



# ***KRANJSKA GORA***

**Kranjska Gora** is a well-known Alpine resort in north-western Slovenia. In summer, it is an excellent base for easy walks, cycling and visits to nearby natural attractions. Lake Jasna is within walking distance of the town centre, while Zelenci Nature Reserve lies near the village of Podkoren and is famous for its emerald spring and wooden boardwalk. During the winter season, Kranjska Gora becomes one of Slovenia's best-known skiing destinations. Visitors can enjoy a variety of ski slopes suitable for both beginners and more experienced skiers, as well as other winter activities such as cross-country skiing, sledding and winter hiking. The area is also internationally recognised for hosting FIS Alpine Ski World Cup competitions, which attract top athletes, sports fans and visitors from many countries.

## *Main attractions*

### **Kranjska Gora Town Centre**

Kranjska Gora is a small and attractive Alpine resort located in the north-western part of Slovenia, close to the borders with Austria and Italy. The town centre is compact, lively and easy to explore on foot. Visitors can walk through the main streets, stop at local cafés and restaurants, or enjoy traditional Slovenian food while looking at the surrounding mountains.

The centre combines tourism with the character of a traditional Alpine town. It includes hotels, small shops, sports stores, bakeries and souvenir shops. In summer, the town is popular with hikers, cyclists and nature lovers, while in winter it becomes one of Slovenia's best-known ski resorts.

One of the main advantages of Kranjska Gora is that many attractions are within walking distance. Lake Jasna, the Pišnica River and several hiking paths can all be reached directly from the town centre. This makes Kranjska Gora a practical starting point for a full-day trip without a car.



## **Lake Jasna**

Lake Jasna is one of the most famous sights in Kranjska Gora. It consists of two interconnected artificial lakes located near the confluence of the Velika Pišnica and Mala Pišnica streams. The lakes are known for their clear water and impressive views of the Julian Alps.

Visitors can walk around the lakes, relax on the wooden piers, sit by the water or take photographs of the surrounding mountain scenery. The area is especially attractive in good weather, when the mountains are reflected on the surface of the lake.

A well-known feature of Lake Jasna is the bronze statue of Zlatorog, the legendary Alpine ibex from Slovenian folklore. The statue is one of the most popular photography spots in the area. There is also a small observation platform and several places where visitors can rest and enjoy the view.

Lake Jasna is suitable for a short walk, a picnic or a peaceful break in nature. During summer, some visitors also enter the water, although it can remain quite cold because it is supplied by mountain streams.



## **Pišnica River**

The Pišnica River flows through the Alpine landscape near Kranjska Gora and connects the town with the area around Lake Jasna. The riverside path is an easy and pleasant walking route, suitable for most visitors.

The route offers views of clear mountain water, forests, bridges and the nearby peaks. It is a good choice for participants who prefer a relaxing walk instead of a more demanding hike. Depending on the chosen path, visitors can walk from the town centre towards Lake Jasna and continue further into the valley.

The sound of the river and the surrounding natural scenery create a peaceful atmosphere. Along the route, there are several opportunities to stop, take photographs and enjoy the landscape. The path is particularly pleasant during warm summer days because parts of it are shaded by trees.

The Pišnica River area also shows how closely Kranjska Gora is connected with the Alpine environment. Mountain streams, forests and walking paths begin only a short distance from the town centre.



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## **Zelenci Nature Reserve**

Zelenci Nature Reserve is a protected natural area located near the village of Podkoren, a few kilometres from Kranjska Gora. It is famous for its vivid green water, wetland landscape and views of the surrounding mountains.

Zelenci is known as the second source of the Sava Dolinka River. The water rises from underground through the porous lake bottom and forms a small, emerald-green lake. The unusual colour of the water is one of the main reasons why Zelenci is so popular with visitors and photographers. A wooden boardwalk leads through the wetland and allows visitors to observe the area without damaging the sensitive natural environment. At the end of the boardwalk, there is a small observation tower that offers a better view of the lake, reeds, surrounding forest and mountain peaks.

