



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Defense Attaché Ivan Mikuž

Colonel Ivan Mikuž is the newly appointed Defense, Military, Naval and Air Attaché of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, D.C. with jurisdiction covering the United States and Canada.

Colonel Mikuž, whose previous duty was Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Planning at the General Staff, also served as Staff Assistant Chief of Staff J5 in Ljubljana. His previous appointments include also a Joint Coordination Branch Head (J3) in NATO Joint Force Command Naples HQ and NATO Response Force Deployable Joint Task Force HQ Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations from 2005 to 2008. The colonel graduated from the Military Academy in 1986 and holds an M.A. degree from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA.



Colonel Ivan Mikuž.

Colonel Mikuž undertook his assignment as the defense attaché in Washington on March 1.

Embassy staff wants to warmly welcome Colonel Mikuž to Washington and wish him every success in the discharge of his new challenging and demanding duties.



Honorary Consul Richard Wilkens III

The Embassy of Slovenia deeply regrets the passing of Mr. Richard B. Wilkens III, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia in Texas and member of the diplomatic corps in Houston, TX.

Honorary consul Wilkens has for the past 18 years served Slovenia with honor, dignity and distinction. Since the first years of Slovenia's independence, he supported the country's aspirations and dreams. As the first Slovenian consul in Houston, he was dedicated to expanding economic, scientific, educational and cultural ties between Slovenia and Texas, and he performed his duties with great competence and enthusiasm.

Mr. Wilkens first visited Slovenia in 1989 for the purpose of expanding business relationships in Eastern Europe, as countries in that region were opening their markets to Western companies. As a result of that first visit, the company that he co-founded, Air Routing International, established a representative office in Ljubljana.

It was through the development of relationships in Slovenia in the years prior to independence that Mr. Wilkens became acquainted with individuals there in both business and government. He and his family visited Slovenia only a few weeks before the fight for independence in the summer of 1991.

Mr. Wilkens, appointed

Honorary Consul in 1996, was a member of the Consular Corps of Houston and served on its Executive Committee from 1996 to 2002.

In 1998, Mr. Wilkens coordinated a meeting between Ambassador Dr. Dimitrij Rupel, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the then-Governor of Texas. Mr. Wilkens and his wife, Sandy, also hosted Dr. Ernest Petrič, former State Secretary in the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Samuel Žbogar, former Minister of Foreign Affairs. Both had also served as ambassadors of Slovenia to the United States. He also hosted Roman Kirn, then Ambassador of Slovenia to the U.S., during his last year's visit to Texas.

For many years, Honorary Consul Wilkens spared no effort to strengthen relations between Slovenia and the United States, and significantly contributed to the enhancement of bilateral cooperation. With various activities, he successfully promoted Slovenia in the State of Texas. Mr. Wilkens was committed to the enhancement of friendship between the two countries and peoples.

Moreover, Mr. Wilkens devotedly assisted Slovenian citizens, companies and exchange students when they needed help or information. He was also one of the pillars of the Slovenian expatriate community in Texas. His endeavors and achievements



Richard Barlow Wilkens III, of Houston, Texas, passed away on Sunday, the 9th of March 2014.

will remain highly recognized.

The Embassy of Slovenia wishes to extend to Mrs. Sandra Wilkens and to the whole family deepest sympathy.

Letters of condolence can be sent to his family at the address:

Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia
11300 Kingsworthy Ln
Houston, TX77024



The Embassy of Slovenia in Washington, DC, is looking for a locally employed administration staff member in the Consular section of the Embassy

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Communication/work with consular clients
- Official communication/administrative work with Slovenian and U.S. authorities
- Communication/administrative work with foreign diplomatic missions and foreign governments
- Records keeping for consular section and other administrative work
- Preparation of publishable written material including press releases, official business letters
- Assistance to diplomatic staff

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree
- Excellent communication skills
- Fluency in Slovene and English

- languages (both oral and written)
 - Basic knowledge of Slovenian, Slovenian Government, Administration
 - Basic knowledge of the European Union
 - Technology/computer skills (PC) software (Power Point, Word, Excel) skills
 - Discretion in managing sensitive informational and personal data
 - Committed sense of customer service
 - Excellent interpersonal, team and organizational skills
 - Self- motivation and eagerness to independently research/acquire new skills as needed
 - Ability to prioritize and ability to handle multiple tasks
 - Readiness to work overtime
 - U.S. citizenship or permanent residency in the U.S. (green card).

