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for Exchange Students

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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA, SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS!

Welcome to the University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business! We are glad and honored you picked us for your most incredible, awesome, and unforgettable experience you will ever have!

Who are we? **SEBuddies** are local students who help Exchange students with arranging necessary documents, searching for accommodation, and getting to know Slovenia and Slovenian student life. Buddies usually get in touch with Exchange students via email approximately two months before semester starts. The programme is voluntary based so it might happen that your buddy won't contact you at all – but don't worry, we're a friendly bunch so we will try to help you in the best way we can!

If you have questions, you can also post them in Facebook group that will be created specifically for the semester you're attending, where other buddies and students can help you with answers. You will receive the link to the group when you're contacted by your buddy.

Remember, the most important thing is not to panic! Since some of us have already put our student exchange experience behind us, we know how hard it can be to adapt and start a new life in a foreign country. Buddies are your first touch with your new home, and we will do everything to make you feel really welcome.

We hope you'll enjoy your time here!

SEBuddies

ACCOMMODATION

During an academic year Ljubljana is filled with students and soon enough, you will be one of them too! One of the first steps when arriving to the new city is finding a place to stay – luckily for you, there are some options you can choose from to find your own accommodation:

01

Contact your buddy

If you need help with your search for accommodation, feel free to contact your buddy! Your buddy can assist and help you with your search by providing links to different websites and Facebook groups that could be useful in your search for accommodation.

02

Housing platforms

To help you find your new place abroad, University of Ljubljana has partnered with **HousingAnywhere**. Through the platform you can book your new room, offered by Slovenian outgoing students or verified private landlords. You can sign up by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/2NJ9Zfi>.

03

Contact ESN

You can contact our local Erasmus Student Network, ESN Ljubljana University. They will help you with your search and provide you with all the necessary tips you will need to find your accommodation as quickly as possible. They can be reached on [Facebook](#) or at fdv.tutor@gmail.com.

Be aware that prices for rented flats can be quite high. The price of a flat depends on its location, size and state of the flat. The more flatmates you have, the cheaper it gets (but we guess you already know that simple rule of economics, right?). When sharing a flat expect a price range between 230 - 280 €, but if you plan to live in the city centre, expect prices to be much higher: around 300€ or even 400€ per person per month.

When renting a flat through agencies it is likely that you will have to pay a fee, so we recommend you “investigate” flats on your own or with help from your local friends (that's us!).

If you need a place to stay while you're looking for accommodation, you can choose among huge variety of hostels and hostels. Click [here](#) to access a list of some of the hostels close to the city center.

USEFUL LINKS

01

Nepremičnine.net

Nepremičnine.net is the largest Slovenian real estate database. To access the website, click [here](#).

02

Stanovanjce, stanovanjce, kje si?

A Facebook group where owners post about available offers and where most students look for accommodation. To access it, click [here](#).

03

HousingAnywhere

As a student at the University of Ljubljana, you can get a priority access to all listings available on the platform. To sign up, click [here](#).

04

Student dormitories

Please note that the number of places for exchange students in the dormitories is very limited. For more information, click [here](#).

We advise you to start your search for accommodation at least a month before the start of semester. We know it may seem difficult and stressful at first, but we will do everything we can to help you along the way!

NUTRITION

As a student in Slovenia, you have the right to subsidized food. What does it mean? In short: you have different places (such as restaurants, fast food, etc.) spread all over the city (and in other cities in Slovenia) where you can eat student meals by using so called coupons or “boni”. At the beginning of each month you receive coupons, which you can use for student meals. Amount of coupons depends on the number of working days in the month.

When deciding where and what to eat, you can choose among different restaurants. Click [here](#) to find a list of restaurants that provide subsidized food and where you can use your coupons. The price of a coupon is different from place to place, but in average student meal with coupons costs 3,5€. You can use 2 coupons per day within 4 hours of difference, between 8 A.M. and 9 P.M.

Your mobile phone with a Slovenian SIM card is necessary and will serve as an identification to connect to the database. You can also opt for a special identification card, which costs 15€. To apply for student coupons, follow the steps below:

01

Register on the website

<https://www.studentska-prehrana.si/en/Account/Register>

02

Write down your application number

After registering you will receive your application number. Write it down and bring it with you to the ŠOU Office.

03

Visit the ŠOU Office

To complete the application process, visit the ŠOU office in the city centre (at Pivovarniška 6).

COMMUNICATION

SIM CARD

As you probably know by now you might need a Slovenian SIM card to use coupons (in case you decide not to use the special identification card). You can use your own mobile phone, but it must be decoded so it can accept Slovenian SIM cards. There are 4 main mobile operators in Slovenia (Telekom Slovenije, A1, Telemach, T-2), however only the first three offer prepaid packages. Their SIM cards can be bought in their stores (most of them located in the city centre), convenience stores, or even at post offices and gas stations.

According to exchange students' experience from previous semesters, the best option is **Hofer Telekom**, based on the price and the data offered. You can find more information about the offer [here](#).

