

Mining heritage in Slovenia

as touristic attractions

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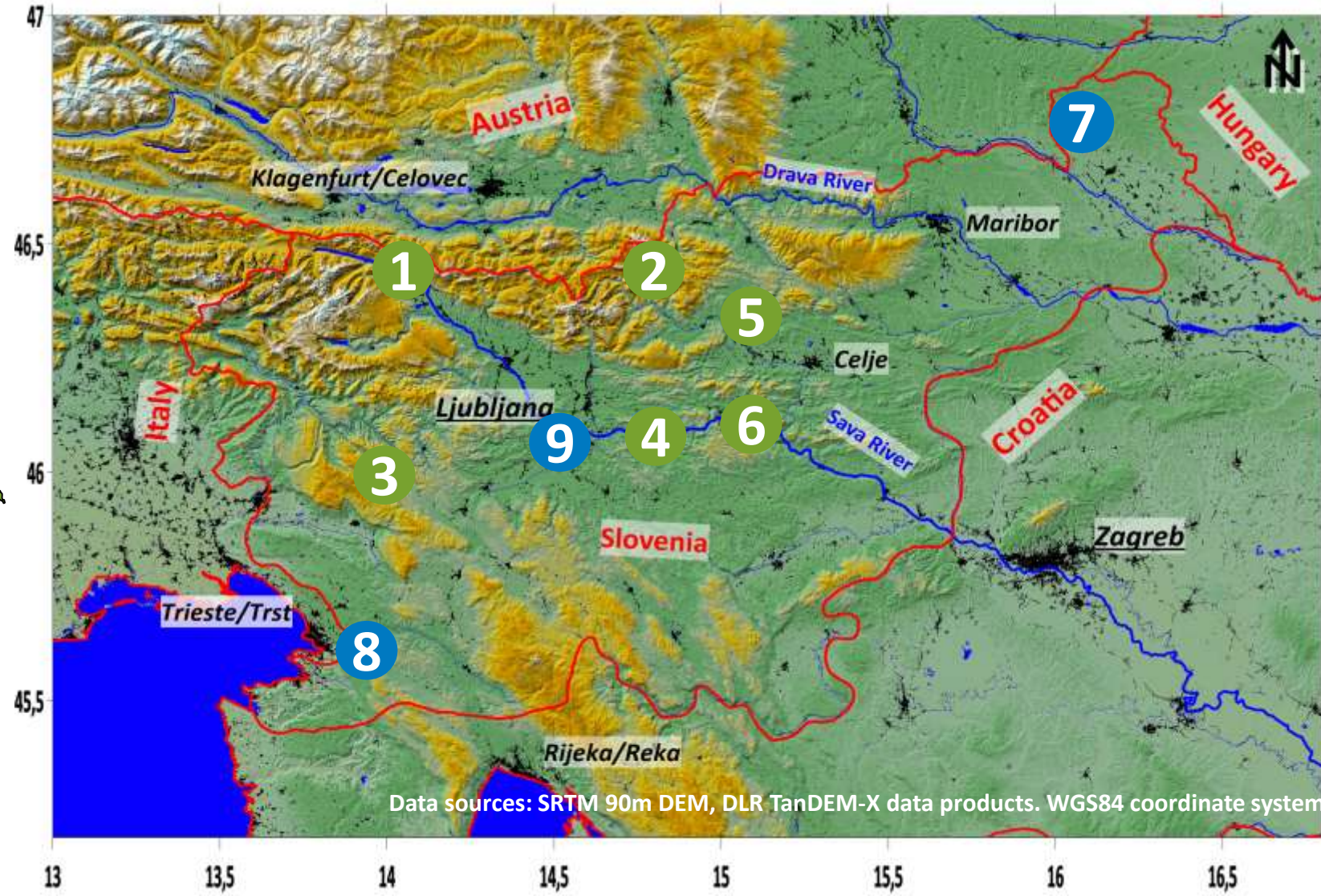


Mine museums

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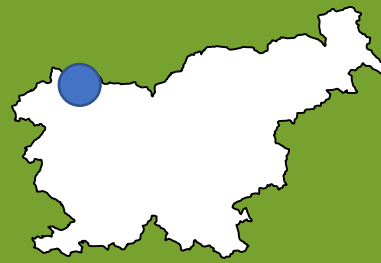
Other geologic sites worth mentioning

