

HOW TO ARRIVE IN AJDOVŠČINA

Dear Mini Castra 2026 participant,

Please, find below the information about how to arrive in Ajdovščina if you arrive in Slovenia by plane or by train.

BY PLANE

There are a few airports close to Ajdovščina:

- Brnik, Ljubljana (100 km)
- Marco Polo, Venice (150 km)
- Treviso, Venice (148 km)
- Ronchi, Trieste (50 km)

The best way to arrive in Ajdovščina from an airport is GoOpti (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>), but you have to make a reservation before the flight. GoOpti is a start-up company that offers transportation to and from an airport.

The information you have to put in the search box is the following:

The screenshot shows the GoOpti website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the GoOpti logo and links like 'Find a transfer', 'How it works', 'Business', and 'Cheap Flights'. Below this is a large banner with the text 'Home to Airport Transfers' and 'Affordable · Reliable · Professional'. A red box highlights the search area, which includes a dropdown menu for the origin (set to 'Ljubljana Airport (LJU), Ljubljana, SL...'), a dropdown for the destination (set to 'Hofer store, Ajdovščina, Slovenia'), a field for the number of people (set to '1 person'), a checkbox for 'Return', and a 'Search' button. Below the search box, there are 'Best offers' listed with prices and a map showing routes from various cities to Ajdovščina.

Origin	Destination	Price
Venice - Treviso	Ajdovščina	from 7€
Zagreb	Ljubljana	from 9€
Trieste - Venice	Ajdovščina	from 14€
Venice	Ljubljana	from 15€

In Ajdovščina, there are two possibilities; you can either select **Hofer Store** or **Hotel Gold Club**. If you select Hofer Store, please, let me know the date and the hour of your arrival because in that case, I will have to go and pick you up because Hofer store is on the other side of the highway. If you select Hotel Gold Club, that hotel is right in the center of the city.

BY TRAIN

There are a few larger train stations near Ajdovščina:

- Ljubljana train station (80 km)
- Gorizia train station (30 km)
- Mestre, Venice (150 km)

GoOpti offers also transportation to and from a train station. In this case, the search would be the following:

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Railway station, Mestre, Venice, Italy Hofer store, Ajdovščina, Slovenia 1 person Return ☐ Search

Depart from Venice on 2019-06-07 10:00

Best offers

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Zagreb - Ljubljana	from 9€
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Map showing routes: Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Graz, Budapest.

Inside Slovenia, other options to move around are the following:

- by bus
- by sharing private transport
- by train (unfortunately, there is no tourist train to and from Ajdovščina anymore)

BY BUS

You can check the schedule of the buses here: <https://www.ap-ljubljana.si/en/>

A ticket from Ljubljana to Ajdovščina costs around 8 or 9 euros one way, you can buy the ticket with the driver when you enter the bus.

BY SHARING A PRIVATE TRANSPORT

This is an app similar to Bla Bla Car: <https://prevoz.org/>

It is available only in the Slovenian language. You check if there is a person who offers transport from your city to the city you want to go on that day and time. The cost from Ajdovščina to Ljubljana is 4 euros one way. The transport is safe; there have been no incidents yet.

You can also tell me if you would like to take this option and I can arrange transport for you since I am a registered member and I use this service very often.

VIPAVA VALLEY ACCOMMODATION

Please, find below the information about the accommodation option in Ajdovščina and Vipavski Križ with which we cooperate since 2018.

- **Rooms in Vipavski Križ**

<https://www.slamic-kriz.si/eng>

<https://www.slamic-kriz.si/domacastan/sobe> (rooms)

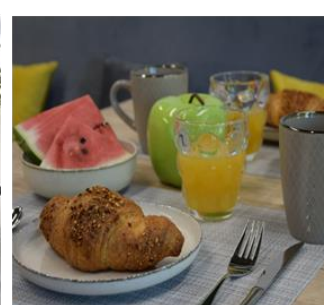
The rooms with included breakfast are located in a small town of Vipavski Križ about 1 km from Ajdovščina.

