

Rogaška Slatina

Slovenia

TRAVEL GUIDE

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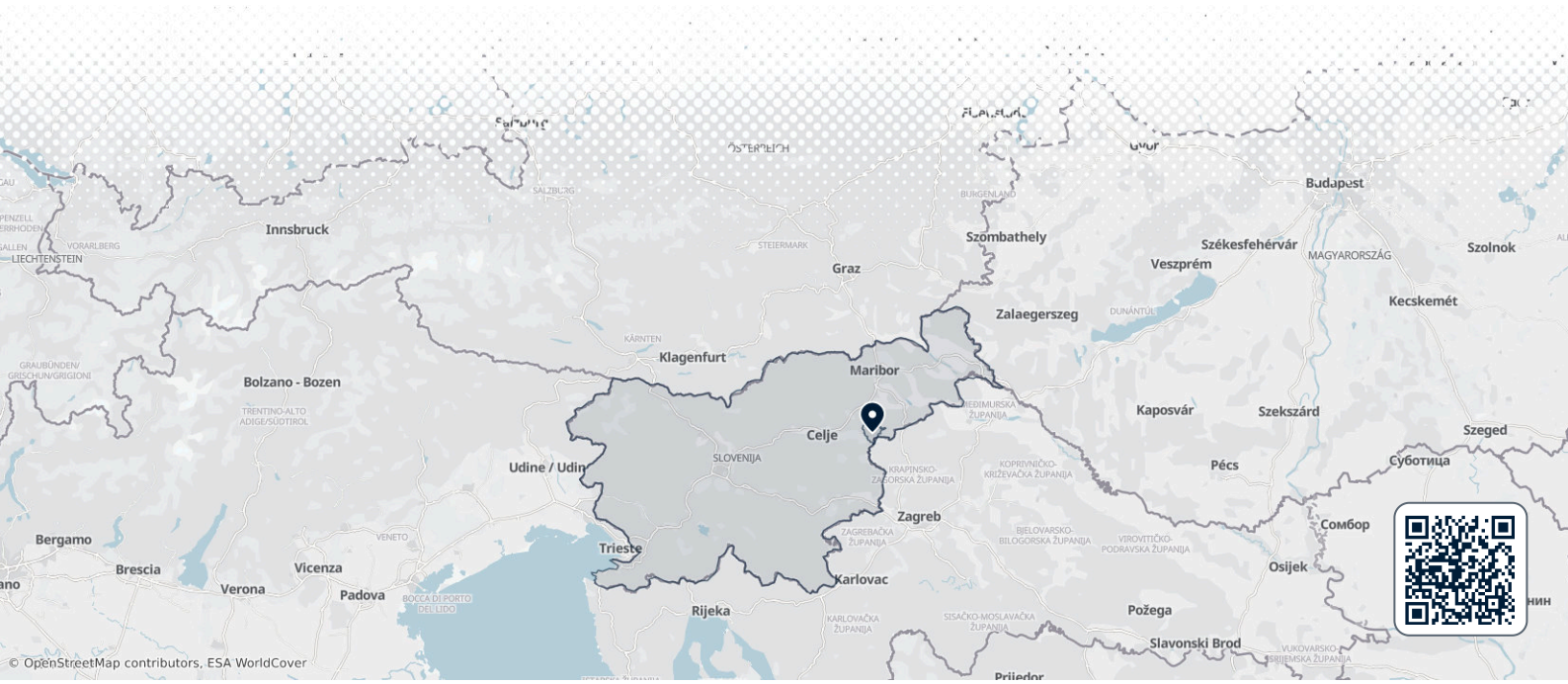


Overview

Rogaška Slatina is one of the oldest and best-known spa towns in Slovenia. Its springs give a mineral water that is very rich in magnesium, sold around the world as Donat Mg. The town grew around a classical spa square with a large park, grand hotels and a round drinking hall. Emperors, nobles and artists came here for cures in the 19th century, and the spa still feels elegant and calm.

Rogaška Slatina suits travellers who want a slow, restful stay with spa treatments, walks and good food. It is also a base for the green hills of eastern Slovenia, with hiking on Boč, castles, monasteries and the thermal pools of Podčetrtek nearby. The town is also known for hand-made crystal glass, which you can see in the shops and in the spa buildings themselves.

