

Municipality of Pivka

Postojna · Slovenia

TRAVEL GUIDE

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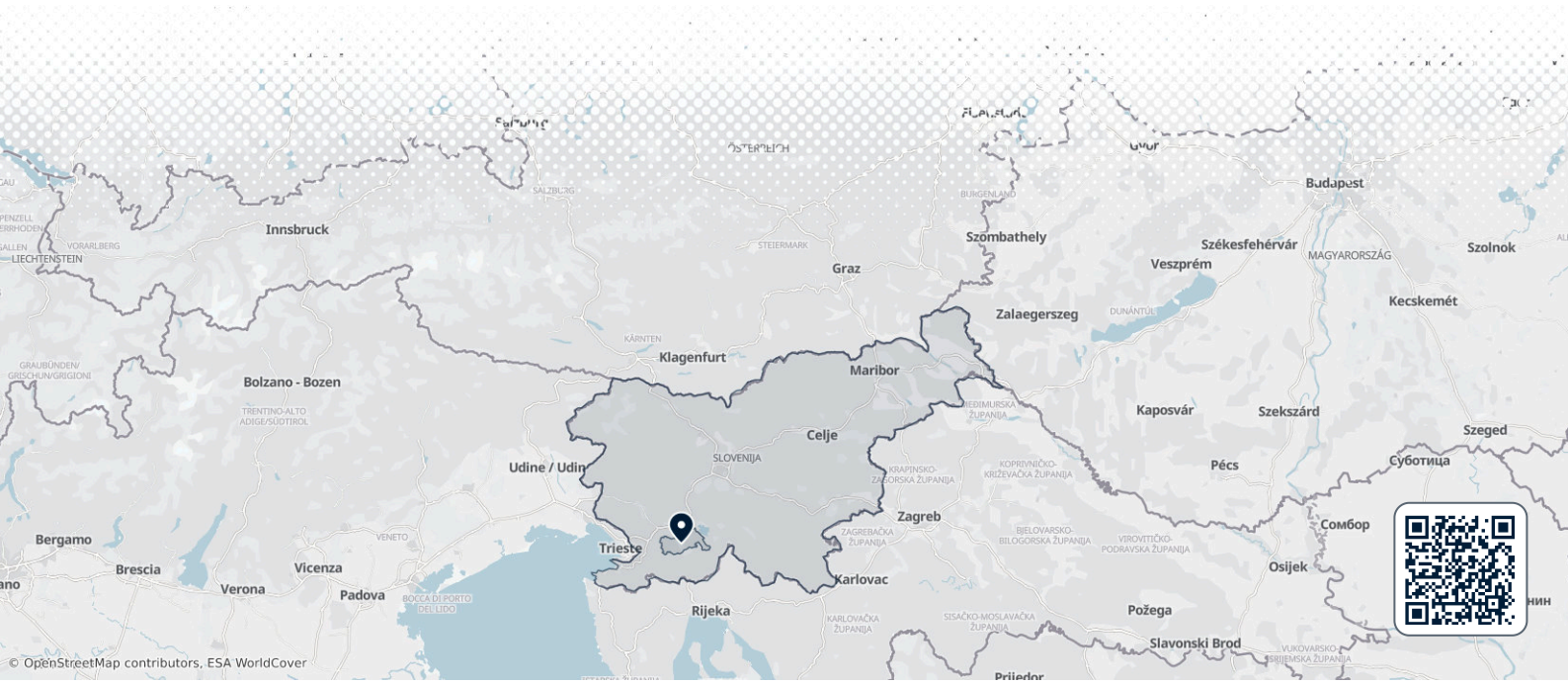


Overview

Pivka is a small town in the karst basin of Inner Carniola, in southwest Slovenia. It lies at about 550 m on the main railway line between Ljubljana and Trieste. Until 1952 the town was called Št. Peter na Krasu.

Visitors come for two things. One is the large military history museum in former barracks. The other is the quiet karst landscape around the town, with seasonal lakes, caves and forest. Pivka suits a short stop or a relaxed base for the Postojna area.

