

# Knights Castle

Region: Slovenia   Sleeps: 12

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## Overview

Nestled amidst the tranquil gardens of a seventeenth-century park, the opulent Knights Castle offers guests a unique experience in the heart of green Slovenia. Boasting a rich history that dates back as far as the thirteenth century, the six-bedroom castle was originally built by the Knights of Strmol and has been carefully and lovingly preserved, having been fully restored between 2010 and 2012. With breathtaking surroundings and beautiful interiors decorated with a selection of antique pieces, Knights Castle is the perfect place for a fairytale wedding, a special family reunion or a luxury escape to remember in the idyllic Slovenian countryside.

The verdant grounds surrounding the castle boast a fragrant, sloping orchard with a pathway leading to a picturesque fishpond, where you can relax in the sunshine on warmer days. A separate pathway leads guests towards a hidden walled courtyard behind the castle. Adorned with baroque sculptures by the artist Angelo Putta Pozzi, the quaint courtyard offers a dreamlike moment of peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. On the opposite side of the courtyard, an access path descends, eventually leading to a nearby road. For those who wish to explore further, the grounds offer access to a larger park with an artificial lake and a charming cafe.

At the northern entrance steps, guests at Knights Castle will be greeted by imposing Atlas statues by Angelo Putta Pozzi, while the statue of a crocodile, affectionately known as 'Ms. Hribar's pet', provides another fascinating and entertaining insight into the castle's history. The scenic views from the castle continue inside, where guests will find the splendid 'red lounge' on the ground floor. Here, everyone can gather together to discuss the day's adventures over a glass of excellent Slovenian wine from



the castle's private cellar. A museum is located on the first floor, offering guests the opportunity to delve deeper into the castle's colourful history.

The second floor of Knights Castle boasts a sumptuous main dining room, perfect for a boutique wedding celebration or an intimate dinner party with friends and family. An elegant piano lounge is also located on the second floor, alongside the castle's six delightful double bedrooms. Each of the spacious bedrooms features tasteful décor, with ornate furnishings and serene views creating a restful ambience. Large en-suite bathrooms also provide guests with every modern comfort, including freestanding bathtubs in which to indulge in a long soak after a day spent hiking in the countryside or enjoying the vibrant streets of Ljubljana. On the third floor of the castle, guests will find the spectacular 'golden salon', the ideal space for an unforgettable gathering with your loved ones.

Boasting enchanting surroundings and an abundance of authentic charm, Knights Castle offers guests a unique and romantic setting in which to soak up the magic of Slovenia.

## Facilities

Bus/Shuttle To Slopes • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Chateaux & Castles • Skiing • Cycling • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Chef/Cook Available • Quirky (Unique) • Wow Factor • Maid Service Included • Cots (Cribs) • All Bedrooms En-Suite • <1hr to Airport • Heritage Collection • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Lakes and Mountains • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Safety Deposit Box • Wine Cellar • Breakfast Included • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Interior

- Red Lounge
- Wine cellar
- Museum
- Dining room
- Piano Lounge
- Golden Salon
- Bedroom 1 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom 2 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom 3 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom 4 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom 5 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom 6 - Double bed, en-suite bathroom

## Exterior

- Walled courtyard
- Terrace
- Lawns
- Sloping orchard
- Lake
- Access to a larger park with a cafe

## Additional Facilities

- Internet/Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- TV
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Parking
- Cot (on request)\*
- Highchair (on request)\*



