

SLOVENIA

First, I am going to describe some general things.

- It covers the area of 20.000 square kilometers.
- It lies between four countries:
 1. (west) Italy,
 2. (north-east) Hungary,
 3. (south) Croatia and
 4. (north) Austria.
- The population is about 2,000,000.
- The state language is Slovenian.
- The anthem of Sloveina is Zdravljica. The lyric was written by a well known poet France Prešeren (1800-1848). He wrote only one poetry book called Poezije. We can find his portrait on 2€ coin.
- The capital of Slovenia is Ljubljana. It is largest city in Slovenia and is also beautiful.
- The city core Tromostovje was built by a very famous architect Jože Plečnik. Tromostovje are three bridges that are situated in the middle of Ljubljana, and passes the river Ljubljanica, which flows through this city.
- **Maribor** is the second largest city of Slovenia. It lies on the river Drava. Lent is the oldest part of Maribor.
- **Ptuj** is the oldest town of Slovenia. It is situated in Podravje, northeastern Slovenia. Important for history of Ptuj is Ptuj castle.
- The longest river of Slovenia is **Sava**. The Sava Bohinjka is a beautiful alpine river which pours out of the Lake Bohinj. **Lake Bohinj** is the largest natural lake of Slovenia.

- We are very proud on **Karst**, because of caves, underground rivers and lakes. The two of most visited caves are **Postojna cave** and **Škocijanske caves**. Trought the Postojna cave you can take the ride with small trains. There you can see an animal - a human fish who live just in this cave.
- About sixty percent of the country's surface is covered by woods.
- The highest mountain in Slovenia is Triglav. It is 2864m high.
- There is Aljažev stolp at the top of the Triglav, which was built by a priest Jakob Aljaž, who bought a part of the mountain to pervert foreigners to take over Triglav.
- Lake Bled is the most beautiful lake. Not beacuse of its size, but because there is an island in the middle of it. There is a very old church on it.
- We also have 46 km long coast line in Slovenia. There are two big tourist cities:
 - Koper (there is the biggest slovenian port),
 - Portorož (is one of the country's largest tourist areas).