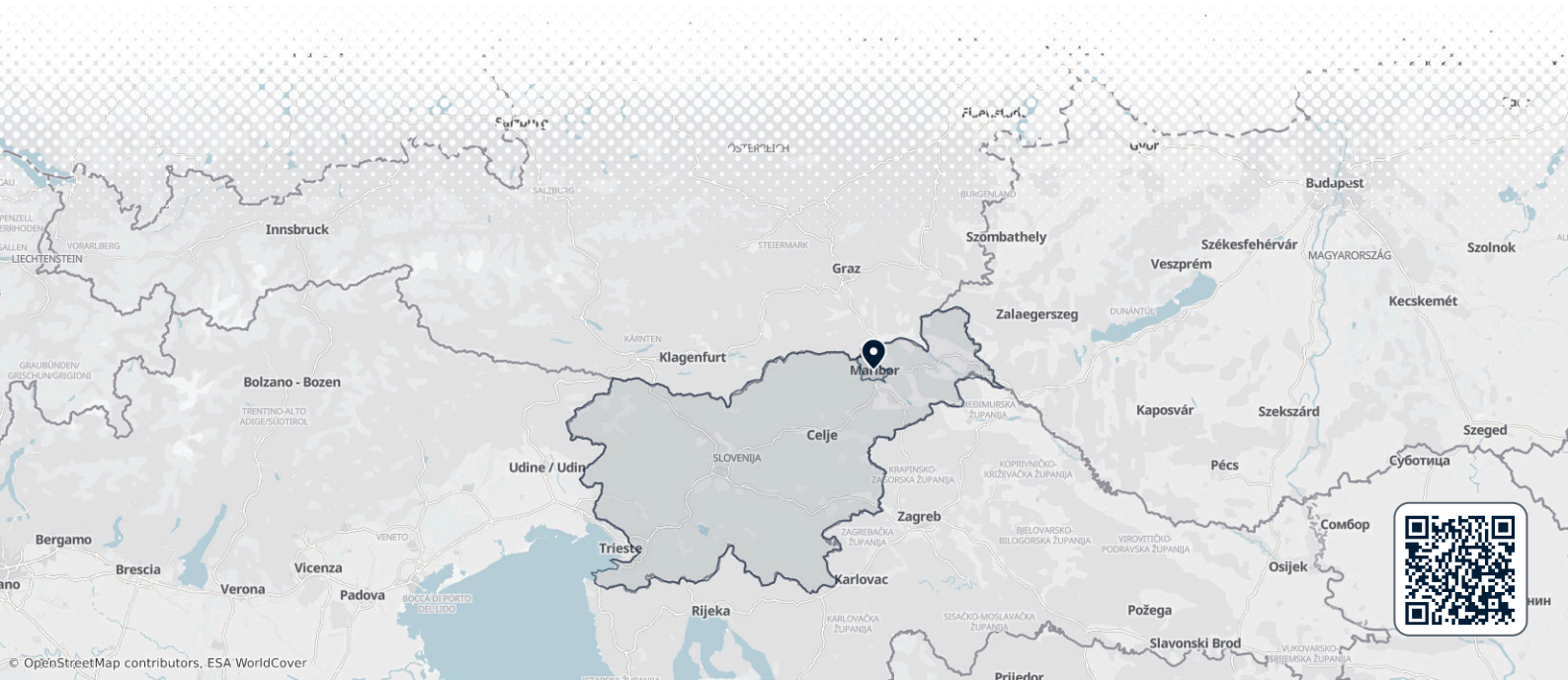


Maribor

Slovenia

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Overview

Maribor is Slovenia's second-largest city, set on both banks of the Drava River in the north-east of the country. It is the main town of Slovenian Styria, a region of vineyard hills, and the forested Pohorje range rises straight from its southern edge. The compact old town is relaxed and easy to walk, with a lively riverside, wine bars and squares lined with cafés.

Most visitors come for a mix of city sights, wine and outdoor activity. You can see the old town in a day, taste local wine in the evening and take the cable car up Pohorje to ski in winter or ride bike trails in summer. Two or three nights are enough for the city, and more if you want to explore the wine roads or nearby towns. Maribor also works well as a stop between Ljubljana, Graz and Zagreb.

When to visit

Late spring and September are the most pleasant times to visit, with mild weather for walking and wine tasting. July and August are warm and sometimes hot, with afternoon thunderstorms. Autumn brings the grape harvest and wine events in the hills around the city. Winter is cold and grey in town, but it is ski season on Pohorje.

