

Bohinjska Bistrica

Bohinj · Slovenia

TRAVEL GUIDE

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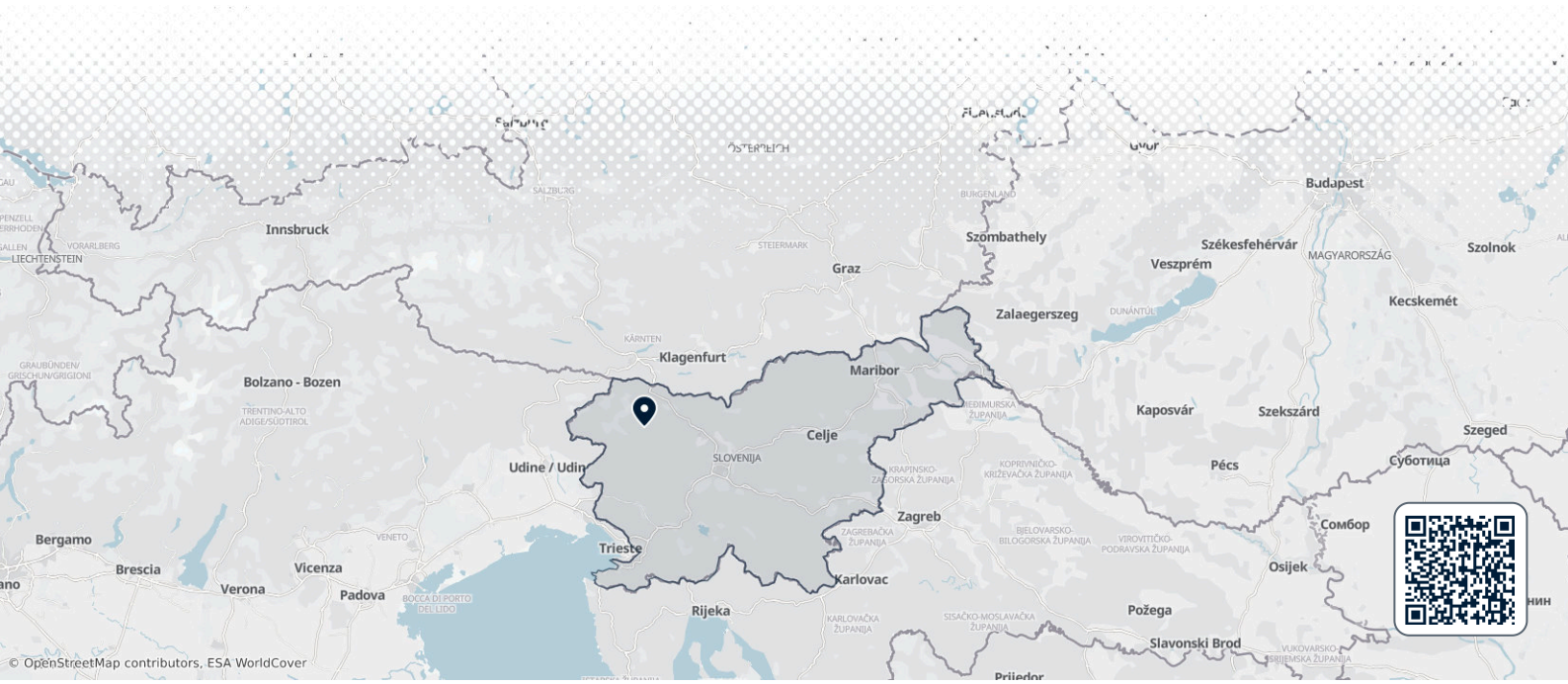


Overview

Bohinjska Bistrica is the largest village and the main service centre of the Bohinj valley. It sits on the Sava Bohinjka river, about 6 km east of Lake Bohinj, at the edge of Triglav National Park. Here you find the valley's railway station, shops, a water park and quieter places to stay than at the lake.

Most travellers pass through on the way to the lake, but the village makes a practical base. It has a stop on the scenic Bohinj railway, the car train through the mountains starts here, and a road leads up to the Pokljuka plateau. The lake, the waterfalls and the mountain walks are covered in the guide to the whole valley.

When to visit

Summer is warm and best for swimming, cycling and walks, but afternoon storms are common. September is often the most pleasant month, with fewer people. Winter is cold and snowy, and spring is fresh and green in the valley.