- **BB Alba**

'Bed and Breakfast' Alba is a new accommodation facility for overnight stays with an excellent breakfast, adapted to every desire and taste. They are located in a quiet area and close to the center of Ajdovščina (approx. 3 km).

They offer different types of rooms (double and quadruple) with up to 30 beds included. The modern rooms are equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi and TV.

There is a large free parking lot and a bicycle shed next to the facility.



They communicate in several foreign languages (English, Italian, Serbo-Croatian).

Address:

B&B Alba
Lokavec 73a
5270 Ajdovščina

For more information, they can be reached at 051 208 051 or via mail info@bb-alba.si.

- **Apartment EYGA in Ajdovščina** (suitable for a group of max 6 persons):

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/si/apartma-eyga.sl.html>

If you plan to arrive in a group of 4, 5 or 6 people, then I strongly suggest considering this option since this is a huge apartment with 3 rooms and 1 bathroom.

It is 2 minutes walk from the city centre and 4 minutes from the gallery.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Useful links for more accommodation options:

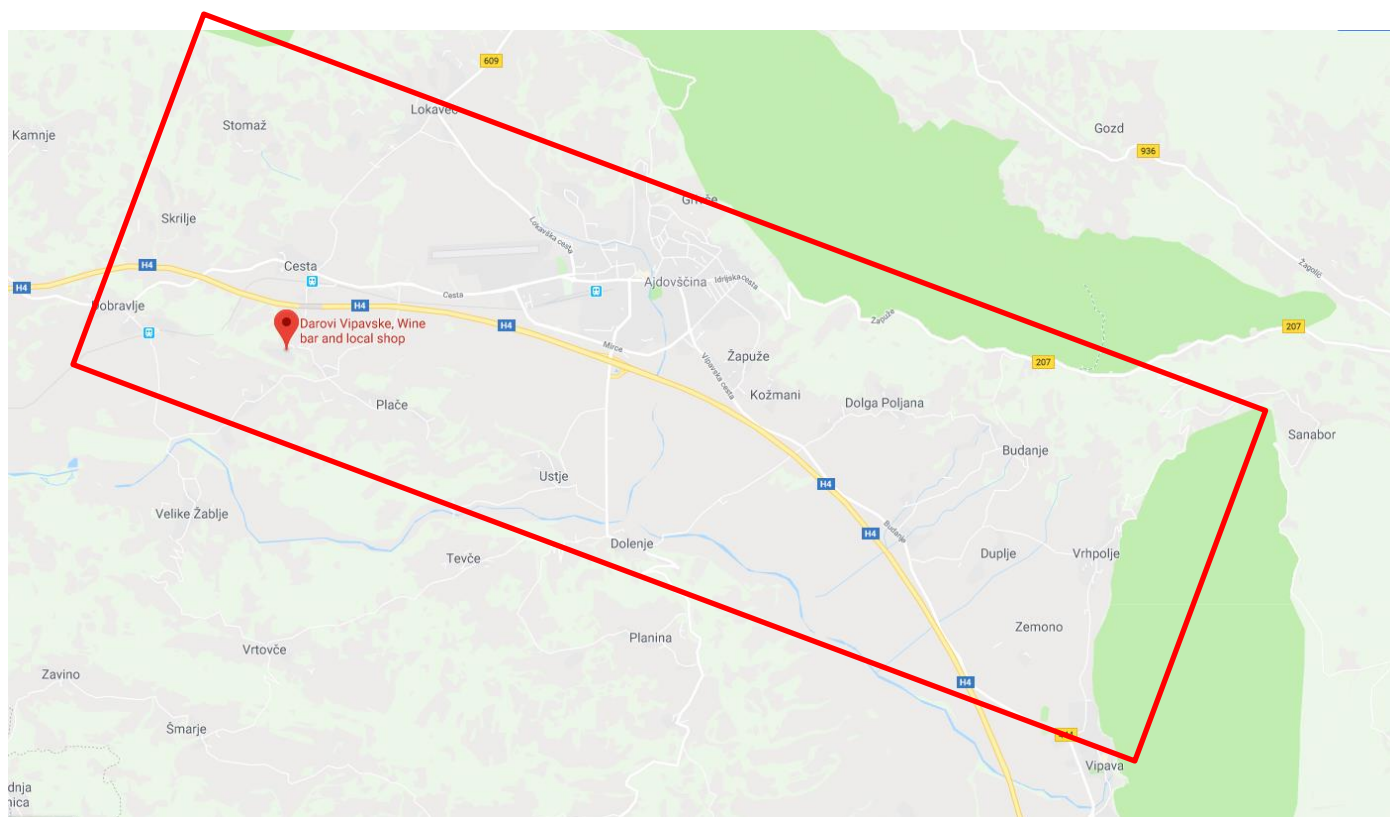
<http://www.vipavskadolina.si/en/ostani/nastanitve>

