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TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK



WELCOME TO THE 46th CIPS CONGRESS 2025

BOHINJ / Julian Alps - Slovenia - EU



Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our honour to host the 2025 largest assembly of heads of various competition sport-fishing organizations and associations in the world.

For the first time the Congress of CIPS and its federations will be held in Slovenia. **We find it of prime importance that this electoral congress may address an upgrade of competition rules, it will host discussions about environmental and ethical aspects of competition fishing, and finally, the new heads of CIPS and its federations will be elected.**



The Congress venue is located in one of the most beautiful parts of Slovenia next to the glacial lake Bohinj, where you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the exceptional beauty of its waters and surroundings, after attending the Congress meetings and discussions.



As welcoming hosts, we would like to present to you the programme of both the Congress and By-Congress activities that range from visiting natural treasures to fishing in Slovenian rivers and lakes.

We are hopeful that you will take time to visit us and come to Slovenia again in the future.



We are looking forward to meeting you with anglers' greeting *Tight lines,*

Miroslav Žaberl, PhD
President, Fishing Association of Slovenia



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LOCATION of the CIPS Congress

State: Slovenia

Region: Julian Alps

Destination: Bohinj

www.bohinj.si

Venue address: Hotel Bohinj

Ribčev Laz 45, Bohinjsko jezero

www.hotelbohinj.si

Transfer from Ljubljana Airport (LJU) to the CIPS conference location is arranged by the organizer.

For shuttle services from other airports, we recommend booking with GoOpti Airport Transfer: <https://www.goopti.com/en/>.

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FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA

Currency: **EURO**

Central European Time GMT+1 in summer GMT +2

Climate: **Alpine, Pannonian, Mediterranean**

- Independent since 1991, EU member state since 2004.
- Size: 20,271 square km, population: 2 million inhabitants
- Situated at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Alpine, Dinaric and Pannonian basins.
- 28,000 km of waterways, hundreds of lakes over one hectare.
- Slovenia is a unique destination committed to sustainability.



JULIAN ALPS REGION

The Julian Alps, located in northwest Slovenia, are part of the expansive Alpine range extending across Europe.

The Julian Alps are recognized as a UNESCO-Man and Biosphere region.

The heart of this region is the Triglav National Park, where we share our environment with around 7,000 animal species and 1,600 types of plants.

All this life is embraced by the rocks tricky-to-access canyons with crystal clear water, vast forests, glacier lakes and the traces left by generations of working hands.

www.julian-alps.com



Bohinj

Lake Bohinj, the largest permanent natural lake in Slovenia lies right in the Triglav National Park surrounded by the Julian Alps.



x location of the CIPS Congress

Bohinj valley is one the most beautiful examples of well-preserved Alpine areas in the entire Alps.

Location in national park requires compliance with legal obligations and international conventions on environment protection and the commitments for sustainable development.



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The Programme of the 46th CIPS 2025 Congress

Wednesday, April 23

Arrival of members of the CIPS Presidium

15:00 - 19:00 **Meeting of the CIPS Presidium**
19:15 - 20:00 Dinner

UPON REQUEST:

Delegates and board members will need to book activities in advance.

- individual trips
- guided fly fishing on Slovenian waters

Thursday, April 24

Arrival of participants in the morning

11:30 **Opening ceremony of the CIPS Congress**
12:30 - 13:30 **Symposium**
13:30 - 14:30 Lunch
14:30 - 18:30 **FIPSeD Assembly**
16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break
20:00 **Dinner in hotel**
20.00 – 21.00 Slovenia wine and cheese Tasting

Accompanying program:

- 14.30-16.30 Guided hike to Savica Waterfall

UPON REQUEST:

Delegates and board members will need to book activities in advance.

- individual trips
- guided fly fishing on Slovenian waters

Friday, April 25

09:00 - 13:00 **FIPS- Mer Assembly**
10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
14:30 - 18:30 **FIPS-Mouche Assembly**
16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break
20:00 Dinner in hotel
20.00 – 21.00 Fly Tying Workshop

Accompanying program:

- 9.00-13.00 Guided hike to Mostnica Gorge
- 14.30-16.30 Visit to a dairy farm
- 14.30 - 18.00 Melodies of the forest (€60 /pers)

UPON REQUEST:

Delegates and board members will need to book activities in advance.

