



JOINT ACTION FOR THE ALPS – CONSERVE, CONNECT, AND RESTORE

Alpine Convention Biodiversity Conference

12 June 2024

ForumAlpinum: The Alps – a Refuge for Bio- and Geodiversity?

13-14 June 2024

in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia

Practical information

Venue

The venue for the Alpine Convention Biodiversity Conference and the ForumAlpinum 2024 will be the Hotel Ramada Resort Kranjska Gora (Borovška cesta 99, 4280 Kranjska Gora), Slovenia.



Hotel(s)

The main venue of the event is the Hotel Ramada Resort Kranjska Gora, where some rooms have been pre-booked for the event (price: €112/person/night). **Please book via [this direct link](#)** (the link is valid until 10 May).

Additional accommodation is available in Kranjska Gora. We suggest early booking as the availability might be limited in the last days before the conference.

Travel information

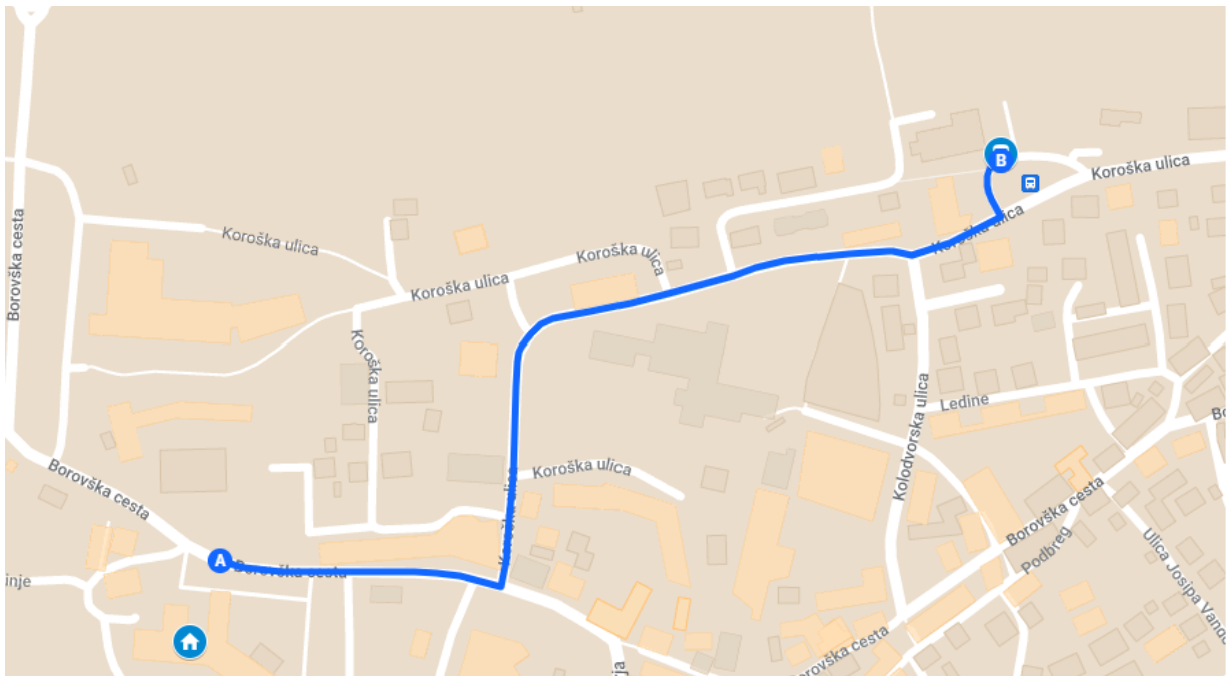
For environmental reasons we encourage all participants to use sustainable means of transport. For arrivals by public transport, we recommend taking the train to Jesenice.

From Ljubljana there are trains to Jesenice (at the time of writing) – please consult the [website](#) for the latest information.

From Villach there are trains to Jesenice (at the time of writing) – please consult [website](#) for the latest information.

A **bus** from Jesenice train station to Kranjska Gora leaves every hour and takes approximately 30 minutes. Timetables are available [here](#).

Once in Kranjska Gora, it is a 10-minute walk (650m, flat terrain) from the station to the hotel:



In case you need to fly, we recommend Jože Pučnik Airport (Ljubljana).

If arriving by car, please check beforehand with your hotel about parking possibilities.

Language

The conference and the adjoint activities will be held in English. No translation to the Alpine languages will be provided.

Registration

Please fill in the registration form for the event [via this link](#) before **15 May 2024**.

