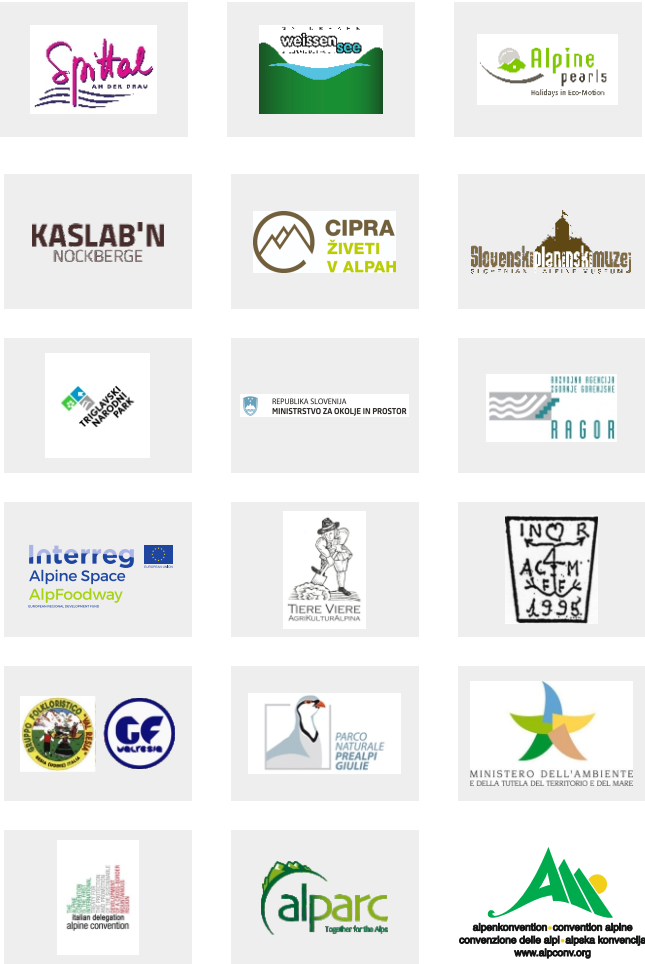


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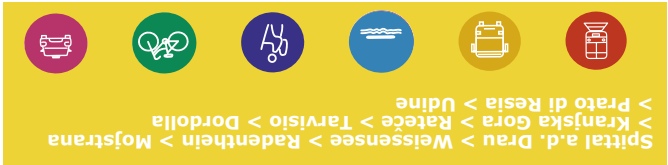


**POPULATION
AND CULTURE
IN THE ALPS**

Then and now

28 JUNE - 1 JULY 2018

**from Spittal a.d. Drau (AT)
to Udine (IT)**

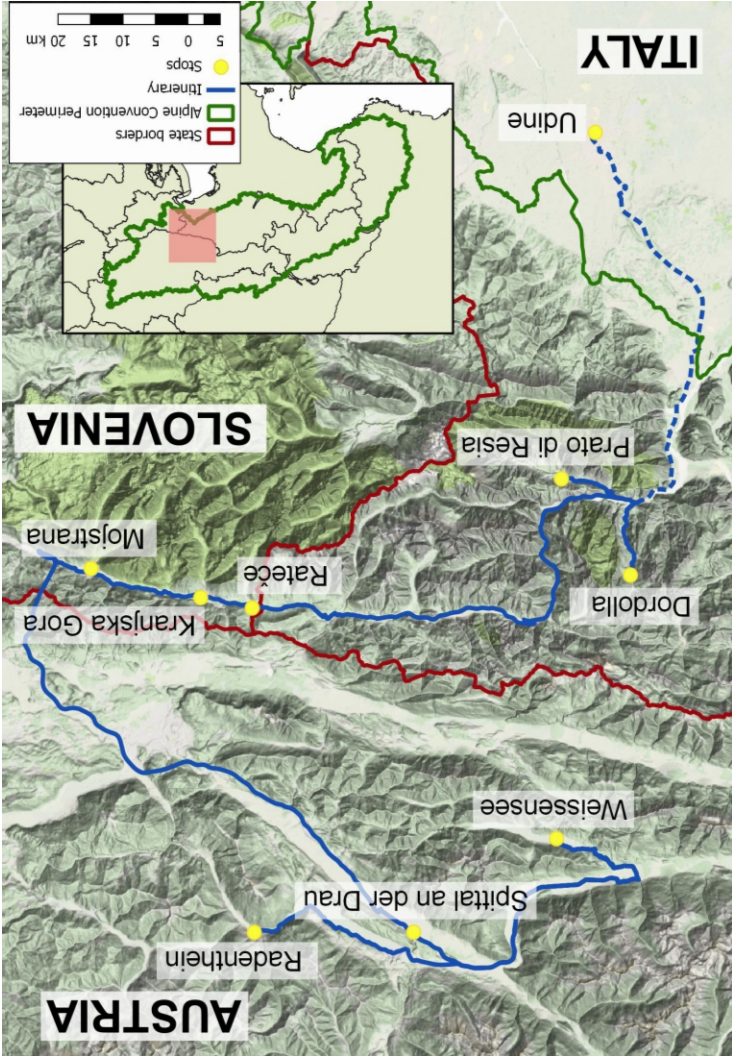


The Alps have been inhabited for about 10,000 years and are now home to some 14 million people. Over the millennia, men and women have shaped the Alpine landscape, from the bottom of the valleys up to the highest peaks and developed very diverse cultural expressions. Along the Alps 2018 route, local actors will showcase this diversity, be it in the use of natural resources for food production or architecture or in the music, living traditions and languages. We will experience the heterogeneity of the demographic evolution in the Alps and what is being done to foster a sustainable, high quality living in the region.

