

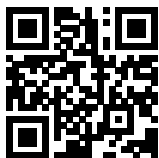


GO! 2025
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WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE!

In 2025, Nova Gorica and Gorizia are 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.

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Se vidimo, ci vediamo, see you soon!



1

The Kostanjevica Monastery

For centuries, the church and monastery have stood on the Kostanjevica Hill-ock 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! Gioachino Rossini's opera Journey to Reims, a tribute to Charles X.

2

The Rafut Park and the Villa

Stretching over 5 hectares of land, the park is home to buildings and features protected as natural and cultural heritage. The creation of the park dates back to the second half of the 19th century, when the park arrangement appeared in connection with the Palm Villa and the planting of a large number of exotic trees and other plants from all over the world, similar to the park of the Miramare Castle in Trieste. At the beginning of the 20th century, the western part of the park was purchased by Anton Laščak.

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 Gadjeiev under the Solkan Bridge.

WELCOME TO TWO CITIES



4 The Castle of Gorizia, its village and the Provincial Museums

The castle stands tall and full of charm on the hill, which Gorizia takes its name from, which was used once to check the lands around the city. The castle is a majestic symbol of the city's thousand-year history, with breathtaking views, precious furnishings, original works of art and craftsmanship and an engaging multimedia equipment. The manor is surrounded by the suggestive Castle Village, rich in legends such as that of the cruel White Lady.

GO! Andy Warhol beyond borders in Attens Palace.

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 Coronini Palace, 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, Coronini Palace also houses two Messerschmidt character heads, the only ones found 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 quarter of philosopher Carlo Michelstaedter, and visit the picturesque cemetery in Rožna Dolina.

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

THE HEART OF THE CAPITAL

Nova Gorica started being built in 1947, 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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Trg Evrope Piazza Transalpina

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

The monumental railway station building, built in 1906, which is now in Nova Gorica, was once the northern station of Gorizia and is the starting point for routes to the Soča Valley, 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.

The whole of 2025, Nova Gorica

DODECALOGY 1972-1983

Director Tomi Janežič's transgenerational documentary fiction about Nova Gorica as a city that is connected to other cities in surprising ways addresses the themes of borders, socio-political-ideological changes, and wars. It outlines a web of intertwined life destinies that stretch through time and are marked by travel and migration.

May, Nova Gorica

EPIC

EPIC is an emerging cross-border participatory space dedicated to the exchange of views and understanding the history of the 20th century. The permanent exhibition in the former warehouse on Kolodvorska will include personal stories and memories of the residents of the wider area of the two cities with the aim of presenting historical interpretations of this region.

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.

July, Solkan

BORDERLESS BODY

This is the capital's central dance event. In the expressiveness of dance movement, At the magnificent venue of the Solkan quarry, the MN Dance Company will explore the limitations of the body and the climb of overcoming its existential limitations using artificial intelligence and robotics; The project connects researchers, artists and scientists of various disciplines from both sides of the border.

July, Gorizia

SERGIO AMIDEI AWARD

Senator Darko Bratina and screenwriter Sergio Amidei met in 1977 and together they came up with the idea of creating an award for the best film screenplay. Since 1981, the event has been a stage for screenings, meetings, long talks and thus of the promotion of film culture on an international scale. There is a long list of judges and guests who bring prestige to Gorizia every month of July.

September, Gorizia e Nova Gorica

FLAVOURS WITHOUT BORDERS

Flavours without Borders (Gusti senza frontiere), one of the most popular food and wine festivals in Gorizia, is expanding to the Slovenian side for the first time in the year of the European Capital of Culture! We invite you to Gorizia and Nova Gorica to indulge in gourmet cuisine spiced with art.

CROSS-BORDER EVENTS



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- 8** Gorizia Municipal Building
- 9** Attens Palace
- 10** France Bevk Public Library
- 11** Nova Gorica Municipal Building

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