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Letters of support

Honorary President

World Rowing Championships Bled 2011



Bled has so far hosted three World Rowing Championships at its unique and internationally famous natural course. These championships were successful in terms of competition and international coverage, which promises that the organisation of this World Rowing Championships will be top-level as well. Just like the previous championships, the coming championship will be a big stimulation for young generations of athletes. It will show them that hard work, perseverance as well as physical and psychological conditioning can help them attain internationally comparable results.

The World Rowing Championships is also an excellent opportunity for Slovenia to prove that it can organise such an event and thus contribute its share to international sport and to the consolidation of bonds between nations all over the world. It is an opportunity to present and nurture true values, for the identity of the Slovenian sport.

As an independent country, Slovenia won its first Olympic gold medal in rowing, which is also the most successful sport in terms of the number of medals won at the Olympic Games and World Championships.

Slovenia strives for a society that assures dignity and justice to all. I will be pleased if the organisers focus on the young generation and the disabled too and enable their active participation in the world of rowing.

The development of sport also requires the preservation of a sustainable environment. For Slovenia as a country of natural beauty the preservation of life in a healthy natural environment is of strategic importance. I am pleased that, in addition to the development of rowing, FISA is also concerned about raising awareness about environmental sustainability and the preservation of clean waters. I am convinced that competitors and their teams as well as guests of the World Rowing Championships will enjoy the beauty of Slovenia and Bled, which is a symbol of rowing and the unspoiled nature of the Julian Alps.

I am pleased and honoured to be the honorary sponsor of the 2011 World Rowing Championships and I am convinced that this event will have an important impact on the development of rowing, the local economy and the international identity of Slovenia.

Numerous organisations, individuals and volunteers, who have gathered their experience during the organisation and realization of previous championships, international events and sport events, will assure a top-level organisation of the Championships. These individuals thus demonstrate their affiliation to rowing and at the same time reflect the maturity of our society. Their plans for the modernization of infrastructure and better presentation of the event show that we will witness an exceptional sports event of international significance.

I wish successful organisation to the Organising Committee, successful participation to athletes and a pleasant stay in our country on the Southern side of the Alps to all visitors.

Dr. Danilo Türk

President of the Republic of Slovenia

President of Honorary Board

World Rowing Championships Bled 2011



The organisation of the World Rowing Championships at Bled in 2011 is a great recognition for Slovenia, which is one of the most successful countries in the world in terms of the medals won in this sport per number of inhabitants. Bled is considered the center of Slovenian rowing, however, this sport has also spread to certain other Slovenian towns, with Slovenian littoral towns playing an important part.

The beginnings of rowing in Slovenia date back to 1882, when the first rowing club was founded in Koper. Today there are seven registered rowing clubs in Slovenia with about 300 competitors. Despite the small number of competitors, Slovenian rowing is noted throughout the world and can boast the titles of World and Olympic champion. The leaders are most certainly Luka Špik and Iztok Čop, who is also the most successful Slovenian athlete in recent years. The successes of Slovenian rowers have also contributed to the fact that the inhabitants of Slovenia have recognized rowing as a valuable component of Slovenian sport.

Slovenia with Bled, which will in a year's time once again host the finest rowers of the world, is also known for the organization of numerous regattas. Years ago at Bled we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first rowing race on Lake Bled. The first larger regatta was the national championship of Yugoslavia in 1930. The first international regatta was held at Bled as early as 1950.

I am glad that in a year's time we will once again show not only that Bled with its lake is a first-class rowing venue, but also that Slovenia is a country that lives with rowing and with its rowing heroes. For this reason the state will contribute substantially to renewing the rowing center at Bled in accordance with the needs and demands of modern top-level rowing, which will also in the future enable the development of this beautiful and demanding sport.

Dr. Igor Lukšič

Minister of Education and Sport

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Igor Lukšič'.

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On 3rd September 2007 at the FISA Congress in Munich, Bled was chosen for the site of the World Rowing Cup in 2010 and the World Rowing Championships in 2011. It was a great and an enormous challenge for Lake Bled where rowing comes as naturally.

Making special man-oared boats, called "pletna", and taking pilgrims and tourists to the Virgin Mary's church on the little island belongs to the most ancient traditional crafts and trades of our area. The first regatta on Lake Bled took place as early as 1905. Today, Bled Rowing Club is one of the most successful sport clubs of the nation. Even the first Olympic medal for the newly independent nation Slovenia was won by the rowers of Bled in 1992.

It would be difficult to find another place with a more beautiful natural course than the emerald Lake Bled, which has just the right length for the race. The romantic island is situated just to the side of the main course. A stunning view of the course race can be enjoyed from the medieval castle built atop a 130 meter high rock.

There are no problems with accommodation and entertainment; you'll be welcomed in numerous hotels and pensions ranging from three to five stars, private apartments and rooms, youth hostels, a camp site, restaurants and pubs, discos, etc. The venue can be reached on foot from the entire surrounding area, which is a rare advantage for a regatta course.

Bled has already hosted three World Rowing Championships, two Masters' Championships, the World Junior Championships, and the European Championships, along with numerous national championships and a Rowing World Cup.

This all shows how much we wish, and also know how, to organize such top international sport and a Rowing World Cup competitions. Not only the people of Bled but the whole nation is very much aware of how important it is to promote our rather small but beautiful Slovenia.

I assure you that we'll all do our best to fulfill your expectations and welcome you all to Bled,

Yours truly,

Janez Fajfar
Mayor of Bled / Slovenia



Rowing is the sport that has won the most medals at the Olympic games among Slovenian sports. Our modern history of when we first started winning medals on the international rowing scene now spans over twenty years. Our national team has been renewed a few times, but we still have a strong core of rowers and coaches that have been present from the beginning. Thus this World Rowing Championships will be a perfect, as we say in Slovenia, "dot on the i", of this long journey of success stories.

Bled is a small town with a small population, yet it is quite a sports town. It is true that rowing is locally by far the most successful sport, but nonetheless there are many great Slovenian sportsmen coming from Bled or this area. A part of the reason for success, personally I believe it to be a large part, is the determination to pursue perfection in each individual sportsman and the uncompromising hard work. Deriving from this we use those same personal qualities in approaching the organization of the World Rowing Championships. The 2010 Rowing World Cup was be a perfect overture to the World Rowing Championships in 2011. We are not only interested in organizing the Championships, we want to organize it in the best possible way. In such a way that the rowers, their support teams and visitors will feel welcome, and be amazed by the hospitality, unique scenery, and the great competitions which will take place here. Bled is one of the world's most recognized rowing venues.

We will be hosting the World Rowing Championships for the fourth time in 2011. This time we want to make the event even more striking, better attended, and more attractive to the competitors and visitors alike. We take special care in the environmental issues as well, as we want this Championships to set a new standard in eco-friendly events. In addition to very regular conditions on the rowing course, where regardless of the weather conditions all six lanes are equally favorable, Bled as a town is one of the world's most known tourists spots. As the lake is larger than normal rowing canals it does not allow the spectators to follow the competitors next to the rowing course for all 2000m, but sometimes rowers see this in a rather positive way. The temperatures in Bled in late spring or late summer are very agreeable and thus ideal for rowing competitions and, of course, very pleasant for spectators as well.

The Organizing Committee, along with the Rowing Federation of Slovenia, is working hard to provide the best experience for competitors and make these championships very exciting for spectators. We, as locals, are preparing hard and are excited over the arrival of the great sportsmen of the world who will demonstrate their performance here. We do believe in our rowers, and will be cheering very loudly for Slovenians, so make sure you bring along your own supporters to cheer for you too, and get ready to enjoy great matches on the water, and build new friendships off the water.

We have lots to offer, so come and see for yourself, and be part of the great live spectacle.

Denis Žvegelj
President, Rowing Federation of Slovenia



It is Time for Bled !

The decision of a great majority of the delegates of the International Rowing Federation to hold the 2011 World Rowing Championships at Bled was to us both a source of joy and pride. With the trust shown also came a great responsibility. The expectations of the rowing and local public are great. We are aware of the complexity of the challenges in balancing the demands and interests of the execution of the Championships, however, we are determined to set a new milestone in the organisation of large competitions in the sport of rowing.

We are pleased that this event has been supported by the national administration, the Olympic Committee and the local community. This gives us the incentive and the energy to carry out the event at a top level. The OC has set daring goals from the very start:

- an outstanding execution of the Championships in a competitive and social sense
- supporting the development of the sport of rowing in the narrow and broader environment
- the Championships should be an added value for the inhabitants of the local communities
- the infrastructure built and the knowledge gained should become a foundation for the development of sport tourism in the region
- an environment-friendly approach of the organisation and execution of the Championships
- the promotion of Bled and the region as a complete sport and tourist destination Human and other resources needed for realization are identified and structured, only the operational execution is needed.

The focus will be on people: the competitors, volunteers, spectators, visitors, locals. We wish to create for all excellent conditions for competing and socialising, and for an excellent stay in the beautiful Bled surroundings.

We are expecting many participants, since many countries will be using the opportunity to qualify for participation in the 2012 Olympics in London.

Under special conditions we will invite rowers from developing countries and see to the integration of the disabled in the competitive and social aspects. We will gain from the knowledge of the values of managing diversity.

The checkpoint was the 2010 World Cup.

With the aid of TV broadcasts and Internet technology we will enable every citizen of the world to follow the happenings of this great rowing event wherever and whenever.

We invite you personally and all others to come to Bled as a competitor, volunteer or spectator. In addition to the competitive part we will also prepare for you a very diverse accompanying program. We wish and hope that after the conclusion of the event you will go home more than satisfied and will continue to return.

With kind regards

Janez Benčina
President of Organising Committee

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World Rowing Championships Bled 2011



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SLOVENIA, the green garden of EUROPE



Slovenia is one of the smallest and also one of the youngest European countries. It entered the European Union in May 2004 and was the first among the ten new member states, who joined the Union in 2004, to introduce the Euro as the official currency, in January 2007.

Slovenia is situated on the crossroads of four European landscape units - the Alps, the Pannonian Plain, the Dinaric Mountains and the Mediterranean. The country's unforgettable and unique features are created through the intertwinement of these landscapes.

Picturesque Slovenia invites you to indulge in the beautiful landscape, good wine and culinary delights. A variety of possibilities for outdoor activities is within reach only an hour's drive from the capital. You can set out to discover the underground Karst world, take a ride in a boat on the sea, rivers or lakes, discover the landscape by riding a white Lipizzaner horse, set out into the mountains by bicycle or on foot, taste wines, descend the snow-covered slopes on skis or play golf with friends.

Enjoy golfing on one of Slovenia's nine golf courses while watching a herd of white Lipizzaner horses from the oldest stud farm known for continuous breeding of the same breed in Europe - Lipica. Since 1996, Lipica is an important cultural monument

Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia with around 300,000 inhabitants. It is home to a number of museums, theatres, an opera, a botanical garden and a zoo. Old medieval, baroque and art nouveau buildings coexist with modern buildings, which in spite of their impressive size do not overshadow the valuable heritage of architect Jože Plečnik, renowned throughout Europe.

Every year, Ljubljana hosts more than 10,000 different events and more than 50,000 students give the young capital a unique and bustling character. Slovenia offers exceptional diversity in many respects. The landscapes range from snow-covered Alpine peaks, glacial lakes and an emerald river, the



rounded Pannonian hills overgrown with vines, to the mysterious Karstic caves and white salt pan fields.

The diverse landscape is reflected in the diverse cuisine and its rich tradition. You can have anything from the sausage kranjska klobasa in the Alpine world, dumplings (štruklji) and nut roll potica in central Slovenia, the prekmurska gibanica cake and braided loaves in the Pannonian area, to roast sardines and Mediterranean mussels in the coastal area.