With the We are Alps tour, we are spreading the messages of the Alpine Convention, the international treaty for the sustainable development and protection of the Alps signed in 1991 by the eight Alpine Countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia and Switzerland) as well as the European Union.

Ambassador Markus Reiterer
Secretary General of the Alpine Convention

**The "Population and Culture in the Alps.
Then and now" tour**



Thursday

28 June



day 1

Spittal an der Drau (AT)
> Weissensee (AT)

Alpine life on the lakeshore

Angling and boat-building may not be your typical image of Alpine culture, but by Lake Weissensee we will learn how these activities were and are still indeed closely linked to the mountain environment. We will see which cultural offers are developed by the Nature Park and how the knowledge about the Alps is being passed on to the next generations.

12.30 Individual arrivals to Spittal -Millstätter See train station

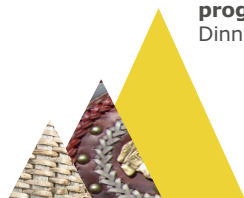
13.00-14.00 Briefing on the tour and the topic in the Porcia castle, with light lunch

14.37-15.30 Train and Nature Park Bus to Weissensee

15.30-18.00 Raft cruise on Lake Weissensee (weather permitting) with a presentation of cultural tourism offers, visit of the Domenig boat-building workshop and the Weissenseefisch fishery and angling school

18.00 Nature Park Bus to the Kinderhotel Kreuzwirt and presentation of its kindergarten training programme
 Dinner at the Kinderhotel Kreuzwirt

Overnighting in Weissensee



Friday

29 June



day 2

Weissensee (AT) > Radenthein (AT)
> Mojstrana (SL) > Kranjska Gora (SL)

Of shepherds and mountaineers

To start the day, we will experience a centuries-old activity, i.e. cheese making, in a state-of-the-art community dairy, winner of an alpine-wide award for sustainable architecture. Crossing over to Slovenia, we will see how mountaineering has become an important part of the Alpine culture over the past 200 years; then we will come back to pastoral activities with the visit of a traditional homestead and the reading of a new translation of the popular tale of a young fearless shepherd.

7.15 Meeting time

7.30-9.25 Nature Park Bus, train and bus to Radenthein

9.30-11.15 Visit of the Kaslab'n dairy

11.30-14.30 Bus, trains, bus and a 1-km walk to Mojstrana
 On the train, packed lunch then presentation of the Timetables in the Alps project

14.30-15.00 Visit of the Slovenian Alpine Museum & Alpine Convention Infopoint in Mojstrana

15.00-16.00 5-km hike to Pocar in Triglav National Park

16.00-17.00 Visit of the Pocarjeva domacija homestead

17.00-18.00 Hike back to Mojstrana

18.12-18.28 Bus to Kranjska Gora

20.00 Dinner
 Reading of Kecec stories and presentation of the Reading Mountains initiative

Overnighting in Kranjska Gora



Saturday

30 June



day 3

Kranjska Gora (SL) > Rateče (SL)
> Tarvisio (IT) > Dordolla (IT)

Food as cultural heritage and the challenges of rural depopulation

Today we will ride our bikes and cook our own lunch with the partners of an international project at the border between Slovenia and Italy. We will continue by bike, then bus, to the remote valley of Dordolla, where new and old inhabitants are defying rural depopulation.

7.45 Meeting time

8.00-9.00 Cycle (7km) to Rateče

9.00-11.00 Hands-on presentation with the AlpFoodway project partners

11.00-13.00 Cycle on (12km) to Tarvisio

13.08-14.05 Buses to Dordolla

14.15-18.00 Visit to the village of Dordolla

19.00 Dinner
 Projection of *The New Wild – Life in the abandoned lands* and discussion with the film director Christopher Thomson

Overnighting in Dordolla



Sunday

1 July



day 4

Dordolla (IT) > Prato di Resia (IT)
> Udine (IT)

A dancing farewell

For lack of public transport on Sundays during school holidays, we will have to rely on private vehicles to reach the Val Resia, where we will give a go at folk dancing. We will also discuss social issues and how the community recovered from the earthquake of 1976. Then it will be time to say goodbye - end of the journey, but not of the story...

8.15 Meeting time

8.30-9.00 Transfer by minibus to Prato di Resia

9.00-10.15 Dance workshop with the Val Resia Folk Group and presentation by the EcoMuseo Val Resia

10.30-11.30 Discussion with the Prealpi Giulie Nature Park on social and settlement issues

12.00-13.30 Farewell lunch in San Giorgio di Resia

13.30-14.59 Minibus and train to Udine

