Travel

The nearest airport is Fraport Slovenija (Ljubljana Airport) that is 30 km from Ljubljana. Public transport with a bus from the Ljubljana airport costs around 4€ one way and departs every full hour. Several shuttle services are possible with pre-booking. GoOpti organises shuttle transfers every half an hour from Ljubljana Airport. We have established a shuttle service pickup web page partnering with GoOpti for participants arriving at nearby airports and from the venue or hotels at the return trip. Participants can book and pay the service by themselves. See the figure for possible shuttle service pickups locations. More details are available at the event registration page.

About PRACE

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European HPC Summit Week 2018 in Ljubljana will gather main HPC stakeholders in Europe. Similar to previous years also this edition will offer a wide variety of workshops covering a number of application areas where supercomputers are key, as well as HPC technologies and infrastructures. European HPC Summit Week also offers a great opportunity to network with all relevant European HPC stakeholders, from technology suppliers and HPC infrastructures to scientific and industrial HPC users in Europe.
About Ljubljana

Legend has it that Ljubljana was founded by the Greek mythological hero Jason and his companions, the Argonauts, who had stolen the Golden Fleece from King Aeetes and fled from him across the Black Sea and up the Danube, Sava and Ljubljanka rivers. They stopped at a large lake in the marsh near the source of the Ljubljanica, where they disassembled their ship to be able to carry it to the Adriatic Sea, put it together again, and return to Greece. The lake where they made a stop was the dwelling place of a monster. Jason fought the monster, defeated it and killed it. The monster, now referred to as the Ljubljana Dragon, found its place atop the castle tower on the Ljubljana coat of arms.

Today, Ljubljana is a city of culture. It is home to numerous theatres, museums and galleries, and boasts one of the oldest philharmonic orchestras in the world. In Ljubljana the old meets the new; and it seems that history has spent all of the settlement’s five millennia preparing it to become the nation’s capital. It has managed to retain traces from all periods of its rich history; from the legacy of Roman Emona; through to the Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau periods characterised in the house fronts and ornate doorways of the city centre, the romantic bridges adorning the Ljubljanka river, the lopsided rooftops and a park reaching deep into the city centre.

Accommodation

For the European HPC Summit Week the following hotels reserved rooms which are available through the registration page up to a month before the conference:

- **Grand Hotel Union** - 40 rooms @160€/179€ single/double bed - valid until 27 April 2018
- **Grand Hotel Union Business** - 25 rooms @160€/167€ single/double bed - valid until 27 April 2018
- **Hotel Lev** - 10 rooms @104€/121€ single/double bed - valid until 27 April 2018
- **Central Hotel** - 25 rooms @95€/110€ single/double bed - valid until 27 April 2018
- **Hotel Park** - 40 rooms @110€/120€ single/twin bed - valid until 28 April 2018
- **Best Western Premier Hotel Slon** - 20 economy+10 comfort rooms @129€/149€/164€ economy single use/comfort single use/comfort double use - valid until 28 March 2018
- **Hotel Mekšiko** - 50 rooms @89€/108€ double single use/double bed - valid until 27 April 2018, 10 rooms until 11 May 2018
- **City Hotel** - 40 rooms @120€/130€ single/double bed - valid until 5 April 2018
- **Hotel Bit Center** - 32 rooms 40-96/54€/58€ single/twin/triple bed, reservation code: HPC

Tourist tax is estimated to be 1.27€/night for 2018 and is not included in the above prices.

Sightseeing

The venue at Pravna fakulteta is located nearby the Dragon Bridge, adorned with famous dragon statues, appears in the most recognizable images of Ljubljana. If you haven’t been photographed next to a Dragon Bridge dragon, you can hardly claim that you have visited Ljubljana.

The Ljubljana Castle, a mighty medieval fortress, a symbol of the Slovenian capital Ljubljana is an interesting tourist point, the idyllic grounds for long strolls just a glance away from the lively city centre.

Tivoli Park is Ljubljana’s largest and most beautiful park, stretching right into the city centre. It was designed in 1813 by the French engineer Jean Blanchard and created by joining parks, covering an area of approximately five square kilometres, together.

Conference dinner and visit to Postojna cave

Postojna Cave is the heart of the picturesque Slovene Karst. It was discovered in all its grandeur in 1818. Today it is famous for being one of the most diverse karst caves in the world. Nowhere else is it possible to admire so many different subterranean karst wonders in a single cave system. In 200 years, it has already hosted 35 million visitors from around the world. Nowhere else but here, have visitors for 140 years been able to take a ride with a special cave train which takes you around under magnificent underground arches, through an amazing landscape dotted with playful limestone sculptures.

Right next to the entrance to the queen of all caves is where the Jamski Dvorec Mansion is located. It was renovated into a modern event centre and is the perfect venue for unforgettable events, including corporate and state events at the highest level. In the Jamski Dvorec Mansion you will get to taste the flavours of Slovene cuisine, in particular from the Notranjska-Karst region. The restaurant at the mansion is well-known for preparing food the way it used to be done in the old days – in traditional old-style copper pans. You will thus be able to try modern versions of dishes prepared according to old recipes.