



SLOVENIA 2017



Sunday 8th October 2017 18:00 Stadion Stožice, Ljubljana #SVNSCO

Christophe Berra's fourth international goal against Malta last month kept our World Cup hopes alive. Berra also scored the last time we were in Slovenia, a 1-1 draw in a friendly in 2012. This will be our third visit but our first game in the capital Ljubljana. The first match in Celje was the last tie in the 2006 World Cup qualifying campaign. With both teams already eliminated the match was just for pride but Scotland ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Darren Fletcher, James McFadden and Paul Hartley. In order to make this a meaningful game we will need to beat Slovakia 3 days before at Hampden.

Slovenia who sit alongside Scotland on 14 points in Group F also have a chance to qualify although they will need to get a result in their penultimate game at Wembley to have any chance. Slovakia are one point ahead in that crucial second spot, their final match is at home to Malta where you would assume they will pick up three points. So anything less than six points will almost certainly end our journey to Russia 2018.

Getting There and around

Slovenia is situated in Central Europe and borders Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. It is only a few hour drive away from Venice or Vienna. Slovenia is easily accessible from all neighbouring countries, as it has good road and rail connections, with daily flights from many European cities. Since it is a coastal country, you can also get to Slovenia by sea.

There are three international airports the capital Ljubljana, in the east Maribor and Portorož in the West not far from the port of Koper. Slovenia is also within reach of Italy, Austria and Croatia by train.

Important Information

You won't need a visa to enter Slovenia although your passport should be valid for the full duration of your stay.

Remember to bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you. To access certain healthcare in Slovenian hospitals, your EHIC card must be presented, otherwise you may be asked to pay upfront.

It is advised to keep your passport with you at all times as identification and all foreign nationals visiting Slovenia must register with the Police within 3 days of arrival or risk paying a fine. Hotels or Guest houses will normally do this for you.

British Embassy Ljubljana

Telephone: +386 1 200 39 10
Address: Trg republike 3, 1000 Ljubljana
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm

The central police station is Trdinova ulica 10, 1000 Ljubljana
Telephone: +386 1 475 06 00.

If you need to contact the emergency services in Slovenia call 113 for the police and 112 for fire and rescue.



Average Temperature in Ljubljana in October is 11°C
Time zone GMT + 1
Currency Euro

Thanks

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www.scottishfa.co.uk
www.uefa.com
www.gov.uk
www.theodora.com
wikitravel.org/en/Slovenia
www.fasunshineappeal.co.uk
www.fsf.org.uk
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018 FIFA World Cup qualification \(UEFA\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018_FIFA_World_Cup_qualification_(UEFA))
www.policija.si

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Nothing less than two wins are required if we want a play off spot in our campaign for Russia 2018!

ATAC Committee



AT THE MATCH



Stadium

A modern ground, it was opened in August 2010, when 16,155 supporters attended the opening game, a 2-0 friendly victory over Australia. That figure remains the highest attendance so far for a sporting event in a ground with a total all-seated capacity of 16,693. This is the largest stadium in the country and is home to club side NK Olimpija Ljubljana as well as the Slovenian national team (rivals Maribor's ground, the Ljudski vrt Maribor stadium, holds 12,994). The pitch is below the level of the land outside, with only the roof of the stadium rising above the surrounding terrain, giving it a bit of a Tardis feel. The football ground is part of the larger Stozice Sports Park complex, which also boasts a futuristic-looking indoor arena; this arena is above ground level, so from a distance looks bigger than the football stadium, but its capacity is actually 12,480 for basketball, handball and volleyball games. The construction cost for the entire complex is estimated to have been around €350million, part funded by grants from the European Union.

At the Ground

The majority of the Scotland support will be located within the South stand in Sections S27 – S31 (Tribuna D). Entry to these sectors is accessed via two turnstiles at the south east corner and two turnstiles in the south west corner of the stadium which will open two hours before kickoff. Supporters will be subject to searches as they approach the turnstiles and those under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted entry.

The view to the playing surface from the front eleven rows of the south stand is severely restricted by a partial double layer of netting placed to prevent missiles being thrown onto the pitch. A single layer of netting sits above the double layer restricting the view of the rest of the south stand. A request has been made by the SFA to the stadium management to have the netting removed as the risk of items being thrown onto the pitch by Scotland supporters is considered negligible.