When to visit

May, June and September are the most pleasant months, with mild to warm days and green hills. July and August are warm, with regular afternoon storms. Winters are cold and grey, with frost and some snow, but spa treatments run all year.

The main summer event is the **Anin festival**, a series of classical, jazz and pop concerts on summer evenings in the town centre. It is a good reason to plan a summer stay.

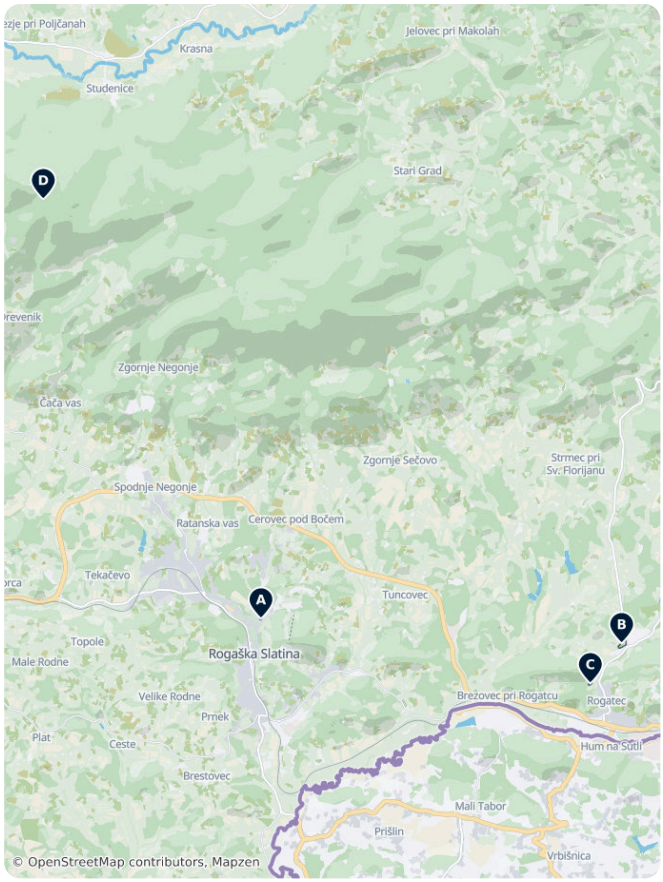
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 12° Feels like -1°	-3° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 14° Feels like 2°	-2° / -11°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 18° Feels like 7°	1° / -5°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	16° / 23°	5° / -1°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	10° / 5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 32°	15° / 9°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 34°	17° / 12°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 35°	16° / 11°	Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 29°	12° / 6°	Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	17° / 24°	7° / 0°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 18°	3° / -4°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 12° Feels like 0°	-2° / -10°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: May, June, September

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

Top sights

The spa park is the heart of the town. Its long promenade has flower beds, about 4,500 box shrubs and the neoclassical Tempel pavilion from 1819.



A Crystal Hall is the grand hall of the Grand Hotel Rogaška, on the spa square. Emperor *Franz Joseph I* and the pianist *Franz Liszt* were among its guests, and it still hosts concerts and balls under crystal chandeliers.

The round drinking hall in the medical centre is where guests drink the local mineral waters. Try Donat Mg, the most famous one, or the milder Styria.

The Crystal Tower is the tallest building in Slovenia, at 106 metres. From the top, you get wide views over the spa and the hills.

The town has made hand-made crystal glass for generations. The Rogaška glassworks offers a visitor route through the production, from glass blowing to final packing, and a factory shop.

B Rogatec Open-Air Museum, about 5 km east in Rogatec, shows farm and village life of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Old wooden houses, a smithy, a wine press and a hay rack stand in an open field.

C Strmol Mansion, in the same small town, is a Renaissance and Baroque manor first recorded in 1436. Inside are painted rooms, a chapel, a gallery, a glass collection and a café.

D Boč Lookout Tower stands on the forested ridge of Boč, north-west of town. From the top of the metal tower you can see far across eastern Slovenia.