When to visit

Summer is the best time for walking and the outdoor parts of the museum. Spring and autumn are mild but rainy. Winter is cold, with frost and some snow.

The seasonal lakes depend on rain. They fill after wet weather, so water levels change a lot from year to year.

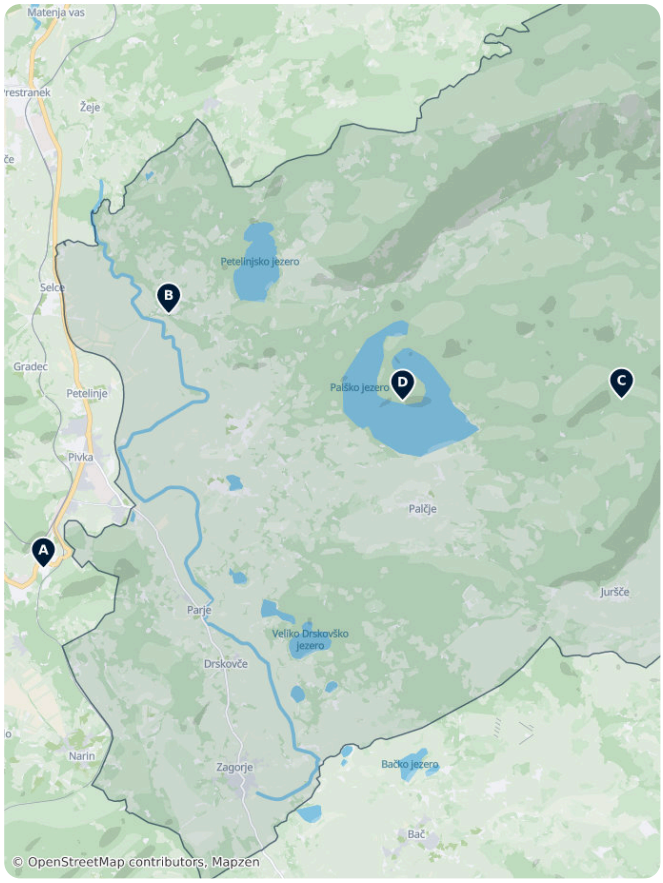
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-3° / -10°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 12° Feels like 1°	-2° / -10°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17° Feels like 6°	1° / -6°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21°	4° / -2°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 25°	9° / 4°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 28°	13° / 8°	Calm winds
July	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	15° / 10°	Calm winds
August	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 31°	15° / 10°	Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 26°	11° / 5°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 21°	7° / 0°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 16°	3° / -4°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 11° Feels like 1°	-2° / -9°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: June, July, August, September

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

Top sights

- A Park of Military History is the main reason to stop in Pivka. It fills a former barracks with heavy weapons, military vehicles, aircraft and a helicopter. You can also go inside a Yugoslav submarine.
- B Ecomuseum of the Pivka Intermittent Lakes is a good first stop for the lakes. It explains how karst water rises and falls and shows a model of the valley. It is also a start point for walking and cycling routes.
- C Pivka Intermittent Lakes Landscape Park protects the valley of seasonal lakes, with karst fields, meadows and forest. It suits easy walks and bird watching.
- D Lake Palško is one of the larger seasonal lakes. Its size changes with the rain, so the view differs from visit to visit.



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Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest airport with scheduled service is Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU), about 80 km away. The drive takes around 55 minutes. Trieste Airport (TRS) in Italy is also an option.
- **By train**: Pivka station is on the main line between Ljubljana and Trieste. Trains also stop at Postojna. Check the timetable before you travel, because not all long-distance trains stop here.
- **By road**: Take the A1 motorway to Postojna, then drive about 12 km to Pivka. Ljubljana is about 45 minutes away by car. A car is useful for the lakes and villages around the town.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Slovenia at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR

EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

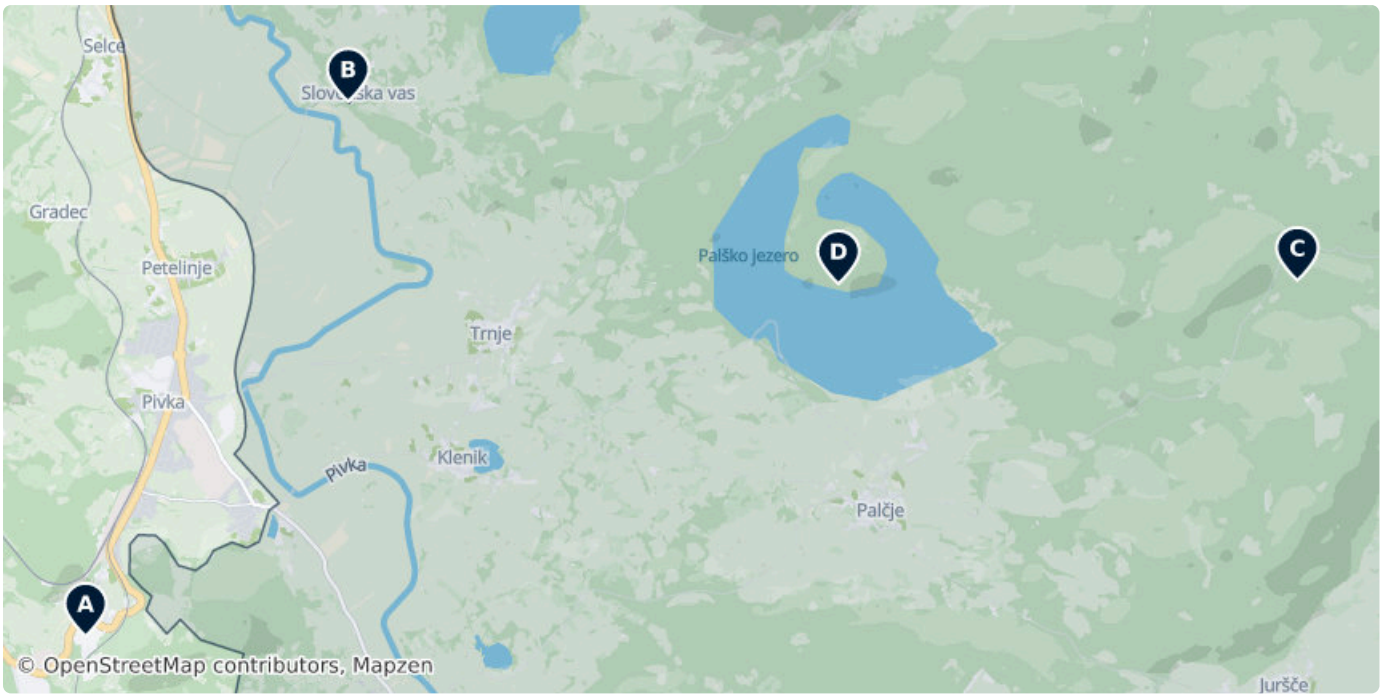
LANGUAGES

Slovenian

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Top sights





A Park of military history

The Pivka Park of Military History is a military museum in the town in Pivka, Slovenia.

51 Kolodvorska cesta, 6257, Slovenia (45.66810, 14.18847)

parkvojaskezgodovine.si

B Ecomuseum of the Seasonal Lakes of Pivka

Interactive museum on the seasonal karst lakes of the upper Pivka valley, the main entry point to the Pivka Seasonal Lakes landscape park.

Slovenska vas 10, 6257 Pivka (45.70112, 14.21172)

Nov-Apr Sa–Su	10:00–16:00
May-Jun Sa–Su	10:00–17:00

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C Seasonal Lakes of Pivka Nature Park

Landscape park in the upper Pivka basin that protects karst terrain, intermittent lakes, dry meadows, wetlands and the forests of the Javorniki plateau.

Juršče, Slovenia (45.69008, 14.29570)



D Lake Palčje

Lake Palčje is an intermittent lake in the Pivka basin north of the settlement Palčje in the Inner Carniola region of Slovenia.

6257, Slovenia (45.68987, 14.25510)

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