The reserve is home to different plant and animal species that depend on the wetland habitat. Visitors may see birds, insects, aquatic plants and other wildlife. Because the area is protected, visitors should remain on the marked paths, avoid making too much noise and take all waste with them.

The walk through the reserve is short and not physically demanding, which makes Zelenci suitable for a wide range of visitors. It is an excellent destination for people interested in nature, photography and peaceful landscapes.



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## **Podkoren**

Podkoren is a traditional Alpine village located close to Kranjska Gora and Zelenci Nature Reserve. It is known for its old houses, narrow streets and peaceful rural atmosphere.

The village offers visitors a different experience from the more tourist-oriented centre of Kranjska Gora. Walking through Podkoren provides an opportunity to see traditional Alpine architecture and learn more about life in this part of Slovenia.

Podkoren is also well known because of the nearby ski slopes, where important international skiing competitions are held during the winter season. In summer, however, the area is quieter and suitable for walking, cycling and exploring the surrounding countryside.

Because Podkoren is located near Zelenci, the two destinations can easily be combined in one visit. Visitors can arrive by local bus, walk through the village and then continue towards the nature reserve. Podkoren can also serve as a convenient place to stop for food, a drink or a short rest before returning to Kranjska Gora.



### ***Practical tips***

Wear comfortable walking shoes and carry a reusable water bottle.

Zelenci is a protected wetland; stay on the marked boardwalk and do not disturb plants or animals.

Check the last return bus before leaving Kranjska Gora or Zelenci.

A bicycle rental can make the combination of Lake Jasna and Zelenci easier in good weather.

Mountain weather can change quickly, even in summer.



The main attractions can easily be combined into one day trip. Podkoren, Zelenci, Kranjska Gora town centre and Lake Jasna are connected by short walking routes.

Local and regional bus connections are also available. Timetables should be checked before travelling:

<https://kranjska-gora.si/grem-z-avtobusom>

<https://arriva.si>

## Approximate journey from Celje by public transport

1. Take an early train from Celje to Ljubljana.
2. Continue by direct bus from Ljubljana Bus Station to Kranjska Gora. The bus journey is approximately two hours.
3. Another option is to travel by train to Jesenice and continue by bus to Kranjska Gora; the nearest railway station is in Jesenice, about 20 km away.
4. Walk from the centre of Kranjska Gora to Lake Jasna. The route follows pleasant paths and takes approximately 20–30 minutes each way, depending on pace.
5. For Zelenci, use a local bus towards Podkoren or Rateče when the timetable is suitable, then continue on foot. A taxi or bicycle is a practical alternative if bus times do not fit.

### ***Planning advice***

Visiting both Lake Jasna and Zelenci in one day is possible, but the order should be planned around the local bus timetable. Lake Jasna is easiest to visit on foot; Zelenci requires an additional local connection or a longer walk/cycle ride.

## ***Suggested Weekend Travel Route from Celje to Kranjska Gora***

For a weekend trip to Kranjska Gora, I suggest travelling by train and bus. The most practical option is to take a direct train from Celje to Ljubljana and then continue by direct bus from Ljubljana Bus Station to Kranjska Gora.

The railway station and the bus station in Ljubljana are located next to each other, which makes the transfer relatively simple. This route is convenient because it requires only one change and avoids additional transfers in Kranj or Jesenice.

### **Outward journey**

- Departure from Celje Railway Station early in the morning. Direct train from Celje to Ljubljana.

Timetable: Celje – Ljubljana (train)

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|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|-----------------|-------|
| 04:35                  | Celje | →                                                                         | Ljubljana | 05:55        | ... | Show less       | Print |
| Route                  |       | ...                                                                       |           | Show details |     | Buy ticket      |       |
| Number of transfers: 0 |       | Travel time: 01:20                                                        |           | ...          |     | Show price list |       |
|                        |       | Train: MV 1246                                                            |           |              |     |                 |       |
| NOTICE:                |       | Restrictions on transporting bicycles on trains at certain times (Koper). |           | ...          |     | Read more       |       |