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Individual arrivals and accommodation

20:30 ***Screening of the film “V kraljestvu Zlatoroga” (In the Kingdom of Zlatorog) at the [Kranjska Gora parish church square](#).***

The first Slovenian feature film In the Kingdom of Zlatorog, from 1931, was made by enthusiastic young mountaineers who were members of the Skala Club, which aimed to popularise mountaineering in Slovenia. It was shot, edited, and directed on 35 mm film by Janko Ravnik, a musician and experienced photographer. The screening of the film will be accompanied by a live musical score by Andrej Goričar.

Wednesday, 12 June 2024

9:00-17:00 ***Alpine Biodiversity Conference
by the Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention***

The aim of the Alpine Biodiversity Conference is to present the Alpine Convention’s efforts to strengthen biodiversity conservation as a contribution to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted in 2022. Moreover, the goal is to gather feedback and proposals for forward-looking activities from relevant policymakers, experts, scientists, and representatives of Alpine networks. The Slovenian Presidency of the Alpine Convention will present a draft policy brief which will serve as a basis for an in-depth interactive discussion between participants on the three areas of conservation, connectivity, and nature restoration. The conference will also bring in views from the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Carpathian Convention as a contribution to the implementation of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the three Conventions.

19:30 ***Official reception***

Address by the President of the Permanent Committee of the Alpine Conference, Emil Ferjančič

Address by the Director of Triglav National Park, Tit Potočnik, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Triglav National Park

Address by former ISCAR office manager, Thomas Scheurer, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the ForumAlpinum

Thursday, 13 June 2024

8:00-18:30 [*ForumAlpinum*](#) *by ISCAR*

The ForumAlpinum is a scientific conference aiming to promote international research cooperation on topics of relevance across the entire Alpine arc. The ForumAlpinum has also been designed as an interface between the scientific community and policy, providing opportunities for science-policy dialogue.

The ForumAlpinum 2024 titled “The Alps – a Refuge of Bio- and Geodiversity?” will focus on how biodiversity and geodiversity are under severe threat – worldwide and especially in sensitive ecosystems like the Alps. This ForumAlpinum will identify hotspots of bio- and geodiversity, their monitoring and management in the Alps, analyse land-use conflicts and their impact on bio- and geodiversity, and assess the relevance of bio- and geodiversity protection in the regional, national or international context to discuss possible solutions.

Friday, 14 June 2024

8:30-13:00/15:00 *Forum Alpinum excursion(s)*

The registration form will enable you to choose between two excursions: they both combine a bus drive with short walks. The first is headed to the Radovna River valley, and the second to the Soča River valley. The spaces on the bus are limited and a participation fee is required.

8:30-13:00 *Radovna River valley*

Itinerary (bus and short walks):

- Zgornja Radovna: visit to Pocar Homestead, short walk to hummocky meadow;
- Mojstrana: coffee break; Slovenian Alpine Museum in Mojstrana: visit to an Alpine Convention Site, museum.

The **Pocar Homestead** is a museum-style house, which is considered to be one of the oldest homesteads in the Triglav National Park. It also includes an information point, exhibition, and event space. The Pocar Homestead is a cultural monument of national importance. In 2006, the Triglav National Park received the *Europa Nostra Diploma* for the Pocar Homestead (European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage in the category of architectural heritage).

The **Slovenian Alpine Museum** illustrates the development of Slovenian mountaineering, climbing and mountain rescue history, interwoven with educational and conservational content. Its rich collection of historical objects and artefacts, diversity of photographic, film, book, and museum archives, and an extensive museum library provide clear insights into the powerful, lasting impact of mountains and mountaineering on Slovenian culture.

8:30-15:00 Soča River valley

Itinerary (bus and short walks):

- Stari Tamar (Old Tamar) - Šupca (vista) - the source of the Soča River (short walk);
- Trenta: coffee break; visit to Dom Trenta (Triglav National Park Information Centre); short lunch break;
- Soča River – the Great Gorge (short walk); Predil pass.

Stari Tamar - Šupca is an area located along the Tamar River which is a tributary of the Soča River. The area is attractive to visitors due to its historical significance and well-preserved nature. Šupca is a scenic spot and viewpoint overlooking the Soča River and the surrounding landscapes. It offers panoramic views of the Soča Valley and the Julian Alps.

Dom Trenta is the cultural and social centre of the sparsely populated Trenta. It presents the cultural landscape, rich ethnological heritage, nature and past life in Trenta, as well as the peculiarities of the Triglav National Park.

Soča River – Great Gorge: also known as the “Emerald Beauty,” the Soča River is renowned for its striking turquoise colour which is the result of the river's unique limestone bed. It originates in the Trenta valley and flows through the picturesque Julian Alps, carving its way through the stunning landscapes of the Triglav National Park. The Great Gorge is a breath-taking natural wonder of the Soča River with its stunning depth and clear, emerald-green waters and with a dramatic and picturesque landscape of surrounding rocks and cliffs.



The event is expected to be organised in accordance with the Green Event standards of the Alpine Convention.