The diversity of dishes is rounded off by wines. These range from quality and premium wines to predicate and sparkling wines. Wine growing areas are intertwined by wine and tourist roads, wind rattles and wine cellars, with the Ptuj wine

cellar standing out due its longest tradition.

Also, the eastern and north-eastern parts of Slovenia are especially rich with wells of thermal and mineral water. The country has fifteen health centres which have received the certified status of a natural health resort. Europeans have known and trusted the healing effects of Slovene thermal and mineral water for more than four hundred years.

Kras, a rocky landscape exposed to the Karst north wind burja, overgrown with bright-red smoke plants and intertwined by cycling routes, is a Slovene peculiarity. The dissolution of rock has caused numerous landscape features to develop on the Karst ground, including underground caves, passages, intermittent

rivers and disappearing lakes, as well as dry and blind valleys. With its colourful and diverse landscape, Slovenia is suitable for a number of activities. Caving here has a centuries-old tradition. Around twenty out of the total of 7,000 registered caves and potholes are open for tourists.

Slovenia is rich in water sources, which has enabled numerous water activities to develop on the country's sea, rivers and lakes. Alpine rivers, with their rapid flow, are ideal for canyoning, rafting, kayaking, and hydro-speeding. A worldwide peculiarity is the disappearing Cerknica Lake, the largest non-permanent Slovene Lake. In addition to fishing, hunting is prevalent as well due to the



vast numbers of deer and wild animals.

The ancient cities of Koper, Izola and Piran stretch along the Slovene coastline. The healing quality of sea water, favourable climate and salt had an important impact on their development. The Sečovlje salt pans, protected as a landscape park, are used to harvest salt in a traditional way even today.

Slovenes have always been a mountain-going nation. The conditions for climbing here are favourable, with three mountain chains stretching across Slovenia: the Julian Alps, the Kamnik-Savinja Alps and the Karavanke mountain range. As the country's highest peak, Triglav has a special meaning for Slovenes; its silhouette is even presented in the national emblem.

Para-gliders and balloonists are inviting you to look at Slovenia from the air. Popular take-off places are the marshes at Ljubljansko barje, Ptujsko Polje, and hills around the country. A steep and variegated relief, together with an abundance of precipitation, was the foundation for numerous ski slopes such as the Kanin high-mountain and the low hills of Maribor Pohorje, where the best female Alpine skiers in the world compete for the Golden Fox Cup. The best male Alpine skiers, on the other hand, compete for the Vitranc Cup in Kranjska Gora. Not far from this resort lies the cradle of ski flights - Planica.

Due to its short distances, which can be covered by bicycle, Slovenia is very suitable for cycling. Mountain bikers are rewarded with incredible views and the bikers that stick to the roads have a number of possibilities for cycling to choose from in the surroundings of health resorts and settlements.

Slovenia is a miniature Europe.

Area → 20,273 km²

Population → 2,044,718

Capital city → Ljubljana

Language → Slovene, also Italian and Hungarian in parts of Slovenia with national minorities

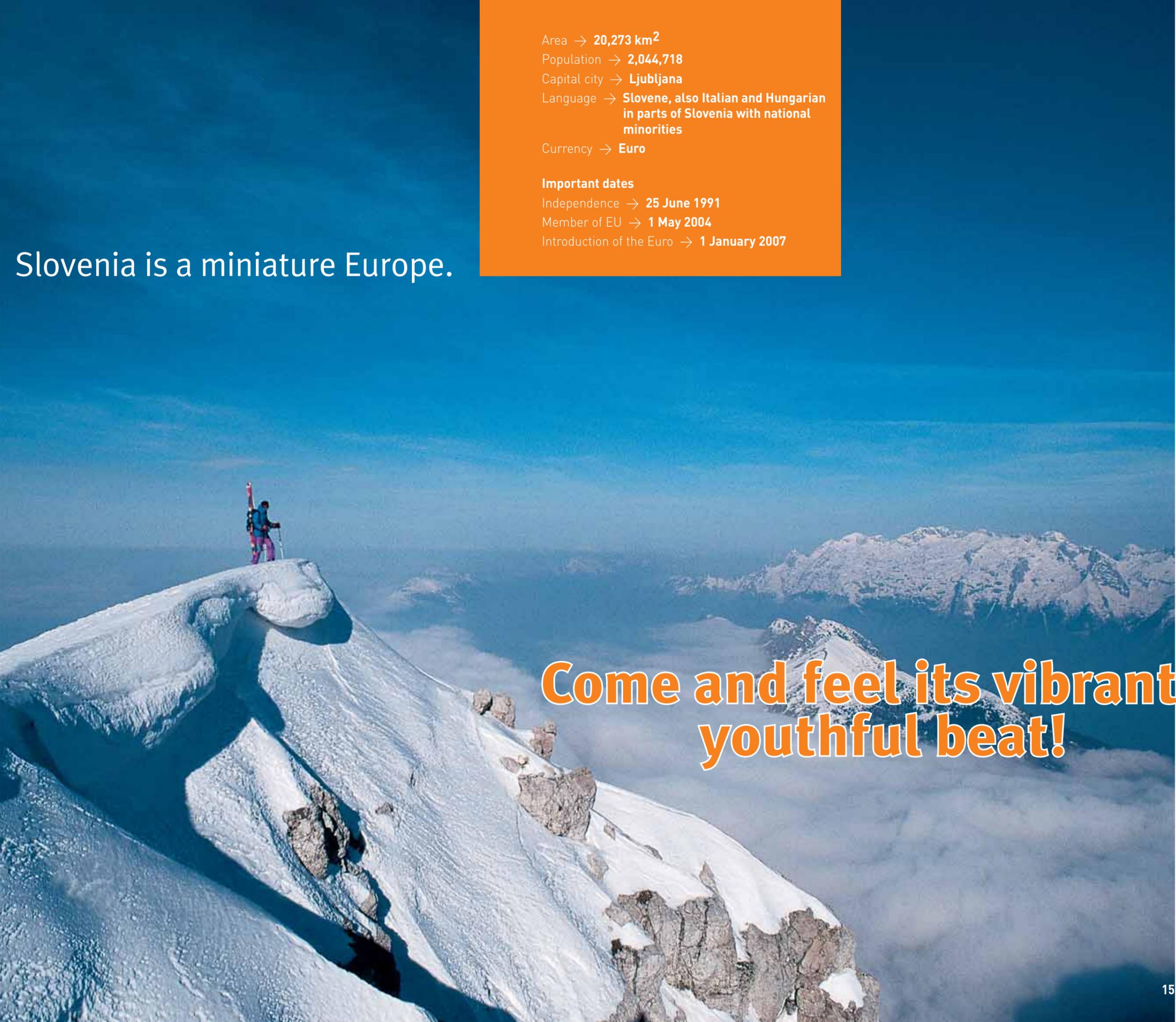
Currency → Euro

Important dates

Independence → 25 June 1991

Member of EU → 1 May 2004

Introduction of the Euro → 1 January 2007



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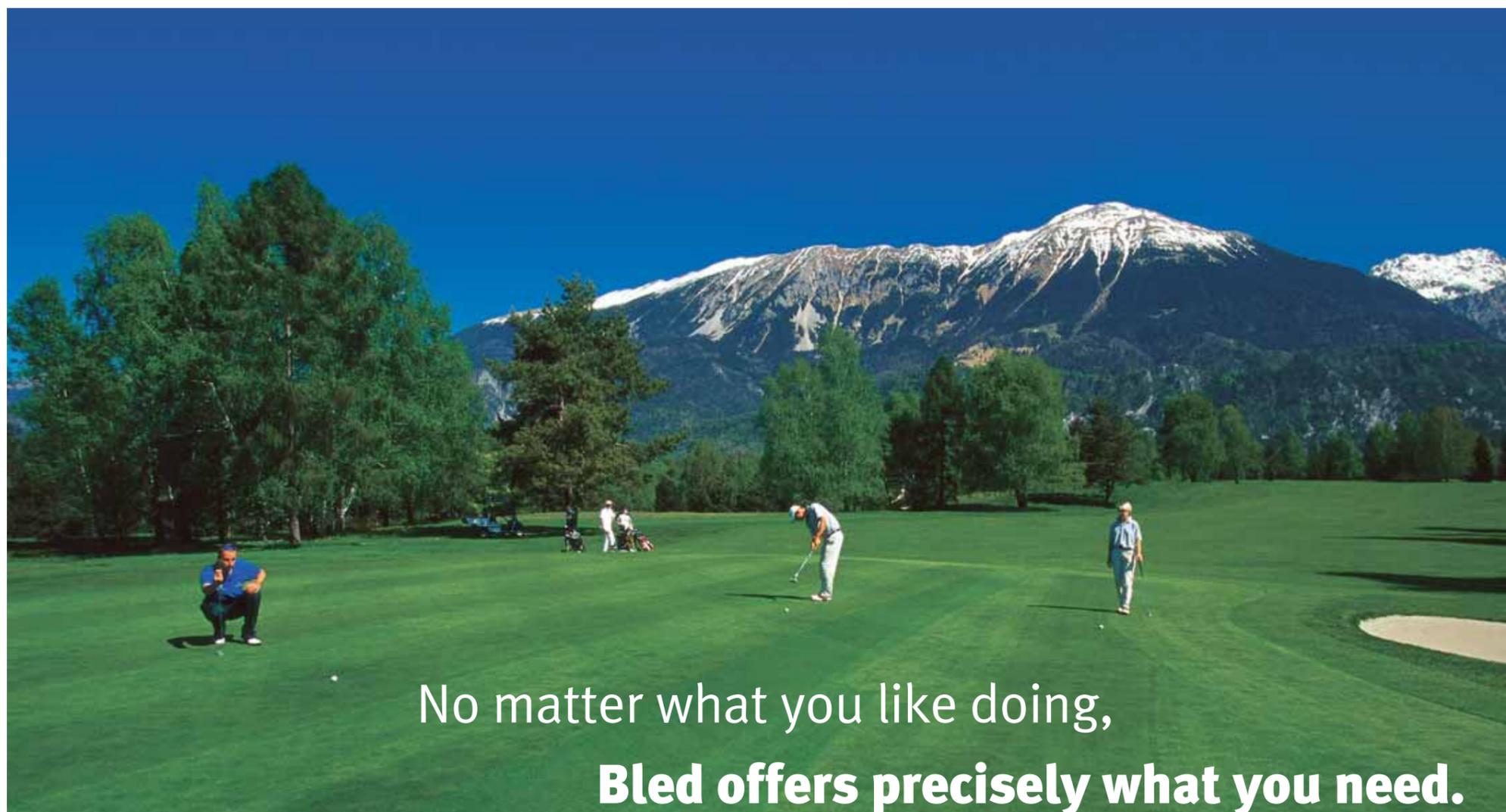
With its beautiful natural surroundings, Bled is a jewel among the Alpine resorts and is widely known for its mild curative climate and the thermal lake water.

In 2004 Bled celebrated an important anniversary: 1,000 years since the first mention of Bled - in the deed of gift with which Henry II bestowed Bled and its surroundings on the diocese of Brixen.

Majestic mountains reflected on the lake's surface, sun, tranquillity and fresh air arouse pleasant feelings in any season and provide the ideal conditions for a peaceful break or a more active vacation. Bled attracts people from all parts of the world, regardless of age or profession (business, arts, science, sports, recreation). Its unique beauty and charm always makes visitors want to return.

This also includes participants of conventions, seminars or other meetings as Bled and the Festival Hall have for a number of years been favourite hosts for many national and international congresses.

