

THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL



Nova Gorica started being built, once a national border was imposed after the Second World War, and the Slovenes had no access to Gorizia, their former cultural, administrative, and economic centre of reference. The city was planned to be a socialist monument towards the West. And Gorizia represented the West.

Nova Gorica is a city that was built from nothing, ab initio, from scratch, while Gorizia was first mentioned in written sources in 1001. Gorizia is a city with a thousand-year history and Nova Gorica is a modernist project. Gorizia has the charm of the past and Nova Gorica the glow of modernism.

Trg Evrope / Piazza Transalpina is a place shared by the two cities and will be the epicentre of the European Capital of Culture.

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One foot in Italy, one foot in Slovenia – both in the heart of Europe.

The monumental railway station building, which is now in Nova Gorica, was once the northern station of Gorizia and is the starting point for routes to the Soča Valley, the Vipava Valley and the Karst. The square has two names, one Slovenian and one Italian. The mosaic in the centre of the square was designed by Franko Vecchiet, a Slovene from Trieste, on Slovenia's accession to the European Union in 2004.

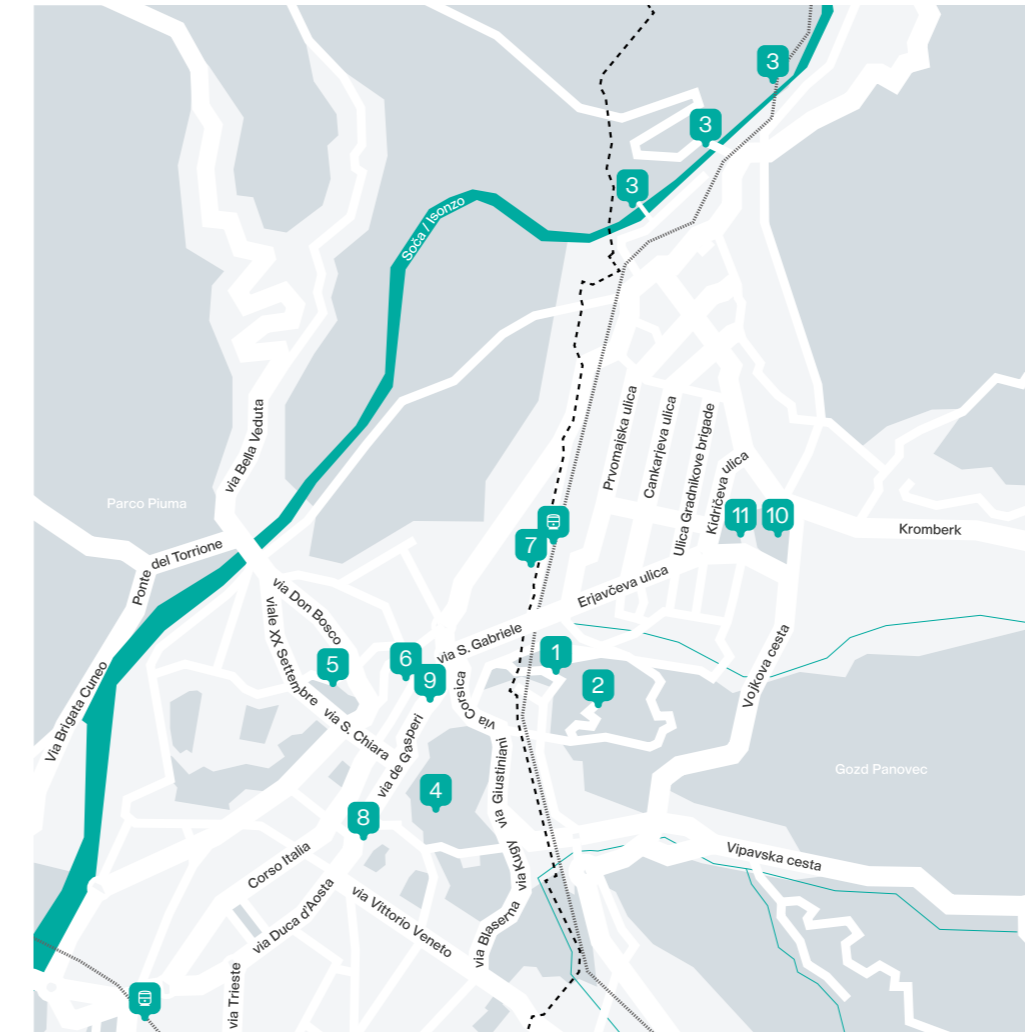
WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE!

In 2025, Nova Gorica and Gorizia will be the first cross-border European Capital of Culture. We are preparing several cutting-edge art projects. Listen to our history and our multilayered and unpredictable stories.

The European Capital of Culture is one of the European Union's most recognisable and prestigious projects; its aim is to link the two cities, **Nova Gorica** and **Gorizia** and the whole green belt along the border, to strengthen cooperation and to highlight the European dimension. Why a capital on the far border of two countries? To make us even more united. To make sure that the reputation of places on both sides of the border reaches far across borders. To separate real art and culture from cheap copies and approximations. To help people get to know each other better and live better.