- individual trips
- guided fly fishing on Slovenian waters

Saturday, April 26

08:00 - 13:00 **CIPS Congress**
10:45 - 11:00 Coffee Break
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
15:00 - 19:00 **Cultural program for Congress participants (Bohinj valley & Vogel)**
20:30 **Closing dinner of the CIPS Congress**

Accompanying program:

- 9.00-13.00 Visit to a local market
- 9.00-13.00 Guided hike to Mostnica Gorge

UPON REQUEST:

Delegates and board members will need to book activities in advance.

- individual trips
- guided fly fishing on Slovenian waters

Sunday, April 27

Departure of participants during the day

UPON REQUEST:

Delegates and board members will need to book activities in advance.

- individual trips
- guided fly fishing on Slovenian waters

Accommodation and payment information

Hotel Bohinj **** 69 rooms
Hotel Jezero**** 71 rooms

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE:

- Registration fee
- Accommodation 3 nights
- Meals, gala dinner, trip

Hotel Jezero****



€ 700 DOUBLE ROOM IN FULL BOARD PER PERSON (DELEGATE)

€ 650 DOUBLE ROOM IN FULL BOARD PER PERSON
(accompanying person with a Delegate)

€ 820 SINGLE ROOM IN FULL BOARD PER PERSON (DELEGATE)

€ 770 SINGLE ROOM IN FULL BOARD PER PERSON
(accompanying person a Delegate)

EXTRA DAYS:

€ 140 per person/night in SINGLE ROOM (bed & breakfast acc)

€ 90 per person/night in DOUBLE ROOM (bed & breakfast acc)

Tourist tax: € 2 per person, per night.

HOTEL  **BOHINJ**

www.hotelbohinj.si



Cultural program for Congress participants

Quick Alpine Adventure

We invite you on a panoramic trip where we will show you the beauty and heritage of the Alps in just one day.

The journey begins with a panoramic bus ride through the Bohinj Valley, passing traditional alpine villages and showcasing the iconic hayracks (kozolci) in the village of Studor, a symbol of Slovenia's rural culture.

Next, you'll sail across the crystal-clear waters of Lake Bohinj on a modern electric boat, surrounded by the breathtaking Julian Alps.

Then, ascend by gondola to Vogel, a winter ski resort and summer alpine pasture at 1,890 meters, offering spectacular views of the valley, lake, and surrounding peaks.

We'll end the trip with a cultural program, including a tasting of Bohinj's finest cheeses, featuring the unique Mohant cheese, a specialty with protected geographical origin.

Let us show you the alpine world in all its natural beauty, tradition, and flavors



Accompanying program

- Registrations will be confirmed upon activity booking on site.



Guided hike to Savica waterfall

The Savica Waterfall, one of Slovenia's largest and most stunning waterfalls, is a true natural wonder, cascading into a crystal-clear pool below and surrounded by lush greenery. This scenic spot offers a serene atmosphere where visitors can marvel at the power and beauty of Slovenia's natural landscapes.

Visit to a Dairy Farm

Discover a unique dairy farm in Bohinj, where cows graze in alpine pastures at over 1500 meters during the summer. Run by a dedicated couple, the farm preserves traditional cheese-making methods passed down through generations. During your visit, you'll see how farming is done in the valley, watch a live demonstration of cheese production, and have the opportunity to purchase their delicious, homemade products. This is a wonderful way to experience the authentic agricultural heritage of Bohinj.



Melodies of the forest

€ 60 /person

Melodies of the Forest Join us for a unique guided experience in the forest, where you'll connect with nature in a whole new way. Discover the hidden voices of trees, feel the energy of the forest through barefoot walking, and explore the sounds of resonant spruce wood and forest instruments. Along the way, you'll gather herbs to brew a forest tea and immerse yourself in the calming ambiance of a sound bath and natural foot reflexology. This experience invites you to harmonize with the forest's rhythms and uncover its quiet, resonant beauty.