Please note that the embassy does not sponsor visas.

Application should consist of a cover letter, evidence of education, CV, and a recommendation letter in case you already have relevant experience. All those interested in working in an international environment and obtaining experience in diplomacy and administration are welcome to send the application online to vwa@gov.si with "Job Application" as the subject.

Deadline for applications is **Friday, March 28, 2014**

Location of work: Embassy of Slovenia, Washington, DC

Beginning of work: End of April 2014

Contract type: annual contract with the possibility of extension

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mediation in the Mediterranean

Brdo pri Kranju was the venue of the third seminar of the Initiative on Mediation in the Mediterranean, on the topic of promoting a culture of mediation and prevention in the Mediterranean, hosted by Slovenia's Foreign Affairs Minister, Karl Erjavec. The seminar, which took place on March 11, was attended by several high-level guests, including the Minister of

Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, José Manuel García-Margallo; the Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, Mbarka Bouaida; the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Jan Eliasson; and the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Lamberto Zannier.

At the opening of the

seminar, the participants remembered the victims of the terrorist attack in Madrid that occurred exactly ten years ago, and all other victims of terrorist attacks.

The seminar, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and the Bled Strategic Forum, is the third in the Initiative on Mediation in the Mediterranean Region, which

was presented by Spain and Morocco in September 2012.

The Initiative of which Slovenia is an active member, followed the increasing progress in raising awareness of mediation as an effective means of peacefully settling disputes. It also aims at promoting mediation as a means of conflict prevention by national and regional actors, at conflict resolution and peace-building in the Mediterranean region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs took the opportunity to translate and deliver the United Nations Guidance for Effective Mediation. Adopted by the U.N. Secretary-General in June 2012, the Guidance is a leading reference document on mediation intended for both mediators and general public.

International experts discussed the content associated with the culture of mediation and conflict prevention in the Mediterranean, with an emphasis on achieving lasting peace and reconciliation through effective mediation. The discussion was related to previous experience of mediation efforts that focused on strengthening the role of women in mediation and on promoting mediation and peaceful coexistence through education and the engagement of youth and civil society. Distinguished international experts also discussed the connection between the concept of responsibility to protect and mediation in the context of comprehensive international efforts to prevent conflicts.

The participants were



Stephen J. Rapp, Ambassador-at-Large, heading the Office of Global Criminal Justice in the U.S. Department of State was among participants of the seminar.

first addressed by the host of the seminar, Foreign Minister Karl Erjavec, who recalled the need to maintain stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean region and the proactive use of diplomacy and mediation. The guests were encouraged to discuss ways to strengthen mediation as a means of peacefully settling disputes.

The importance of mediation was discussed by more than a hundred participants, high-level guests, experienced mediators, representatives of the Mediterranean and other countries, international and regional organizations, representatives of civil society, professional associations, and academia.

In addition to other high-level political representatives, the seminar was attended by the Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League, Samir AL Kassir; the E.U. Special Representative for the Mediterranean, Bernardino León; the U.N.

High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser; the U.N. Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Ahmad Alhendawi; and the U.N. Secretary-General's Special Advisor on the Responsibility to Protect, Dr. Jennifer Welsh.

The seminar was organized in the context of the implementation of priorities of Slovenian foreign policy in conflict prevention and peaceful dispute settlement, and in the interest of peace and stability in the Western Balkans and the wider Mediterranean region. The event is also an opportunity to continue Slovenian activities promoting intercultural dialogue and tolerance, and fulfill Slovenia's commitment to the concept of the responsibility to protect and underline its priorities in the light of its candidature for the Human Rights Council (respect for the rights of women, the role of youth and civil society, education).