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What to experience

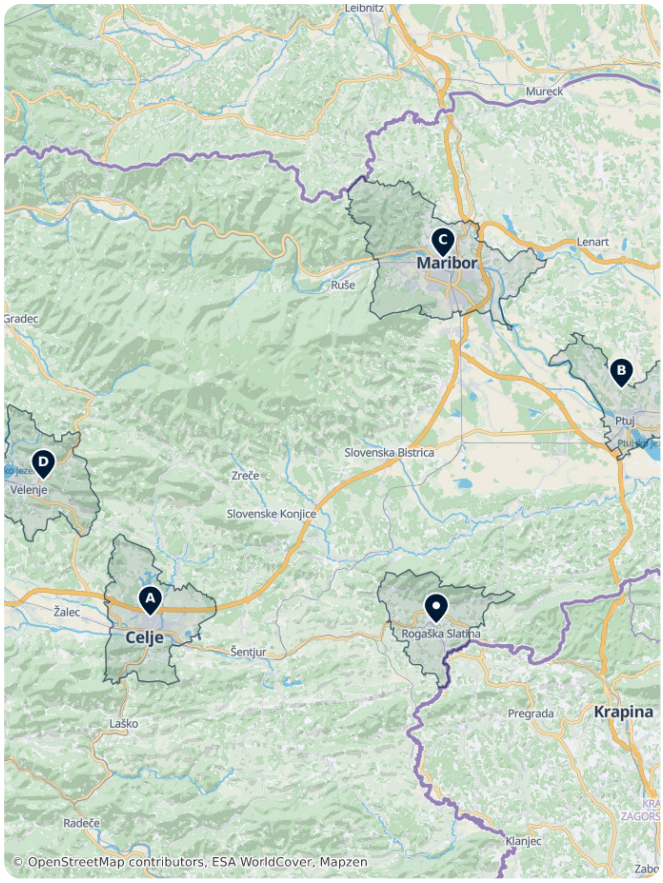
Rogaška Slatina is all about water, crystal and calm walks.

- **Drinking cure**: Join the guests who drink the mineral water in the drinking hall. The springs include cold and warm water, and longer cures are given under medical supervision.
- **Spa treatments**: Book a massage, a mineral bath or a full health programme at the medical centre or one of the spa hotels.
- **Crystal Tower ride**: Take the lift up the 106-metre tower. On the panorama floor, VR headsets show the local legend of the winged horse Pegasus.
- **Glassworks visit**: Follow the visitor route at the glassworks to see how master glassmakers blow and cut crystal by hand.
- **A ball or concert in the Crystal Hall**: Concerts and dance evenings fill the hall, including Anna's Ball, a spa tradition of almost 200 years.
- **Spring hike on Boč**: Walk up to the lookout tower through the protected landscape park. Around Easter, the rare greater pasque flower blooms on its slopes.

Day trips

The hills around Rogaška Slatina have monasteries, castles, thermal pools and historic towns. Most are close, but a car makes them much easier to reach.

- **Olimje**: About 20 minutes south by car. Olimje Monastery is a former castle with a Baroque church and one of the oldest monastic pharmacies in Europe. A small chocolate maker sits next to it.
- **Podčetrtek**: About 20 minutes south by car, or about 15 km by cycle path. The Terme Olimia thermal resort has large indoor and outdoor pools, and Podčetrtek Castle stands above the village.
- Kozjansko Park: About 35 minutes south by car. It is a quiet landscape of forested hills, orchards and castles along the Croatian border, with marked walking trails.
- A Celje: About 40 minutes by car, or 45–50 minutes by train. Visit the large medieval castle of the Counts of Celje above the old town.
- B Ptuj: About 45 minutes by car. Slovenia's oldest recorded town has a castle, Roman remains and an old wine cellar.
- C Maribor: About 50 minutes by car. Slovenia's second city has the riverside Lent district and the oldest vine in the world.
- D Velenje: About 1 hour by car. Visit the coal mining museum, deep underground, and the castle above the town.



Where to explore

Rogaška Slatina lies in eastern Slovenia, in the Štajerska region, close to the Croatian border.

