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Reasons to visit Slovenia in September

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September in Slovenia brings both the colours and fruits of harvest time as well as numerous unusual and traditional autumnal celebrations. They include the Maribor Music Festival, held against the historic backdrop of the Slovenia's second city, the Cow's Ball at picturesque Lake Bohinj, celebrating the return of the cattle to the valley after the summer, and a National Day of Costume in Kamnik, one of the country's oldest towns.



Around 25 per cent of Slovenia's population grows some of its own food, so September and harvest time provide one of the most colourful times of the year to visit this central European country, as it yields the fruits of a year's hard labour.

But it's not all work and no play for the Slovenes. While some prepare to get to work in the fields and vineyards picking pumpkins, cabbages and grapes, others are in party mood and head for the numerous autumnal celebrations, which take place at this time of year. Here are just a few examples:

MARIBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL: September 4-14

Festival Maribor offers the opportunity to enjoy a traditional international festival of chamber music against the historic backdrop of Slovenia's second city, Maribor.

Twenty one concerts ranging from Baroque and classical music to more contemporary works including Roma and Gypsy music from Eastern Europe, will be performed in some of Maribor's most impressive venues, such as its 12th century Gothic-style cathedral and Maribor Castle, which was first mentioned in the 1100s. (Visit festivalmaribor.si/en/ for details.)

Specialist tour operator, Just Slovenia, can organise tailor-made trips to coincide with the autumn

festival. Options include accommodation at Urska Farm, located in the north east of Slovenia, close to the spa resort of Zrece, in the heart of one of the country's leading wine-growing regions.

The owners grow their own wines, cure ham and salami in their own smoke house and are known for serving delicious Slovene dishes using only the best produce, grown on their farm or in the local vicinity. They also offer a small spa ideal for relaxing in the saunas and jacuzzi.

Prices for a five-night break start from £480 per person for flights from Stansted with easyjet, car hire and bed and breakfast accommodation.

THE COW'S BALL, BOHINJ: 14 September

The Kravji Bal or Cow's Ball takes place on 14 September at picturesque Lake Bohinj, and celebrates the return of the cattle to the valley after a long summer pasture.

The celebration is based around Lake Bohinj in the heart of the Julian Alps and Triglav National Park, and sees the cows decorated with wreaths and bells and paraded through the now dry Govic waterfall accompanied by herdsman, dairy maids and cheese-makers.

Stalls sell wicker work, wooden products and herdsman's cheese made of cow's milk, while traditional entertainment takes the form of folk music, dancing, sling shooting, horse-shoe casting and log sawing.

A four-night trip including easyjet flights from Stansted, car hire, accommodation and breakfast at the Hotel Jezero, starts from £494 per person, with Just Slovenia.

KAMNIK, NATIONAL DAY OF COSTUME: September 11-14

Kamnik in north central Slovenia, is one of the country's oldest towns, dating back to 1229, which hosts a National Costume Day on September 14th.

During the three preceding days, visitors can enjoy Kamnik's pretty narrow streets, medieval and Baroque architecture, castles and glorious surroundings of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, as well as an array of events such as folk music, a craft fair, national dances and local people demonstrating age-old traditions, including bobbin-work and embroidery.

A traditional procession on Sunday 14th demonstrates the rich cultural heritage of Slovenia's clothing, when more than 1500 different ethnic costumes from across the country, as well as some from neighbouring Croatia, Hungary, Austria and Italy, are paraded through the old streets of Kamnik.

A five-night break at Pension Kamrica in Kamnik during one of the largest events of its kind in Slovenia, starts from £455 per person, including easyjet flights from Stansted, car hire and accommodation with breakfast.

For further information about these and other holidays to Slovenia during the autumn, visit Justslovenia.co.uk.

Reasons to visit the Lake County Perch Fest in September

On Sunday September 7, 2008 - Noon until 2:00pm the Joey Tomsick Orchestra will perform under the Big Top for your dancing and listening pleasure. The event is held on the shores of Lake Erie in Fairport Harbor. <http://www.perchfest.net/>

Admission is free.

Lake Erie Yellow Perch, Walleye Fish Fries Steamed Clams & Shrimp Dinners plus pasta, hot dogs, gourmet coffee & tea, pizza, baked goods, Italian sausage, funnel cakes, lemonade, elephant ears, nuts & more will be available.

The Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park is just ½ mile away from the Fairport Slovenian Club. <http://www.fairportslovenianclub.com/> Hope to see you there.



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Lake COUNTY

Perch Fest

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2008 Schedule

Free Admission!

Where? Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park - A Lake Metroparks Facility

When? Sept. 5, 6, 7 - Fri. 4-11pm, Sat. Noon-11pm & Sun. Noon-8pm

Lake COUNTY OHIO VISITORS BUREAU

Reasons to visit St. Mary's Church in September

PALACINKA BREAKFAST will be served in the parish hall on Sunday, September 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donation for the eggs, sausage and palacinka is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Proceeds are for the parish.

ZAJTRK S PALAČINKAMI bo v nedeljo 7. septembra od 8:30 do 12:00 opoldan. Dar je \$7. za odrasle in \$4. za troke. Dohodek je za župnijo. Vsi lepo vabljeni.