When you come to Bled do not miss an enjoyable ride to the Bled Island with a special boat called Pletna or visit the old castle, the museum and the art galleries. It's fun to watch the tradition and modern day



No matter what you like doing,
Bled offers precisely what you need.



cultural festivities, to ride around the lake in a horse-drawn carriage, or to do a number of other things we haven't mentioned.

And what can you do in the evenings? Enjoy various culinary specialities at interesting dining spots, spend the night in the casino or in a disco, or simply take a relaxing night stroll around the lake, and observe the magic sparkles of stars slowly dwindling as the dawn's first lights set in.

The long swimming season provides visitors with a chance to take a pleasantly refreshing swim in the lake or in the heated (30° C) thermal waters of the hotel pools. Sport fishing, kayak riding, canoeing or rafting on alpine rivers, rowing, sailing and windsurfing on the lake are

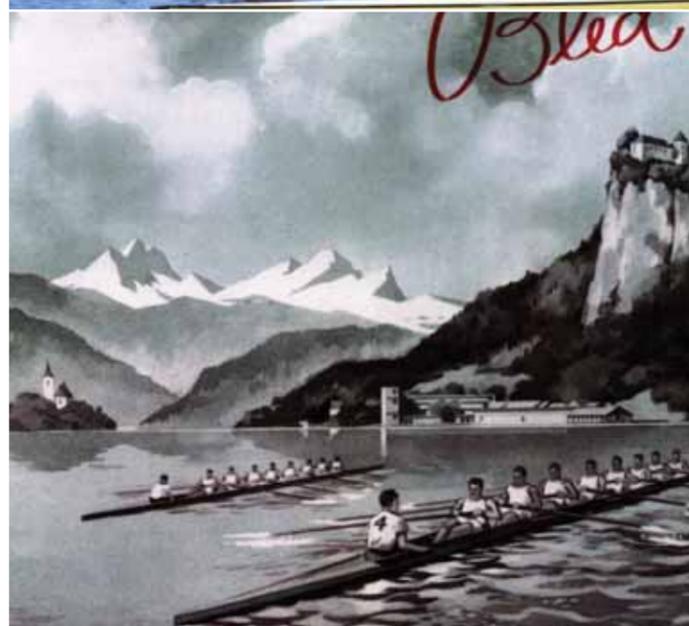


among the favourite activities.

If you play golf, Bled has one of the most beautiful 27-hole golf courses. If you like horse riding, then enjoying nature on horseback will be a special treat. You will also have a chance to play a game of tennis or go mountaineering, gliding, hang gliding, etc.

Bled is very proud of its great athletes and their outstanding achievements in the field of rowing. They won the first Olympic medal for independent Slovenia at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992 and Iztok Čop and Luka Špič won the gold Olympic medal in Sydney and a silver medal at the Olympic Games in Athens.

Rowing—one of the most important sports in Slovenia's history



A brief history of Slovenian rowing

The beginnings of rowing in Slovenia go back to the year 1887 when the first rowing club was founded in the coastal town of Piran/Pirano, Club Piranese Salvore. Only a year later the S.C.Libertas was founded in the nearby Koper/Capodistria. Competitive rowing later emerged in the capital Ljubljana as well as Bled.

The Slovenian rowing tradition has been crowned with many top internationally recognized achievements ranging from gold medals in the Olympic Games and World Championships to the organization of successful and acclaimed World and European Championships on Lake Bled.

The first success in the Olympic Games dates back to 1928 when four members of the rowing club Pullina from Izola/Isola d'Istria won gold in Amsterdam when competing for Italy in that time. Similarly, a coxed four from S.C. Libertas from Koper/Capodistria won silver for Italy in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics.

From 1945 up to Slovenia's independence in 1991, Slovenian rowers successfully represented Yugoslavia. They have won a total of three gold, one silver, and two bronze medals in the World Rowing Junior Championships. At the elite level they captured one silver and two bronze medals at the World Rowing Championships and one bronze at the 1988 Olympics.

Even more medals followed after independence in 1991: a total of seven gold, five silver and six bronze medals at the World Rowing Junior Championships, four gold, four silver and four bronze medals at the World Rowing Championships as well as one gold, one silver and two bronze Olympic medals. That brings the tally up to 24 medals in top competitions on the junior level and 20 in the elite categories, including the Olympic Games.

Rowers were also the first athletes to win medals for independent Slovenia at the World Rowing Championships in Vienna in 1991 and at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, thereby spreading the reputation of Slovenian sports and affirming the new country around the world. Despite the relatively small number of rowers in Slovenia, they have won international fame as individuals as well as teams. The most prominent figures are undoubtedly Iztok Čop and Luka Špik. Čop (in the coxless pair with Denis Žvegelj) was one of the 1992 Olympic heroes, who later won the World Rowing Championships title in the single sculls in 1995 and in 2000 together with Luka Špik - added the Olympic gold. He has been awarded the title of the most successful Slovenian athlete in recent history.

In 2005 Bled celebrated the centenary of the first rowing competition on Lake Bled. The first major regatta on the lake was the Yugoslav national championship in 1930, and the first international regatta was held there in 1950. The only international competitors in 1950 came from Austria. Later, they were joined by teams from West Germany and other countries. The annual international regatta at Bled started to gain recognition each year and now hosts teams from 12 countries on average—both smaller club teams and major

national teams - with around 700 competitors. Due to the excellent organization, and to the fact that Bled has one of the most beautiful courses in the world with equal conditions for all competitors, the annual Bled regatta has been included in FISA's list of international regattas. The first major rowing competition was held in 1956 when Bled hosted the European Rowing Championships. This event included competitors from 22 countries in the men's categories and 13 countries in the women's categories. In 1966, FISA entrusted Bled with the organization of the second ever World Rowing Championships. At that time the competitors were only men, and they came from 31 countries. Later on Bled hosted two more World Rowing Championships, in 1979 and 1989. The 1979 World Rowing Championships saw a record number of competitors up to that point—924 from 34 countries. The first part of the competition was reserved for women and lightweight men, whereas the second part was dedicated to men only. Another interesting fact is that women still competed over a distance of 1,000 meters at that time. The 1989 World Rowing Championships saw the extension of women's course to 2,000 meters following the FISA decisions in 1985. Two more categories were added to the competition: the women's coxless four, and the quadruple scull for lightweight men. The Championships will also be remembered for the FISA congress at which Mr. Denis Oswald was elected the President of FISA. The second ever World Rowing Junior Championships in 1971 were also organized successfully in Bled.

The organization of regattas of the highest level prompted the formation of the Bled Rowing Centre, which is also the seat of the national rowing federation of Slovenia. Whereas the first buildings were constructed as early as 1930, the centre actually started developing in 1955 with the construction of the boathouse. All the following championships contributed to the expansion of both the sports facilities at the centre and the tourist facilities. As we prepare for the 2011 World Rowing Championships, the rowing centre is being upgraded to meet the standards of the event and to improve the training conditions for both the national and international athletes.



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15 May 2011

Deadline for accommodation reservation

15 July 2011

Deadline for requests for Visas

28 July 2011

Deadline for Team Accreditation to FISA

1 August 2011

Deadline for transportation form submission

15 August 2011

Entry deadline - entries to be submitted to FISA

INFORMATION AND ACCREDITATION CENTRE (Festival Hall, Cesta svobode 19, Bled)

Opening hours 8:00 – 19:00

Monday, 22 August – Sunday, 4 September 2011

Services:

→ OC Headquarters

→ Accreditation

→ Information about Championships

→ Transportation office

→ Accommodation office

→ Tourist Information

INFORMATION CENTRE FOR TEAMS

(Boathouse area)

Opening hours 8:00 – 19:00

Monday, 22 August – Sunday, 4 September 2011

Services:

→ Information about competition

→ Start lists, results

→ Transport

→ Sub accreditation office for teams (for any changes, pick-up of accreditation only in main Center)

www.bled2011.org

Programme of the World Rowing Championships in 2011

Events

Outdoor and indoor events, different concerts and cultural performances will be organized during the World rowing championships in Bled 2011.

The OKARINA FOLK FESTIVAL

Apart from the World Rowing Championships the Okarina Folk Festival will take place at Bled and offer all of spectators and visitors a lovely atmosphere. The festival will host some of the most original and interesting musical groups from around the globe.



Competition Programme:

Thursday 25 August	Preliminary Team Managers Meeting
Friday 26 August	Team Managers Meeting and Draw
Saturday 27 August	Spares races
	Opening Ceremony
Sunday 28 August	Heats
Monday 29 August	Heats and repêchages
Tuesday 30 August	Heats and repêchages
Wednesday 31 August	Heats, repêchages, quarterfinals and semifinals
Thursday 1 September	Finals A and B, semifinals
Friday 2 September	Finals A,B,C,D, semifinals
Saturday 3 September	Finals A,B,C,D
Sunday 4 September	Finals A
	Closing Ceremony

Opening Ceremony

The spectacular opening ceremony will take place at the Finish area in Velika Zaka on **Saturday, 27 August 2011 at 20.00.**

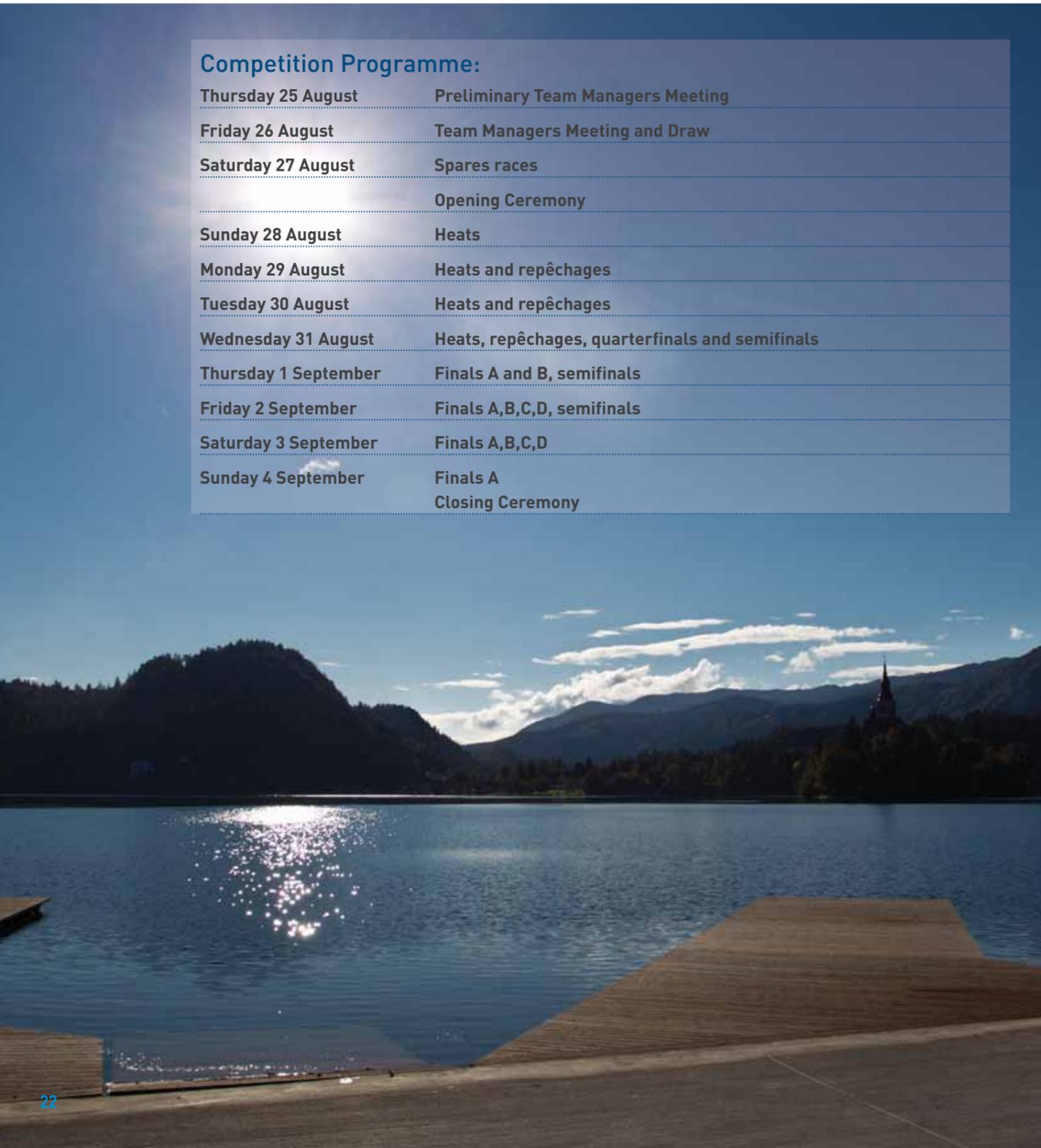
Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will take place after the last Victory ceremony for the Men's Eights.

