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The Aqualutra Centre of otters

Otters, mysterious water martens which try to keep their lives hidden from people, are one of the most endangered species in Europe. Otters can be found only in clean waters which makes them an excellent indicator of the quality of the water habitat and natural environment. The most vital members of the otter population in Slovenia live in the Goričko Regional Park in the north-easternmost part of the country. At its Aqualutra Centre, otters are studied as part of the European Life project.

The Museum of Coalmining

The Coalmining Museum of Slovenia is one of the best visited museums in the country. Thirteen years ago it was moved from its former premises at Velenje Castle to a new, authentic location, the deserted pits and galleries of the Velenje coalmine about 180 meters underground. The Velenje mine is the largest and most modern coalmine in Slovenia, with the Coalmining Museum being the only underground coalmining museum in this part of Europe.

Fala Castle

Slovenia was once a land of castles and manor houses, yet throughout the centuries many of these majestic buildings turned into ruins. The future of Fala Castle not far from Maribor also looked fairly dim, but a decade ago it was bought by entrepreneur Milan Slavič who turned it into an exciting museum and a great venue for various events.

Painter Franko Vecchiet

The Trieste artist, Franko Vecchiet, is considered one of the most prominent painters of the border area between Slovenia and Italy, which is also home to a considerable Slovenian minority. For decades, he has been part of both the Slovenian and Italian art scene, and has also managed to gain recognition elsewhere, particularly as a printmaker. He is a lecturer in Venice, Paris and in the United States.

Hotedršica

Hotedršica is a village in central Slovenia, not far from the town of Logatec, which has put a lot of attention into the protection of its local ethnological heritage. Particularly interesting is its almost 300-year old mill, having one of the most unique locations in Europe, since it was built just above a natural sinkhole.


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