USEFUL PHRASES

English	Slovene	Pronunciation
Good morning	Dobro jutro	[doh-broh yoo-troh]
Good day	Dober dan	[doh-ber dahn]
Good evening	Dober večer	[doh-behr veh-chehr]
Hello	Živijo	[zhee-vee-oh]
What's your name?	Kako ti je ime?	[kah-koh tee yeh ee-meh]
My name is...	Ime mi je...	[ee-meh mee yeh]
How are you?	Kako si?	[kah-koh see]
Fine, thank you.	Dobro, hvala	[doh-broh, hvah-lah]
Goodbye.	Nasvidenje.	[nahs-vee-dahn-yeh]

If you want to learn more phrases or even take a Slovene language course, visit the [Centre for Slovene as a Second and Foreign Language](#) to find out more.

TRANSPORTATION

The best way to travel around Ljubljana is with public transport. Slovenia provides subsidy for public transport for every student, domestic and foreign. In order to claim your subsidized transportation, you need to visit the LPP centre on Slovenska cesta 56. Please note that you can only use subsidized public transport during your study period (from 1 October onward).

Here are some options you can use to get around Ljubljana quickly and efficiently:



Bus

The best way to travel around Ljubljana is with buses. Slovenia provides subsidy for public transport for every student, domestic and foreign.

Bike

Ljubljana offers public bicycle rental system called Bicike(LJ) for all residents and visitors of the city. The system has over 800 bikes at more than 80 stations, and it is operating 24/7.



Taxi

There are many taxi companies in Ljubljana (still no Uber, sorry). Check this [website](#) to find contacts of some taxi companies operating in the city.

Ljubljana is not a big city compared to other capital cities, so don't be afraid of the distances. Pretty much everything in the city center is within walking distance so don't forget to bring your walking shoes!

CITY BUS

City buses have electronic payment system based on no-contact smart card called Urbana. The payment must be made at the beginning of the ride by touching with your card at one of the green readers (validators) on the bus. Please note that you cannot pay with cash on the bus, Urbana card is the only valid payment method.

There are two types of Urbana card: Value card (yellow) and Time card (green).

- **Value cards** are transferable. One fare will cost you 1.30€ including 90-minute ride within all the city public transport bus routes (free transfers within 90 minutes).
- **Time card** enables you free rides for one month (from first day of month to fifth day of next month), but it is not transferable. Subsidized monthly fare costs 20€.

You can refill your Urbana card on special “Urbanomat” machines placed throughout the city, at most newsstands, stores and at the LPP centre. Most bus routes operate between 5 A.M and 10:30 P.M, but some also operate during the night.

RENTAL BICYCLE SYSTEM

Ljubljana offers public bicycle rental system called Bicike(LJ). Residents and visitors can get about the broader Ljubljana city center area virtually free by bike, as the annual cost of registration for bike use is only 3€ and is recorded as a credit to your account. Weekly use of the system is intended above all for visitors to Ljubljana and registration costs are 1€.

The first hour of bike borrowing is free for all Bicike(LJ) system users. Just five minutes after returning a bike to one of the stations with bike racks, you will be able to borrow another bike that the system treats as a new journey with the first hour of use free of charge. It is necessary to register on the [Bicike\(LJ\) website](#) prior to your first use. Two options are available, annual or weekly subscription. Annual subscribers are able to use the system with their Urbana card and personal identification number, while upon registration weekly subscribers receive a user's code and a PIN number.

TRAVELLING AROUND

Since you're here in Slovenia you shouldn't pass on an opportunity to travel around. Most of the students visit capitals and other famous cities in Italy (Venice), Austria (Vienna), Germany (Berlin), Hungary (Budapest), Croatia (Zagreb or coast cities), Bosnia (Sarajevo), Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia (Bratislava), Czech Republic (Prague), and many more!

This is one of the biggest advantages of exchange in Slovenia, since it is located in the middle of Europe. So, how to travel around?



Flixbus

Flixbus, the largest bus network in Europe, offers many routes throughout the whole Europe. Click [here](#) to book your journey.

Nomago

Nomago offers many bus routes within Slovenia, as well as outside the country. Click [here](#) to find out more.



ATET Rent a Car

In some cases, the best option to travel around is to team up with your friends and rent a car or a van! ! ATET Rent A Car car rental service has a special offer for all Exchange students, which you can access [here](#).

GoOpti

If you are traveling to or from the airport we recommend that you use the shuttle service GoOpti - they offer transfers for a fairly cheap price! Visit their [website](#) for more information.



OTHER INFORMATION

SHOPPING

When it comes to buying food (and other goods), Ljubljana is flooded with supermarket stores like Mercator or Spar, where you can buy food, drinks (note: alcohol is sold only till 9 P.M.), basic clothes and other things you might need for living. Lidl, Tuš and Hofer sell same things, and are much cheaper. If you need something urgently, you can also stop by at gas stations.

All in all, best place for shopping in Ljubljana is shopping area called [BTC](#), which consists of restaurants, cinema, water park, sports center, entertainment areas and about 500 shops, as well as one of the biggest shopping malls called [City park](#).

SPORT ACTIVITIES

As a SEB LU student, you can join the sports activities organized by the School of Economics and Business. You will be able to apply for those at the beginning of the semester for a fee of 20€. To find out which activities you can choose from, click [here](#).

In addition to the sport activities that are offered by SEB LU, you can also participate in daily sport activities organised by University of Ljubljana's **Centre for Extracurricular Activities**. All programs are free of charge for students of the University of Ljubljana and take place in the University Sports Hall. For more information about the sport activities offered by the Centre for Extracurricular Activities, click [here](#).