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Friends of the Ameriška Domovina / American Home

September 4, 2008 - Over 75 members of the Slovenian Community gathered at St. Mary's Parish Hall to discuss the viability of a successor paper to the American Home. Many subjects including legal, financial, marketing and content were discussed. Publishers Jim and Madeline Debevec fielded a number of questions regarding the operational aspects of working with print media.



Acting steering committee chairperson Breda Lončar can be reached at 440-944-8675 or brelonc@aol.com



Madeline & Jim Debevec owners of the American Home Newspaper

ST. MARY SATURDAY SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL will begin on Saturday, September 20th for children in kindergarten to 8th grade. Any and all children who are interested in learning the language, culture, history and heritage of Slovenia are welcome to attend. Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. Saturday mornings. Parish office 216-731-7740 or Jo Ann joannstinziano@aol.com

SLOVENSKA ŠOLA MARIJE VNEBOVZETE začne pouk v soboto 20. septembra za otroke od vrtca do 8. razreda. Vsi otroci, ki se zanimajo za slovenski jezik, kulturo in dediščino Slovenije, ste vabljeni k udeležbi. Pouk je vsako soboto ob 9:15 zjutraj.

Phil, You used to send the weekly St. Mary's Collinwood bulletins. I would like to still receive these. Is there a way to get on the list? Let me know. Thanks! Terry Babuder Executive Assistant to Vice Chairman 200 Public Square, Suite 1400 Cleveland, OH 44114 tbabuder@dix-eaton.com

Terry, We plan on posting the bulletins for St. Mary's and St. Vitus Church on www.clevelandslovenian.com in the near future. Regards, Phil Philip.Hrvatin@gmail.com

RE: Free www.clevelandslovenian.com newsletter - Hello, will send your address to friends all over the world. All the best, Emma Pogacar epogacar@rogers.com



Current Events

June 25 - August 31 -

"Two Capital Cities: Ljubljana-Washington." An exhibit of contrasting photos from Ljubljana and Washington. Embassy of Slovenia, Washington, DC.

Upcoming Events

September 13 - Annual performance of the Slovenian folk dancing group, *Folklorna skupina Kres*. 7:00 pm at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 Saint Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

September 13 - *2008 Jazz-Poetry Concert* by City of Asylum, featuring Slovenian author Cvetka Lipuš. Pittsburgh, PA.

September 6 - 14 - *World Schools Debating Championship*, with a participating team of high school students from Slovenia. Arlington, VA and Washington, DC.

September 19 - *The European Night*. EU countries' embassies presenting their cultures. La Maison Française, Washington, DC, 6.30 p.m. - 10.30. p.m.

September 25 - November 10 - *A River's Gifts: Archeological Excavation of the Ljubljanica River in Photographs*. Embassy of Slovenia, Washington, DC.

"Wine and Food Tours in Slovenia"

New York Times, August 31, 2008 - An article in the Saturday edition of The New York Times highlighted the richness of Slovenian wine tradition and its unique culinary culture, and presented a young tourist company from Slovenia, which offers culinary tours through the country.

Insider's Slovenia A Tour Company (www.insiders-slovenia.com) specializes in high end culinary tours of Slovenian restaurants and wineries, and offers travelers an exquisite guidance through Slovenia, designed by the country's esteemed professors, artists, and publishers, such as photographer Arne Hodalič, an expert in ethnology, prof. Dr. Janez Bogataj, and editor-in-chief of *National Geographic Slovenia* Miha Kovač.



The NYT's article is available [online](#).

World Schools Debating Championship

Arlington, VA & Washington, DC, September 6 - 14 - The US Capital is hosting the World Schools Debating Championship



in early September, and a team of 5 high school students from Slovenia will be competing against teams from thirty-nine countries in all.

This is the premier debating event in the world, and has been held regularly for the last twenty years, each year in a different country all around the world.

The Slovenian team ranked #10 among 35 teams total last year, when the Championship was organized in Seoul, South Korea.

The web site of the [WSDC](http://www.wsdc.org) offers more information on previous as well as this year's competition.

The European Night Closer to the Stars!

Washington, DC, September 19 - *The European Night. Closer to the Stars!* at the La Maison Français in the second half of September will be organized to showcase EU countries' cultures,

together with their food and beverages.

The uniqueness of various European traditions will be presented to the Washington community,



as this event is open to the public.

Additionally, a music band will perform a concert to

entertain the audience.

Information and reservations available at www.la-maison-francaise.org, to purchase tickets go to www.euronight.org

Slovenian Parliamentary Election 2008

The next parliamentary election in Slovenia will be held on Sunday, **September 21, 2008**.

August 22, 2008 was the last day for citizens abroad to register for voting by mail or at the diplomatic-consular representation of Slovenia.

National Voting Commission's [web site](#) offers information on candidates by voting districts

(*"Kandidati po enotah in okrajih"*). Your voting district is marked on your ballot, if you decided to vote by mail.

The same web site also lists Slovenian diplomatic representations, where elections will be held abroad.

Please, call the representation nearest to you, to confirm the location of the voting station.