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Detail of Triumph of Death, Camposanto, Pisa (Photo: Nataša Gregorič Bon)

Sacred Travels 4 Growth

Ljubljana Study Visit

27 JUNE — 1 JULY 2026

Welcome to Ljubljana

Sacred Travels 4 Growth — Study Visit Programme

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Dates 27 June – 1 July 2026

Main venue Gosposka Hall, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU, Gosposka ulica 16, 1000 Ljubljana

At a glance

Sat 27 Jun	Ljubljana — Historical Traces & Heritage-Making	<i>City Museum & guided walk</i>
Sun 28 Jun	Brezje & Radovljica	<i>Pilgrimage site, lunch, Museum of apiculture</i>
Mon 29 Jun	Anthropology of Religious Tourism	<i>Session · MOOC workshop · documentary</i>
Tue 30 Jun	Šmarna gora	<i>Walking seminar · reflective session</i>
Wed 1 Jul	Franciscan Library & Museum and Cathedral of St. Nicholas	<i>Seminary Library · St Nicholas · TRUD</i>



DAY 01 · Saturday, 27 June 2026

Historical Traces & Heritage-Making

Ljubljana — a mini workshop on local history

Meeting point 16:20 in front of the City Museum (Gosposka 15, Ljubljana) [\[map\]](#)

Length Museum visit 1h · walk 1h

As an introductory program of the first day, we will invite participants on a metaphorical and literal walk through the historical layers of the city of Ljubljana. First, a visit to the premier heritage institution in Ljubljana - City Museum - will highlight historical points that are identified as crucial for (self)understanding of Ljubljana's past, while the meeting with the curator staff will enable more complex exploration of specific aspects of the history and the subsequent process of heritage-making. After the visit, a short walk in situ will enable further discussions on the nexus of heritage-making, identity and tourism.

DAY 02 · Sunday, 28 June 2026

Brezje & Radovljica

*Pilgrimage site and medieval town***Meeting point** 08:30 · Trg francoske revolucije [\[map\]](#)**Highlights** Basilica of Mary Help · pilgrimage lunch · Museum of Apiculture

Guided visit to the major pilgrimage site, the **Basilica of Mary Help in Brezje** ([marija.si](#)), including participation in a religious ritual and a guided visit to Radovljica, a small medieval town.

Schedule

08:30	Meeting at Trg francoske revolucije
10:00	Participation in the Holy Service at the Basilica of Mary Help in Brezje
12:15	Lunch at the pilgrimage restaurant Pr'Finžgar
13:45 – 15:00	Meeting with site managers
15:15 – 15:30	Departure for Radovljica
16:00	Visit to the Museum of Apiculture in Radovljica (guided tour)

Radovljica is a small medieval town in the northern Gorenjska region, known for its well-preserved old town and its role as a local cultural and religious centre. The Museum of Apiculture presents the rich tradition of beekeeping in Slovenia — inscribed in 2022 on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Bees, and the relationship between bees and humans, have a special centuries old and world-famous tradition in this region. This is also evidenced by the fact that 20th May, the birth date of Anton Janša (1734–1773), the first imperial beekeeping teacher in Vienna and the so called father of modern beekeeping, born in Breznica, a village near Radovljica, was declared World Bee Day in 2017.

DAY 03 · Monday, 29 June 2026

Pilgrimage from the Anthropological Perspective & MOOC Workshop

Session · MOOC workshop · documentary screening

Venue Gosposka Hall, Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU, Gosposka ulica 16, 1000 Ljubljana [\[map\]](#)

Zoom us02web.zoom.us/j/88123014202 · Meeting ID: 881 2301 4202 · Passcode: 530766