The main local event is **BistricaFEST**, a series of free open-air concerts on summer Saturday evenings. They take place in front of the Jože Ažman Cultural Centre, with art and book markets alongside.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	4° / 9° Feels like 0°	-4° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	-3° / -13°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17°	1° / -7°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 21°	5° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	19° / 25°	10° / 4°	17 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for cycling	24° / 29°	14° / 8°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for cycling	25° / 31°	15° / 10°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for cycling	25° / 32°	16° / 10°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for hiking	21° / 26°	11° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 22°	8° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 16°	3° / -4°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	5° / 10° Feels like 2°	-2° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

Ⓐ Tomaž Godec Museum is the village's main museum, in the old tannery house of *Tomaž Godec*, a local leather worker, sportsman and pioneer of Bohinj tourism. It covers the valley's history and shows how

hides were turned into leather. A large part covers the two world wars, including the exhibition "Bohinj 1914–1918". Allow about 1.5 hours.

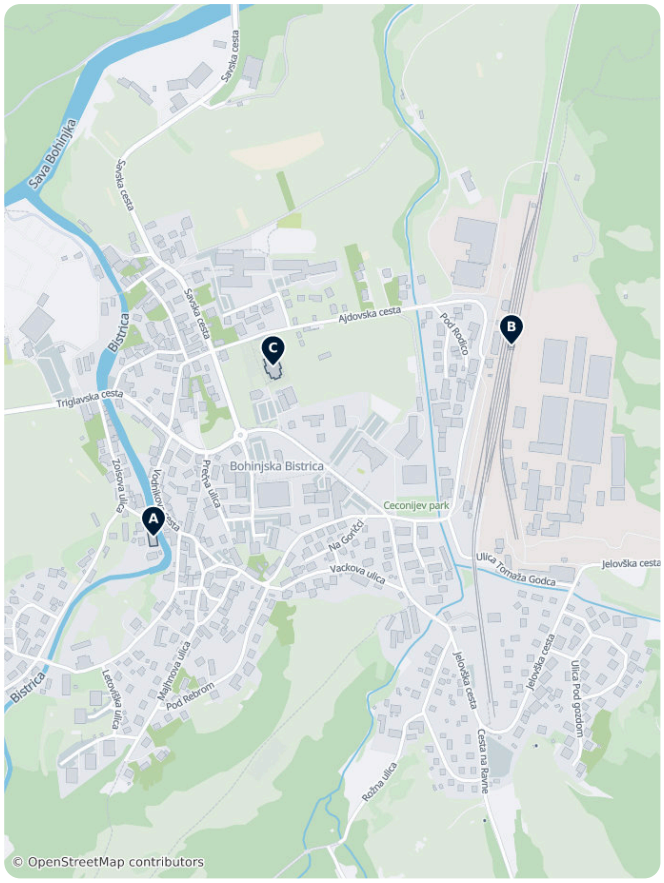
B Bohinjska Bistrica railway station is the main stop on the scenic Bohinj railway between Jesenice and Nova Gorica, built in the early 1900s. Just south of the village, the line enters the 6.3 km Bohinj tunnel under Kobla. A car train also uses the tunnel, so you can cross to the Soča side without driving over the mountains.

Bohinj Water Park, in the village centre, has indoor pools, water slides, a large sauna area and wellness treatments. It is a good choice for families on a rainy day.

C Church of St Nicholas is the village parish church, next to the local cemetery and a short walk from the main road.

Kobla is the mountain right above the village. At its foot, the short Kozji hrbet ski slope has a T-bar lift and night skiing in winter. For a larger ski area, go to Vogel above the lake.

The Pokljuka plateau lies about 25 minutes north by car. It is a high, forested plateau with mountain pastures, cross-country ski trails and the biathlon centre at Rudno polje, which hosts World Cup races.



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Getting there

- **By air**: Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport is the nearest airport, about 45–60 minutes away by car. There is no direct public transport; change in Kranj or book a transfer.
- **By bus**: Buses run every day from Ljubljana via Bled to Bohinjska Bistrica and on to the lake. Arriva bus timetables
- **By train**: Trains on the Bohinj railway stop here, with links to Jesenice and Nova Gorica. Slovenian Railways
- **Car train**: A car train runs through the Bohinj tunnel to Podbrdo and Most na Soči several times a day. Buy the ticket on the train; places are first come, first served. It is the quickest way by car to Tolmin and the Soča valley.
- **By car**: Bled is about 20 minutes away. Local buses link the village with the lake at Ribčev Laz, about 6 km west, and on to Ukanc. In summer the lakeside car parks fill early, so many visitors park in Bohinjska Bistrica and take the bus. Bohinj traffic and transport

