

## About Portoroz

Backed by an idyllic countryside of the Slovenian Istria and flanked by a lively sport marina, Portorož is a Slovenian Adriatic seaside resort and spa town located in southwestern Slovenia. Its spas offer therapeutic treatments based on the mud and brine from the nearby Sečovlje Salina salt pans. The central Portorož Beach is a wide, sandy stretch with wooden piers. The hilltop Church of St. Bernardin is a former monastery from the 15th century. To the south, Seča Park is home to Forma Viva, an area dotted with stone sculptures.

## Hotel Information

There are three hotels in the facilities where the conference will be held:

### GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN 5 \*\*\*\*\*

(Symposium will take place in the Conference Center at this hotel)

Single Occupancy: 150,00 EUR per room per night

Double Occupancy: 180,00 EUR per room per night

[Click here to make a reservation](#)

### HOTEL HISTRION 4\*\*\*\*:

Single Occupancy: 120,00 EUR per room per night

Double Occupancy: 150,00 EUR per room per night

[Click here to make a reservation](#)

### HOTEL VILE PARK 3\*\*\*:

Single Occupancy: 100,00 EUR per room per night

Double Occupancy: 120,00 EUR per room per night

[Click here to make a reservation](#)

Room Rates include accommodation, continental breakfast, free entrance to the Water Park Laguna Bernardin, wireless internet access, parking.

Room Rates are subject to applicable tourist tax of EUR 1,27 per person per night as well as an admission fee of EUR 1,00 per person.

### *Hotel address and phone*

Hoteli Bernardin d.d., Obala 2, SI-6320 Portoroz

+386 5 690 7000

[www.hoteli-bernardin.si](http://www.hoteli-bernardin.si)

## Travel Information

### Getting There

*By Plane*

Although Portorož is served by an airport, it's used almost exclusively by private fliers with rare international flights. The nearest airports are:

Marco Polo Venice Airport, Italy (Venice – 190 km), <http://www.veniceairport.it/en/>  
Airport of Ljubljana, Slovenia (Brnik - 140 km) <http://www.lju-airport.si/en/Main>  
Airport of Trieste, Italy (Ronchi – 80 km), <https://triesteairport.it/it/airport/>  
Airport, Italy (Treviso – 190 km), Tre <http://www.trevisoairport.it/> viso  
Pula Airport, Croatia (Pula – 90 km), <http://airport-pula.hr/>

If you use any kind of public transport, we highly recommend using the GoOpti low-cost shuttle company to reach Portorož. They offer transports from all the airports mentioned above, as well as many train and bus stations, and even custom locations, to the Grand Hotel Bernardin.

<https://www.goopti.com/en/transfers>

### ***By car or taxi***

You can easily reach Slovenia and Portorož via major highways from Italy, Austria, Hungary, and Croatia. The exact address of the venue is:

***Grand Hotel Bernardin***

***Obala 2***

***6320 Portorož***

***phone: +386 5 695 10 00***

***fax: +386 5 674 64 11***

GPS coordinates:

N 13° 34' 9"

E 45° 31' 1"

Please keep in mind that if you travel by car you need to purchase a vignette to use Slovenian motorways. They can be purchased at any gas station within Slovenia, but for peace of mind, we recommend buying them at any gas station just before you enter Slovenia in Italy, Austria, Hungary or Croatia. If you travel by car we recommend buying the 15 EUR – one week vignette.

### **By train**

Although Slovenia can easily be reached by train as there are regular connections with Austria, Germany, Hungary, and Croatia, there are no direct lines to Portorož however, so you have to get to Ljubljana or Trieste (Italy) first, from where you can reach Portorož by GoOpti low-cost shuttle, taxi or bus. You may want to consult the [Slovenske železnice](http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/passenger-transport) (Slovenian Railway Company) website for details. <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/passenger-transport>

### **About Slovenia**

Slovenia borders Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. It is a new member of the European Union. Slovenia has beaches, snow-capped mountains, hills awash in grape vines and wide plains blanketed in sun flowers to Gothic churches, baroque palaces and Art Nouveau civic buildings. Its incredible mixture of climates brings warm Mediterranean breezes up to the foothills of the Alps, where snow falls are possible even during summer. More than half of Slovenia's total area is covered with forest.

Further general information about Slovenia may be obtained through the Slovenia Tourist Board website. <https://www.slovenia.info/en>

### **Currency and banks**

The euro is the common currency of 18 member states of the European Union, including Slovenia. Banks will exchange foreign currency and travellers cheques for euros and vice versa. Changing money is also possible at exchange offices in hotels, petrol stations, tourist agencies, supermarkets, etc.

### **Shops**

Most shops have working hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the week, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays and national holidays you may find some food stores open, mainly in the morning.

### **Medical care**

The level of health care in Slovenia corresponds to European standards. Every foreign visitor has the right to emergency medical care.

### **Climate**

In Portorož, the month of September is characterized by early fall temperatures between 24 and 13 degree Celsius (76-56 degree Fahrenheit).

For up-to-date information on local weather please refer to this daily updated weather forecast for Portorož.

<http://i-weather.com/weather/portoroz/current-weather/location/?gid=3192682&station=4331&language=english&country=slovenia>

### **Visa Info**

#### **Border Formalities and Entry Regulations**

Border formalities are minimal and correspond to European standards. To cross the border, a valid passport will suffice. Citizens of the European Union and some other countries may cross the border using a valid identity card however. Slovenia is party to the Schengen Agreement.

This means that U.S. citizens may enter Slovenia for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa. Your passport should be valid for at least three months beyond the period of stay. All those who need visas to enter Slovenia can get them at the Slovenian embassy or consulate in their country.

There are no restrictions on the amount of cash that European Union citizens can bring into Slovenia, but citizens of other countries may only bring in a maximum of 10,000 euros in cash. Larger amounts must be declared to customs officials.

### **Visa information**

For visa regulations, embassy and consulate contacts please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website [http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry\\_and\\_residence/](http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/) or refer directly to the Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Prešernova cesta 25, Ljubljana, phone: +386 1 478 23 05 or +386 (1) 478 20 00.

In case you need a Letter of Invitation to get a visa contact us at [conferences@asnt.org](mailto:conferences@asnt.org). Please note, that the Letter of Invitation will be issued only to registered participants and after the fee payment.