- **Nearby towns**: Celje is the regional centre to the west, and Velenje lies beyond it in the Šalek valley.
- **Heading north-east**: Ptuj and Maribor are historic towns on the Drava River.
- **The capital**: Ljubljana is about 1.5 hours away by car.

Getting there

- **By air**: There is no airport in Rogaška Slatina. Zagreb Airport in Croatia and Graz Airport in Austria are each about 1 hour 20 minutes away by car. Ljubljana Airport is about 1 hour 40 minutes away. Public transport from all three needs several changes, so a rental car or pre-booked transfer is easiest.
- **By train**: Trains from Celje take about 45–50 minutes, but they run only every few hours. From Ljubljana, allow 2.5 to 3 hours with a change in Celje. The station is a short walk south of the spa centre. Slovenian Railways
- **By bus**: Buses from Celje run about once an hour and take about 50 minutes.
- **By car**: Rogaška Slatina is about 110 km from Ljubljana. Take the motorway to Celje, then the regional road east. Motorways in Slovenia need an e-vignette.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The spa centre is small and flat, and the park, hotels, drinking hall and shops are all a few minutes apart. Forest paths start right behind the spa.
- **Buses**: Regional buses link the town with Celje, Rogatec and nearby villages, but services are infrequent, especially at weekends.
- **Cycling**: Bikes can be rented at a station just below the Crystal Tower. A cycle route leads south to Podčetrtek, but the surrounding hills are steep.
- **Taxis**: Local taxis are useful for reaching Olimje, the Boč hiking area or the train station with luggage.
- **Tourist information**: Visit Rogaška Slatina

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The spa centre is compact and flat, with the park, hotels and drinking hall a few minutes apart; forest paths on the hills around it are steeper.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Bikes can be rented in town and a cycle route leads to Podčetrtek, but the surrounding hills are steep and country roads have little bike infrastructure.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the spa itself, which is best seen on foot. A car is very useful for Olimje, Boč and the villages around, where buses are rare.
- **Parking**: Use the hotel car parks or the public car parks around the spa centre. A park-and-ride car park under a solar roof sits below the Crystal Tower.

Food & drink

Rogaška Slatina sits in the hilly wine country of eastern Štajerska, so look for local white wines on menus. Local specialities include jerpica, a leavened cake, and zavihjenča, a pastry filled with curd cheese. The Rogaška Wine Road leads to small wineries in the hills. Many spa hotels also offer light, healthy menus to go with their cures.

For eating out, the best area is around the spa square and the main street, where hotel restaurants and cafés with terraces cluster. Strmol Mansion in Rogatec has a restaurant and a wine cellar with tastings, and the chocolate maker in Olimje is a popular stop for sweets.

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

Rogaška Slatina is a very safe, quiet town, and crime against visitors is rare. Normal care with bags is enough.

Donat Mg has a strong laxative effect. Start with small amounts and follow the advice of the medical centre or your hotel before drinking it regularly. If it is too strong for you, try the milder Styria water.

On Boč and other forest trails, wear good shoes and carry water. The paths can be steep and slippery after rain.

History

Local legend says the god Apollo showed the winged horse Pegasus where to strike the ground with its hoof, and the healing spring appeared. A statue of Pegasus with a golden hoof stands in the spa park today. The spring was first recorded in 1141, and it became famous in 1665, when the Croatian ban *Peter Zrinski* was said to be healed by its water.

The spa was founded in 1803 under *Count Ferdinand Attems*, and its first doctor arrived a year later. St Ana's Chapel, built in 1805 for the spa's patron saint, and the Tempel pavilion of 1819 still stand in the park. In the 19th century, royal families and artists came for cures, and Emperor *Franz Joseph I* stayed in town in 1883. Crystal Hall is the best place to feel this era.

