



Logarska dolina  
Solčavsko  
harmonija treh dolin



# SOLČAVA

## STEEP SLOPES AND VALLEYS IN THE EMBRACE OF MOUNTAINS

### TIPS FOR A GREEN VISIT TO THE LOGAR VALLEY-SOLČAVA TOURIST DESTINATION

Slovenia is one of the greenest countries on planet Earth. According to the standards of Green Destinations, it is the first country entirely rated green. You can even experience its 'green DNA' before arriving, because deciding to visit one of the greenest destinations on Earth is a responsible decision and at the same time a promise to adhere to 'green conduct' while enjoying authentic experiences in unspoilt nature.

In 2017, the destination of Logar valley-Solčava was accepted into the excellent Green Destinations Community with the awarding of the label Slovenia Green – Silver. In 2018, the Logar Valley Landscape Park received the title 'Slovenia Green Park'. In 2020, the destination was reassessed for its eligibility as a green destination. After checking its fulfillment of the conditions, a Slovenia Green Gold label was awarded. In 2019 and again in 2020, the destination was selected among the TOP 100 destinations in the world.

### How you can play a part in improving sustainability and contribute to the promise made by the Slovenia Green label?

We believe that you are aware that our actions affect the environment and the preservation of natural and cultural heritage. By following our 'green tips, you will play a part in reducing the negative impact of tourism and contribute to the reputation of the Slovenia Green label.

#### Be green before you even arrive in Slovenia and the Logar valley-Solčava area

- ♥ Find out about Slovenia and our destination even before you visit.
- ♥ Travel to Slovenia by train, then continue your journey by bus to reach the Logar valley-Solčava area, or seek an airline that invests in a programme for reducing its environmental footprint.
- ♥ Seek accommodation at a provider that strives to operate in a sustainable manner through responsible management of natural resources and waste.

## Green travel

- ♥ Visit our protected area and only walk on the well-kept and marked trails; every walk outside designated trails can cause biotic imbalances to flora and fauna.
- ♥ Get around the area on foot or by bike. If you don't have your own bike, hire one. Ask your host or at the tourist information centre for information about bike hire.
- ♥ There is an extensive network of natural science and hiking trails.
- ♥ We recommend that you book a tour with a local guide to get the best experience of the wilderness and mountains. Enquire at the tourist information centre for details.
- ♥ Slovenia is a country that was made for low-impact exploration.

## Environment and climate

- ♥ Experience our destination like a green outdoor home. Keep it clean, tidy and free of waste. Waste should be deposited at collection points. It should also never be left on mountain trails but instead taken back to the collection points in the valley.
- ♥ Drink tap water and use a reusable water bottle. We ensure that drinking water is of the highest quality.
- ♥ Save water: use less water when showering, and turn off the tap while cleaning your teeth.
- ♥ Save energy; use towels more than once.
- ♥ Choose soap, cosmetics and other cleaning agents that are environmentally friendly.
- ♥ Special waste, such as empty batteries, should be deposited at the designated collection point.
- ♥ Whenever possible, turn off all electronic devices and be at one with nature and the environment.

## Culture and tradition

- ♥ Over the millennia, the Slovene language has helped to preserve Slovenian culture and sovereignty. Try to learn a few basic words and phrases that will put a smile on the face of your Slovenian hosts all over the country: Hello = Dober dan, Thank you = Hvala, How are you = Kako si/ste, This is really good = To je zelo dobro.
- ♥ The Logar valley-Solčava area has its own dialect – Solčavski govor (Solčava speech), which in 2020 was listed in the Register of Intangible Cultural Heritage; our dialect is special due to its archaic nature and elements of Carinthian dialect .
- ♥ Shop locally, support local producers: by doing so, you will support local farms by ordering food made from local ingredients, artisans by buying their products and artists by familiarising yourself with or buying their artwork. In the Logar valley-Solčava area you can buy local products at some farms and other tourist providers, at the Rinka Centre, and from a vending machine. Buy home-made handicraft products, especially wool and wooden products from local artisans, and visit boutiques in the village of Solčava.
- ♥ Taste the wealth of Slovenian cuisine; choose typical dishes of local origin made according to traditional recipes, which are usually specially marked on the menus (try Upper Savinja pork stomach, pear žlinkrofi, masovnik, sirnek and more).

- ♥ The best way to learn about Slovenian culture is through local guides who know our culture and tradition. Attending cultural events and visiting attractions is another way. Contact the tourist information centre to arrange organised tours.
- ♥ Visit our museums and boutiques which contribute to preserving the tradition of our culture: more information is available at the tourist information centre.
- ♥ Attend traditional events that will acquaint you with Slovenian customs. In the Logar valley-Solcava area don't miss the traditional Solčava Days, the Wool Festival, and other one-off events connected with the cultural life of the area. The events calendar is enclosed in the information folder.

**Keep green Slovenia and the destination of Logar valley-Solčava in your heart (Slovenia Makes You Green) as a memory and a 'taste of home'. It is something we internalise, as a memory of the closeness and warmth of our home and those we love. It is something that may have been lost and that we seek; somewhere where mankind has maintained genuine contact with nature. That's how it is here...**

- ♥ Handicraft products with the Art & Craft Slovenia certificate make a great souvenir.
- ♥ Share your positive experiences with friends and help us spread the green message.
- ♥ Open your heart to green habits and also make them become a reality at home.

**WELCOME TO THE LOGAR VALLEY-SOLČAVA ♥**