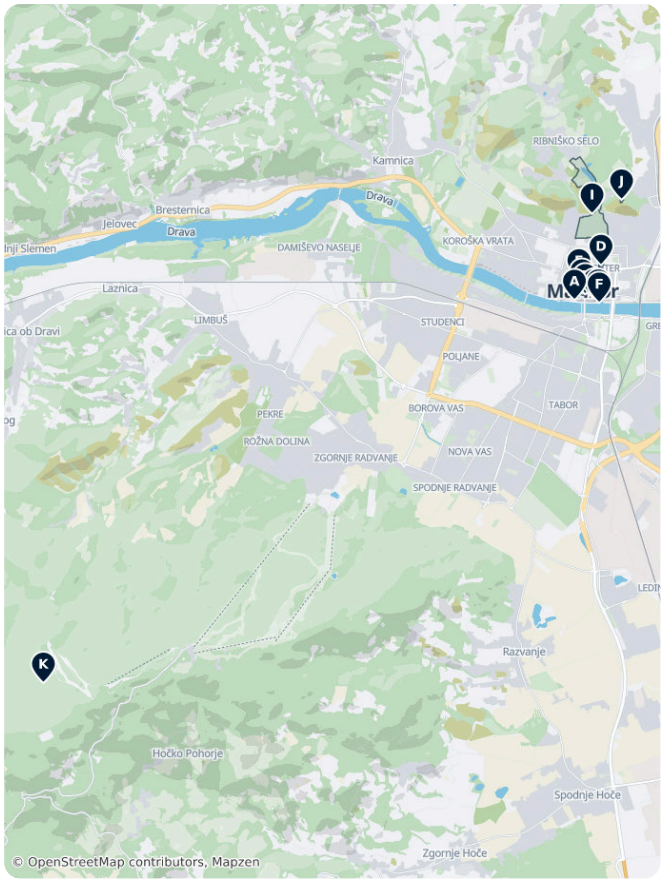
The biggest annual event is Festival Lent, Slovenia's largest open-air summer festival. For about nine days from late June into early July, concerts, theatre, dance and street performances fill the riverbank and the old town.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for skiing	4° / 11° Feels like -1°	-3° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	6° / 14° Feels like 2°	-2° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for cycling	11° / 19° Feels like 7°	1° / -5°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	16° / 23°	5° / -1°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 27°	10° / 5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 33°	15° / 9°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 34°	16° / 12°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 35°	16° / 11°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Great Great for cycling	17° / 24°	7° / 0°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17° Feels like 7°	2° / -4°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Great Great for skiing	4° / 11° Feels like 0°	-2° / -10°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: May, June, September

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

Top sights



A Old Vine grows on the facade of a house on the Lent riverside and is recognised by Guinness World Records as the oldest vine in the world. It is more than 400 years old and still produces Žametovka grapes every autumn. The house behind it is the Old Vine House, a small museum and tasting room for regional wines.

B Main Square is the heart of the old town. Its centrepiece is the Baroque plague column from 1743, built to give thanks for the end of a plague, and the Renaissance C Town Hall stands on one side.

D Maribor Castle was built in the late 15th century as part of the town's defences and later became a Baroque residence. It houses the Maribor Regional Museum, with a knights' hall, a Loreto chapel and collections on the region's history.

E Maribor Cathedral is the city's main church and the seat of the Archdiocese of Maribor. Climb its bell tower for a view over the roofs to Pohorje.

F Water Tower is a five-sided stone tower from 1555 on the bank of the Drava. It protected the south-east corner of the old town walls and marks the eastern end of the Lent riverside.

G Maribor Synagogue is one of the oldest preserved synagogues in Europe, first mentioned in 1354. It stands in the former Jewish quarter and now holds a museum of Jewish history. Next to it, the 15th-century H Jewish Tower was part of the town walls and now houses a photography gallery.

I City Park is a large 19th-century park north of the centre, with a promenade, ponds and shady paths. From the park, a short climb leads to J Piramida Hill, a vineyard hill with a chapel, the remains of the first Maribor castle and a classic view over the city.

K Mariborsko Pohorje is the ski and bike resort on the slopes directly above the city. It is

Slovenia's largest ski area, and in summer its forest trails attract hikers and mountain bikers.

