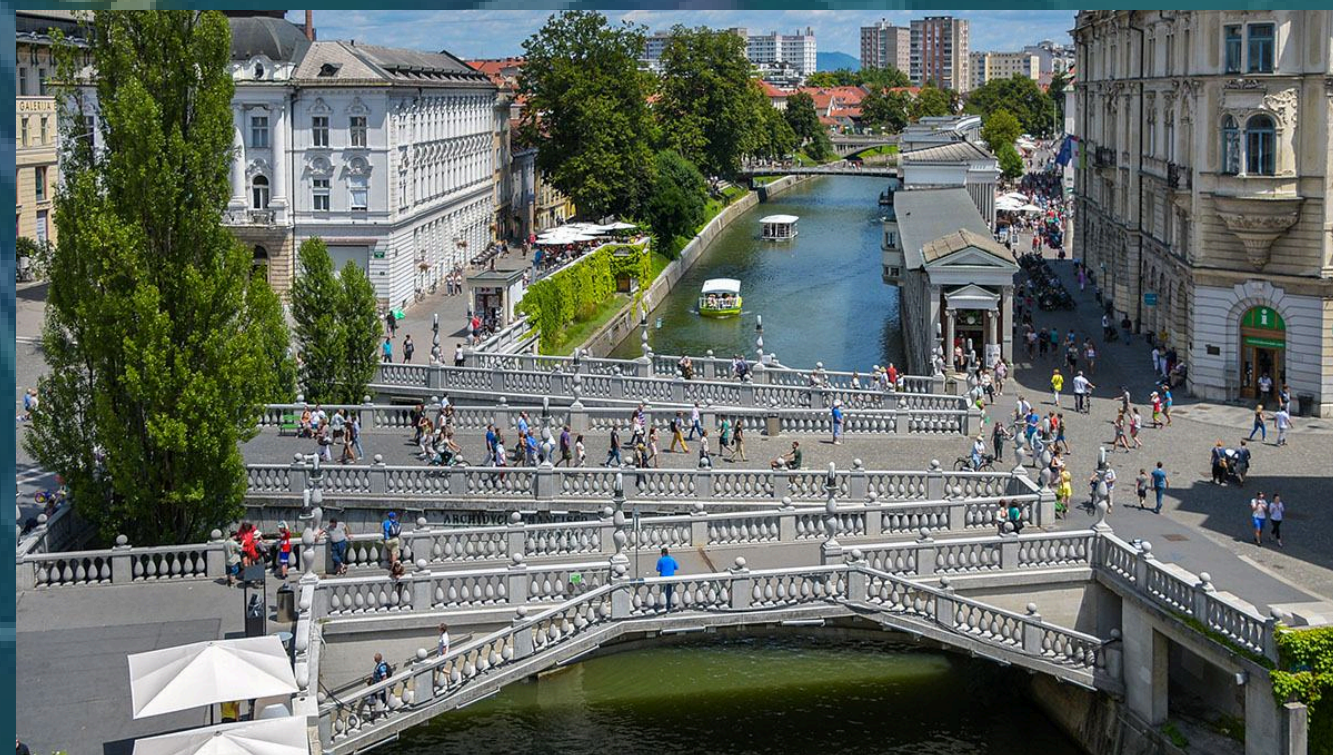
Tivoli Park



Metelkova Street



Ljubljana Castle



Triple Bridge



Prešeren Square

What should you try while in Ljubljana?

Here are some dishes that are definitely worth your time if you spot them around



Kremšnita



Žlikrofi



Potica



Prekmurska gibanica



Kranjska klobasa



Borovničke

How can you talk to the natives?

Here are some key phrases you will need to survive in Ljubljana

Hello - Živjo

Good Afternoon - Dober dan

Excuse me - Oprostite

Thank you - Hvala

I am ... - Jaz sem ...

How are you? - Kako si?

Where is ... ? - Kje je ... ?

Left / Right / Straight ahead - Levo / Desno / Naravnost

What is the time? - Koliko je ura?

Six seven - šest sedem

Yes / No - Da / Ne

Good luck Kekec! - Srečno Kekec!

Cheers! - Na zdravje!

One beer please! - Eno pivo prosim!

Coffee, please - Kavo, prosim

Wine! - Vino!

How will you get around in Ljubljana?

But you have to get to Ljubljana somehow first!

Ljubljana has its own airport, called Letališče (airport) Jožeta Pučnika, usually named just Brnik airport. Your safest bet is to land there; other close airports are Zagreb, Graz, Budapest, Venice (Treviso, Marco Polo), Milano (Bergamo) and Trieste which are connected to Ljubljana by bus or train.

Another option is by train, you can get a train to Ljubljana from Venice, Villach, Wiena, Budapest, Zagreb, Munich, and many other European cities. The same is true for buses. FlixBus, GoOpti, OBB and Slovenian Railways offer many options for transport. If you happen to arrive a day before, we are also able to host you for a night with no extra charge. We also recommend you do not book your departure before 13 PM on Monday (31st), as we will not arrive back in Ljubljana before that. If you have any questions about your transport, don't hesitate to send us a message!

Free transport across Ljubljana will be provided for you for the duration of the course.

What should you bring with you?

General:

- ID/Passport
- Student ID card (for discounts!)
- Hygiene products and any necessary medications
- Comfortable clothes for your stay, something for the cold nights as well
- Some pocket money - don't forget the fee in cash!
- Notebook/Laptop for the lectures
- Comfortable shoes for walking

Parties:

- Party clothes that may get dirty
- Signature dishes and/or drinks from your country for the International Evening

Weekend Trip:

- Sleeping bag/sheets (worry not, you will not sleep in the woods)
- Bathing suit and towel, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Indoor slippers

What is the price of some everyday items?

Our currency is Euro. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere (as of recent even at my favourite kebab shop!), but we recommend you stay safe and have some cash on you. The water is drinkable so don't bother buying it.

Approximate prices in Ljubljana:

Big Mac - 4,50 € (the meal is 7,00 € for medium and 7,50 € for large)

Pizza - 5–12 € (cheaper by the slice, the lower end is fast food places, the higher is sit-down places)

Burek - 3,50 €

Coke (1 L) - 2 € (varies by store)

Beer - 3–4 € for a pint in a bar; store beers are cheaper (1,20–1,50 €)

Cinema - 7–12 €

Milk (1 L) - 1,20–1,50 €

Bread (a loaf) - 1–3 €

Bus ride in Ljubljana: 1,50 €

Who should you contact?

In case you have any questions, anyone from our team will be more than happy to help.



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