Guided hike to Mostnica Gorge

The Mostnica Gorge and the Voje Valley are among the most beautiful and favoured natural sights in Bohinj. They offer views of crystal clear pools and water-shaped rocks, as well as diverse flora and fauna and a cultural landscape that has been nurtured by the people throughout the centuries.

UPON REQUEST: Individual trips

- Registrations are available upon individual arrangement..
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Lake Bled island and castle

1/2 day, € 60, entrance fees included

You will embark on a captivating journey to Lake Bled, beginning with a “pletna boat” ride to the Bled Island. This traditional voyage showcases the lake's tranquility and the island's historic charm.

You will continue to Bled Castle, perched on a cliff with breathtaking views of the lake and Julian Alps. This is the site where basketball star Luka Dončić got engaged, adding a touch of romance to its rich history.



Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle

3/4 day, € 150, entrance fees included

Explore the magnificent Postojna Cave, home to breathtaking stalactites and stalagmites, as you take a unique ride on its underground electric train, followed by a guided walk through its awe-inspiring chambers.

Then, visit Predjama Castle, a medieval marvel dramatically nestled into a cliffside. Learn about its fascinating history, legends, and the incredible engineering that made it a stronghold for centuries.



Planica and Kranjska Gora

€ 85 /person

Visit Planica, home to world-famous ski jumping hills and the Nordic Center, where you can explore Slovenia's ski jumping heritage.

Continue to Kranjska Gora, a charming alpine town with stunning views of the Julian Alps and a vibrant atmosphere.



Ljubljana - The Capital City

€ 65 /person

Discover the heart of Slovenia in Ljubljana, its charming capital. Visit Ljubljana Castle for breathtaking city views, walk across the iconic Triple Bridge, and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the Central Market, filled with local flavors and culture.

Upon request: Guided flyfishing on selected Slovenian waters

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Fish a different river every day

There are many pristine rivers with a variety of fish, for a variety of skill levels that are barely an hour's drive away from Bohinj. The adventure starts at the waters around Slovenia before heading to other locations in the Julian Alps, such as the spectacular Soča Valley where we'll fish for Marble Trout in a breathtaking alpine valley setting.

- **Great fish to catch**
 - marble trout,
 - grayling,
 - huge browns
 - artic char
 - ... all waiting for you!
- **Fly fishing waters:**
 - Lake Bohinj
 - Rivers: Sava Bohinjka, Soča, Idrijca, Radovna, Mostnica, Sava, Tržiška Bistrica, Krka, Iščica, Savinja, Dreta,

Included in price:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel,
- Orvis fishing gear (boots, waders, reel, rod, flies),
- fishing licence,
- fishing guide (max. for 2 fishermen)



Krka River Lodge
is only Orvis endorsed
fishing Lodge in Slovenia!





UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH FISH

Fishing in the Julian Alps is quite simply different from fishing anywhere else. There are enough hidden yet accessible spots here for you to experience the best kind of solitude as you gaze into crystal-clear waters and get in touch with yourself and with nature. The diversity of the watercourses and their inhabitants guarantees a different fishing experience every time.

There is no doubt that the **danube salmon (Hucho hucho)** tops the list of desired catches in the Sava basin, while the **marble trout (Salmo marmoratus)**, that elusive diva, is the queen of the pools in the Soča basin.



Fly fishing for marble trout

Slovenians are famed as pioneers of the art of tying flies.

The Slovenian school of fly fishing has been attracting the interest of connoisseurs around the world for more than a century.

Fly fishing is the preferred technique of the most skilled anglers. The documented beginnings of modern fly fishing in Slovenia date back to 1910 on the river Tolminka. Decades later an original Slovenian fly rod, called the Soča 180, became legendary.

