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## Manual of Cultures

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Slovenia has a rich pilgrimage history. Many pilgrimage churches in our country bear witness to the loyalty and piety of our ancestors. Most of the pilgrimage churches are consecrated to St. Mary or popular saints (St. Martin, Joseph, St. Rochus).

There are several pilgrim routes through Slovenia. Most of these routes are part of the major European pilgrimage routes.

### Jakobova pot

#### Way of St. James – St. James the Great



#### History

Ever since people made pilgrimages to Compostela, Slovenes also took part. Many medieval legends, folk songs, etc. bear witness to this. It is historically documented that in 1430 the pilgrimage of Count Ulrik II of Celje was on its way. The names of many Slovenian places are also connected with the pilgrimage (Galicia).

The Association of Friends of the Way of St. Jakob in Slovenia deals with the general promotion of pilgrimages on the Way of St. Jakob. In Slovenia there are four branches of the Way of St. Jakob, which run through all Slovenian regions and connect many churches dedicated to St. Jakob into a unique whole. At the headquarters of the association, you can order a pilgrimage certificate, which you seal during the pilgrimage in the churches of St. Jakob or in places where pilgrims stay overnight (monasteries, parishes, mountain huts).

#### Path and landscape description

As already mentioned, there are four branches of the Way of St. Jakob in Slovenia. The »Dolenjska« branch connects Slovenia's southern neighbour Croatia with Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital. The »Gorenjska« branch leads from the capital Ljubljana to the famous church on Sv. Višarije (Monte Lussari, Italy) near the border between Slovenia, Italy and Austria. The Prekmurje-Styria branch connects Hungary and Ljubljana, while the Primorska branch connects Ljubljana with Trieste in Italy.

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<https://www.jakobova-pot.si/jakobs-way-slovenia/>

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### **Dolenjska branch**

Starting location: "Slovenska vas" (Croatia)

Final destination: Ljubljana

Path length / km: 154 km

### **Gorenjska branch**

Starting location: Ljubljana

Final destination: Sv. Višarije – Monte Lussari (Italy)

Path length / km: 143 km

### **Prekmurje - Styria branch**

Starting location: Kobilje (Hungary)

Final destination: Ljubljana

Path length / km: 269 km

### **Primorska branch**

Starting location: Ljubljana

Final destination: Trieste (Italy)

Path length / km: 124 km

## Via Sancti Martini

### Via Sancti Martini – Saint Martin of Tours



#### History

To promote the life and main values of Europe's most popular saint, Martin of Tours, the European Council in 2005 proclaimed the route connecting Szombathely in Hungary and Tours in France a European Cultural Route. The importance of the Way lies primarily in establishing connections between people, based on the tangible and intangible cultural heritage associated with St. Martin. The Way is a kind of tool that allows travellers, pilgrims and others to get to know the common cultural heritage. Connecting the countries of Central Europe through cultural channels thus creates the conditions for a more human, ethical and reciprocal Europe. In the search for and construction of an European identity, it is essential to forge links between representatives of civil society and to work together to overcome stereotypes and prejudices.

#### Path and landscape description

A large part of the route runs through Slovenian towns (about 550 km) that are connected to St. Martin by name or otherwise. In Slovenia, more than eighty churches and chapels are dedicated to St. Martin, and many places are named after him (e.g. Šmartno, Šmartin).

The Slovenian route is divided into three stages: The first part of the route is from Domanjševci to Zreče (about 214 km). The second part of the route is from Zreče to Logatec (approx. 256 km). The third part of the route connects Logatec and Opatje selo (approx. 90 km).

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#### Stage 1

starting location: Domanjševci

final destination: Zreče

path length / km: 214

#### Stage 2

starting location: Zreče

final destination: Logatec

path length / km: 256

#### Stage 3

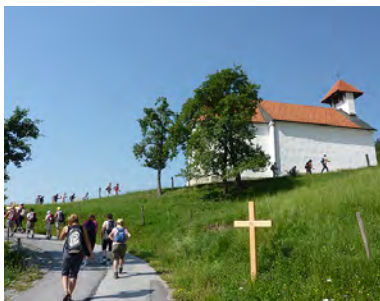
starting location: Logatec

final destination: Opatje selo

path length / km: 90

## Emina romarska pot

### Emma's pilgrimage route in Slovenia



#### History

Saint Emma represents an important link between the Slovenes and Austrians. In the framework of the "Emma's Pilgrimage Route" project, carried out in the context of the Interreg IIIA SI-AT programme, 2006 marked the beginning of a revival of Emma's Pilgrimage Route in Slovenia. Then, the route was partially laid out and marked in the portion of the route between Sv. Ema near Podčetrtek and Šentrupert on

Dolenjska. The project abbreviated to Pilgrimage Europe SI-AT is being run as part of the Operational Programme Slovenia–Austria 2007–2013 and continues the revival of Emma's Pilgrimage Route, which is now fully marked.