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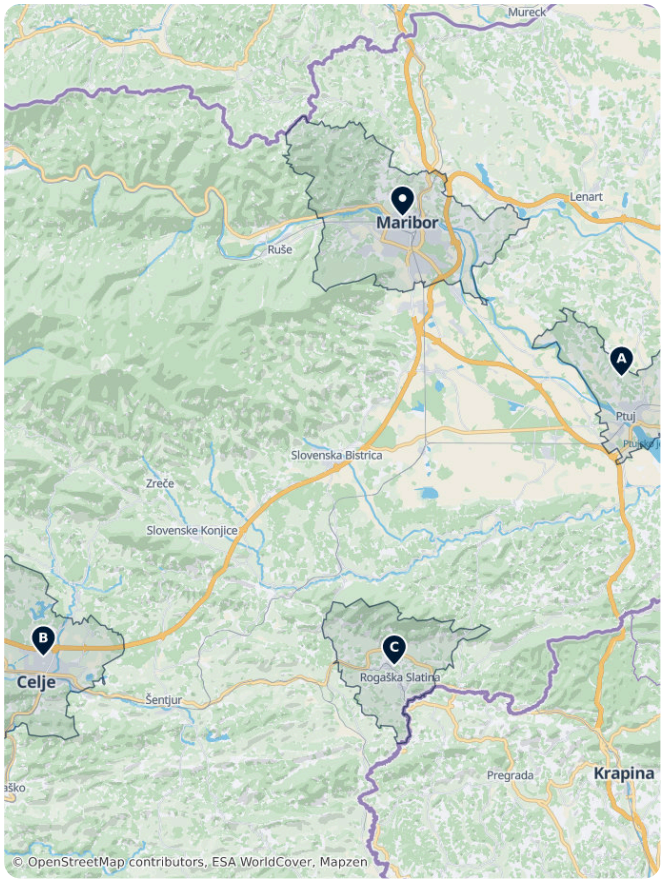
Many of Maribor's best moments involve wine, the river or the mountain above the city.

- **Taste wine at the Old Vine House**: Try local Styrian wines next to the world's oldest vine, then continue to the wine bars along the Lent riverside.
- **Join the Old Vine harvest**: In late September or early October, the grapes of the old vine are picked in a public ceremony with music and wine events.
- **Visit a historic wine cellar**: The Vinag cellar runs for about 2.5 km below the city centre, and guided tours end with a tasting.
- **Ride the bike park or ski on Pohorje**: In summer, downhill and flow trails start from the top of the cable car. In winter, the same slopes host ski runs, including night skiing.
- **Watch the Golden Fox races**: The women's Alpine Ski World Cup slalom and giant slalom, known as the Golden Fox, have been held on Pohorje since 1964. The races usually take place in January.

Day trips

Maribor is surrounded by wine hills and historic towns, and the best day trips are less than an hour away.

- Ⓐ **Ptuj** — about 30 minutes by train or car. Slovenia's oldest town, with a castle on a hill above the Drava, old wine cellars and the Kurentovanje carnival in February.
- **Jeruzalem wine hills** — about 1 hour by car. Steep vineyard slopes, tasting rooms and quiet country roads in the hills near the Croatian border. A car is the practical option here.
- Ⓑ **Celje** — about 45 minutes to 1 hour by train. A medieval castle ruin above the town, linked to the powerful Counts of Celje.
- Ⓒ **Rogaška Slatina** — about 1 hour by car. A historic spa town known for its mineral water and its crystal glass.
- **Graz** — about 1 hour by train across the Austrian border. Austria's second city, with a red-roofed old town and a hill with a clock tower above it.



Where to explore

Maribor is the main city of north-eastern Slovenia, and several other destinations in the region are easy to combine with it.

- **Historic towns**: Ptuj and Celje both have castles and compact old centres.
- **Spa towns**: Rogaška Slatina is the region's best-known spa.
- **Farther east**: Prekmurje is the flat, rural region beyond the Mura River, known for its thermal spas and hearty food.
- **The capital**: Ljubljana is about two hours away by train.