<http://www.vipavskadolina.si/en/ostani/nastanitve/sobe-in-apartmaji>

I suggest you book as soon as possible. If you have troubles or questions about the location and the accommodation, let me know so I can help you immediately.

If you book a room outside Ajdovščina and you don't have a car, please, let me know the exact location because in this case, I would help you move around the valley.

Also, consider the accommodation only within this area (next page):



AJDOVŠČINA AND VIPAVA VALLEY



Vipava valley, also known as a green diamond of Slovenia, was selected by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten European destinations in 2018.



Zemono

Due to its mild climate, the region is suitable for the cultivation of different kinds of fruits (especially peaches, apricots, persimmons, and figs). The Vipava Valley is also renowned for its quality wines, especially white ones. They say that when Napoleon was here, his soldiers stole the recipe to make wine and took it to France, add a bit more water and this is how the famous French wine was born.



Vipavski Križ



Ajdovščina

Ajdovščina is the biggest town in Vipava valley. The town was built on the basis of Roman fortress Castra beside Hubelj river. Believe it or not, roman Castra is the most preserved defense fortress with 14 towers and thick walls from the Roman times in Slovenia.

The climate is Mediterranean (minimum temperature in winter $-1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, maximum $17\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; in the summer time maximum temperature $39\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, minimum $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$).

The town is located around 25 km from the Adriatic Sea. The wind is also an integral feature of Vipava Valley. The bora, a very strong north-east wind, can reach up to 200 km/h or even more.



In the early period of the Roman Empire, after a road was built from Aquileia towards Emona (Ljubljana), a small post and goods station known as *mansio Fluvio Frigido* stood on the site of today's Ajdovščina.

In the late 3rd century and the early 4th century a fortification system, *Claustra Alpium Iuliarum*, which run from the Kvarner Gulf to Cividale, was built by the Roman Empire. Its centre was the fortress of *Castra* or *Castrum ad Fluvio Frigido*, the remains of which are today still visible in Ajdovščina.



Near Ajdovščina, one of the most important battles in the history (a battle between Christians and pagans) took place – the **Battle of the Frigidus**, also called the **Battle of the Frigid River**, was fought between 5–6 September 394, between the army of the Eastern Emperor [Theodosius I](#) and the army of Western Roman ruler [Eugenius](#).



Some useful links and information:

- <http://www.vipavskadolina.si/en/>
- <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/slovenia/vipava-valley>
- <http://www.vipavskadolina.si/splosno/ajdovscina>
- <https://slocally.com/experience-vipava-valley-less-visited-slovenian-region/>
- <http://www.vipavskadolina.si/en/odkrivaj/dediscina/kulturna-dediscina/muzeji-in-galerije/lokarjeva-galerija-ajdovscina>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ajdov%C5%A1%C4%8Dina>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castra_ad_Fluvium_Frigidum
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Frigidus