Se vidimo, ci vediamo, see you soon!

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GO! 2025 WELCOME



1

The Kostanjevica Monastery

For centuries, the church and monastery have stood on the Kostanjevica hillock above Nova Gorica, preserving exceptional cultural and historical treasures. Kostanjevica is most renowned for the Crypt of the Bourbons, where the last descendants of the French royal family, including the last French king, Charles X, are resting in stone sarcophagi. The monastery also houses the precious Škrabec Library and a garden with beautiful and thriving Bourbon roses.

GO! A Rose is a Rose is a Rose - a literary project in the monastery library.



2

The Laščak Villa with the Rafut Park

Anton Laščak was born in Gorizia in 1856. After studying in Vienna, he moved to Egypt, where he designed palaces, churches and public institutions. He first built imposing palaces in the Neo-Baroque style, but later developed a distinctive Egyptian style. In 1914, he also finished his private villa in Gorizia, built in the same style. The Orientalist villa stands tall in a botanical garden with a wide collection of trees and shrubs.

GO! Tree Orchestra in collaboration with the Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra.



3

The Three Bridges of Solkan

The famous Solkan Bridge, the world's largest stone-arch railway bridge, spans the Soča River. This extraordinary feat of engineering was built at the beginning of the last century as part of the famous Transalpina railway line and still serves its purpose today. A road bridge has been built near the Solkan Bridge, where bungee jumping is available to visitors in summer. A modern footbridge for cyclists and pedestrians is built a little lower downstream, linking the existing cycle paths on both sides of the border.

GO! Concert by pianist Alexander Gadjiev on the Solkan Bridge.



4

The Castle Village: Middle Ages, Fashion and the Great War

The fantastic Castle Village lying on a hillock overlooking Gorizia makes you expect to meet characters straight out of the novels The Name of the Rose or the Lord of the Rings. In addition to a panoramic view, definitely worth a glance, the Castle Village is home to the medieval manor house, haunted by the White Lady, and the Provincial Museums with its Great-War collection and a Fashion section, with superb fashion items from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

GO! Mušič at the Provincial Museums.



5

The Coronini Palace and its Centennial Park

During his exile from France, started in 1836, the last Bourbon king, Charles X stopped in Gorizia where, in the splendid Villa Coronini, he breathed his last breath. Tourist are fascinated by large collection of objects from around the world that are hosted in the historical building. Set in a centennial park among statues, fountains and a belvedere, Palazzo Coronini also houses two Messerschmidt character heads, the only ones to be seen in Italy.

GO! Standing on Messerschmidt's head(s)



6

Jewish Gorizia

Although the Jewish community no longer exists in the city, it has left a tangible reminder of its presence. One can relive the atmosphere of the 18th-century ghetto with the splendid synagogue, and follow the path of the stumbling stones in memory of the Jews deported on 23 November 1943, to the garden dedicated to little Bruno Farber, deported and killed in Auschwitz when he was only three months old. One can see the house of linguist Graziadio Isaia Ascoli, explore the places of philosopher Carlo Michelstaedter, and visit the picturesque cemetery in Rožna dolina.

GO! Little Jerusalem, discovering the stories of people buried in the Jewish cemetery.

April and May, Nova Gorica

ROSE FESTIVAL

Every year, a festival dedicated to roses takes place in Nova Gorica in late April and early May. The festival is packed with interesting, educational, and social events. You can also discover the many rose plantations in the town and the collection of Bourbon roses at Kostanjevica.

May, Nova Gorica

WALK OF FRIENDSHIP

The Walk of Friendship dates to the early 1980s and is taking place in both cities and over two distances, 6 km and 12 km. It is more than just a recreational event, it is an opportunity to meet, to connect and is a symbol of the coexistence of cultures.

June and July, Nova Gorica

SAXOPHONISTS' DAYS

The International Saxophone Meeting is the longest-running festival in the city, bringing outstanding foreign and local virtuosos to the concert stages of Nova Gorica every summer. Young saxophonists take part in masterclasses and a demanding international competition, while audiences enjoy concerts in the evenings at various venues around the city.

January and February, Gorizia

THE ROSE OF GORIZIA ON THE TABLE

Between January and February, restaurants in Gorizia prepare special menus featuring the prized "Rosa di Gorizia" radicchio, paired with the equally prized Collio wines and often accompanied by local stories.

May, Gorizia

ÈSTORIA

The èStoria Festival gathers popular, original and visionary speakers from all over the world to offer visitors their views on specific themes in history. An extraordinary and unmissable event of cultural growth.

September, Gorizia

GUSTI DI FRONTIERA

Grown to become one of the largest food and wine festivals in Italy, it is by now a must-see meeting place for those who love to experience different cuisines. Aromas and flavours of the world combine in late September in Gorizia.

5th October 2023
Gorizia

PATTI SMITH
IN CONCERT



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