After the Closing Ceremony at 18.30 the Athletes Farewell party will take place in the catering area of Velika Zaka.

"Nations Dinner"
Saturday,
3 September 2011 at 20.00 in Hotel Golf Bled

FISA CONGRESS
The FISA Congress will take place on Monday,
5 September 2011 in Hotel Golf, Cankarjeva
cesta 4, 4260 Bled.



Bled—all in one place, everything accessible

Bled is a popular tourist destination. The city stretches along the shores of Lake Bled and offers many possibilities for accommodation and easy logistics. A new and improved rowing centre will enable competitions to be carried out in beautiful and interesting surroundings.

Lake Bled is 2,200 meters long. Competitors have an area of 30 meters before the start, and an area of 170 meters at the finish. The distance between the rowing centre and the start is 1,800 meters, and the distance from the finish to the centre is 400 meters. The maximum water depth is 30 meters, the minimum depth is 6 meters, and the lanes are 15 meters wide. The lanes run in the direction northeast-southwest.

The maximum distance from the shore to the outside lane is 300 meters on the right side and 800 meters on the left side.

Information and Accreditation Centre (in the Festival Hall) is situated near the Start and will be the logistics centre for the World Championships. The following services will be located there:

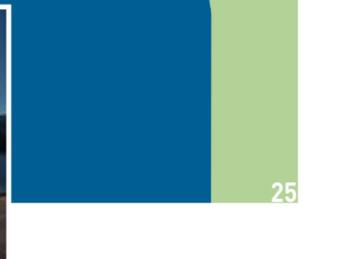
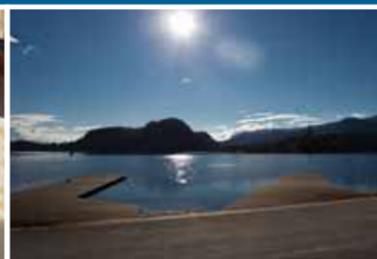
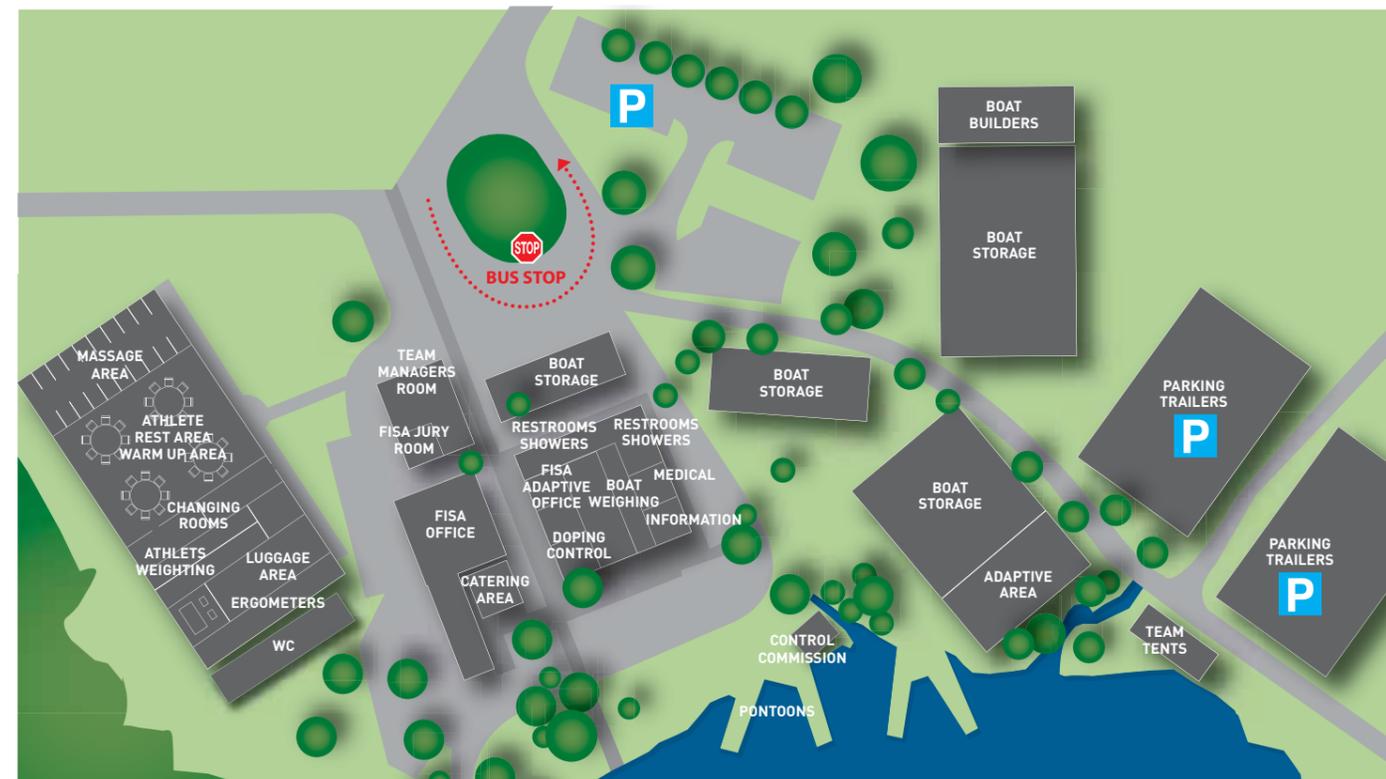
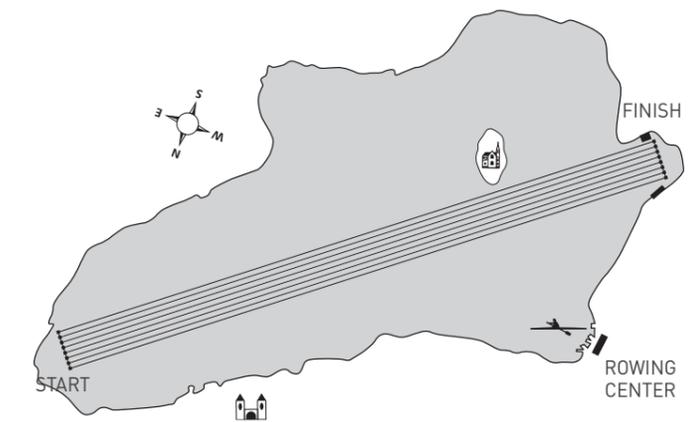
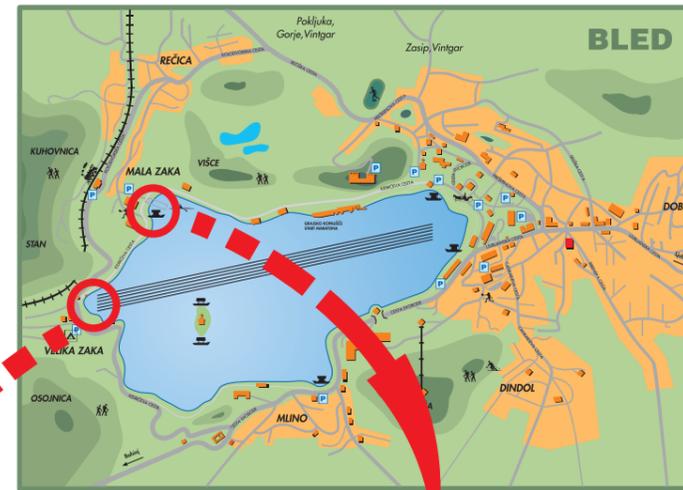
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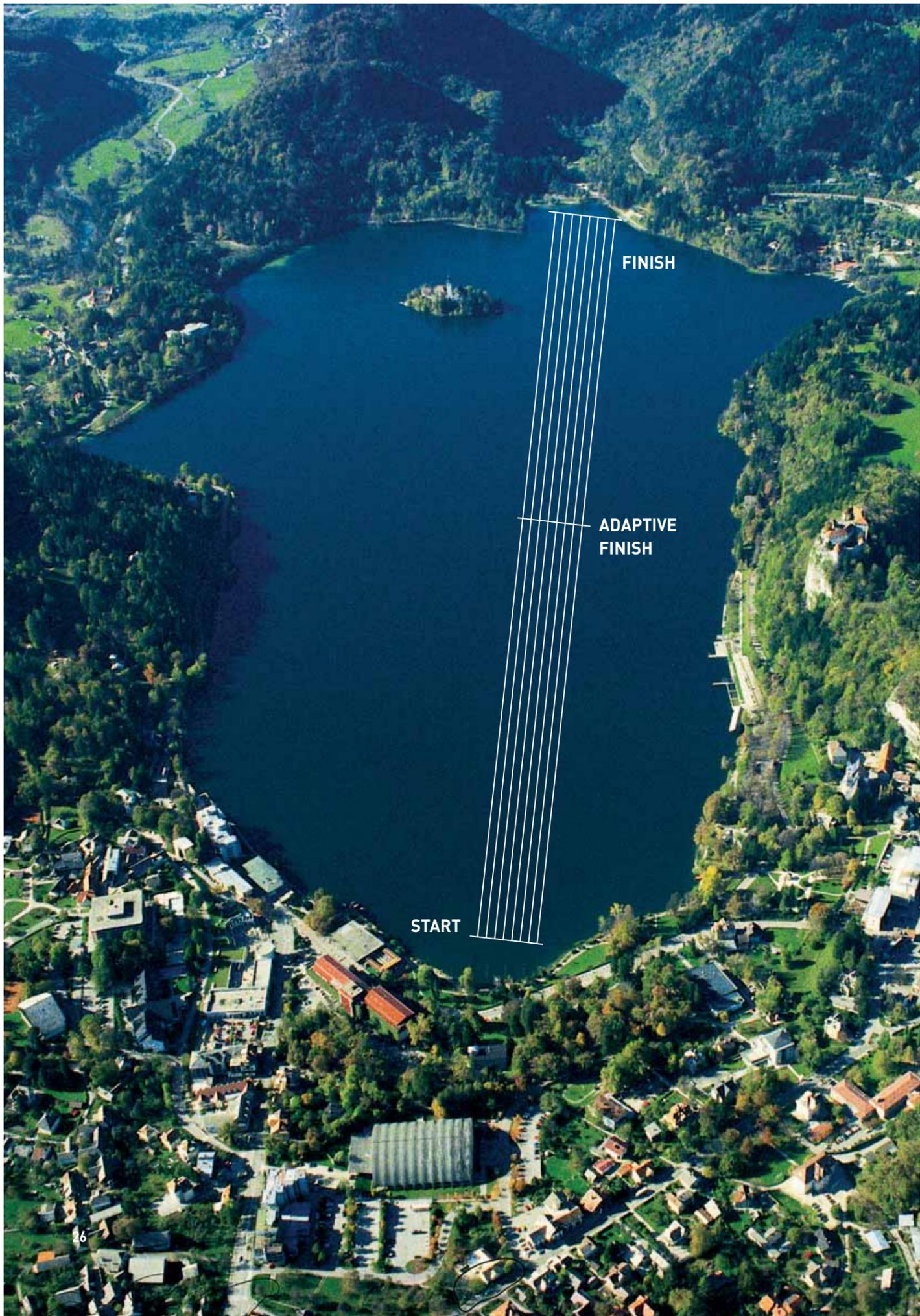
- OC Headquarters
- Accreditation
- Information about the Championships
- Transportation office
- Accommodation office
- Tourist Information

Information Centre for Teams (Boathouse area)

Services:

- Information about the competition
- Team Managers mail boxes
- Start lists, results
- Transport
- Sub accreditation office for teams (for any changes, pick-up of accreditation only in main Centre)





Specific information



Accreditation

Each competitor will receive an accreditation, which is mandatory for the access to all competition areas. Team managers, staff, press and VIP guests also need an accreditation.