Country facts

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CURRENCY
EUR

EMERGENCY
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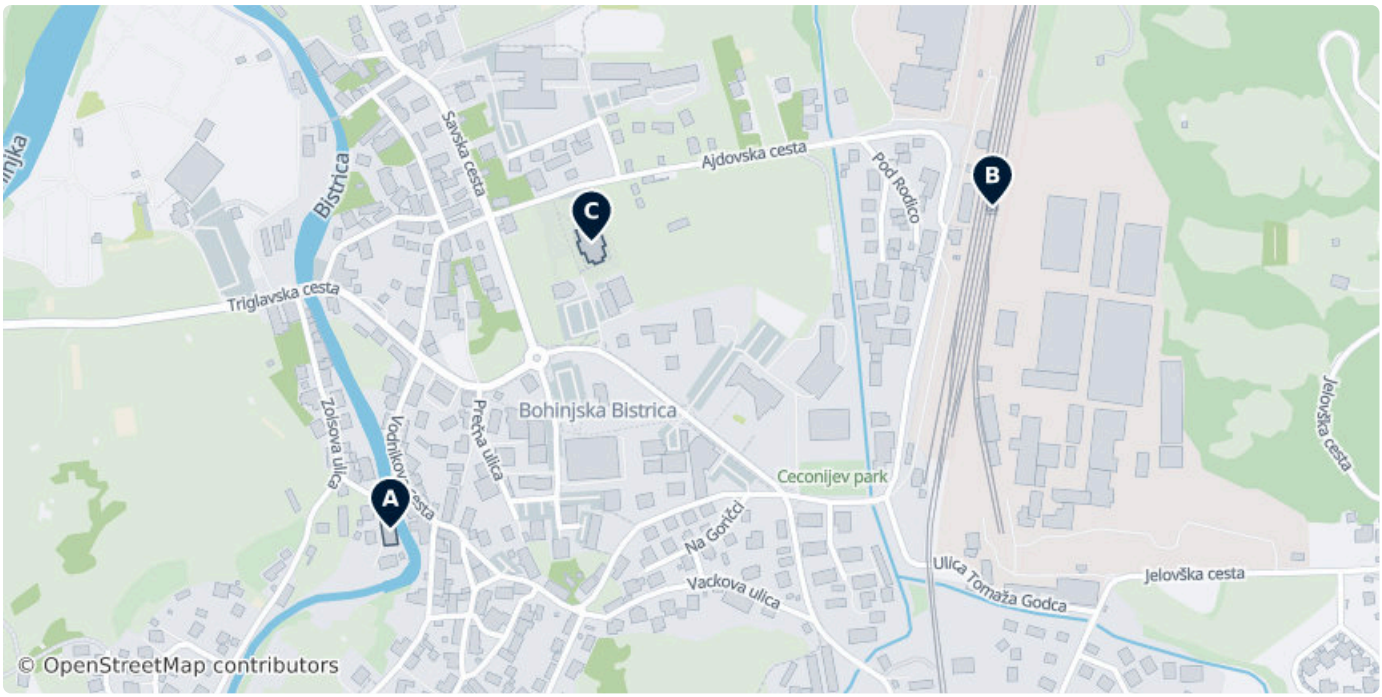
ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Slovenian

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights





A Muzej Tomaža Godca

Local history museum in the former tannery house of Tomaž Godec, open since 1979. It presents Bohinj's history from the earliest periods to the Second World War.

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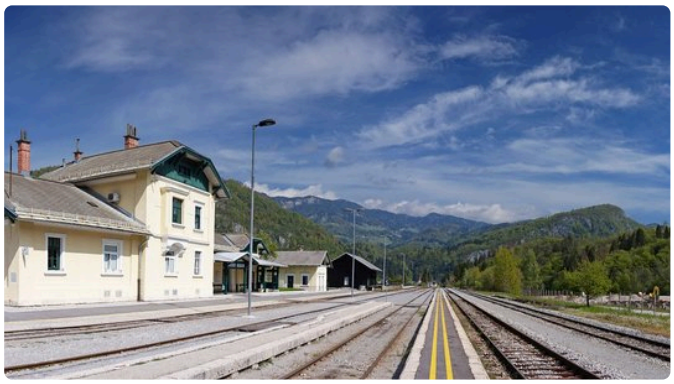

B Bohinjska Bistrica railway station

Main railway station of the Bohinj valley, on the Bohinj line between Jesenice and Nova Gorica, and the northern end of the car-train service through the Bohinj tunnel.

Ajdovska cesta, 4264 Bohinjska Bistrica, Slovenia
(46.27427, 13.95917)



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