Getting there

- **By air**: Maribor's own airport has very few scheduled flights. Most travellers fly into Graz Airport in Austria, less than 1 hour away by car, or Ljubljana or Zagreb airports, about 2 hours away.
- **By train**: Direct trains link Maribor with Ljubljana in about 2 to 2.5 hours, stopping at Celje on the way. Trains from Graz take about 1 hour, with onward connections to Vienna. The main station is a 10–15 minute walk east of the old town. Slovenian Railways
- **By bus**: Buses from Ljubljana take about 1.5 to 2 hours and are often faster than the train. International coaches also link Maribor with Graz, Vienna and Zagreb. The bus station is a short walk from the railway station.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town, the Lent riverside, the castle and the cathedral are all within a 15-minute walk of each other. This is the best way to see the centre.
- **City buses**: Marprom runs the city bus network. Tap a contactless bank card or phone on the validator when you board. Buses also run to the lower cable car station at the foot of Pohorje. Marprom
- **Pohorje cable car**: A gondola runs from the lower station on the southern edge of the city up to the ski area and the summer trails.
- **Cycling**: The city is mostly flat, and riverside paths follow the Drava. Bikes are easy to rent, and the hills around the city have good road and mountain-bike routes.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town and the Lent riverside are compact and largely pedestrianised; all main sights are within a 15-minute walk.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The city is mostly flat with riverside paths along the Drava, but traffic is heavier outside the centre and the surrounding wine hills are steep.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the city itself, which is compact and walkable. A car is very useful for the wine roads and villages in the hills, where buses are rare.
- **Parking**: Street parking in the centre is paid and time-limited. For a longer stay, use a public garage near the old town and walk from there.
- **Restrictions**: Much of the old town is a pedestrian zone closed to general traffic.
- **Motorway vignette**: Slovenian motorways require an **e-vignette**. Buy it online before you drive onto a motorway, for example when arriving from Austria.

Food & drink

Maribor is a wine city first. The hills around it are known for crisp white wines such as Sauvignon Blanc, Welschriesling and Šipon, the local name for Furmint. Many bars along the Lent riverside and in the old town serve wine by the glass, and the Old Vine House offers tastings of wines from the region.

For food, look for Styrian dishes such as pumpkin seed oil on salads, sour soup with pork, and buckwheat or cottage-cheese dumplings. Neighbouring Prekmurje adds gibanica, a rich layered cake with poppy seeds, walnuts, apples and cheese. The best areas to eat are the Lent riverside and the streets around Main Square and Slomšek Square. In the hills, look for a tourist farm or wine tavern with its own food.

What to eat & drink

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Potica · potica
A rolled nut cake, traditionally served at holidays.

Kremna rezina · kremna rezina
A vanilla and whipped-cream custard slice, associated with Bled.

DRINKS

Slovenian wine
Wine from the Vipava Valley, Štajerska, and Primorska regions.

SIGNATURE DISHES

Štruklji · štruklji
Rolled dumplings, sweet or savory, boiled or baked.

Kranjska klobasa · kranjska klobasa
A protected (PGI) pork sausage, usually boiled and served with mustard and horseradish.

Jota · jota
A hearty stew of beans, sauerkraut or turnip, and smoked meat.

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Safety & health

Maribor is a safe city, and serious crime against visitors is rare. Take normal care with bags and phones in crowds, especially during Festival Lent.

The main risks are outdoors. On Pohorje, weather can change quickly, and some forest trails are poorly marked, so carry a map and start early. Mountain biking on the downhill trails needs proper protective gear. Tap water is safe to drink.

History

Maribor grew up below a castle on Piramida Hill, first built in the 12th century. A market town developed along the Drava and received town rights in 1254. For most of its history it was known by its German

name, Marburg, and was part of the Habsburg lands for more than six centuries. The wine trade made it rich.

A Jewish community lived around Maribor Synagogue in the Middle Ages, until the Jews were expelled in the late 15th century. In the same period, Emperor *Frederick III* built Maribor Castle to strengthen the town against attacks. Towers such as Water Tower and Judicial Tower are what remains of the old walls today.

In November 1918, General *Rudolf Maister* took control of the city and secured it for the new South Slav state. During the Second World War, Allied bombing destroyed almost half of Maribor. After the collapse of heavy industry in the 1990s, the city turned to culture and tourism, and in 2012 it was a European Capital of Culture.