The usual list of prohibited items will apply, included among them umbrellas and as experienced last time cigarette lighters. Flags and banners will be allowed within the stadium, **musical instruments are NOT allowed**. Smoking is not permitted. No alcohol will be on sale within the stadium and spectators are advised not to bring large bags. At the England game there were no storage facilities at the ground, and no rucksacks or any other luggage larger than an average handbag were allowed in, so travel light.

At present, there are no other limitations or restrictions being applied by the Slovenian authorities. A Fanzone will be set up directly outside the stadium which can accommodate between 700 – 800 people.

Getting To the Ground

The stadium is about three miles from the city centre, to the north of the Bežigrad district, beside the ring road. It is walkable, and would probably take an hour at a leisurely pace. There is also a service bus, route number 13 destination Center Stozice, from the city centre to the ground. The city centre bus stop is on Tavcarjeva ulica, in front of the Ministry of Justice building. Final destination of the return journey is Sostro. The Number 13 bus journey is timetabled to take 11 minutes, but expect this to take longer on match day. Taxis are another option, but of course they too are subject to traffic congestion.

Post-Match

After the match, the police have intimated that there is no intention to hold back the Scotland Supporters though circumstances on the night may change that decision.

British Consulate staff will be in attendance at the match to assist any supporters if required.





WINNING WORDS

Hello.
How are you?
Fine, thank you.
What is your name?

My name is _____.
Please.
Thank you.
Thank you very much.

Yes.
No.
Yes, please.
No, thank you.
Goodbye
Do you speak English?
Good day./Good afternoon.
Good morning.
Good evening.
Good night.
Where are there a lot of...
...hotels?
...restaurants?
...bars?
A beer/two beers, please.
When is closing time?
A glass of red/white wine, please.

A pint, please.
A table for one person/two people, please.
Can I look at the menu, please?

The check, please.
Where is the toilet?
I haven't done anything wrong.
It was a misunderstanding.
Where are you taking me?
Am I under arrest?
Four beers please
A Bacardi and Coke please
Do you sell champagne
I am lost. Can you direct me to Hotel X
Where is the stadium?
Where can I find a taxi?
Is there an airport nearby; or is that just my
heart taking off?
I hope you know CPR?
Because you take my breath away.

Živjo. (ZHEE-vyoh) / Zdravo. (ZDRAH-voh)
Kako si? (kah-KOH see?) / Kako ste? (kah-KOH steh?)
Hvala, dobro. (HVAH-lah, DOH-broh)
Kako ti je ime? (inf) (kah-KOH tee yeh ee-MEH?) /
Kako Vam je ime? (pol) (kah-KOH vahm yeh ee-MEH?)
Ime mi je _____. (ee-MEH mee yeh _____.)
Prosim. (PROH-sihm)
Hvala. (HVAA-lah)
Hvala lepa. (HVAA-lah LEH-pah)
Da. (dah)/ Ja
Ne. (neh)
Da, prosim (dah PROH-sihm)
Ne, hvala. (neh HVAH-lah)
Nasvidenje. (nahs-VEE-deh-nyeh)
Govorite angleško? (goh-voh-REE-teh ahn-GLEHSH-koh?)
Dober dan (DOH-ber dahn)
Dobro jutro. (DOH-broh YOO-troh)
Dober večer. (DOH-behr veh-CHEHR)
Lahko noč. (LAA-koh nohtch)
Kje je polno... (kyeh yeh POHL-noh...)
...hotelov? (hoh-TEH-low)
...restavracij? (REHS-tow-rah-tsy)
...barov? (BAH-row)
Pivo/dve pivi, prosim. (PEE-voh/dveh PEE-vee, PROH-seem)
Kdaj se zapre? (kd-ahy seh zah-PREH?)
Kozarec rdečega/belega vina, prosim.
(koh-ZAH-rehts deh-CHEH-gah/beh-LEH-gah VEE-nah, PROH-seem)
Veliko pivo, prosim. (veh-LEE-koh PEE-voh, PROH-seem)
Mizo za enega/dva, prosim. (MEE-zoh zah eh-NEH-gah/dvah, PROH-seem)
Ali lahko vidim jedilnik, prosim?
(AH-lee LAH-koh VEE-dahm yeh-DEEL-neek, PROH-seem?)
Račun, prosim. (RAH-choon, PROH-sihm)
Kje je stranišče? (kyeh yeh strah-NEESH-cheh)
Ničesar nisem zagrešil. (nee-CHEH-sahr NEE-sehm zah-GREH-sheel)
Gre za nesporazum. (greh zah nehs-poh-RAH-zoom)
Kam me peljete? (kahm meh peh-LYEH-teh?)
Šem aretiran? (sehm ah-reh-TEE-rah?)
Štiri piva prosim
Bacardi in koks prosim
Ali prodajate šampanjec
Jaz sem izgubljen. Moči vi neposreden mi v Hotel X
Kjer je stadion?
Kje lahko najdem taksi?
Tam je letališče v bližini; ali je to samo moje srce vzletanje?
Upam, da veste, CPR?
Ker ste vzeli moj dih proč.



