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1. Slovenia sees the opening of three new hotels this summer

The four-star Hotel Kras has opened in Postojna, in the immediate vicinity of the world-famous Postojna Caves, the largest known cave system in Slovenia. The hotel has 24 double rooms and three superior suites as well as a conference room, which can hold up to 50 people. The hotel's terrace offers stunning views of Nanos Plateau, an area of limestone landscape features popular with cyclists and hikers. Room prices start from €62 per night and more information can be found at www.hotel-kras.si

The four star Bohinj Park Resort and Spa is now open on the edge of Triglav National Park, one of Slovenia's most popular tourist areas. The Bohinj Park Hotel has been ecologically designed to be energy efficient and have a low impact on the surrounding environment. For example, the hotel is lit by LED lamps that use up to 40 times less electricity than normal light bulbs. Windows in bedrooms are also fitted with sensors that shut down the air conditioning when they are open. A low-temperature regime has also been employed throughout the hotel, with underfloor heating and climate beams helping reduce the energy consumption.

The hotel has 102 standard rooms, seven luxury suites, a honeymoon suite and a presidential suite with its own terrace and outdoor pool. A wellness centre is located at the top of the hotel with a swimming pool offering panoramic views of Bohinj.

Room rates start at €69 per night and more information can be found at www.park-hotel-bohinj.si/eng.

The Hotel Špik in Gozd Martuljek, northwest Slovenia, has undergone a full refurbishment with a new building containing 56 rooms and two suites added to the original 60 rooms, which have been fully renovated. The rooms in the new wing all have balconies offering views of the Julian Alps. The hotel is managed by the Hit Holidays group, which also offers accommodation in nearby Kranjska Gora. For more information visit <http://www.hitholidays-kg.si/accommodation/Hotel-Spik>

2. Take a tour of the Second World War tunnels below Kranj

Right before the outbreak of the Second World War, the community of Slovenia's fourth largest city, Kranj, began the construction of underground tunnels which could be used to shelter and protect residents. The tunnel network included a 1,300m-long bunker that was frequently used during Slovenia's occupation in 1944 until the end of the War, when the danger of bombings increased.

70 years on from the start of construction, the fascinating history of these tunnels can be explored on guided tunnel tours, available for visitors on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday and Sunday mornings and costing €3 per person.

The tunnels measure two metres across and concrete was used to reinforce the walls. Nowadays, the environment inside is very close to that of the Karst caves. Stalactites and stalagmites grow from the ceilings and the ground, while animals such as cave crickets, the European cave spider and bats can all be found living there.

Kranj is situated around 20km from Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana. For more information about the tunnels and tours visit www.tourism-kranj.si.

3. New mobile guides to Ljubljana

Visitors to Ljubljana can now access city visitor guides via their mobile phones.

The new mobile website has been adapted for small screens and will use the minimum amount of data transfer to help reduce mobile internet browsing costs.

The website will offer information on accommodation, the sights of Ljubljana, events, weather information and organised excursions in the surrounding area.

To access the site visit <http://m.visitljubljana.si> from the standard browser on any mobile device.

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