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| 05:25                  | Celje | →                  | Ljubljana | 06:55        | ... | Show less       | Print |
| Route                  |       | ...                |           | Show details |     | Buy ticket      |       |
| Number of transfers: 0 |       | Travel time: 01:30 |           | ...          |     | Show price list |       |
|                        |       | Train: LPV 2001    |           |              |     |                 |       |

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| 06:22                  | Celje | →                  | Ljubljana | 08:02        | ... | Show less       | Print |
| Route                  |       | ...                |           | Show details |     | Buy ticket      |       |
| Number of transfers: 1 |       | Travel time: 01:40 |           | ...          |     | Show price list |       |
|                        |       | Train: LPV 2901    |           | Transfer:    |     | Train: LPV 2250 |       |

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| 06:34                  | Celje | →                  | Ljubljana | 07:42        | ... | Show less       | Print |
| Route                  |       | ...                |           | Show details |     | Buy ticket      |       |
| Number of transfers: 0 |       | Travel time: 01:08 |           | ...          |     | Show price list |       |
|                        |       | Train: ICS 11      |           |              |     |                 |       |

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| 07:41                  | Celje | →                                                                         | Ljubljana | 09:00        | ... | Show less       | Print |
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| Number of transfers: 0 |       | Travel time: 01:19                                                        |           | ...          |     | Show price list |       |
|                        |       | Train: IC 503                                                             |           |              |     |                 |       |
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- Arrival at Ljubljana Railway Station.
- Short walk to Ljubljana Bus Station.
- Direct bus from Ljubljana to Kranjska Gora.

### Timetable: Ljubljana – Kranjska Gora (bus)

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| 06:30 | Ljubljana AP  | 01:58 | 18.07.2026 | 86 km | Prikaži celo pot ▼ | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 08:28 | Kranjska Gora |       |            |       |                    |          |                  |
| 07:30 | Ljubljana AP  | 01:58 | 18.07.2026 | 86 km | Prikaži celo pot ▼ | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 09:28 | Kranjska Gora |       |            |       |                    |          |                  |
| 08:30 | Ljubljana AP  | 01:58 | 18.07.2026 | 86 km | Prikaži celo pot ▼ | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 10:28 | Kranjska Gora |       |            |       |                    |          |                  |
| 09:30 | Ljubljana AP  | 01:58 | 18.07.2026 | 86 km | Prikaži celo pot ▼ | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 11:28 | Kranjska Gora |       |            |       |                    |          |                  |

- Arrival in Kranjska Gora in the late morning.
- Approximate total travel time: around four hours, including the transfer in Ljubljana.

### Return journey

- Departure from Kranjska Gora in the late afternoon.
- Direct bus from Kranjska Gora to Ljubljana.