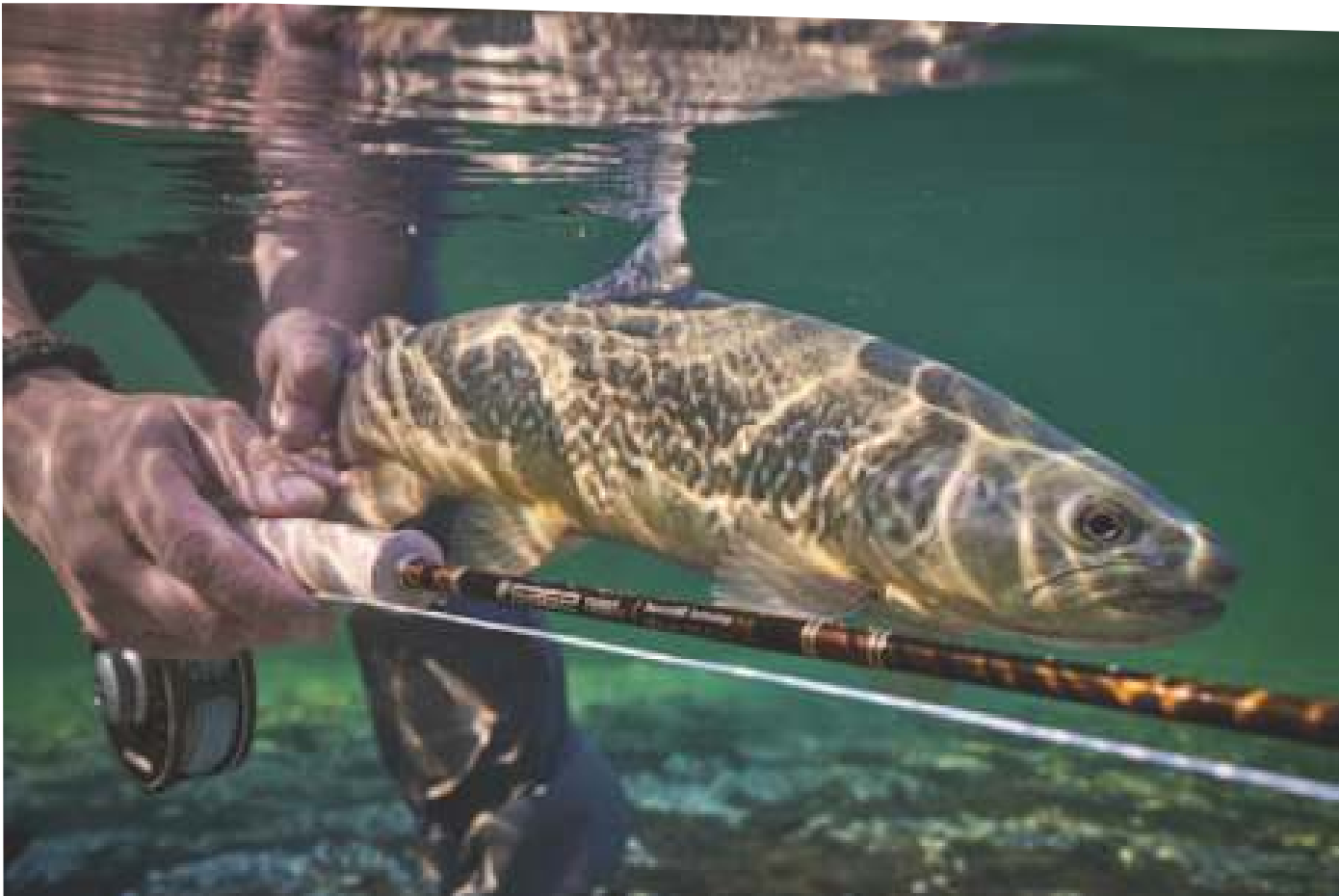
The responsibility for conserving fish species and maintaining the quality of Slovenia's fishing rivers is shared by the Fisheries Research Institute of Slovenia and local angling clubs which also manage hatcheries and fish farms to rear young fish and repopulate the waters.

The marble trout was once the only trout species to inhabit the watercourses of the Adriatic basin.

It can grow to considerable size. The largest marble trout caught to date was 120 centimetres long and weighed 25 kilograms.