- 7 - Vulkanija park
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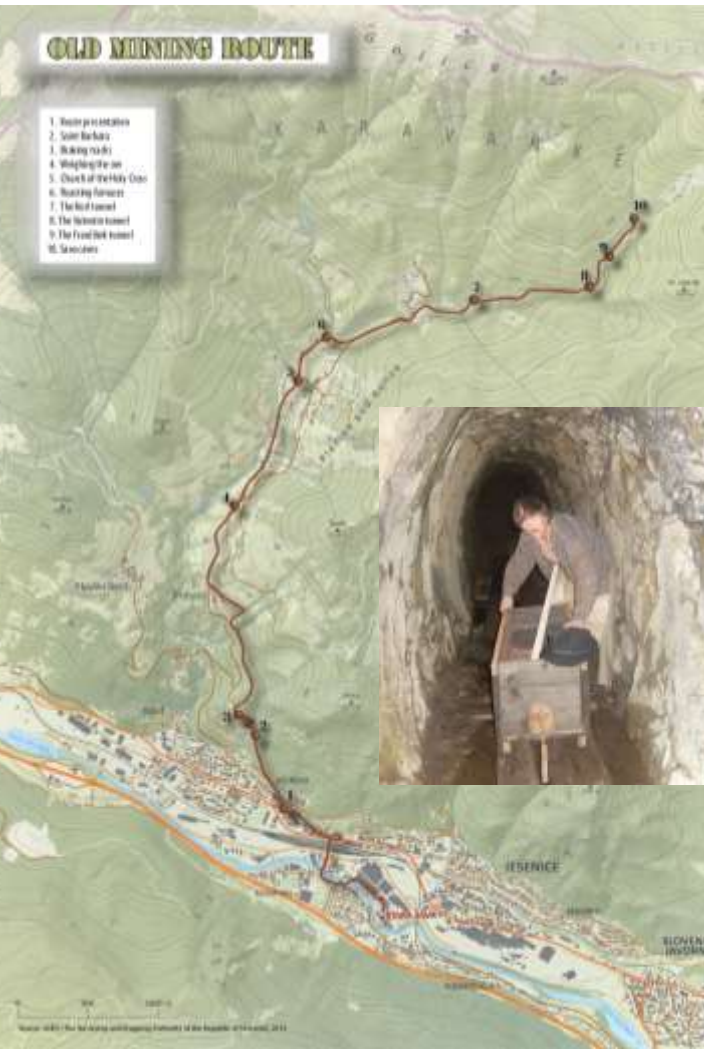
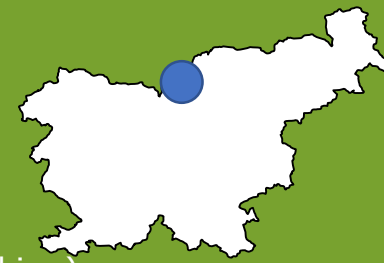
Savske jame Fe mine

- One of the oldest documented mine site in Slovenia, from 1381
- Siderite ore was excavated
- Today the site is accessible as a hiking pathway with touristic information tables



Mežica Pb-Zn mine

- MVT Pb-Zn mineralisation
- Galena, sphalerite, wulfenite, cerusite
- Recorded mining activities from 1424 - 1994
- Today the site is a mine museum and offers unique underground adventures (cycling, kayaking)
- It is the main attraction at the Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark



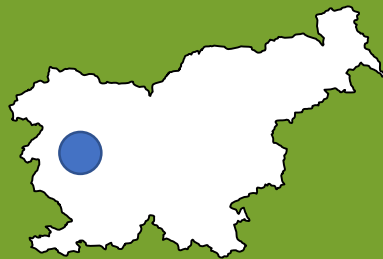
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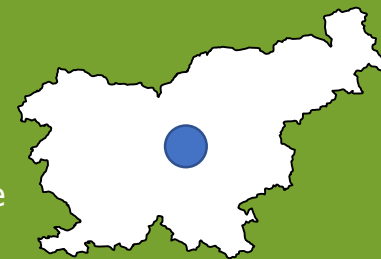
Idrija Hg mine

- Epithermal mercury deposit
- Monometal and monomineral (cinnabar and native Hg) deposit
- The second largest Hg mine in the world at the time
- Mining from 1490 - 1995
- Today the site is rearranged as a mine and smelting museum
- UNESCO world heritage site 'Heritage of Mercury. Almadén and Idrija'
- Partner of the Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark



Litija polymetallic mine

- Polymetallic hydrothermal vein deposit
- Galena, sphalerite, cinnabar, chalcocopyrite, baryte
- Mining from 1537 - 1965
- The mine has been converted into a museum



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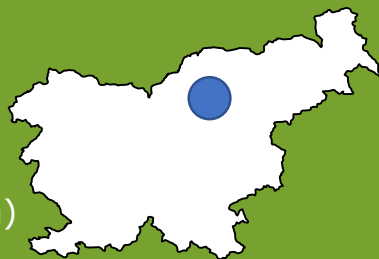
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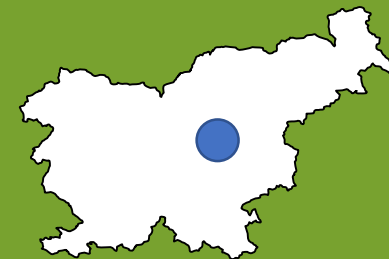
Velenje lignite mine

- Active lignite underground mine
- Thickest lignite layer in the world (up to 123 m)
- Mining from 1875 - today
- Older parts of the mine have been converted into a museum