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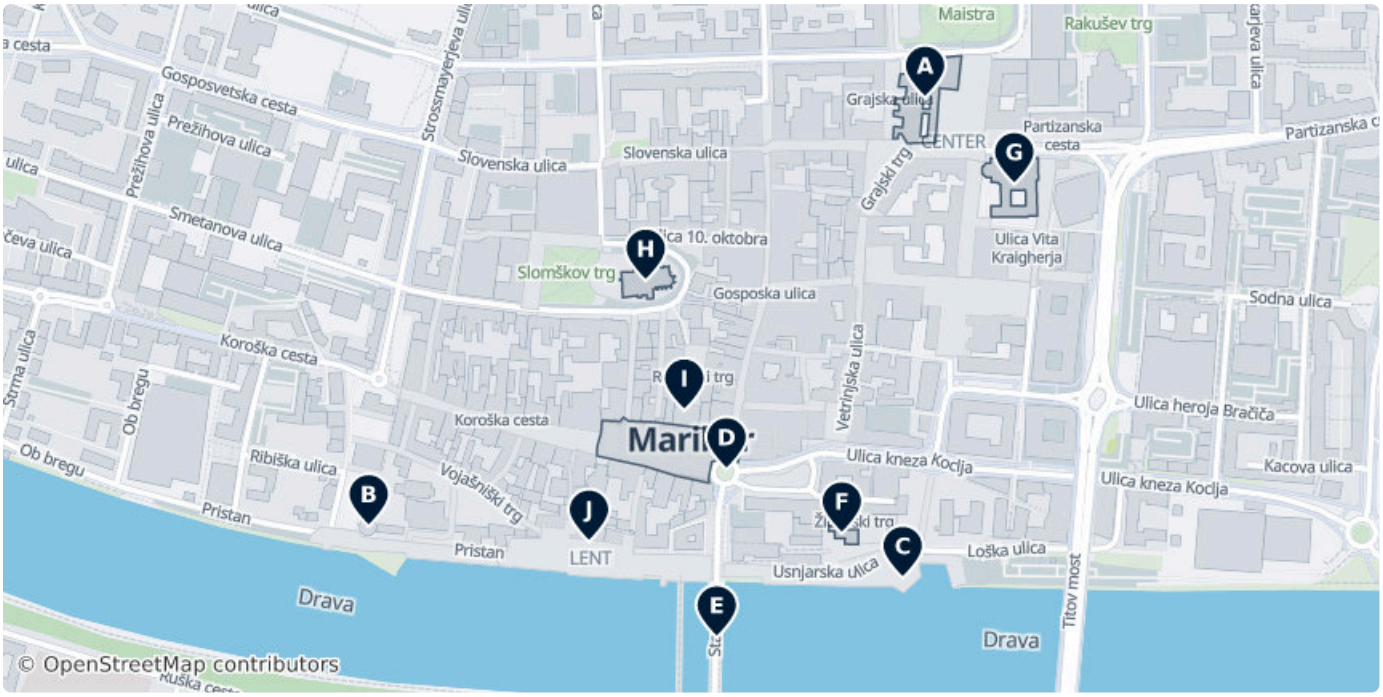
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TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Maribor Must-Sees

Maribor's historic center features a collection of medieval fortifications, including the Judgement Tower and the 16th-century Water Tower. The city's architectural heritage is anchored by the Baroque Maribor Castle and the 16th-century Town Hall on Main Square. Religious landmarks range from the Gothic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist to the Franciscan Basilica and one of Europe's oldest preserved synagogues. Crossing the Drava River, the early 20th-century Old Bridge connects the modern city to the historic Lent district, home to the world's oldest fruit-bearing grapevine.





A Maribor Castle

Maribor Castle is a Baroque mansion in the town of Maribor, northeastern Slovenia. It contains a regional museum.

1 Trg Svobode, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.56081, 15.64874)

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B Judgement Tower

The Judgement Tower is a fortified medieval tower in the city of Maribor, Slovenia.

Pristan, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia (46.55686, 15.64128)



C Water tower

The Maribor Water Tower is a medieval fortified tower in the city of Maribor, Slovenia.

Usnjarska ulica, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia (46.55639, 15.64844)



D Maribor Main Square

The central part of Maribor's old town is an open and spacious place surrounded by picturesque buildings dating back hundreds of years.

Glavni trg, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia (46.55738, 15.64608)



E Old Bridge

The Old Bridge, also named the State Bridge, the Main Bridge and the Drava Bridge, is a bridge crossing the Drava river in Maribor,...

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F Maribor Synagogue

Maribor Synagogue is a former synagogue and current museum in the city of Maribor, Slovenia.

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G Basilica of Our Mother of Mercy

The Basilica of Our Mother of Mercy is a Franciscan church in Maribor, Slovenia.