European Parliamentary Elections 2014

President of Slovenia, Borut Pahor, has called by a decree for elections to European Parliament on May 25, 2014. This will be the third E.U. elections for Slovenian voters since the country joined the E.U. in May 2004. Slovenia has in the European Parliament eight representatives, who serve for a five-year term.

The national electoral commission launched the official preparations and procedures connected to the elections on February 24. Slovenian citizens may vote in the European Parliamentary elections if on the date of the election (May 25, 2014) they are at least 18 years old.

Citizens with permanent residence abroad will receive their ballots along with the instructions at their respective postal addresses. Voters who wish to vote on the premises of the Embassy

of Slovenia in Washington, D.C. can check their data registered in the national electoral register from March 10 to May 9; Monday to Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon by phone at (202) 386-6614.

Slovenian citizen living outside Slovenia temporarily and wishing to cast their votes for Slovenian representatives in the 2014 European Parliamentary elections must register as voters by April 24, 2014, on a special registration form available at <http://www.dvk-rs.si/index.php/si/obrazci-za-volivce>. Thus, they will be able to vote by mail or in person. The polling stations in the United States will be established at the following locations with operating hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election:

- **Slovene Home for the Aged** (organized by the Consulate General of Slovenia in Cleveland,



OH), 18621 Neff Road, Cleveland, OH 44119

- **Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia**, 2410 California Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

For more information in Slovenian go to:

http://washington.embassy.si/index.php?id=814&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=20287&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=51&cHash=8b9c36ed9cd6249fd2310850513a795e

Consular Hours in San Francisco

The consular officer from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC, will hold consular hours and provide consular services (authentications, certifications, passport applications, etc.) in San Francisco on Monday, March 24, 2014, at the premises of the Honorary Consulate of Slovenia in San Francisco, 354 Pine Street, Third Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104.

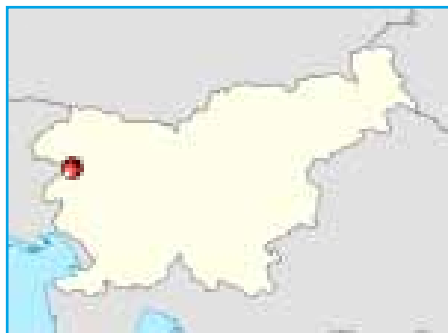
To schedule an appointment, please, fill out the form available at the embassy's website and send it to the Embassy of Slovenia at vwa@gov.si by March 20, 2014, to allow the embassy enough time to verify your data.

The embassy will suggest the time of your appointment and give you further information on the documentation you need to bring along. You may

also visit the embassy website <http://washington.embassy.si/> (Consular Affairs, Visas) for documents required for most consular services. Please note that the consular fee must be paid with a money order made out to "Embassy of Slovenia". Cash, personal checks or credit cards will not be accepted.

Due to security reasons, prior appointment is needed to enter the premises of the consulate.

Tolmin



Tolmin, the town that gave the name to the entire region, is the largest settlement in Zgornje Posočje (Upper Soča Valley) as well as its economic, cultural and administrative center. Its streets and houses lie on a terrace above the confluence of the Soča and Tolminka rivers. The early inhabitants of the Tolmin area were the Illyrians. The area was ruled successively by the Roman Empire, Odoacer, the Ostrogoths, the Eastern Roman Empire, and the Longobards (until 781). Ancestors of Slovenes came to this area at the end of the 7th century during the Avar raids. In 781, it



Tolmin gorge.



Panoramic view on Tolmin.

was conquered by the Carolingians and in 843, after the Treaty of Verdun, passed to Lotharingia. Later, it belonged to the March of Verona. In 1077, it was passed to the Patriarchate of Aquileia, before becoming part of the Republic of Venice in 1420. Finally, Tolmin was conquered by the Habsburgs in 1509.

The Tolminsko region has a historical reputation of being a rebellious land. Medieval documents testify to a long series of uprisings, culminating in the Tolmin peasant revolt of 1713. That particular insurgence spread from the Tolminska to the Goriška region, Brda and further on to northern Istria. The uprising was mercilessly crushed by the imperial army and its eleven leaders were beheaded.

