

## NOVO MESTO/Slovenija/Kolesarska in pohodniška karta

Morda ob omembi Novega mesta marsikdo najprej pomisli na močno gospodarstvo, ki je doma v tej izvozni prestolnici Slovenije, a ko enkrat uzrejo znamenito novomeško veduto z reko Krko, ki se v okljuku vije okoli starega mestnega jedra, so obiskovalci navdušeni nad bogato naravno in kulturno dediščino, s katero se v glavnem mestu Dolenjske srečajo na vsakem koraku. Nepogrešljiv del mestnega jedra je grič Kapitelj s stolno cerkvijo Svetega Miklavža, ki se ponaša z oltarno sliko slavnega Benečana Tintoretta. Pod Kapitljem se razteza živopisna ulica Breg, ki je nastala na obronkih srednjeveškega obzidja, vklesanega v skalo nad reko Krko. Središče mesta predstavlja nedavno prenovljeni Glavni trg, na katerem izstopajo mestna hiša, Kettejev vodnjak, prepoznavni arkadni hodniki in granitne kocke. Te so po novem razbremenjene avtomobilskega prometa, saj je eden najlepših in največjih srednjeveških trgov v Sloveniji po vzoru modernih urbanih središč spremenjen v površino za pešce in kolesarje in nudi izjemno kuliso za številne prireditve. Na bogatih in svetovno znanih novomeških najdiščih so arheologi odkrili šestnajst situl - bronastih posod, velikokrat okrašenih z mitskimi prizori, ki pričajo o rojevanju evropske civilizacije v naših krajih za časa železne dobe, zaradi česar je Novo mesto poimenovano tudi Mesto situl. Največje arheološko najdišče je na griču Marof, kamor vodi slikovita pot skozi kostanjev drevored, vrh pa ponuja prekrasen razgled na mesto in hribovje Gorjanci, po katerem poteka meja s Hrvaško. Urejena sprehajališča ob reki Krki in mestnih gozdovih Ragov log in Portovald, grad Grm z grajskim parkom in druge obsežne zelene površine v središču mesta in okolici, ki domačinom vsakodnevno nudijo prostor za sprostitev in rekreacijo, očarajo obiskovalce, ki hitro spoznajo, zakaj Novo mesto velja za slovensko mesto, v katerem se najbolj kakovostno živi.

## NOVO MESTO / Slovenia / Town cycling and hiking trail map

When mentioning Novo mesto, the first association people have might be the strong economy that characterizes this export capital of Slovenia, but once they gaze upon the famous town scenery with the Krka River, which snakes its way around the Old Town in a hairpin bend, visitors cannot help but be impressed by the rich natural and cultural heritage that greets them at every step of the way in the capital of Dolenjska. An indispensable part of the town centre is the Kapitelj hill with the Chapter Church of St. Nicholas, which boasts an altarpiece of the famous Venetian painter Tintoretto. Below Kapitelj stretches the picturesque Breg area, which formed at the edges of a medieval wall carved into the rock above the Krka River. The Old Town consists of the recently reconstructed Main Square, which features the Town Hall, Kette's Fountain, the recognizable arcade hallways and granite cobblestones. The latter will no longer be burdened by car traffic. Following the example of modern urban centres, one of the most beautiful and largest medieval squares in Slovenia has been transformed into a pedestrian area and now offers an exceptional backdrop for various events. Sixteen situlae have been discovered by archaeologists in the rich and well-known archaeological sites in the Novo mesto area. Situlae are bronze bucket-shaped vessels that are often decorated with mythical scenes testifying to the emergence of the European civilization in our neck of the woods during the Iron Age, which is why Novo mesto is also known as the town of situlae. The largest archaeological site is on the Marof hill, where a scenic path leads through a chestnut avenue, and the hilltop offers a magnificent view of the town and the Gorjanci hills, along which the border with Croatia runs. Well-maintained promenades along the Krka River and the Ragov log and Portovald wooded areas, Grm Castle with a park and other green areas in the town centre and the surrounding area all provide the locals with a chance to relax and unwind, delighting visitors, who quickly see why Novo mesto is considered the town that offers the highest quality of life in Slovenia.