Morning session – Pilgrimage from the anthropological perspective

08:55	Arrival at Gosposka Hall, Gosposka ulica 16, Ljubljana
09:00 – 09:05	Greetings of the Dean PS ZRC SAZU, Asst Prof. Jani Kozina
09:05 – 09:15	Asst Prof. Nataša Gregorič Bon — Introduction
09:15 – 09:45	Asst Prof. Marjeta Pisk — Catholic pilgrimage in Slovenia
09:45 – 10:15	Asst Prof. Nataša Rogelja Caf & Asst Prof. Špela Ledinek Lozej — Caminoization in Slovenia
10:15 – 10:45	Asst Prof. Maja Petrovič-Šteger — Sensing the Sacred in the context of Orthodox Christianity
10:45 – 11:30	Coffee break

Afternoon Session - MOOC workshop

11:30 – 13:30 MOOCs workshop by Prof. Dane Munro & Prof. Noel Buttigieg (University of Malta)

To ensure coherence, quality, and a consistent learner experience, each partner is asked to submit five 'big ideas', including a concise descriptive title, before the study visit to Slovenia. In this workshop we will discuss and answer matters pertaining to:

- Course aim
- Course objectives
- Rationale
- Learning outcomes
- Target audience description
- Six-unit course structure

- Assessment activities
- References
- Author biography / copyright

The guiding principle is that each MOOC is not simply a collection of lectures, but a structured learning journey that supports the overarching mission of *SacredTravel4Growth*: enhancing knowledge, skills, innovation, sustainability, and professional excellence within the field of sacred travel and religious tourism.

Afternoon — documentary & discussion

13:30 – 16:00 Lunch

16:00 – 17:30 Documentary screening — *Common Roads: Pilgrimage and Backpacking in the 21st Century* (2013) by Tommi Mendel

17:30 – 18:00 Discussion with the author (TBC)

Whereas the label of «pilgrim» is still mostly associated with devout persons leaving home for purely religious motives, young people taking to the road as «backpackers» are generally perceived as pleasure seeking globetrotters. Questioning these stereotypes, the filmmaker followed one young woman along the Way of St. James through France and Spain and another one through Thailand, Cambodia and Laos.

DAY 04 · Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Walking Seminar to Šmarna gora

Green, eco-friendly visit and interactive reflective session

Meeting point 08:35 · Bus station at Gosposvetska, next to Hotel Lev, Vošnjakova ulica 1, Ljubljana [\[map\]](#)

Tip Please download the [Urbana card](#), or prepare a Visa / Mastercard to pay the bus fare (€1.50)

A green, eco-friendly visit to Šmarna gora, a hill rising 664 metres above sea level. We will walk for 30–45 minutes. On Šmarna gora we will visit the Baroque Church of the Mother of God, built in the first half of the 18th century, and meet the site managers and custodians.

Schedule

08:35	Bus station at Gosposvetska, next to Hotel Lev, Vošnjakova ulica 1
09:15	Church of St. Jurij (George) in Tacen, meeting with Jure Šilc, a local historian— short history of pilgrimage to Šmarna gora
09:30	Pleasant hike to Šmarna gora with pauses by the chapels
11:30	Meeting with Miha Ledinek, ex-manager of the inn and custodian/steward of the fortified church complex
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Interactive reflective session with Asst Prof. Nataša Rogelja Caf and Asst Prof. Špela Ledinek Lozej



DAY 05 · Wednesday, 1 July 2026

Franciscan Library & Museum and Cathedral of St Nicholas

Guided tour of the Seminary Library, St Nicholas and Pilgrimage Agency TRUD

Meeting point 08:45 · Prešeren Square / Prešernov trg [\[map\]](#)

Schedule

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| 08:45 | Meeting at Prešeren Square |
| 09:00 – 10:45 | Guided tour of the Franciscan Library & Museum and Cathedral of St Nicholas |
| 11:00 | Meeting with the director of the Pilgrimage Agency TRUD (Krekov trg, Ljubljana) |

A guided tour of the Franciscan Library, the oldest library in Slovenia and one of Ljubljana's hidden gems. The visit continues at Ljubljana's Cathedral of St Nicholas, the city's main Catholic cathedral since the early 18th century. The tour concludes with a meeting with the director of the Pilgrimage Agency TRUD.