Accreditations can be collected in the **Information Centre – Accreditation Office (Festival Hall, Cesta svobode 11, Bled)**.

Changes of the team accreditations can be also be made in the Information Centre for Teams (Boathouse Area).



Weather information

Weather information for Bled is recorded in Lesce, which is 5 km away. The weather in Bled and more specifically at the rowing course on the lake is almost the same as the weather recorded at the closest meteorological station. Like the weather, the wind speed and humidity are recorded in Lesce (5 km away) as well. The information can be used to predict the wind speed and humidity on the lake surface and in the town of Bled.

Average data for the period 2001-2006 for the time between August 16 and August 31, at the closest meteorological station Lesce (5 km from Bled)

Time	Temperature (C)			Wind Speed (m/s)	Humidity (%)
	Average	Minimal	Maximum		
6:00 hrs	12.9	3.2	19.2	0.6	95
7:00 hrs	12.8	2.8	18.5	0.7	95
8:00 hrs	14.0	4.6	19.7	0.7	93
9:00 hrs	15.9	8.2	21.9	1.0	86
10:00 hrs	17.8	10.3	23.9	1.5	78
11:00 hrs	19.6	12.8	26.4	1.8	71
12:00 hrs	21.0	13.0	28.6	1.9	65
13:00 hrs	22.1	12.7	30.5	1.9	61
14:00 hrs	22.7	11.9	32.3	1.9	59
15:00 hrs	23.3	12.8	33.5	1.8	57
16:00 hrs	23.5	11.8	33.4	1.6	56
17:00 hrs	23.1	11.8	32.8	1.3	58
18:00 hrs	22.6	12.7	32.1	0.9	60
19:00 hrs	21.7	12.5	31.1	0.6	65
20:00 hrs	19.9	12.3	29.1	0.6	74

Sunrise and Sunset

Recorded sunrise and sunset in the period 2001-2006, at the closest meteorological station Lesce (5 km from Bled)

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Aug 15	6:03	20:14
Aug 20	6:09	20:05
Aug 25	6:15	19:56
Aug 30	6:21	19:47
Sep 05	6:29	19:36

Access to Slovenia

Training and competition on the course

Venue opening times

29 August - 4 September 2011 06:30 - 19:30

Training times

24 August - 28 August 2011 07:00 - 19:30

Training is also possible before 24 August 2011 upon special agreement with the Organising Committee.

For further information contact:

Phone: + 386 4 574 10 94
Fax: +386 4 574 10 96
Email address: info@bled2011.org
Website: www.bled2011.org

Medical Services

Medical facilities and services will be located in the Boathouse Area on competition days. Another set of medical facilities will be available at the Finish Area.

ADAPTIVE TEAM MEMBERS

Accommodation

When making the reservation for accommodation, please specify any special requirements for adaptive athletes.

Transportation

The transportation system will be available for adaptive rowers.

Airport transportation: Special vehicles will be operating for adaptive athletes. When making the reservation for transportation, please specify any special requirements for adaptive athletes.

Venue transportation: Special transportation of the adaptive team members will run according to requests, which should be submitted to the Information Centre/Transportation Office 18.00 one day in advance. The transportation request form is available at www.bled2011.org.



BY AIR

Slovenia's national carrier, Adria Airways, offers regularly scheduled flights to most major European cities. Ljubljana is linked to Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Zurich, Brussels, Belgrade, Athens, Bukarest, Helsinki, Kijev, Madrid, Stockholm, Budapest, Paris, Barcelona, London, Dublin, Manchester, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Moscow, Skopje, Sarajevo, Ohrid, Tirana, Tel Aviv, Istanbul, Podgorica, Prague, Priština, Warsaw and others.

The majority of competitors will fly into Slovenia from one of the major international airports (Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Paris, London, etc.)

Slovenia has three international airports with a permanent immigration and customs service: Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport, the biggest and closest to Bled, and two smaller international airports, Maribor Airport, close to the Austrian border and Portorož Airport, close to the Italian border and on the Adriatic coast.

Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport is an international airport, only a 20 minute drive from Bled and situated next to the A1 motorway.

Special buses, operating 24 hours a day, provide transport to Ljubljana and Bled from Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport.

The Organizing Committee will organize transportation between Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport and Bled for all the competitors, the team staff, official visitors, and members of the press. There will also be an information centre set up at the airport for all the visitors. Special buses will be running continuously between Brnik and Bled.

Please find enclosed the transport form which should be submitted by The Organizing Committee until 1 August 2011.

BY CAR

You can best get to know a country if you visit it by car. You can reach Slovenia via one of the border crossings with Italy, Austria, Hungary or Croatia, or you can rent a car in one of our car rental agencies. Slovenia's highways are good and signs are clearly posted, and along the roads you will find rest stops, inns with overnight accommodation, and motels.

Because of Slovenia's central position in Europe, many competitors will be able to reach the country by car. This is also extremely important for the transportation of rowboats.

RAIL TRAVEL

Almost every important tourist destination is served by modern and comfortable trains. Connections abroad are also excellent: you can come to Slovenia on direct lines from Italy, Austria,

Slovenia is situated in the heart of Europe, at the cross-roads of Europe's fifth and eleventh corridor. Slovenia borders Italy to the west, Hungary to the east, Austria to the north and Croatia to the south. Slovenia also has its own little patch of the Adriatic coast. We like to say that Slovenia is located on the "Sunny side of the Alps". Because of Slovenia's geographical position, access to the World Rowing Championships will be very easy, quick and cheap. Everybody can easily reach Slovenia by air, rail or road.

Hungary, and Croatia. Train travel is convenient and inexpensive.

Since Bled has a railway station (Lesce - Bled), access to the city is easy and fast.

BY BUS

It is also possible to reach Slovenia from neighbouring countries by bus. International bus transport is well organized and relatively inexpensive. The timetables and other information can be found at www.bled2011.org.

Import and Export Guarantees

The FISA representatives and participating countries as well as media, sponsors and suppliers will be able to import temporarily all the goods and supplies necessary for the execution of their respective functions during the preparations and during the sport event, free from customs duties, under the condition that these goods and supplies are exported upon the termination of the sport event. The corresponding guarantees will be issued by the Government.

Slovenia has been a full member of the European Union since 1 May 2004 and is also a member of the Schengen Union.

Visas

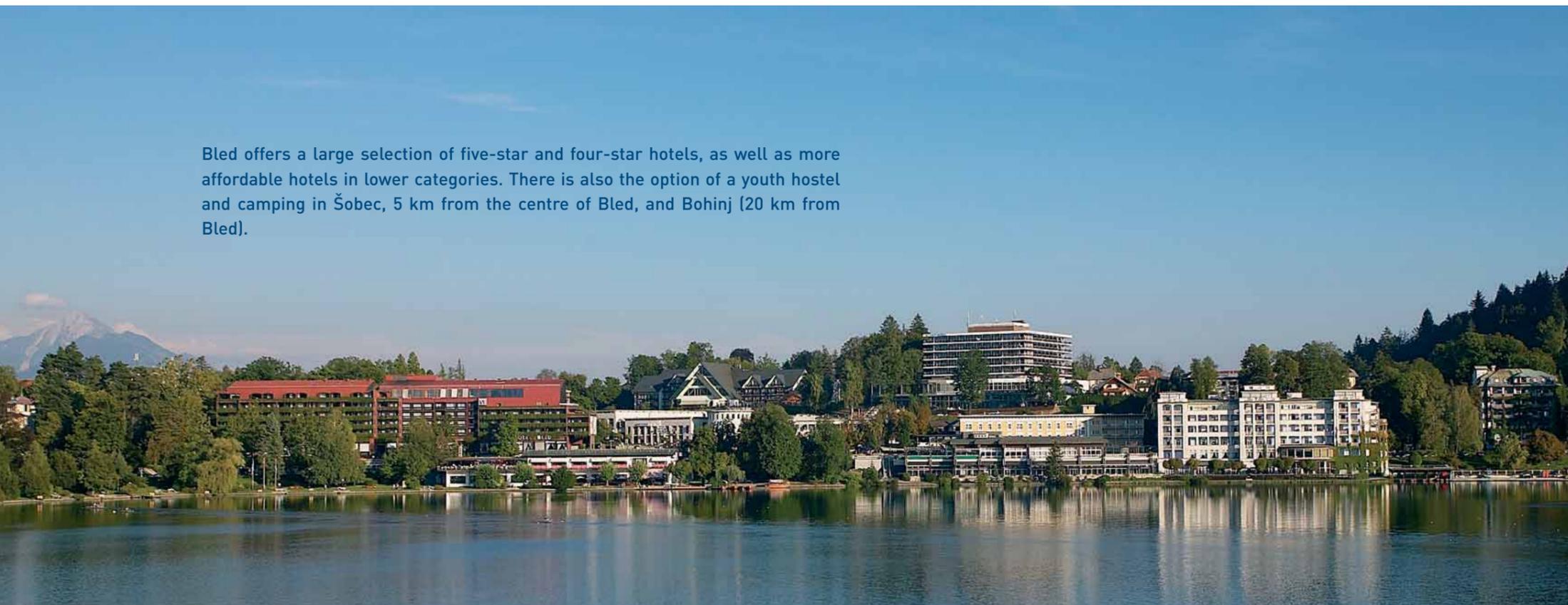
Citizens of some countries might need Visas. Slovenia is part of Schengen Union, which means that citizens with Schengen Visas do not need additional Visa for Slovenia. Please contact info@bled2011.org for further information.

Accommodation

Accommodation for Teams

Bled has modern support facilities for sport events and the competitors. Bled, in particular, is a world known tourist jewel providing over 4,000 beds in luxurious hotels and a few thousand in private rooms. In addition to that there are 3.000 beds in Bohinj - 20 minutes from Bled and another 4.000 in Kranjska gora, also 20 minutes from Bled.

Bled offers a large selection of five-star and four-star hotels, as well as more affordable hotels in lower categories. There is also the option of a youth hostel and camping in Šobec, 5 km from the centre of Bled, and Bohinj (20 km from Bled).



ALL ACCOMMODATION SHOULD BE BOOKED THROUGH THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

Please fill in the accommodation form or send your request to accommodation@bled2011.org no later than **15 May 2011**.