7 Ulica škofa Maksimilijana Držečnika, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.56001, 15.64993)

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H Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Maribor Cathedral, dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, is a Roman Catholic cathedral in the city of Maribor, northeastern Slovenia.

Slomškov trg, 2000 Maribor, Slovenia (46.55912, 15.64499)

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I Maribor Town Hall

Maribor Town Hall is the town hall of Maribor, Slovenia. It is situated on the town's Main Square.

14 Glavni trg, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.55793, 15.64551)

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J Old Vine

Growing in the Lent district for over 400 years, this Žametovka vine is recognized as the oldest living and fruit-bearing grapevine in the world. It continues to produce an annual harvest of grapes used for exclusive ceremonial wine.

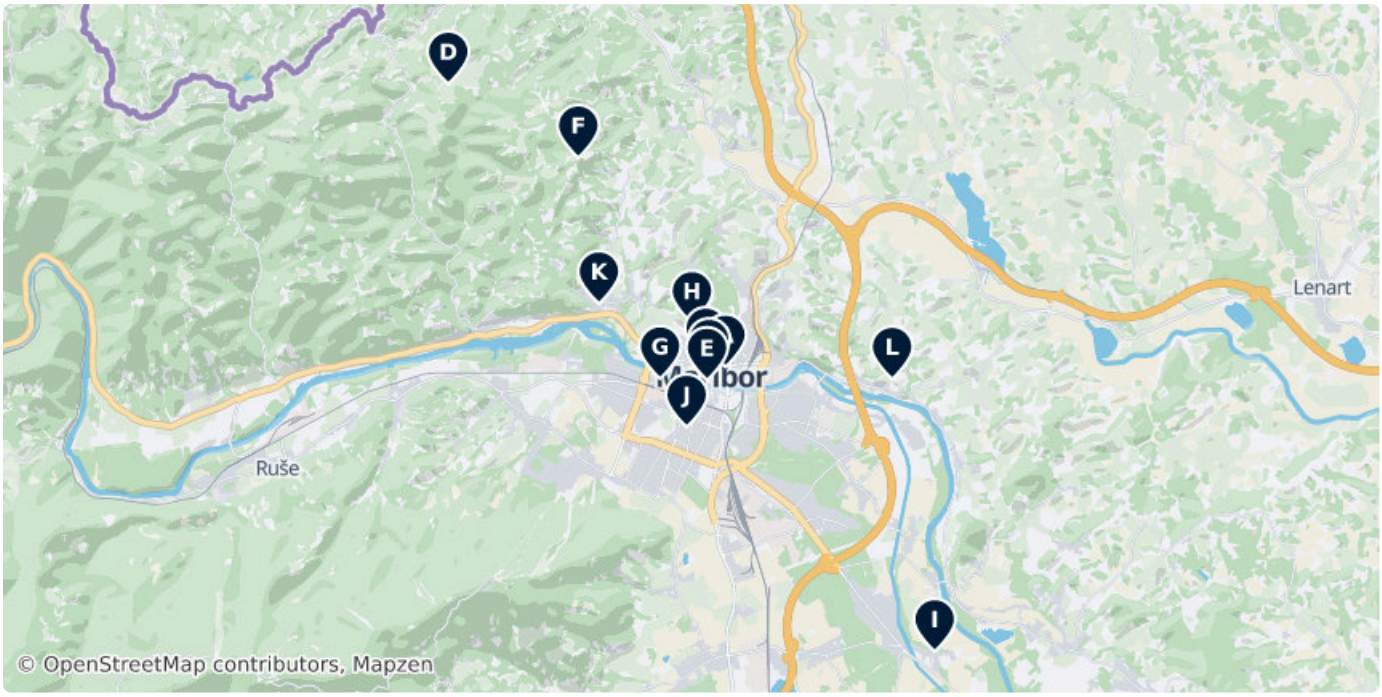
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Maribor's Churches and Shrines

Maribor’s religious landscape is defined by the 12th-century Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the striking red-brick Basilica of Our Mother of Mercy. This collection includes Baroque Jesuit architecture in the city center and hilltop pilgrimage sites like Kalvarija and St. Urban, which offer panoramic views of the Drava Valley. These sites showcase a range of styles from Gothic and Neo-Romanesque to modern architecture, reflecting the city's historical development and spiritual traditions.





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C Evangeličanska cerkev

Neo-Gothic Lutheran church built in 1892, featuring a distinctive brick facade and a slender bell tower.