The marble trout is an endangered species, above all as a result of cross-breeding with the brown trout, which has driven it to the verge of extinction.

Thanks to a repopulation programme in recent decades, its presence has been largely restored. Two types of marble trout can be distinguished on the basis of external appearance and genetic profile. Trout of the Zadlaščica type have characteristically marbled bodies in which red coloration is rarely present. Trout of the Idrijca type have red coloration in the form of speckles and spots, usually along the lateral line, in addition to the characteristic marbling.



THE PRESTIGE OF ACCESSIBLE DIVERSITY

Waters in Slovenia are divided into the Adriatic and Black Sea basins, with the watershed between them running along the highest ridges of the Julian Alps.

The principal Adriatic river is the Soča with its tributaries, while the main Black Sea river is the Sava with its tributaries.

The Soča is known for its distinctive and characteristic turquoise colour, the consequence of dissolved limestone on the riverbed that affects the reflection of light.

Other fish native to the rivers of the Julian Alps include grayling, brown trout, marble trout/brown trout crosses, and rainbow trout.

Fly fishing is the only form of angling permitted in the fishing beats of the Soča Valley. Fly fishing enthusiasts are also drawn to the Sava Bohinjka, the Sava Dolinka, the Mostnica and the Radovna.

Many beats operate a strict catch-and-release policy.

The Sava basin is also home to the Danube salmon – the largest fish of the Salmonidae family and a close relative of the salmon and the taimen. It is often referred to as the king of Slovenia's rivers.

A form of fly fishing known as **dry fly fishing**, where the fly floats on the surface of the water instead of sinking below it, is today considered the most attractive fly fishing





Fishing rivers of the Adriatic basin in the Julian Alps:

Soča, Lepenjica, Koritnica (tributary of the Soča), Učja, Zadlaščica, Nadiža, Bela, Tolminka, Idrijca, Bača, Koritnica (tributary of the Bača), Trebuščica, Kneža

Fishing waters of the Black Sea basin in the Julian Alps:

Sava Dolinka, Sava Bohinjka, Savica, Mostnica, Radovna, Gornja Sava, Tržiška Bistrica, Kokra, Lipnica, Lake Bohinj, Lake Bled



What to pack for Bohinj in April

April in Bohinj brings warming temperatures and the first signs of spring, but also some rain, so it is important to dress for changing weather.

Here are our top tips to stay comfortable and ready for adventure:

Wear layers

Temperatures can vary, averaging around 12°C. Dressing in layers allows you to adapt to both sunny spells and cooler moments.

Hiking shoes are essential

Bohinj's trails can be wet and uneven, so sturdy, waterproof hiking shoes are a must.

Comfortable hiking outfit

Choose flexible, breathable clothing that allows for freedom of movement as you explore.

Pack a spare jacket

A light, packable jacket will come in handy for sudden weather changes or cooler evenings.

Consider a waterproof option

With April being rainier than March, a rain jacket or poncho can be helpful.



Getting to the Congress Venue

TRAIN

Trains run to Slovenia from all neighbouring countries and numerous other European countries. Interchanges between the services of Slovenia's national rail operator and those of other European rail operators take place in the following cities:

· Villach · Graz · Zagreb · Trieste

The train station closest to your destination (the CIPS congress) is Bohinjska Bistrica, located on the Jesenice – Nova Gorica line.

BUS

Direct international bus services connect Bohinj, Slovenia, to the rest of Europe. You may also choose Bled as your final stop on an international bus route, from where public transport is available to the CIPS congress location in Ribčev Laz.

CAR

Slovenia has good connections to the rest of the European motorway network.

To use the motorways, you will need an e-vignette (digital toll sticker) to cover the length of your stay. This can be acquired online before arrival.

<https://evinjeta.dars.si/selfcare/en>

AIRPORTS

Slovenia

- Ljubljana Airport (LJU)

Italy

- Trieste Airport (TRS)
- Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE)
- Venice Treviso (TSF)

Austria

- Klagenfurt Airport (KLU)
- Graz Airport (GRZ)

Croatia

- Zagreb Airport (ZAG)

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