Tolmin was part of the Illyrian Provinces, which were part of the French Napoleonic Empire between 1809 and 1814 before returning to Austrian rule, which lasted until 1918. During World War I, Tolmin served as a base for the Austro-Hungarian victorious

breach of the Soča (Isonzo) Front. The history of the town and its wider area is picturesquely presented in the Tolmin museum. The most significant relic of the time is the Javorca church, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, built above the Polog shepherds' outpost in the Tolminka Valley by Austro-Hungarian soldiers to commemorate their deceased comrades. Javorca was entered into the list of European cultural heritage in 2006.

Tolmin was ruled by the Kingdom of Italy from 1918 to late 1943. After the Italian capitulation in 1943, it was occupied by Nazi Germany and was part of the Operational Zone of the Adriatic Littoral until liberation by Yugoslav partisans. After temporary division of the Julian March by Morgan Line, Tolmin was part of Zone B, which was under Yugoslav administration. It was officially passed to Yugoslavia in 1947 after the Treaty of Paris. Tolmin is of course part of Slovenia since 1991.

Tolmin's main sights are the testament of its tempestuous history. Most interesting are the old

town center and thousand-year-old castle ruins at the hill known as Kozlov rob. Only a short walk from the town one can admire the untamed Tolmin gorges. As the Tolminka river carved its path into the limestone, it created a wild gorge with typical joints that appear as smooth vertical plates.

One can find in the area a natural thermal spring in the short horizontal cave under the Devil's bridge (Hudičev most), that crosses a narrow and deep gorge. With an average temperature of between 64 and 49°F (the temperature of the Tolminka River is 41 to 48°F!) such thermal spring is quite rare in the area of the Julian Alps. The bridge and the road leading to the village of Zadlaza Čadrg were commissioned in 1907. The road was built by locals, together with workers from the Bohinj Railway at the beginning of the 20th century. The bridge was originally made of wood, which was later, under the Italian government, replaced with iron. At that time, the bridge was given its name that is still used today.

Next to the Tolminka River, the Zadlaščica river, a sanctuary for marble trout, also carved its



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gorge with deep erosion. The two rivers widen and merge into what is in fact the only confluence of gorges in Slovenia. This confluence ("Sotočje") lies at approximately 590 ft above sea level and is the lowest point of the Triglav National Park. Because of excessive moisture and warmer Mediterranean climate throughout the year, the gorge boasts rich vegetation.

The cave of Zadlaška jama (Dante's cave), named after the village Zadlaza, is one of several caves through which the waters of the Soča glacier flowed. This cave complex is 1.140 m (3740

ft) long, 41 m (135 ft) deep and boasts three halls. It is said that at the beginning of the 14th century, the patriarch Pagano della Torre hosted the poet Dante Alighieri in Tolmin. At that time, Dante is said to have visited the cave, which inspired him to create the Hell of his Divine Comedy. The cave was later named after the poet. Visits of Zadlaška jama are possible only in the company of a competent guide and with appropriate equipment. For more information about Tolmin and Tolmin gorges see: <http://www.dolina-soce.com/en/>

TO DO LIST

[Živio, Zarja! Slovenia tour](#)

The two week tour is organized on the occasion of the 85 anniversary of Zarja – The Dawn. Slovenian magazine Zarja is one of the oldest ethnic magazines in the United States. On the occasion of the milestone, you are invited to join a spectacular trip to Slovenia titled Živio, Zarja! The tour will take you back in time as you will board a steam train along the picturesque Bohinj railway, or descend on a 120-year-old elevator to the Velenje coal mine. You will visit the beautiful cities of Slovenia, such as Bled, Portorož, Piran, Izola, Ljubljana, and Kamnik. You will explore the little villages, partake in the various culinary chores and feast on fresh fish from the Adriatic Sea while onboard a private cruise boat with stops at medieval coastal towns.

When: [September 17-28, 2014](#)

More information: KOLLANDERWORLD TRAVEL, 761 East 200th Street / Euclid, Ohio 44119 (800) 800-5981 / (216) 692-1000, Ext #3 for Judy, www.kollander.com

For more details you can also call Ms. Bonnie Pohar Prokup, National President, Slovenian Union of America at (815) 223-9596 or email wprokup@aol.com.