Contact: Petra Farčnik
Phone: + 386 4 574 10 94
Email address: accommodation@bled2011.org

According to availability an offer will be sent together with information for the payment of 30% of the full amount as deposit. **The reservation will not be seen as completed until the deposit is paid. All reservations must be completed 15 May 2011.**

The rest of the payment must be made 30 July 2011. Some hotels have suites or apartment rooms. Special prices are available upon request. Some hotels have meeting rooms available for additional charges. Other services: Any other requests by teams for additional services such as internet access, laundry services or mini bars should be discussed directly with the hotel.

Payments can be made by bank transfer to:

Bled 2011 d.o.o.
Account number: 07000-0001110546
IBAN: SI5607000001110546
SWIFT: GORESIX
Bled 2011 d.o.o., Župančičeva 9, 4260 Bled
Bank: Gorenjska banka d.d., Kranj

Cancellation policy for accommodation:

Any cancellation must be made in writing.
Cancellations received before 15 May 2011 will be refunded in full except for the administrative fee.
For cancellations received before 15 June 2011, 30% of the total amount will be charged as cancellation fee.
There will be no refund for any cancellation made on or after 30 July 2011.

Hotel GOLF ****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	5

Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	212 - 237
- double room	142 - 155

The Golf Hotel is a modern hotel in the heart of Bled, Condé Nast Johansens Award winner (Best Resort Hotel 2008). The completely renovated hotel has been enhanced with a modern wellness centre and a multi-purpose conference and banqueting hall. Hotel has 150 contemporary furnished rooms and suites, a main hotel restaurant and a Veranda à la carte restaurant, aperitif bar, the largest wellness centre - Živa Wellness Centre, comprising a glazed two-level thermal swimming pool complex, a sauna world and a beauty and massage centre. The Golf Hotel is surrounded by numerous majestic ancient trees and prides itself on its location right in the heart of Bled. Guests marvel at the splendor of the views across the lake, the island, the castle and the towering peaks of the Julian and Karavanke Alps.

All 150 rooms are equipped with: bathroom (with shower or bath), hairdryer, balcony, cable TV and Pay TV, direct-dial telephone, mini-bar. All suites and some of the rooms are air-conditioned. Most rooms have internet access.

Hotel PARK****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	3

Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	188 - 212
- double room	131 - 143

The Park Hotel is in the centre of Bled, close to the shore of Lake Bled. It boasts a wonderful view of the lake, the castle and the Julian Alps, an excellent culinary offer as well as numerous possibilities for an active or a relaxing holiday. The hotel's wellness area, which is designed to promote the guests' relaxation and recreation, comprises a large indoor pool with heated thermal water, a whirlpool, saunas, a solarium, a gymnasium and a massage parlour. The nearby Živa Wellness Centre features an excellent offer of services aimed at the guests physical relaxation and beauty treatment, as well as a thermal swimming pool complex and an extensive sauna area. The Park Hotel also offers a la carte restaurant Rikli and pizzeria, which are well known for their selection of fish and meat dishes, pasta and pizzas. The hotel is also renowned for its original Bled cream cakes that have been baked here since 1953.

The Park Hotel comprises more than two hundred new and modern well appointed standard rooms and suites overlooking either the lake or park with balcony. All rooms have bathroom (shower or bathtub) and are equipped with satellite TV, direct-dial telephone, mini bar and hairdryer. All lakeside rooms have a safety deposit box and are air-conditioned.

Hotel RIBNO****



Distance to Venue (km)	6
Driving time to Venue (min.)	10
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	60
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	30

Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	120
- double room	95

Hotel Ribno is a lovely 4-star hotel in an oasis of peace, in the middle of a pinewood forest. Two hotels' and one a la carte restaurant have access to a sunny hotel terrace and an organized picnic area. Activities in the hotel such as tennis, beach volleyball, basketball, table tennis, mountain bikes, sauna, Jacuzzi and a beauty parlor with various relaxation treatments guarantee that you will enjoy your stay in hotel Ribno.

The Ribno Hotel features almost sixty rooms. Every hotel room is equipped with cable TV, telephone, mini bar and bathroom with bathtub or shower, while most also have a balcony or terrace. A baby cot or additional bed may be placed in the standard rooms, and the suites are suitable for families of four guests who require more space. The whole hotel is covered by wireless internet access.

Book your accommodation at accommodation@bled2011.org or select your tourist package at www.bled2011.org

Accommodation for Media

Hotel JELOVICA***



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	25
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	10
Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	96
- double room	74 - 93

Hotel Jelovica Bled is a three-star higher middleclass hotel close to the lake. A pleasant park leads down to the lakeshore. The hotel is close to the events/conference centre and the old town centre. The hotel offers rooms for business and social functions, hotel restaurant with summer terrace, bar, billiards club, wellness facilities with indoor swimming pool, sunbathing terrace, fitness, saunas, solarium, hand massages, health and beauty studio. The hotel restaurant offers breakfasts, dinners and lunches for groups. The hotel has parking area also for buses as well.

Most of the rooms have balcony. In the rooms are telephone, cable TV and a treasury box; bathrooms are equipped with shower, toilette and a hairdryer.

Hotel ASTORIA ***/****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	25
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	10
Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	87 - 93
- double room	72 - 98

Hotel Astoria is situated in the centre of Bled, 400 m from lake. The hotel has been renovated in 2005 into a modern tourist-friendly place with compliant staff. The hotel has a well known restaurant, a bar and summer terrace.

Renovated rooms are air-conditioned and have free internet access, a mini bar, telephone, cable TV, hair dryer, safe, bathroom with tub or shower, some even have a balcony. The other 3-star rooms have a mini bar, hair dryer, telephone, cable TV, bathroom with tub or shower, some even have balcony with great view of the lake.

Hotel Vila BOJANA****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	3
Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	134 - 146
- double room	60 - 105

Garni Hotel Villa Bojana is situated in the centre of Bled, only 200 meters away from the Lake Bled shore as well as in the vicinity of the main road. Friendly personnel will take care of everything needed to feel safe, relaxed and welcomed.

Completely renovated hotel offers eleven comfortable double rooms with toilets, equipped with everything needed for business tourism or a nice rest.

Youth hostel BLEDEC****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	10
Price per person in	EUR
- 4 - 6 beds	39

The completely renovated building of Youth Hostel Bledec is a continuation of 80-year-old tradition of youth tourism in Bled. The hostel is situated in a calm part of the town, only a few steps from St. Martin's Church. It is only a five-minute walk to the lake. A pleasant footpath leads past our hostel in the direction of the castle, which is only 10 minutes away.

The hostel also has restaurant and free wireless access in club room. Rooms are multi-bedded.

Hotel KRIM***



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	2
Price for full board per person in	EUR
- single room	81 - 88
- double room	69 - 76

Established more than 50 years ago, the hotel is located in the heart of Bled, literally 3 min walking distance from the lake, near the sport complex. The a la carte restaurant offers some of the local specialties. The hotel also has another restaurant, an aperitif bar, Coffee bar and TV room with a big screen. Guests can relax at the wellness "Natural Spring", which offers Turkish, Finnish or Infra saunas as well as Chinese Tui-na massage and Thai massages.

The hotel has more than one hundred renovated rooms with a bathroom, phone, satellite TV. Internet connection is available.

Private PENSIONS***



Distance to Venue (km)	4
Driving time to Venue (min.)	6
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	45
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	15
Price per person in	EUR
- single room	72
- double room	53 - 61

Private pensions are spread all around Lake Bled and offer a good alternative to those who don't like spending time in hotels. Well furnished and equipped common areas and rooms have all the necessary facilities for a pleasant stay. Most of the private pensions also have parking places available for their guests.

Hotel VILA BLED****



Distance to Venue (km)	2
Driving time to Venue (min.)	5
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	20
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	10
Price for bed and breakfast per person in	EUR
- single room	211 - 321
- double room	112 - 130

Vila Bled is in an idyllically peaceful part of Bled. It reigns directly on the shores of Lake Bled, embraced by a magnificent park. This former presidential residence is nowadays a synonym for warm hospitality, selected comfort, timeless elegance, top-end gastronomy and unforgettable experiences. Loyal to its architectural layout, the Vila Bled offers accommodation in various room types. Its spacious suites and superior suites, equipped in a style typical of the 1950s, are a special feature of the villa.

Hotel JADRAN***



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	5
Price for bed and breakfast per person in	EUR
- one bed	69 - 100
- two beds	45 - 59

The Jadran Hotel is close to Lake Bled and delights all that appreciate pleasant atmosphere of a small hotel. Half of the rooms offer wonderful views of the lake and the castle, while the other half overlook a quiet park. For a good start to the day, a rich buffet breakfast is served in the hotel's breakfast room. The Grand Hotel Toplice, its sister hotel, offers a thermal pool as well as a host of wellness programs. A private lido is close by. Alternatively, the Živa Wellness Centre at the nearby Golf Hotel offers a thermal pool complex, a sauna world and a beauty centre.

Most of the rooms have a balcony, en suite bathroom, direct dial telephone, cable television and mini bar. In addition, half of the rooms have a beautiful view of the lake and castle, while the remained look across the peaceful greenery and tranquility of the surrounding area.

Food Facilities and Services

Meals at the Hotels

Teams have full board at the hotels (breakfast, lunch and dinner), which is included in the price.

Meals are scheduled at a different time at each hotel.

Lunch at the hotel can be cancelled one day in advance until 12:00 at the Accommodation Office.

Hotel TOPLICE *****



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	5
Price for bed and breakfast per person in	EUR
- single room	174 - 211
- double room	99 - 130

The completely renovated Grand Hotel Toplice is on the shore of the picturesque Lake Bled and offers a spectacular view of the island, the medieval cliff-top castle and the Julian Alps. Noted for its traditional and pleasant ambience, it delights guests with its unique style and refined comfort. The Grand Hotel Toplice offers a thermal swimming pool, a private lido and wellness services.

Each of the rooms or suites of the Grand Hotel Toplice has a character of its own. Guests are charmed by the hotel's traditional style, attracted by the harmony of selected materials and indulged by its luxurious comfort. All rooms are equipped with bathrooms with bath or shower, balcony, direct-dial telephone, cable television, mini bar, treasury box, air-conditioning, internet access.

Some of the rooms are specially adjusted for the needs of people with disabilities.

Hotel TRST***



Distance to Venue (km)	3
Driving time to Venue (min.)	8
Walking distance to Venue (min.)	30
Walking distance to Shuttle bus (min.)	5
Price for bed and breakfast per person in	EUR
- one bed	69 - 100
- two beds	45 - 59

The Trst Hotel is in the centre of Bled, close to the lake. Buffet breakfasts and other meals are served in the Panorama Restaurant. The Hotel is an excellent starting point to hiking tours and excursions to explore the attractive surroundings of Bled. The Grand Hotel Toplice, its sister hotel, offers a thermal pool as well as a host of wellness programs. A private lido is close by. Alternatively, the Živa Wellness Centre at the nearby Golf Hotel offers a thermal pool complex, a sauna world and a beauty centre.

The hotel is particularly suitable for those who enjoy the comfort and friendliness of a small hotel. Most of the bedrooms have en suite bathroom, direct dial telephone, cable television, mini bar and safe, and nine rooms have a balcony. Half of the rooms have a view across Lake Bled towards the magnificent Bled castle.

Meals at the Venue

Lunch is provided for additional charges every day from 12:00 until 15:00 in the Boathouse area.

The restaurant with a la carte and special offers for teams is open every day from 8:00 until 22:00.

FISA and FISA JURY

Lunch is provided every day from 12:00 till 15:00 in the Boathouse area.