#### Path and landscape description

Emma's Pilgrimage Route connects the places which are directly or indirectly connected to the life, work and heritage of St. Emma. It runs through places where the worship of St. Emma started in the Middle Ages and continues until today, and covers areas which were once owned by Emma and are thematically closely related to St. Emma. It runs through the regions of Koroška, Štajerska, Dolenjska and Gorenjska and is associated with the route in Austria bearing the same name (Hemmapilgerweg).<sup>6</sup> It links buildings built on her initiative or on her estates; monuments depicting her as well as places and areas from where people pilgrimaged in large groups to worship St. Emma. The final destination of pilgrimage or the centre of worship is the tomb of St. Ema in the crypt of the cathedral in Krka (Gurk).

GUIDE (ENG): <http://kozjanski-park.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ERP-RV-ENG.pdf>

LEITER (DEU): <http://kozjanski-park.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ERP-RV-DEU.pdf>

Basic info: (ENG): <http://kozjanski-park.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ERP-ZG-ENG.pdf>

Basic info(DEU): <http://kozjanski-park.si/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ERP-ZG-DEU.pdf>

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#### Starting location in Slovenia:

Podkraj pri Mežici

#### Final destination:

Prelaz Ljubelj

#### Path length / km:

687 (in Slovenia)

## Benediktova pot

### St. Benedict Path in Slovenia and Austria – St. Benedict of Nursia



#### History

The Benedict Path in Austria and Slovenia was founded in 2009 to mark the 200th anniversary of the return of the Benedictines to the monastery of St. Paul in Lavanttal. The route was led around Slovenia in 2011. It is named after the founder of the Benedictine Order - St. Benedict of Nursia

#### Path and landscape description

The Benedict Path in Austria and Slovenia consists of a total of 11 daily stages. The first stage starts in Spital - am Pyhrn - Admont. The route leads south and ends in Gornji Grad in Slovenia. Stages 8-11 lead through Slovenia. This route is subtitled "from monastery to monastery" and connects the famous Benedictine monasteries in Austria and Slovenia: Admont, Seckau, St. Paul, Gornji Grad.

#### Website

[www.benedikt-bewegt.at](http://www.benedikt-bewegt.at)

<https://www.pilgerwege-kaernten.at/home/benediktweg>

#### Starting location in Slovenia

St. Paul im Lavanttal (border between Austria and Slovenia)

#### Final destination

Gornji Grad (monastery)

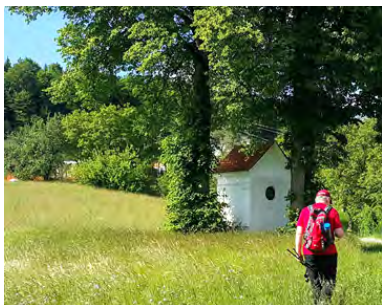
#### Path length / km

88 km

## Slomškova romarska pot

### Slomšek Pilgrimage route

#### Blessed Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek



#### History

On May 10, 2007, the Archdiocese of Maribor established the Slomšek Pilgrimage Route Association.

Pilgrimages along the Slomšek Pilgrimage Route, whether individually or in groups, are intended to promote Blessed Anthony Martin Slomšek and also to get to know our beautiful places, people and culture, that is, everything connected with his life and work. The Slomšek pilgrimage route is intended to

connect relationships between people of different generations, as well as between nations and cultures.

The Slomšek pilgrimage route is a connection from the birthplace of Blessed Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek in Slom near Ponikva to Klagenfurt, St. Andraz (Austria) and to his grave in the Cathedral of Maribor, the present seat of the Archdiocese and Metropolis.

#### Path and landscape description

The pilgrimage route of Slomšek is divided into eight stages. It begins in Slom at the birthplace of Blessed Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek and ends in Maribor.

The entire Slomšek Pilgrimage Route, as it is planned, is approximately 380 km long and connects over 30 communities and parishes in Slovenia alone. The route consists of eight stages. Of these stages, only certain routes are marked (data: April 2021).

The most popular route is currently the Stage II, from Slom/Ponikva via Kartuzija Žiče to Nova Cerkev. It leads from Slom's birthplace, past the parish church of St. Martin in Ponikva, to Charthusian Monesry Žiče, past the birthplace of Slomšek's mother in Črešnjice and through Frankolovo to Nova Cerkev. Slomšek worked in Nova Cerkev for two and a half years and was a very popular chaplain. This path has been an established pilgrimage route for many years. A pilgrimage meeting is held every year on June 25.

Other routes are still being marked. The book Guide to the Slomšek Pilgrimage Route is also about to be published (data: April 2021).

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### **Stage 2**

starting location: Slom (Slomšek's birthplace)

final destination: Nova Cerkev

path length / km: 30