FOOD AND DRINK

Generally speaking, Slovenian food is heavy, meaty and plain. A typical three-course meal starts with a soup (juha), often just beef (goveja) or chicken (piščančja) broth with egg noodles (rezanci), and then a meat dish served with potatoes (krompir) and a vinegary fresh salad (solata). Fresh bread (kruh) is often served on the side and is uniformly delicious.

Common mains include cutlets (zrezek), sausage (klobasa) and goulash (golaž), all usually prepared from pork (svinjina), lamb (jagnjetina) and game (divjačina), but there is a large choice of fish (ribe) and seafood even further away from the coast. Popular Italian imports include all sorts of pasta (testenine), pizza (pica), ravioli (ravioli) and risotto (rižota). A major event in the countryside still today is the slaughtering of a pig from which many various products are made: blood sausage (krvavica), roasts (pečenka), stuffed tripe (polnjeni vampi), smoked sausage (prekajena salama), salami (salama), ham (šunka) and bacon (slanina). Recipes for the preparation of poultry (perutnina), especially turkey (puran), goose (gos), duck (raca) and capon (kopun), have been preserved for many centuries. Chicken (piščanec) is also common. Squid is fairly common and reasonably priced. Uniquely Slovenian dishes are available, but you won't find them on every menu, so here are some to look out for:

- Kraški pršut - air-dried ham, similar to but not the same as Italian prosciutto (pictured)
- štruklji - dumplings which Slovenians prepare in 70 different ways stuffed with sweet fillings, meat or vegetables
- žganci - a type of polenta (ajdovi žganci are made of buckwheat)
- žlikrofi - potato dumplings similar to gnocchi, specialty of the Idrija region
- jota - a type of soup made of beans, sauerkraut, potatoes, bacon, spare ribs, and the main seasoning is garlic.



Bars

When exploring local brews, make sure not to miss those from Slovenian microbreweries, which produce small amounts of excellent craft beers. Over recent years, the number of microbreweries has been on the increase and beer lovers in Slovenia will agree that the choice on offer is varied and excellent. Human Fish Brewery, Kratochwill, Pelicon, and Bevog are just a few of the names to look out for if you want to taste some of the must-try craft beers from Slovenian microbreweries.

All the five bars below are on the beer lovers tour of Ljubljana.

Lokal Bar - Kolodvorska ulica 14

Captains Cabin, basement bar - Ključavničarska 5

Makalonca, terrace overlooking the river - Hribarjevo Nabrežje 19

Hostel Tresor, Belgian beers a speciality. - Čopova ulica 38

Pivnica Union (Union Brewery pub), the Union experience tour is also possible - Celovška cesta 22

The following bars are an alternative

Pod Skalco (Gospodskova ulica 19), there's a few swingers in the TA and this is definitely the bar for them. Before you come over all Tommy Sheridan, ooh matron, this is literally a swingers bar as the seats at the bar are actual wooden swings ie a plank and two bits of rope suspended from the ceiling. Popular with students so say no more.

Party at a former military barracks turned urban squat. Head to the Metelkova Mesto (Metelkova ulica 10) and party with the locals at this former military barracks which is now an urban squat and the hottest party location in town.



There are many apps available for mobiles for guide books and maps on Ljubljana. Always best to download at home before leaving and some are also available offline.

Just search for Ljubljana in the Google Play Store and Apple Store.





Saturday 7th October 6pm - 9pm
Sunday 8th October 11am - 1pm

Sunday 8th October 4pm until kick off time (6pm)

Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal Presentation

The Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal will be donating to 'Drustro Bravo' in Ljubljana. The main purpose of the association is to help children and young people (pupils, students) with specific learning difficulties by providing support to parents, teachers and counselors.

www.drustvo-bravo.si

If you would like more information on the presentation itself then get in contact with TASA through their Facebook page or website.

www.tasunshineappeal.co.uk



PLAY OFFS???