Transportation

The estimated time of the ride around Lake Bled, including stops, amounts to 22 minutes and 30 seconds.

Airport transportation

From the time of arrival at Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport or the Ljubljana or Kranj railway stations, transportation system to hotels will be available to all. A separate system based on cars will be used for FISA transportation. Airport transportation forms (available at www.bled2011.org) must be sent no later than **1 August 2011** to info@bled2011.org.

Transportation from the Ljubljana Airport is free of charge only for the teams staying in official hotels and which booked accommodation through the Organising Committee.

Transportation must be ordered in advance at info@bled2011.org or +386 4 574 10 94.

The transportation is considered as booked when the transportation confirmation is received.

During competition days the Transportation Office will be located in the Information and Accreditation Centre.

Accommodation and transportation

The transportation of the participants will be closely connected with their accommodation location. Taking into account that Bled is a small city and that most of the accommodation is situated within a 500 meter radius, buses for competitors and members of the press will be leaving from the same area – Car park at the Sport Hall, underneath Hotel Krim.

Transportation system at the venue

For teams and media

Teams and members of the press will not be able to use their own transportation from hotels to the venue. They must use the official transportation system and can park their own vehicles at the Sport Hall and use official transportation. The vehicles for the competitors will run along a predetermined route, which will be closed for other traffic. During the championships the traffic around the lake will be one-way, namely counterclockwise.

The pick-up area for all accredited Championships participants will be at the parking area, next to the Sport Hall (underneath hotel Krim) in the center of Bled, which is approximately 200 metres away from the Information Center.

There will be two bus stops at the regatta venue - one at the Boathouse area and one at the Finish area.

From 20 August 2011 including 23 August 2011 the transportation of the teams will run according to requests which should be submitted to the Information Centre/Transportation Office until 18.00 one day in advance. The transportation request form is enclosed and also available at www.bled2011.org.

From 24 August 2011 until 4 September 2011 the shuttle buses will run according to a prearranged schedule at 20-minutes intervals. the bus from Ribno will be located in front of Hotel Ribno and will run along a predetermined route.

Estimated time from the drop-off area to the Boathouse area: 15 minutes

Estimated time from the drop-off area to the Finish area: 20 minutes

Transportation of the boats

The boat storage is located in the Boathouse area. Access to this area is allowed with a special parking allowance. Trailers should be parked in the Boathouse area for the whole time of the competition and can not drive out of the parking place before Sunday, 4 September 2011 after 15.00.

Transportation for visitors

Transportation from the visitors parking to the Finish area will operate on the competition days.



FESTIVAL HALL

Information and accreditation centre
Transport
Internet corner

HOTELS

1. Astoria
2. Golf
3. Jelovica
4. Kompas
5. Krim
6. Park
7. Toplice
8. Vila Bled
9. Youth hostel
10. Ribno
11. Jadran
12. Trst
13. Apartmaji Golf
14. Vila Prešeren

- I. BLED TOURIST BOARD
- II. FESTIVAL HALL
- III. SPORT HALL
- IV. BLED CASTLE
- V. CASINO
- VI. TOURIST ASSOCIATION
- VII. TRADE CENTRE BLED
- VIII. UNION
- IX. GORENJSKA BANK

- X. SKB BANK
- XI. POST OFFICE
- XII. HEALTH SERVICE
- XIII. POLICE STATION
- XIV. PETROL STATION
- XV. NOVA LJUBLJANSKA BANK
- XVI. RAILWAY STATION BLED
- XVII. BUS STATION
- XVIII. ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

LEGEND:

- ←←← course (direction) of all circular routes with the point of departure SHUTTLE for competitors, reporters; other official personnel (beneath Hotel Krim)
- course of circular traffic by BUS on Seliška cesta road
- ←←← SHUTTLE VIP / SPONSOR joins the circular system at the Festival Hall
- 1B, 1C, 1D Visitors Parking (Seliška cesta)
- 2 Parking for reporters, photographers
- 3 Parking for vehicles of VIP and SPONSOR guests
- 4 Parking for representation maintenance and repair vehicles and boat racks

- 4A Parking for TRAILERS for transporting boats
- 5 BUS parking
- X1 Point of departure → start for SHUTTLE - TEAM, PRESS, OFFICIAL (beneath Hotel Krim)
- X2 Point of departure → start for SHUTTLE - VIP/ SPONSOR, OC (beneath Festival Hall)
- 6 BUS - CIRCULAR ROUTE → temporary stops on Seliška cesta; Exit/entry in Velika Zaka

Transportation by bus

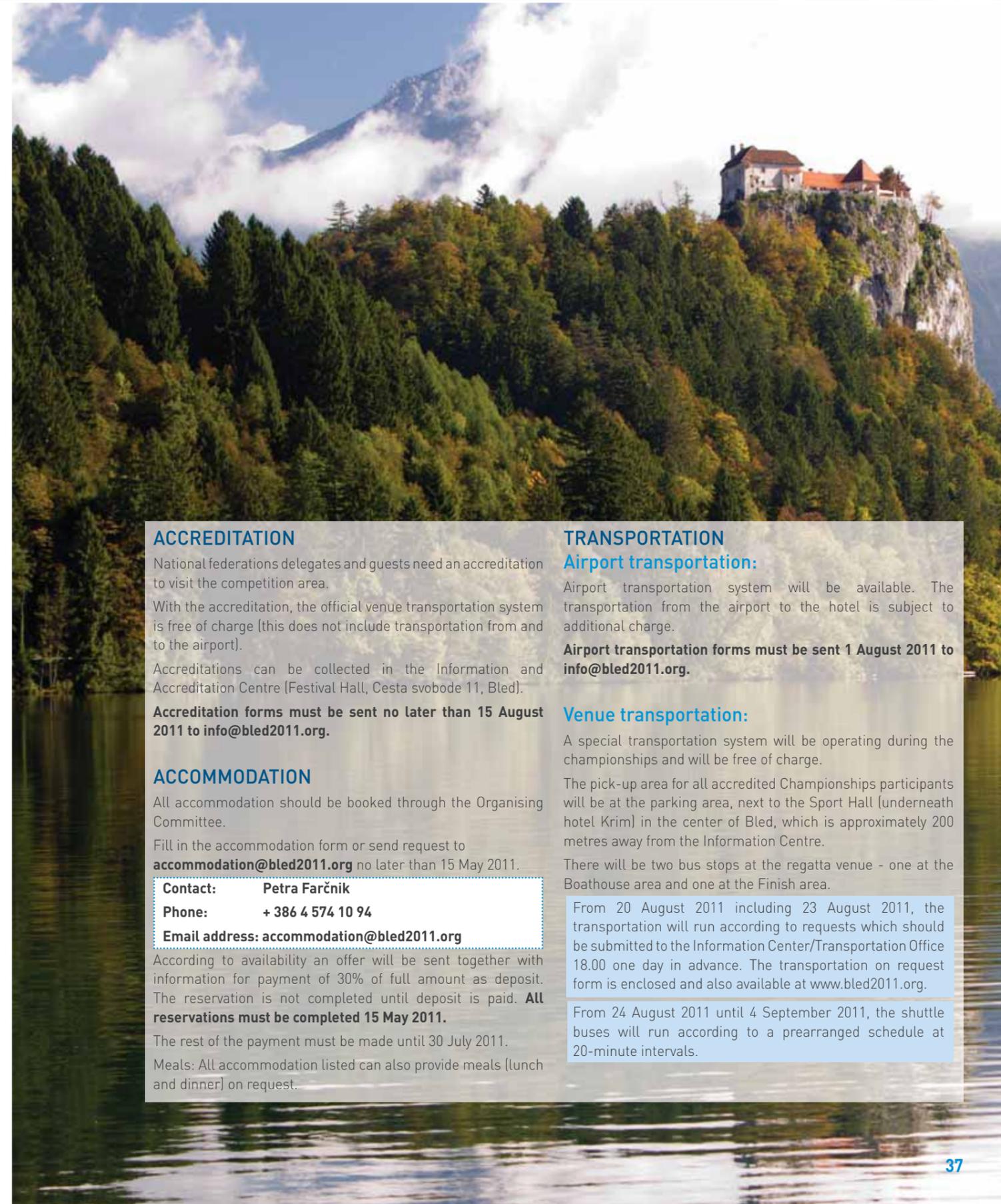
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August 20 till August 23: Transportation on request at the Transportation office in Information Center
 Transportation forms received in the Transportation office in Information Center must be completed until 18:00 one day in advance.

FISA Family

National federations delegates, guests



ACCREDITATION

National federations delegates and guests need an accreditation to visit the competition area.

With the accreditation, the official venue transportation system is free of charge (this does not include transportation from and to the airport).

Accreditations can be collected in the Information and Accreditation Centre (Festival Hall, Cesta svobode 11, Bled).

Accreditation forms must be sent no later than 15 August 2011 to info@bled2011.org.

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation should be booked through the Organising Committee.

Fill in the accommodation form or send request to accommodation@bled2011.org no later than 15 May 2011.

Contact: Petra Farčnik
Phone: + 386 4 574 10 94
Email address: accommodation@bled2011.org

According to availability an offer will be sent together with information for payment of 30% of full amount as deposit. The reservation is not completed until deposit is paid. **All reservations must be completed 15 May 2011.**

The rest of the payment must be made until 30 July 2011.

Meals: All accommodation listed can also provide meals (lunch and dinner) on request.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport transportation:

Airport transportation system will be available. The transportation from the airport to the hotel is subject to additional charge.

Airport transportation forms must be sent 1 August 2011 to info@bled2011.org.

Venue transportation:

A special transportation system will be operating during the championships and will be free of charge.

The pick-up area for all accredited Championships participants will be at the parking area, next to the Sport Hall (underneath hotel Krim) in the center of Bled, which is approximately 200 metres away from the Information Centre.

There will be two bus stops at the regatta venue - one at the Boathouse area and one at the Finish area.

From 20 August 2011 including 23 August 2011, the transportation will run according to requests which should be submitted to the Information Center/Transportation Office 18.00 one day in advance. The transportation on request form is enclosed and also available at www.bled2011.org.

From 24 August 2011 until 4 September 2011, the shuttle buses will run according to a prearranged schedule at 20-minute intervals.

ACCREDITATION

Head of Press Center: Rok Sinkovc

E-mail: rok.sinkovc@bled2011.org

International journalists and photographers must apply for an accreditation at www.worldrowing.com.

Accreditation cards can be collected in the Information and Accreditation Centre (Festival Hall, Cesta svobode 11, Bled).

Slovenian press should fill in the accreditation form at www.bled2011.org and get confirmation for the accreditation.

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TRANSPORTATION

Airport transportation:

Airport transportation will be available. Transportation from the Ljubljana Airport is free of charge only for the staying in official hotels and which booked accommodation through the Organising Committee.

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Venue transportation:

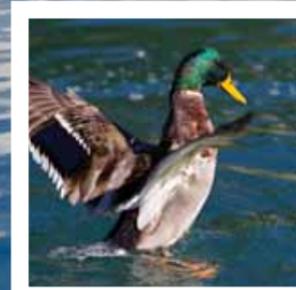
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ACCOMMODATION

The Organising Committee offers special tourist packages to suit every wish and budget. Packages include tickets, accommodation, transportation from Ljubljana Airport and a tour of Bled.

Visit www.bled2011.org for more information.

Requests to accommodation@bled2011.org

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from the Visitors bus stop and the Visitors parking to the Finish area is free of charge with a ticket.

TOURIST EXCURSIONS

Explore the surroundings of Bled and Slovenia with half day or whole day Tourist excursions.