Jasmina Cibic: Fruits of Our Land

The film Fruits of Our Land was shot specifically for For Our Economy and Culture, Jasmina Cibic's project for the Slovenian Pavilion at the 55th Venice Biennial, which explored issues around national representation and its framing. The film presents a recreation of a 1957 parliamentary debate between politicians, architects and art historians, set up to decide which artworks might be suitable (i.e., nationally representative enough) to 'decorate' the newly built People's Assembly. The exhibit is made possible with the support by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia.

When: [April 10 – May 11, 2014](#)

Opening: [Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.](#)

Gallery hours: [Wednesday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m., Sunday from 12 noon – 600 p.m., and by appointment](#)

Where: [LMAKprojects, 139 Eldridge Street, New York, NY 10002](#)

More information: <http://www.moving-image.info/artistjasminacibic/>, <http://lmakprojects.com/>

Portos Phrasebook for Slovenian language

Extensive bidirectional dictionaries and useful phrasebooks with extra features are available on iPhone® & iPad® and soon on Android®. The Portos dictionary provides a very efficient and user-friendly way for looking up words in various dictionaries from and into the Slovenian language.

More information: <http://www.portosdictionary.com/>

DIALOGUES CONCERT – Music by Slovene and American Composers

The Koper Music School of Slovenia and CITE Arts NY will present a collaborative concert featuring Slovene and American composers. The concert will take place both in New York and Koper, during the week of April 8 through April 12, 2014, as part of Koper Music School's Biennale Contemporary Music Festival, curated by Tatjana Jercog. The New York portion of the concert will take place at The Firehouse Space -- one of the new music venues in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. It will feature three of Slovenia's new music composers: [Uroš Rojko](#), [Larisa Vrhunc](#), and [Matej Bonin](#). Included in the program will be three American composers: [Stuart Diamond](#), [Demetrius Spaneas](#), and [Sandra Sprecher](#).

When: [Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [The Firehouse Space, 246 Frost Ave. Brooklyn, New York 11211](#)

For more information contact: [Stuart Diamond, CITE ARTS at \[studiamond@gmail.com\]\(mailto:studiamond@gmail.com\)](#) , tel: (917) 861-1937.

Concert by Pianist Irena Koblar

The young Slovenian pianist will play works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Beethoven, and Brahms.

When: [Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

Where: [McEvoy Auditorium, Smithsonian American Art Museum - Smithsonian Institution, Eighth and F streets, NW, Washington, DC](#)

Free.

More information: <http://americanart.si.edu/>



[Class Enemy at the 17th Annual European Union Film Festival in Chicago](#)

Class Enemy (Razredni sovražnik) is a debut feature film by Slovenian filmmaker Rok Biček. Filled with provocative ideas, Class Enemy is emotionally gripping, incisive, involving, and unforgettable. Cast includes: Igor Samobor, Nataša Barbara Gracner, Tjasa Zeleznik, Maša Derganc, Robert Prebil, Voranc Boh, Jan Zupančič. Producers: Aiken Veronika Prosenc, Janez Lapajne. Synopsis: When a cold and arrogant authoritarian teacher, who seems to hold all his students in equal contempt, takes over a German class midway through the year, the students quickly dub him a "Nazi." When a tragedy occurs, he becomes the target of the students' anger and confusion. Once started, though, momentum eclipses motive, and things take on a life of their own. And the students: do they still have a just cause, or are they just rebels?

The European Union Film Festival presents Chicago premieres of 60+ recent European features, and is fully endorsed by the consulates and cultural institutes of E.U. nations in Chicago, as well as their embassies. Selected films include special advance screenings of new acquisitions by U.S. distributors as well as a wide range of films that do not yet have U.S. distribution.

When: [The festival runs from March 7 through April 3](#)

Showtimes: [Sunday, March 23 at 7:15 p.m. and Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

More information: <http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/class-enemy>

[La Grande Fête de la Francophonie](#)

The Grande Fête de la Francophonie returns to the Embassy of France! Perhaps the most eagerly anticipated event during "le mois de la francophonie", the Grande Fête is an invitation to travel the continents of the world in one night!