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	England	8	6	2	0	16	3	13	20
2	Slovakia	8	5	0	3	14	6	8	15
3	Slovenia	8	4	2	2	10	4	6	14
4	Scotland	8	4	2	2	14	10	4	14
5	Lithuania	8	1	2	5	6	18	-12	5
6	Malta	8	0	0	8	2	21	-19	0

To Play off or not 2 Play Offs

Finishing second place in Group F does not guarantee a play off for the World Cup, the worst ranked team of the 9 runners up will be eliminated. First Scotland have to claim that second place in Group F, that is in our control as 2 wins will guarantee us that position. But nothing less will do, it would take some unexpected results for Scotland to finish second if we only take 4 points and even if that happened we would almost certainly be the worst ranked second team.

If we get those 2 wins then we will be watching other results carefully, as you can see from the table below we are currently ranked bottom. The results against the 6th team in every group are not taken into account for this ranking so with 2 wins we would finish on 14 points. The target for other groups would be 14 points and it could go to goal difference.

Group A - Holland vs Sweden will probably decide 2nd place a Holland win would mean we would qualify.

Group B - 2nd place is already guaranteed a play off so cannot help us.

Group C - If Northern Ireland lost both matches (home to Germany and away to Norway they would finish 2nd on 13 points and we would qualify.

Group D - Wales need to win both matches (home to Ireland and away to Georgia) otherwise we would qualify.

Group E - One of Montenegro or Denmark will finish with a minimum of 14 points and a superior goal difference so cannot help us.

Group G - Italy need 1 point to finish on 14 with a better goal difference.

Group H - Bosnia and Herzegovina need to win both matches (home to Belgium and away to Estonia) otherwise we would qualify.

Group I - There are still 4 teams that could finish first or second: Croatia, Iceland, Turkey and Ukraine. Croatia and Iceland have the upper hand and would finish above us if they finish the job otherwise 2nd place will probably finish on 14 points and goal difference will be close.

So there are a number of variables but Scotland have a really good chance of reaching the play offs IF we can win our final two games.

Pos	Gr	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	B	Portugal	6	5	0	1	21	3	18	15
2	C	Northern Ireland	6	4	1	1	9	2	7	13
3	G	Italy	6	4	1	1	10	7	3	13
4	I	Iceland	7	4	1	2	9	6	3	13
5	F	Slovakia	7	4	0	3	11	5	6	12
6	A	Sweden	6	3	1	2	10	7	3	10
7	E	Montenegro	6	3	1	2	10	7	3	10
8	H	Bosnia and Herzegovina	6	2	2	2	10	8	2	8
9	D	Wales	6	1	5	0	6	5	1	8
10	F	Scotland	6	2	2	2	7	9	-2	8



Crucial Matches

Here are the key matches this weekend that will determine if 2 wins will be enough for Scotland to qualify for the play off round. One thing against us is our games will finish first so all the other teams will know what they need to do to beat the target that we will hopefully set. Times stated are Slovenian time.

Thursday 5th October
C Northern Ireland vs Germany - 8.45pm
F Scotland vs Slovakia - 8.45pm

Friday 6th October
D Georgia vs Wales - 6pm
G Italy vs FYR Macedonia - 8.45pm
I Croatia vs Finland - 8.45pm
I Kosovo vs Ukraine - 8.45pm
I Turkey vs Iceland - 8.45pm

Saturday 7th October
A Sweden vs Luxembourg - 6pm
A Belarus vs Netherlands - 8.45pm
A Bulgaria vs France - 8.45pm
H Bosnia and Herzegovina vs Belgium - 6pm

Sunday 8th October
C Norway vs Northern Ireland - 8.45pm
F Slovenia vs Scotland - 6pm

Monday 9th October
D Wales vs Republic of Ireland - 8.45pm
G Albania vs Italy - 8.45pm
I Finland vs Turkey - 8.45pm
I Iceland vs Kosovo - 8.45pm
I Ukraine vs Croatia - 8.45pm

Tuesday 10th October
A France vs Belarus - 8.45pm
A Netherlands vs Sweden - 8.45pm
H Estonia vs Bosnia and Herzegovina - 8.45pm