Enjoy Slovenian mountains, coast and caves, try traditional Slovenian food, feel the vibrant atmosphere of medieval towns and explore hidden parts of unspoiled nature or even visit Venice (Italy) and Klagenfurt (Austria).

A wide variety of pre- and post- championships tours are also offered.

Visit www.bled2011.org for more information.

Requests to accommodation@bled2011.org

TICKETS

All information will be available at www.bled2011.org

THINGS TO DO IN BLED

→ Bled Castle and Museum (open every day)

→ Pletna boat to the island and back (every day)

→ Taste traditional cream slice

→ Adventure park Bled

→ Swimming and diving in Bled lake

→ Finest Bled viewpoint - Hiking on hill Straža (642m)

→ The Vintgar gorge (4 km)

→ The Pokljuka ravine (7 km)

→ Visit medieval town Radovljica (8 km)

→ Visit Bohinj Lake (23 km)

→ Hiking in Pokljuka (25 km)

→ Visit Ljubljana – Capital of Slovenia (35 minutes drive)

TOURIST PACKAGES

BOAT PACKAGE

4-days package

1 September – 4 September 2011

→ Accommodation in chosen hotel (3 nights, bed and breakfast, tourist tax included)

→ transport Ljubljana Airport – Bled – Ljubljana Airport

→ 4 all-day tickets and tickets to the Finals

→ everyday official transport from the Visitors Bus Stop to the Grandstands

→ tour of Bled

	Double room*	Single room
	EUR	EUR
3* hotel in Bled	345	405
4* hotel in Bled	475	575
Private pension**	245	335
4* hotel in Bohinj (20 km from Bled)****	525	585
3* hotel in Pokljuka (20 km from Bled)****	465	515

OAR PACKAGE

8-days package

28 August – 4 September 2011

→ Accommodation at the chosen hotel (7 nights, bed and breakfast, tourist tax included)

→ transport Ljubljana Airport – Bled – Ljubljana Airport

→ 8 all-day tickets and tickets to the Finals

→ everyday official transport from the Visitors Bus Stop to the Grandstands

→ tour of Bled

	Double room*	Single room
	EUR	EUR
3* hotel in Bled	615	755 EUR
4* hotel in Bled	915	1145 EUR
Private pension**	375	585 EUR
4* hotel in Bohinj (20 km from Bled)***	895	1035 EUR
3* hotel in Pokljuka (20 km from Bled)****	765	875 EUR

* Price per person

** Transport to the centre of Bled is not included

*** Everyday transport Bohinj – Bled - Bohinj included in the price

**** Everyday transport Pokljuka – Bled - Pokljuka included in the price

It's time for Bled.



Tourism



The diversity of Slovenia in a relatively small area will enable visitors to see many different attractions of the country. There are also opportunities for excursions to neighbouring countries—especially for those visitors from far away.

Tours must be booked in advance at info@bled2011.org.
Tour is booked when confirmation form is received.

The Julian Alps - Great alpine adventure

Mondays, Fridays - 09:00 39 EUR

- Spectacular panoramic alpine roads, Triglav National Park museum tour
- Through Triglav National Park
- The charming Russian Chapel
- Ajda girl rock formation
- Highest mountain pass in Slovenia
- Soča emerald river valley
- TNP information center
- Traces of largest WWI mountain battle
- Romantic Italian alpine lake of Largo del Predil

Postojna Predjama; amazing caves and mysterious castle

Mondays - 09:00 55 EUR

- World famous Postojna Caves
- Spectacular rock and limestone formations
- Guided inspections in the stunning underground world
- Ride by the mini cave train
- Predjama castle with the most dramatic settings
- Legend of the robber baron Erazem

Portorož - Piran; Slovenian riviera - highlights and heritage

Wednesdays - 08:00 55 EUR

- Spectacular views of Piran Bay
- Visit of Portorož - holiday summer resort
- Piran - the most charming and picturesque Slovenian coastal town
- Piran's old town Venetian architecture with Tartini Square
- Guided city walk
- Bay cruise

Škofja Loka - Franja; the unforgettable experience of real Slovenian countryside

Tuesdays - 09:00 39 EUR

- experience of real Slovenian countryside
- Picturesque countryside
- Unforgettable views
- Franja Partisan WWII Hospital monument to remarkable resistance
- Mercury Mine and Lace Museum Idrija one of the best technical museums in Europe
- Škofja Loka Slovenian's most preserved medieval town



Škofja Loka - Kranj

Saturdays - 13:30 33 EUR

- Picturesque countryside
- Škofja Loka Slovenian's most preserved medieval town
- Town Kranj with rich heritage
- Poet France Prešeren statue

Austrian Lakes the beautiful Carinthia

Tuesdays - 09:00 39 EUR

- Scenic mountain road
- Klagenfurt Carinthian capital city tour
- Pyramidenkogel panoramic view point
- Velden the poshy resort
- Citizens of some countries might need visa to enter Austria

Ljubljana city tour with highlights

Wednesdays, Saturdays - 09:00 33 EUR

- Beautiful historical centre
- Prešeren square
- Three bridges and Shoemaker's bridge
- Liveliest open-air market
- Roman city wall
- View of diplomatic embassies and government buildings...

Bled - sightseeing

Thursdays - 10:30 40 EUR

- Marvellous views from the castle hill
- The castle historical museum
- Pletna boat ride to the island
- Making a wish by pulling a wish bell in St. Marry's Church on the island
- Vila Bled former residence of Tito

Walking tour - Hills

Mondays - 09:30 15 EUR

- Bled Hills
- Guided tour

Walking tour - Villages

Thursdays - 13:00 15 EUR

- Villages around Bled
- Guided tour

Bohinj - Bohinj lake with Savica waterfall

Thursdays - 13:30 32 EUR

- Drive through romantic Bohinj Valley
- Crystal-clear Bohinj Lake
- 14th century Church of St John the Baptist
- Picturesque alpine villages
- Walk to the famous Savica waterfall
- Studor village with famous double hayracks
- Mt. Vogel panoramic view of the Julian Alps and Bohinj lake

Pre- and post-Championships tours



Venice the pearl of the Mediterranean

Fridays - 07:00 72 EUR

- St. Mark's Basilica
- Doge's Palace
- Bridge of Sighs
- Rialto Bridge

Radovljica - Kropa; cultural treasures of Gorenjska

Thursdays - 09:00 32 EUR

- Visiting medieval Radovljica square
- European unique apicultural museum
- Radovljica panorama
- Crossing Sava River
- Kropa village cradle of Slovenian iron industry
- Blacksmiths Museum

Postojna - Lipica; amazing caves and the famous stud farm

Sundays - 09:00 75 EUR

- World famous Postojna Caves
- Spectacular rock and limestone formations
- Guided inspections in the stunning underground world
- Ride on the mini cave train
- Stud farm Lipica home of the white Lipizzaner horses
- Spanish Riding School Performance

Vrata Valley natural experience with majestic Mt Triglav's north face

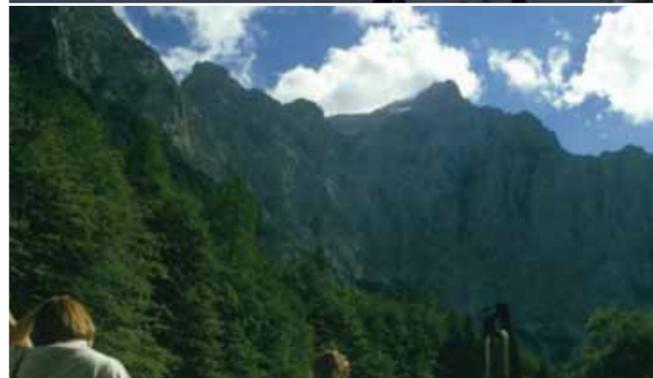
Sundays - 09:00 32 EUR

- Beautiful Alpine scenery

Pokljuka - Vintgar

Tuesdays - 13:30 32 EUR

- Triglav National Park
- Vintgar gorge
- unspoiled nature and beautiful scenery
- Picturesque Triglav National Park
- Peričnik waterfall
- Majestic north cliffs of Mt Triglav
- Alja mountain Hut - great local cuisine and atmosphere



Half-day tours

	Price in EUR
Bled (Marvelous views from Bled Castle, a pletna boat ride to the island, tour of Bled)	40
Kropa - Radovljica (Iron Forging Museum, a unique European apicultural museum and medieval town of Radovljica, the Sava River)	32
Pokljuka - Vintgar (Slovenian National Park and mountains with great scenery and unspoiled nature, Vintgar gorge)	32
Bohinj- Savica Waterfall (The romantic Bohinj Valley, the crystal-clear Lake Bohinj with the magnificent Savica Waterfall, picturesque alpine villages, a panoramic view of the Julian Alps and Lake Bohinj)	32
Vrata - Pericnik Waterfall (Beautiful Alpine scenery, picturesque Triglav National Park and beautiful Pericnik Waterfall, majestic Nord cliffs of Slovenian highest mountain Triglav)	32
Ljubljana (Slovenian capital, beautiful historical centre with amazing architecture, Prešeren Square, the Three Bridges and the Shoemaker's Bridge, the liveliest open-air market, Roman city wall)	33
Jezerko and castle Brdo (The mountain village of Jezerko and Brdo Castle - the former residency of Karadjordjevic and Josip Bros Tito, now the Slovenian protocol estate)	33
Begunje - Vrba (The Alpine village of Begunje and the Vrba village - home of the greatest Slovenian poet France Prešeren and his house)	32
Kamniške Alpe-Logarska Valley (Mountain area with a beautiful valley)	40
Bled walk (A walking tour of Bled)	22

Tours are performed only with a sufficient number of guests

Whole-day tours

Julian Alps (Great Alpine adventure with the Slovenian Triglav National Park, the highest mountain pass, and the emerald Soča River)	39
Franja - Idrija (Franja Partisan Hospital, a WWII monument, which was recently flooded and restored, Idrija - the hometown of Slovenian lace)	45
Austrian lakes (A scenic mountain road and the city of Klagenfurt)	39
Goriška Brda (Slovenian Vineyards)	60
Portoroz - Piran (Spectacular views of the Piran Bay, the coastal town of Piran and the holiday summer resort of Portoroz, bay cruise)	57
Štanjel - Lipica (Slovenian typical Karst town of Štanjel and the Slovenian stud farm in Lipica)	67
Škofja Loka - Kranj (The most preserved Slovenian medieval town of Škofja Loka and Kranj, one of the biggest towns in Slovenia with a great heritage)	33
Postojna caves - Predjama castle (The world-famous Postojna Cave, spectacular rock and limestone formations, a guided tour in the stunning underground world, ride with the mini cave train, Predjama Castle)	55
Venice- Venezia (Italian costal city on water with St. Mark's Basilica, Dode's Palace, Bridge of Sights, Rialto Bridge)	72
Postojna caves - Lipica stud farm (The world-famous Postojna Cave, spectacular rock and limestone formations, a guided tour in the stunning underground world, ride with the mini cave train, the Lipica Stud Farm)	75

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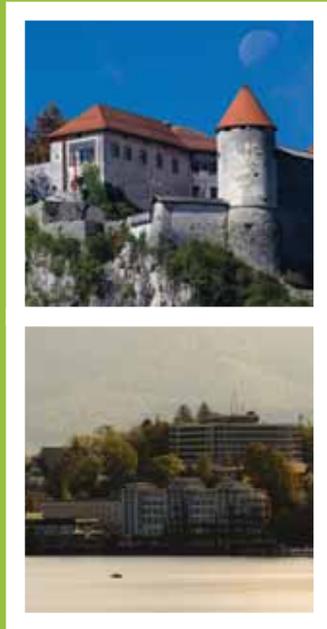


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