Glassmaking has a long history in the region. The Rogaška glassworks was founded in 1927, and its crystal is still made by hand today.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Slovenia at a glance:

CURRENCY
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EMERGENCY
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ELECTRICITY

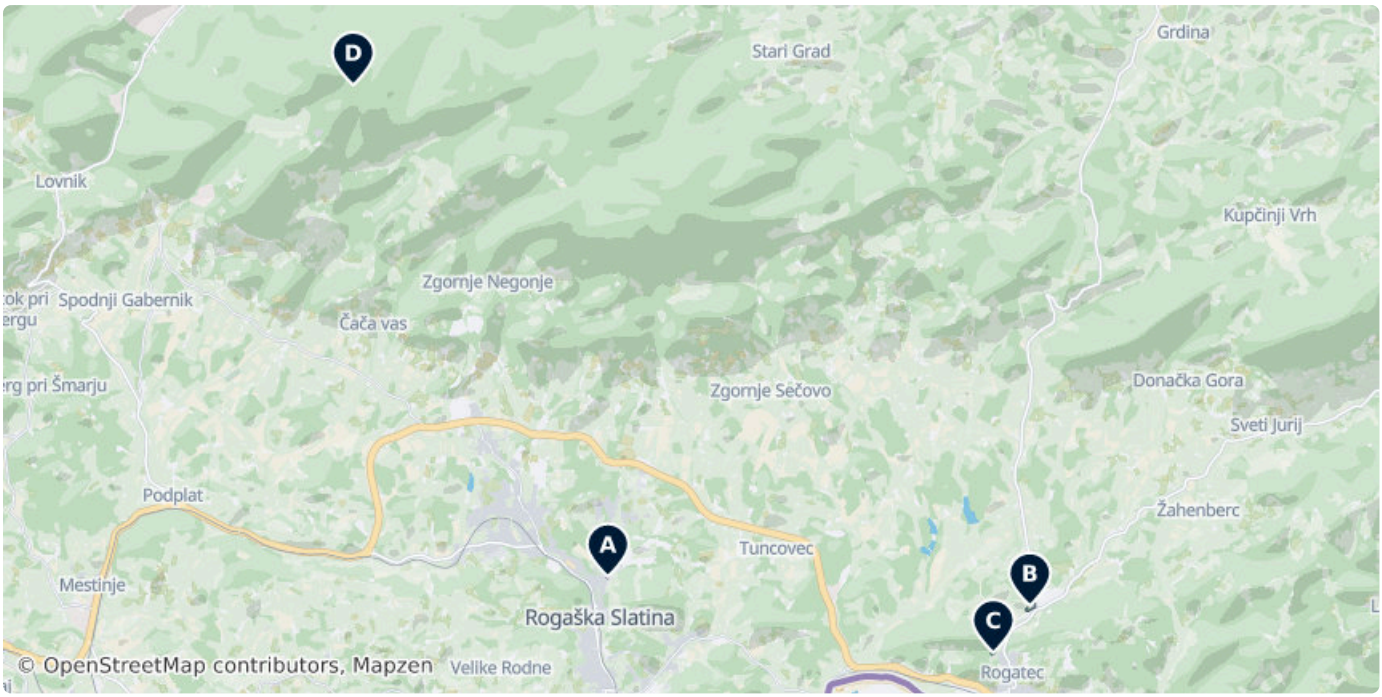


Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Slovenian

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Top sights



A Kristalna dvorana

Ballroom and concert hall of the Grand Hotel Rogaška, a historic spa hotel that has operated since 1803. The hall is lit by crystal chandeliers.

Zdraviliški trg 11, 3250 Rogaška Slatina (46.23728, 15.63964)

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B Rogatec Open-Air Museum

The largest open-air museum in Slovenia, showing the life of peasants and craftsmen in the 19th and early 20th centuries. It is a cultural monument of national importance.

23 Ptujska cesta, 3252, Slovenia (46.23430, 15.70222)



C Strmol Mansion

Renaissance-baroque manor on a low hill above the old centre, first recorded in 1436 as a fortified tower and now a museum, gallery and café.

Pot k ribniku, 3252 Rogatec, Slovenia (46.22949, 15.69679)

Apr-Oct Tu–Su	10:00–18:00
Nov-Mar Sa	10:00–16:00

D Razgledni stolp na Boču

Metal lookout tower on a secondary summit of Boč, moved there by helicopter in 1983. It replaced earlier wooden towers on the main peak.

2319, Slovenia (46.28765, 15.60186)

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