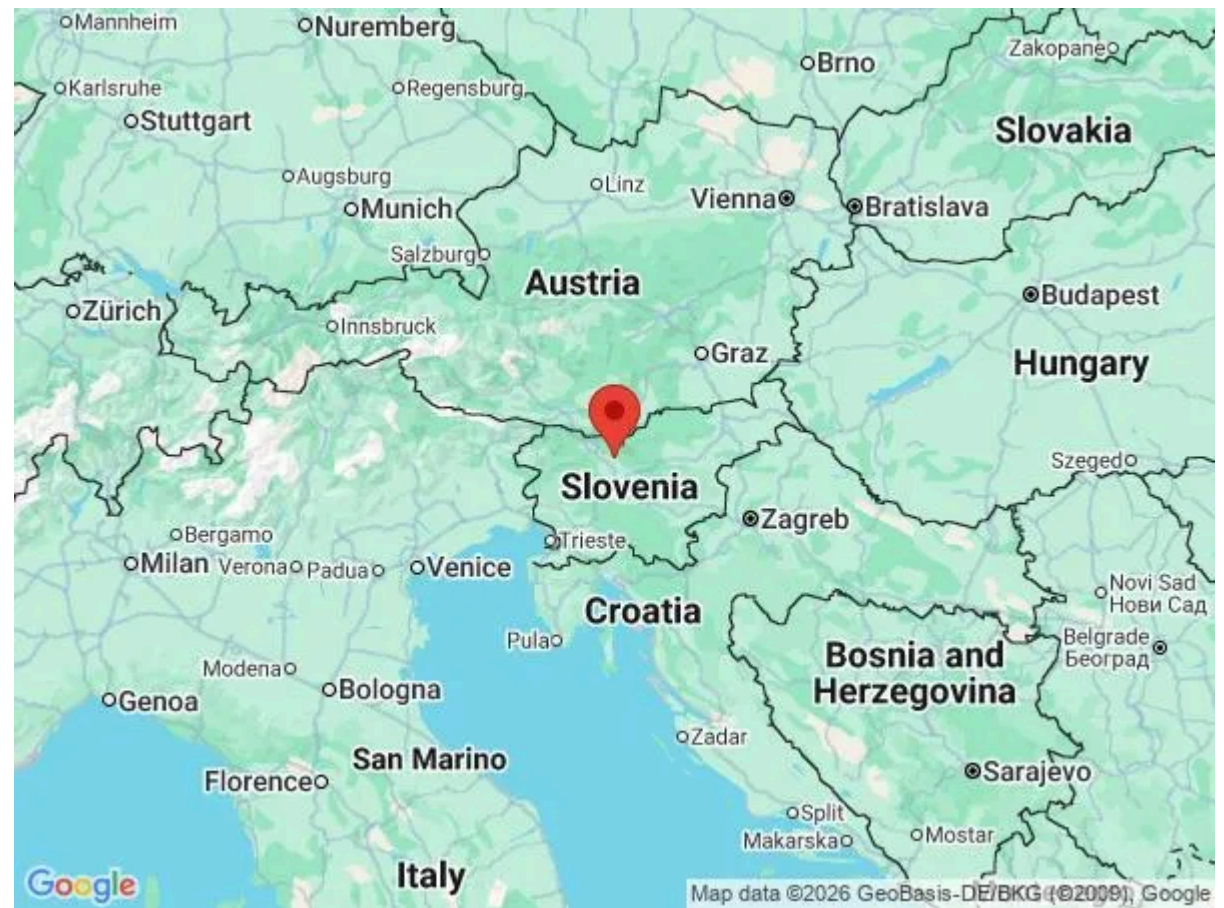
## Location & Local Information

Ideally situated amidst the rolling green hills which surround the traditional Alpine village of Cerklje na Gorenjskem, Knights Castle is only a half-hour drive away from Slovenia's charming capital city, Ljubljana. A network of hiking and biking trails begins in Cerklje na Gorenjskem, while the soft white slopes of the Krvavec ski resort are also within easy reach of the Castle. With Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport only a ten-minute drive away, guests at Knights Castle will settle into their tranquil surroundings with ease.

Keen golfers will be delighted to find the Brdo Estate golf course only a fifteen-minute drive away from the Castle, resting at the foot of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. After a round of golf in the morning sunshine, why not enjoy a stroll around the estate? Make your way back to Knights Castle to enjoy a leisurely lunch prepared using fresh local produce from the Slovenian countryside. History buffs may wish to request a guided tour of the Castle to learn more about its fascinating history, while nature and wildlife lovers can enjoy a stroll to the nearby pond or an afternoon spent birdwatching in the surrounding park.

Nestled where the green Ljubljana basin meets Slovenia's majestic Alpine landscapes, Cerklje na Gorenjskem offers plenty of adventurous routes for hiking and biking enthusiasts. Electric bikes are available to rent from the tourist office in the village, giving you every opportunity to take advantage of your scenic surroundings. Hiking trails around Štefanja Gora and Krvavec offer enchanting Alpine vistas with cosy mountain inns where you can enjoy sampling delicious local delicacies. Foodies can also learn more about Slovenia's fantastic produce and deep connection with its gastronomic heritage by embarking upon a food tour or indulging in an intimate wine-tasting experience.

From your peaceful setting at Knights Castle, drive for just half an hour to reach Slovenia's fairytale capital city. Wander the cobbled streets of Ljubljana's old town, stopping for a coffee before soaking up the atmosphere at



one of the city's vibrant outdoor markets. Cultural highlights include the National Museum of Slovenia and the Museum of Modern Art, as well as the impressive Ljubljana Castle, with its striking position overlooking the city. The stunning beauty of glacial Lake Bled is just thirty-five minutes away from the Castle by car, so make your way there for a day trip to remember. Row to the magical island at the centre of the lake before sampling a traditional Bled cream cake in the warm sunshine!

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport</b> (5.5 km)
Nearest City	<b>Ljubljana</b> (26.5 km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Diners CUBO Golf Ljubljana (Smlednik)</b> (17.6km)
Nearest Piste	<b>Krvavec Ski Resort</b> (4.4 km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Mercator</b> (2.1 km)
Nearest Town	<b>Dvorje</b> (1 km)
Sightseeing	<b>Lake Bled</b> (39.5 km)

## What we love

- Dating back as far as the thirteenth century, Knights Castle has been lovingly restored to offer guests a truly unique experience amidst the enchanting natural beauty of the Slovenian countryside.
- We dream about spending sunny afternoons wandering the beautiful grounds of the castle, strolling through the private stone courtyard before stopping off for lunch by the lake.
- We love the hiking and biking trails near Knights Castle, with stunning Alpine vistas and cosy mountain inns serving local delicacies.
- Only half an hour away, a visit to fairytale Lake Bled is a must! Rent a rowboat to explore the picturesque shores of the lake before enjoying a well-deserved Bled cream cake.

## What you should know...

- Please note that due to safety reasons guests cannot access the professional kitchen, but castle staff are available to prepare a dinner, lunch or snacks. Prices available on request.
- Knights Castle offers accommodation for up to twelve guests. The castle is available for private events.
- We recommend that young children remain supervised whilst exploring the castle grounds.
- Parking is available on-site.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection
- **Arrival time:** 12.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 12.00 p.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Events and celebration parties are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside.
- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Tax:** Tourist Tax of €2.00 per person per night for over 18's and €1.00 per night for 8-17's is not included in the rental price and will need to be paid locally in cash on arrival.
- **Internet access?:** Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access is included in rental price. It is good to note that the speed is dependent on the local provider and technical issues may cause reduced speed or cut of service.