1 Trubarjeva ulica, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.56148, 15.64403)

evang-cerkev.si/obcine/maribor/

D Gaj nad Mariborom

Gaj nad Mariborom is a settlement in the hills northwest of Maribor in northeastern Slovenia. It belongs to the City Municipality of Maribor.

1 Gaj nad Mariborom, 2354, Slovenia (46.61896, 15.56583)

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E Cerkev sv. Alojzija

Late Baroque church completed in 1770 for the Jesuit order, featuring a rich interior and a prominent position on Glavni trg.

3 Splavarski Prehod, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.55726, 15.64436)

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F Cerkev sv. Urbana

Hilltop church first mentioned in 1352, situated 597 meters above sea level with views over Maribor and the surrounding vineyards.

8 Šober, 2351, Slovenia (46.60361, 15.60530)

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G Jožefova cerkev

Votive church built in the late 17th century following a plague epidemic, located on a terrace overlooking the Drava River.

5 Ob izvirkih, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.55755, 15.63010)

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H Kalvarija

Hilltop site featuring the 17th-century Chapel of Saint Barbara and a series of stations of the cross overlooking the city.

(Unnamed Road), 2000, Slovenia (46.56910, 15.63979)

I Župnijska cerkev sv. Miklavža

Parish church in Miklavž na Dravskem polju dedicated to Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of boatmen and fishermen.

67 Nad izviri, 2204, Slovenia (46.50065, 15.71346)

J Sveto rešnje telo

Modernist Catholic church in the Tabor district, known for its contemporary architecture and wheelchair-accessible facilities.

(46.54747, 15.63820)

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K St. Martin's Parish Church

Parish church in Kamnica with Gothic foundations and subsequent Baroque renovations.

4 Kamniška graba, Kamnica 2351, Slovenia (46.57320, 15.61156)

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L Marijina cerkev na Gorci

Notable pilgrimage church in Malečnik featuring a Gothic presbytery from the 14th century and elaborate Baroque altars.

272 Malečnik, 2229, Slovenia (46.55748, 15.70051)

Maribor's Historical Treasures

Maribor's history is preserved through its diverse architectural landmarks, ranging from the 15th-century Maribor Castle, which houses the regional museum, to the Renaissance-style Town Hall on the Main Square. The city's defensive past is visible in the medieval wall ruins, while its outskirts feature grand estates like the Baroque Betnava Mansion and Hompoš Castle. These sites offer a comprehensive look at the administrative and noble history of Slovenia's second-largest city.





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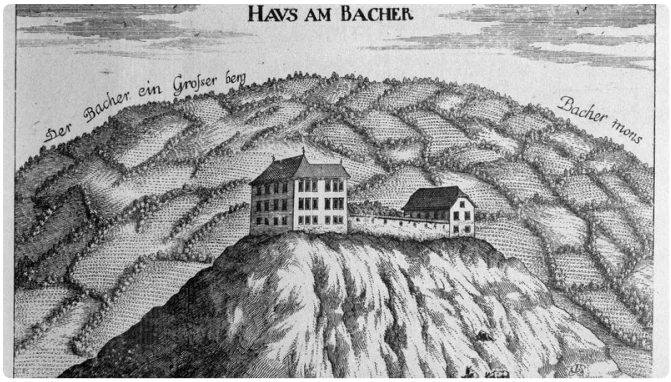


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C Grad Hompoš / Pohorski Dvor

Historic manor house at the foot of the Pohorje Mountains, currently housing the University of Maribor's Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

17 Pivola, 2311, Slovenia (46.50481, 15.62411)

D Medieval wall ruins

Preserved sections of the city's medieval defensive walls and towers, originally constructed to protect the settlement from invasions along the Drava River.

26 Strossmayerjeva ulica, Maribor 2000, Slovenia (46.56069, 15.64259)

E Dvorec Betnava / Windenau / Grad Betnava

A Baroque manor house that served as the summer residence of the Bishops of Lavant, surrounded by a historic park and English-style gardens.

(46.52828, 15.63964)

F Občinska palača / Upravna enota Maribor

A Neo-Renaissance administrative building constructed in the late 19th century, currently serving as the headquarters for the local administrative unit.

(46.56255, 15.64976)



G Mestna občina Maribor

Maribor is the second-largest city in Slovenia and the largest city of the traditional region of Lower Styria.

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