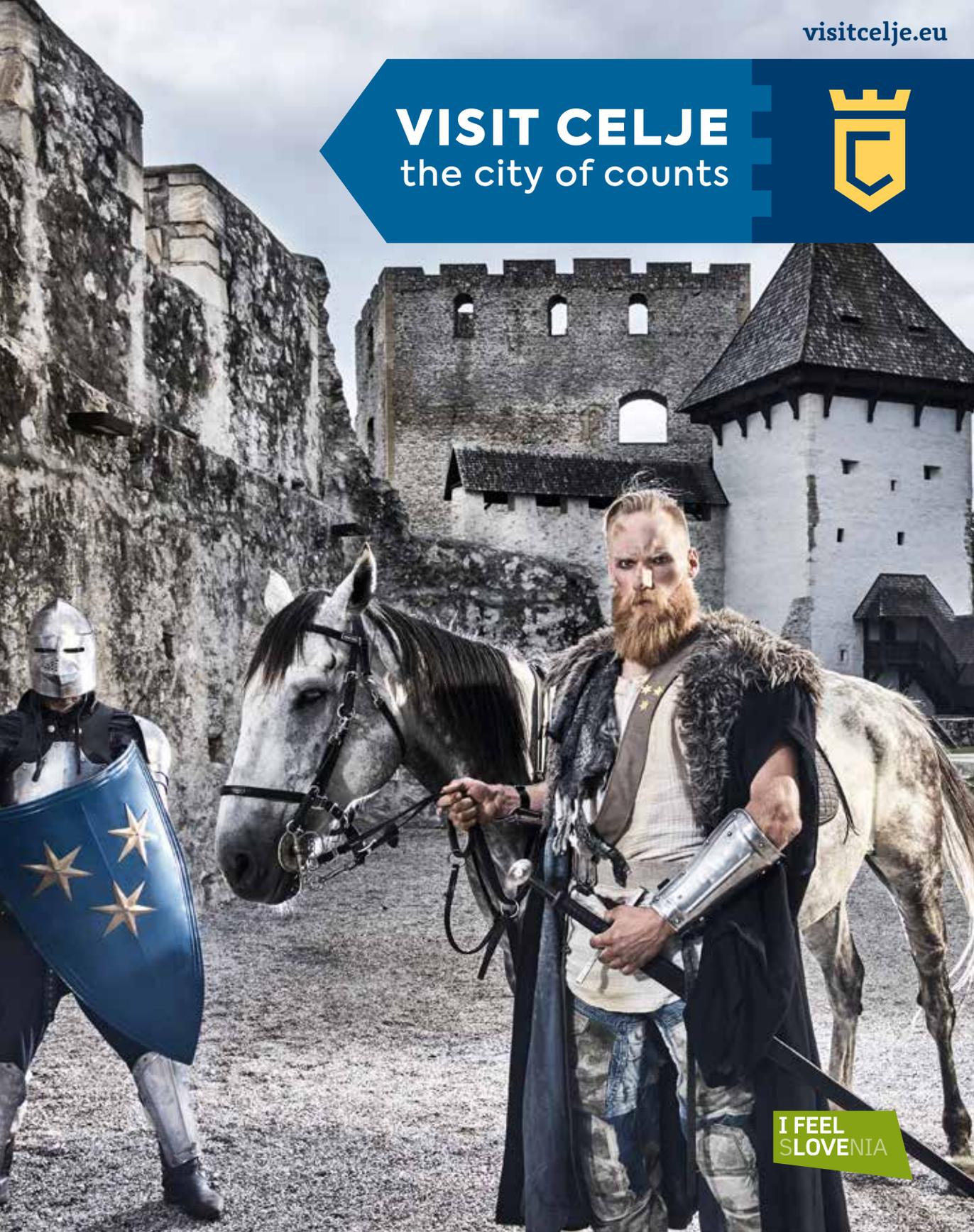


VISIT CELJE

the city of counts



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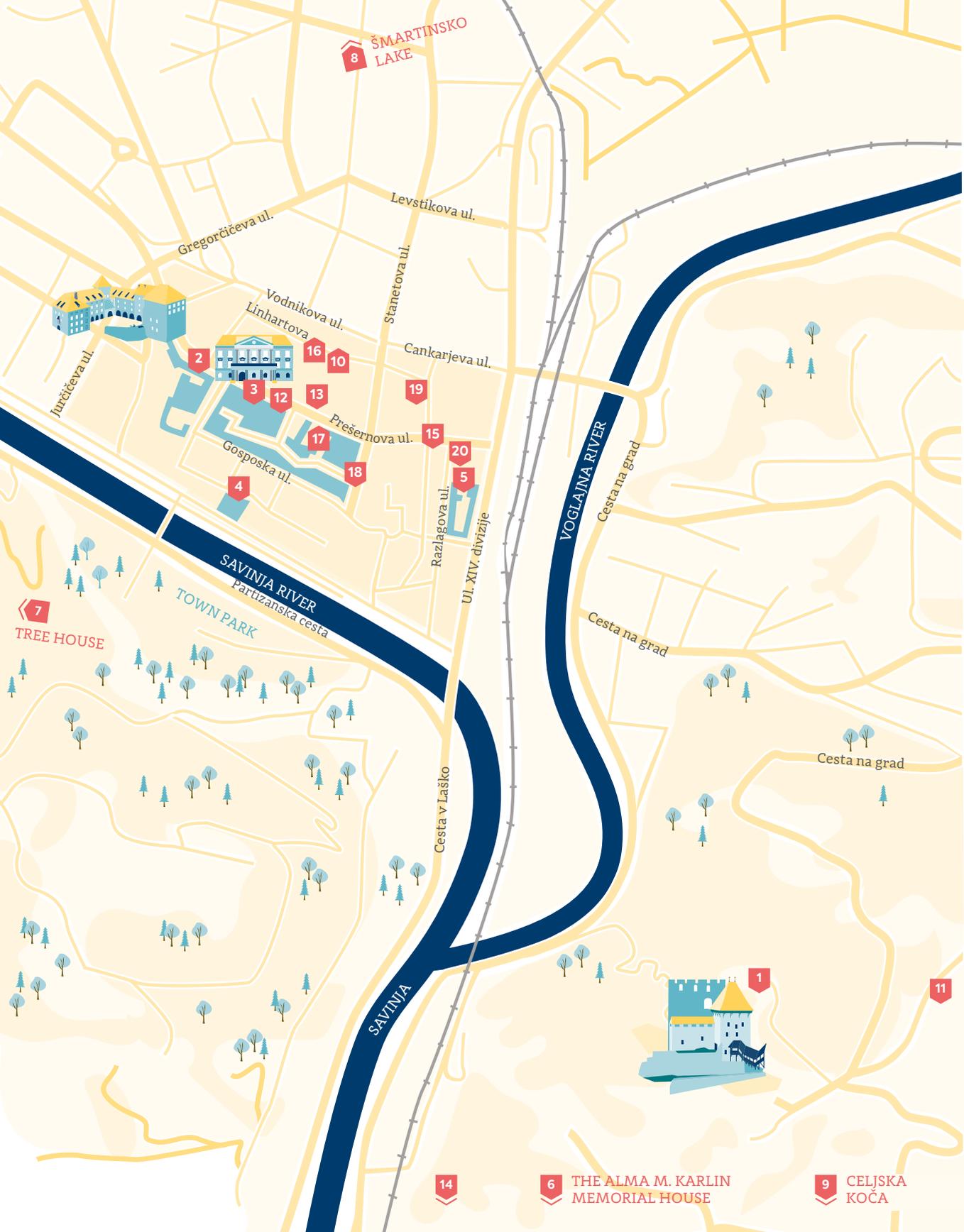
Celje is a city of counts that has always found itself at the crossroads of important pathways. In Celje, you can discover a historical treasure trove dating back to the antique Celeia and the Middle Ages. Mingle with the inhabitants of Celje who share a noble sense of pride in their town.

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For more than half a century, Celje has been guided by three golden stars. This is the city of the Counts of Celje, the most powerful noble dynasty that ever lived in Slovenian lands. Their story reads itself as a plot of a heroic movie filled with duels, daring actions, and intrigue. Do you know that Barbara of Celje, the daughter of Herman II, Count of Celje, was the highest crowned head in Slovenian history?

Even today, the town is dominated by a huge, mysterious castle dating back to the Middle Ages that you can visit every day of the year. In the old centre of town ruled by hedonism, you can to eat and rest like a medieval count. Behind the town walls, armors and swords have long since stopped rattling; however, you can still see how the Counts of Celje built their city on the foundations of the antique town of Celeia, also known as "Troia secunda" due to its splendour. In the blink of an eye, you can find yourself surrounded by nature, be it in the all-year-round sports complex located at Celjska koča, or on the shore of the Šmartinsko Lake. **See you in the City of Counts!**



AROUND THE CITY OF COUNTS

- 1 The Old Castle of Celje:** pride and joy of the inhabitants of Celje and the largest Slovenian castle dating back to the Middle Ages, open all-year-round. Its Living History programme will conjure the Middle Ages every week-end from May to October.
- 2 The Celje Regional Museum and the Royal Court:** an extraordinary exhibition of the Counts of Celje, presenting a mysterious room with their skulls. The basement features the remnants of the ancient Roman city of Celeia, as well as the “Town under the Town” exhibition, representing the first pinnacle of the history of Celje.
- 3 The Museum of recent history Celje:** stories of Celje and its inhabitants in the 20th century, from the World War II and the notorious prison in Stari pisker (“Old pot”) all the way through to the only children’s museum in Slovenia, Hermanov brlog (“Herman’s Den”), boasting a collection of more than 400 toys from Slovenia and abroad.
- 4 The Old County:** the former administrative building of the Counts of Celje, featuring the famous Celje ceiling from the 17th century. The court is hiding new and exciting findings and murals from the antique town of Celeia.
- 5 The Pelikan Photo Studio and Gallery:** the studio of an important Celje photographer from the 20th century where you can have your picture taken.