### Timetable: Kranjska Gora – Ljubljana (bus)

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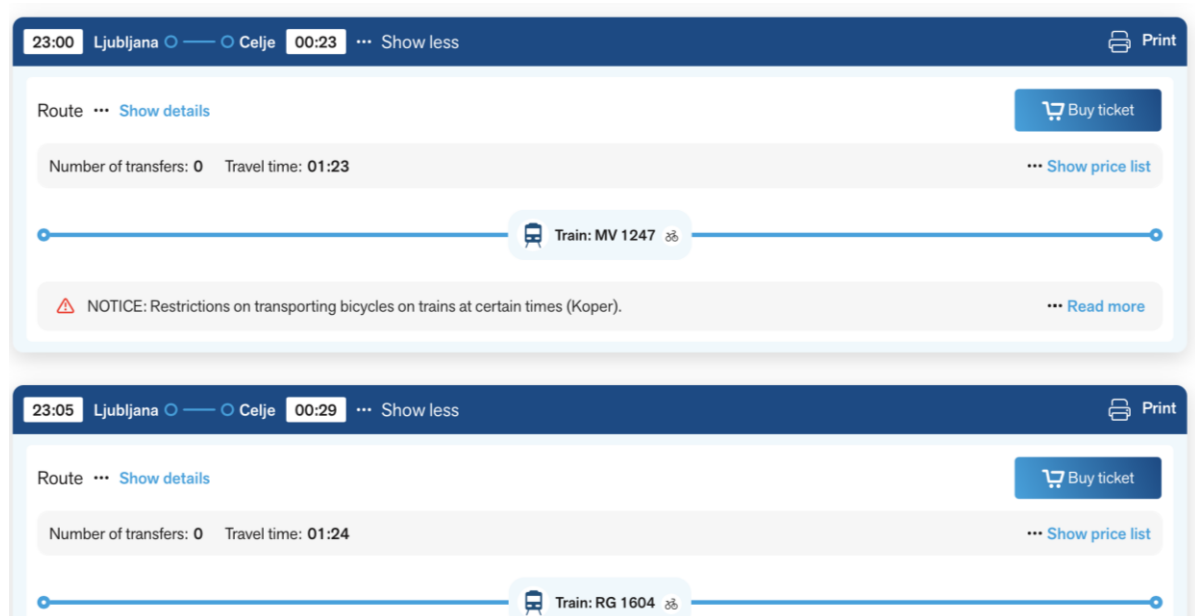
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| 18:18 | Ljubljana AP  |                              |                  |          |                  |
| 17:20 | Kranjska Gora | 01:58<br>18.07.2026<br>87 km | Prikaži celo pot | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 19:18 | Ljubljana AP  |                              |                  |          |                  |
| 19:20 | Kranjska Gora | 01:58<br>18.07.2026<br>87 km | Prikaži celo pot | 7,50 EUR | Kupite vozovnico |
| 21:18 | Ljubljana AP  |                              |                  |          |                  |

- Transfer from Ljubljana Bus Station to Ljubljana Railway Station.
- Direct train from Ljubljana to Celje.

### Timetable: Ljubljana – Celje (train)

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| 18:50                                                                                                                | Ljubljana | — | Celje | 20:29 | ... Show less | Print |
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| Number of transfers: 1 Travel time: 01:39 ... <a href="#">Show price list</a>                                        |           |   |       |       |               |       |
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| Train: LPV 2279            Bus: 52606            Train: LPV 2926<br>Transfer: <b>Zidani Most at 20:06 Platform 1</b> |           |   |       |       |               |       |
| NOTICE: This train runs to/from Ljubljana to/from temporary tracks 95, 96, 97, 98. ... <a href="#">Read more</a>     |           |   |       |       |               |       |
| 19:50                                                                                                                | Ljubljana | — | Celje | 21:00 | ... Show less | Print |
| Route ... <a href="#">Show details</a> <a href="#">Buy ticket</a>                                                    |           |   |       |       |               |       |
| Number of transfers: 0 Travel time: 01:10 ... <a href="#">Show price list</a>                                        |           |   |       |       |               |       |
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| Buses replace trains: Ljubljana - Celje and vice versa (14/12/2025 - 12/12/2026). ... <a href="#">Read more</a>      |           |   |       |       |               |       |
| 20:50                                                                                                                | Ljubljana | — | Celje | 22:25 | ... Show less | Print |
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- Arrival in Celje in the evening.

### *Useful sources and timetable checks*

- **Slovenian Railways – passenger information and timetables:** <https://potniski.sz.si/>
- **Ljubljana Bus Station – national bus timetable:** <https://www.ap-ljubljana.si/en>
- **Arriva Slovenia – bus journey planner:** <https://arriva.si/en/timetables/>
- **Kranjska Gora official destination website:** <https://kranjska-gora.si/en/>
- **How to reach Kranjska Gora:** <https://kranjska-gora.si/en/how-to-reach-us>

### ***Important travel note***

Timetables can change on weekends, public holidays and during engineering works. Participants should check the exact connections shortly before departure on the websites of Slovenian Railways, Ljubljana Bus Station and Arriva Slovenia.

The trip can also be extended to **Planica Nordic Centre**, where visitors can see the famous ski-flying hill. Planica is especially remarkable because both the current men's and women's ski-flying world records were set there: **254.5 metres by Domen Prevc** and **242.5 metres by Nika Prevc**.