Each year, more than 35 embassies (including the Embassy of Slovenia!) join to present their culture and cuisine, accompanied by music from the French-speaking world. This year's featured artists include Benin's Jomion and the Uklos, and France's post-punk, cold wave, electro, surf rockers La Femme!

When: [Friday, March 21 from 7 p.m. – 12 midnight.](#)

Where: [La Maison Française - Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Rd, NW, Washington, DC.](#)

Admission: [General \(pre-sale\): \\$40, Benefactor: \\$60](#)

Tickets can be purchased only online at: <http://grandefete2014.eventbrite.com>

The 2014 Francophonie Cultural Festival is co-organized by the Washington Francophonie Committee, more than 35 embassies and The Alliance Française de Washington, AFI Silver, Arthispere, Blues Alley, Hillyer Art Space, Montgomery College, The Smithsonian Associates and the French-American Cultural Foundation. This year's festival is generously sponsored by TV5 Monde, France, Medias, Monde and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie. Embassies participating in the Grande Fête are: Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Canada-Québec, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Georgia, Guinea, Haiti, Laos, Lebanon, Mali, Monaco, Mozambique, Niger, Romania, Senegal, Slovenia, Switzerland, Togo, and Tunisia.

Official website where you can discover the full schedule for "le mois de la francophonie": <http://www.FrancophonieDC.org/>

100 years of Slovenian Church of St. Joseph in Bethlehem, PA

The Slovenian community in Bethlehem, PA, will gather on Saturday, March 22 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, founded by Slovenians. You, your family and friends are cordially invited to join the celebration.

When: [Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 11 a.m.](#)

Where: [Saint Joseph's R.C. Church, 417 East Fifth Street, Bethlehem, PA](#)

For additional information, contact: Stephen C. Antalics, Jr., sca3@Lehigh.EDU, (610) 868- 2646 or see the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchBethlehemPA>

Slovenian films in California

Slovenian feature film *Class Enemy*, directed by Rok Biček, will be shown as part of San Jose's Cinequest at the California Theater.

When: [Saturday, March 15 at noon.](#)

Where: [Camera 12 Cinema, Screen 9, 201 S. 2nd St, San Jose, CA 95113](#)

Tickets will be available at the door for \$10.00.

Zoran, My Idiot Nephew is also showing. The film is an Italian comedy about a man who "inherits" his Slovenian nephew

When: [Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13 at 9:15 p.m., and Saturday, March 15, at 11:15 a.m.](#)

Where: [Camera 12 Cinema, 201 S. 2nd St, San Jose, CA 95113](#)

More information: <http://payments.cinequest.org/WebSales/pages/info.aspx?evtinfo=19579~78899376-35a9-4153-8303-e1557be2dc32&epguid=70d8e056-fa45-4221-9cc7-b6dc88f62c98&#.UwULwdJRQxg>

Taste of Slovenia: A Real Food Tour May 30-June 9

Slovenian-American Sylvia P. Onušič, PhD, board-certified and licensed nutritionist, who lived in Slovenia for six years, returns to her favorite country and invites you to join her along with her guests for the second annual trip through Slovenia's local and traditional food venues, 11 days, 10 nights for \$2,198, land price, which includes meeting star chefs, such as Tomaž Kavčič of Gostilna Pri Lojzetu, as well as local people, farmers and fishermen. Three- and four-star hotels throughout the trip. Price includes all fees, including hotels, most meals, entrance, transportation, luggage, with tour guide throughout.

The tour includes Ljubljana, Dolenjsko, the Adriatic Coast, Goriška Brda, the Karst, Štanjel, Vipava valley, Julian Alps, lakes Bled and Bohinj, Kamnik, Logar valley, Velika Planina, Cerknica lake, Lož valley, Snežnik castle, and more. Slow food, cheese, wine, prosciutto, and olive oil tasting. More information on her website: Taste of Slovenia, www.foodtourslovenia.wordpress.com and her Facebook at www.facebook.com/tasteofslovenia. You can contact Sylvia at tasteofslovenia@gmail.com.