- 6 The Alma M. Karlin Memorial Home:** the house of an intrepid woman, inhabitant of Celje; as one of the most important world travellers of all time, she left to take a solo voyage around the world at the beginning of the 20th century.
- 7 The urban forest with a tree house:** the green secret of the town, 11 minutes away from the town centre. The forest is home to the largest Slovenian tree house, making the dreams of children come true in the forest canopy, as a wooden observatory providing an insight to the life in the forest.
- 8 Šmartinsko Lake:** an oasis to explore or to relax. You can go around the lake on foot or by bike, or choose to glide over the water in a boat, a kayak or a pedalo.
- 9 The summer and winter centre at Celjska koča:** Celjska koča is an entertainment center all year round. In the vicinity, several hilltops make it possible for you to hike and bike around their trails. In the summer, the adrenaline park or the summer sleigh will provide the most fun, while in winter, you can descend the snow-covered ski slopes.
- 19 Tehnopark:** In Tehnopark Celje anything is possible: 3 floors of fun, 53 interactive exhibits, magical world of illusions, 360 view of Celje. The biggest park of science, technology and innovation in Slovenia is a place where you can play and learn, socialise and be amazed at the world. Visit the world of techno riddles and explore phenomena that tease your brain. Tehno cube is ready to be opened and explored.
- 20 Tropical house:** Visit the Tropical House, where you can explore the life of five ecosystems of the world: the African savannah,

the Asian forest, the Arizona desert, the Amazon jungle and the corner of pets.

HISTORY OF THE COUNTS OF CELJE ON A PLATE

- 10 Oštirka Inn:** *Queen Barbara's Symphony* (beef cheeks, mushroom puree/sea bass filet, potato wedges)
- 11 Pri Kmetec Inn:** *wild meat desire on a plate* (deer leg, bread dumpling with grapes)
- 12 Prešernova 15 Cafe:** *Count Friderik's Board* (salami and cheese from Slovene farms)
- 13 Stari Pisker Inn:** *royal picanha steak*
- 14 Franc Inn:** *the black queen plate* (bear shoulder, home-made polenta)
- 15 Restaurant and cafe of Hotel Evropa:** *forbidden fruit cake* (cheesecake with forest berries)
- 16 Konoba Dalmacija:** *fish bounty* (fish and squid)
- 17 Zvezda coffeehouse and pastry shop:** *Celje rolls* (chocolate roll)
- 9 Celjska koča:** *Ulrich's last feast* (pork hock from the oven, baked potatoes)

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→ For the Old Castle of Celje and the Celje Regional Museum, or the Museum of recent history Celje, or Tehnopark Celje



1 PLAY WITH COUNTS AT THE OLD CASTLE CELJE

The entrance and the walls of the largest Slovenian castle dating back to the Middle Ages will make you feel like you're entering into a saga of the Counts of Celje. You can hear all about it in the tourist information centre or by listening to experienced guides. Visit the tower of the Frederick II and the "Veronika" coffeehouse. Choose one of the lucky souvenirs. The castle gate is open all-year-round.

2 EXPLORE THE HISTORIC CENTRE OF CELJE

Wander through the picturesque streets of the historic centre of Celje, starting with the tourist information centre which doubles as an archaeological treasure. Discover the remains of the Celje defensive wall that Frederick II has had decorated with ancient Roman masterpieces. The best view of these treasures will be provided at the exhibition "Town below the Town" where you can see the foundations of the antique town of Celeia.



3 GET SOME EXERCISE IN THE GREEN TOWN OF CELJE

At any moment, you can find yourself in the midst of green Celje among the hills rising above the town. The hunting reserves of the Counts of Celje are nowadays intertwined with hiking and biking trails. The paths of the town forest will bring you to the biggest tree house. Climb Celjska koča and enjoy the Adventure Park, offering an exciting active break from the rhythm of the town.



AUGMENTED REALITY AT THE OLD CASTLE

The history of the Counts of Celje would not have been so famous without the love story between Frederick II, Count of Celje, and Veronika of Desenice. Visit Frederick's Tower and live through their history using AR technology. You can take the Count's history into your own hands every weekend in the Roman palatio. Use VR glasses, grab the sword, fight the castle guard, or save the enamored Veronika from drowning.

Experience Celje. Play with Counts.

LIVING HISTORY AND MEDIEVAL WEEKENDS

Visit the knights fighting with swords, and ladies-in-waiting who know all medieval games to help you pass the time. From May to October, you can experience living history every weekend. What is a fire spectacle? What did traditional clothes look like? What food did the knights use to restore themselves for new battles? You can learn all that during the medieval event called "Land of Celje invites you", taking place last Saturday in August.

SUMMER IN CELJE AND THE MAGIC OF CELJE

Culinary festivals will invite you to town in spring, but the town is positively magical during summer nights. Old town squares and the castle become a backdrop for more than 100 events within the framework of the festival "Summer in Celje". In the autumn, the town starts preparing for the "Fairy Tale of Celje". In December, visit the fairy tale of light during Christmas and New Year's Fair. Check out other events in the town and have fun with the spectacle of lights!



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