Zagorje coal mine

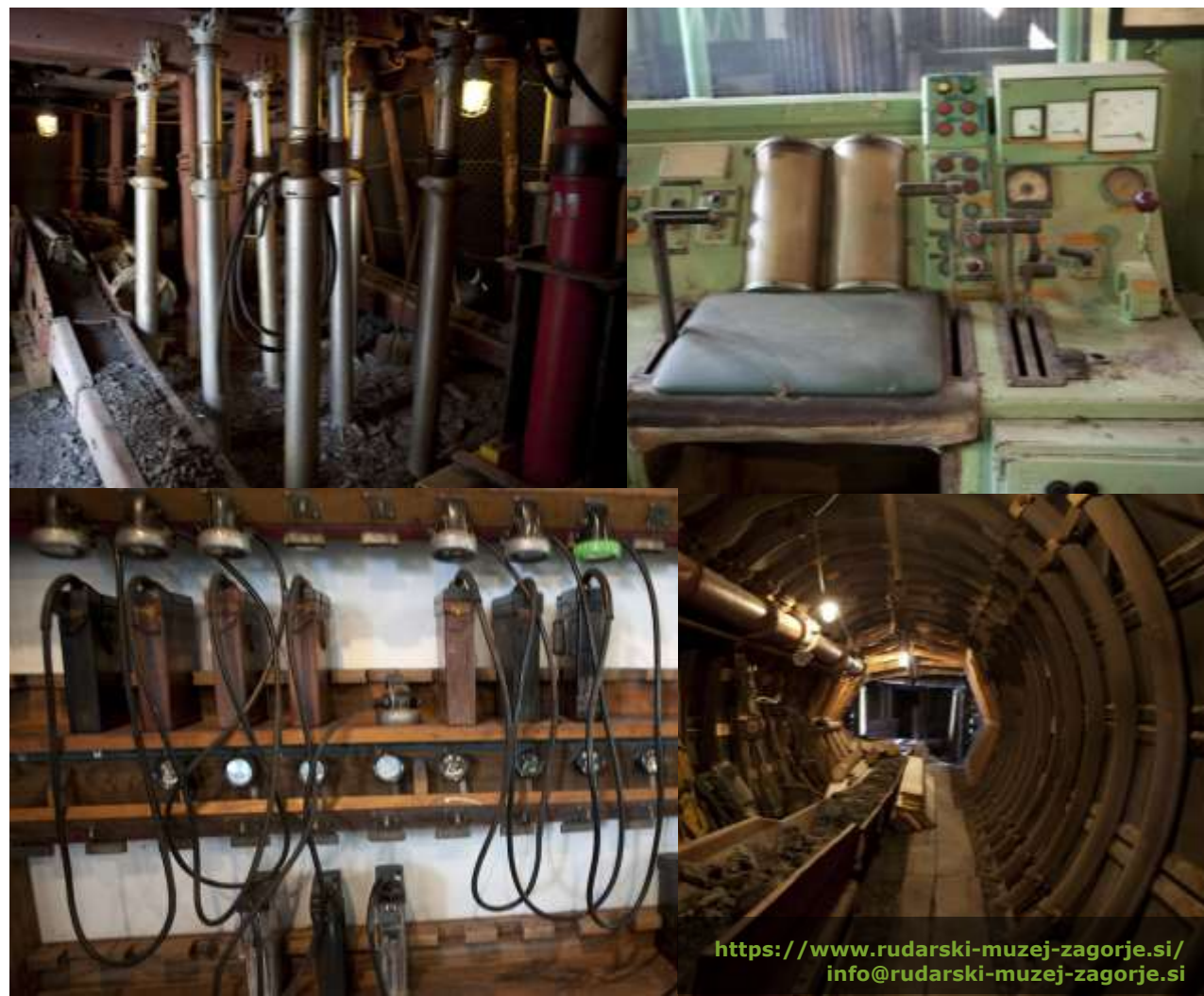
- Historical coal mining area
- Mining from 1755 - 1995
- The museum exhibits mine machinery and simulations of mine workings



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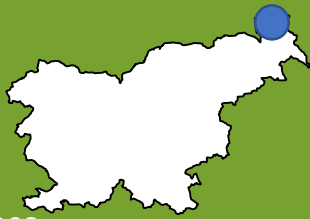


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Vulkanija park

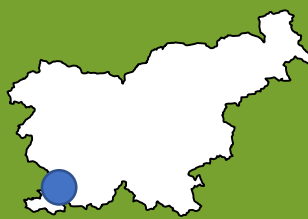


- Neogene vulcanism
- Amusement park about volcanoes with geological museum and abandoned basalt tuff quarry with olivine crystals
- Interesting for all age groups



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Škocijan caves



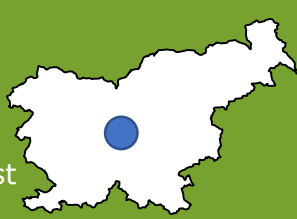
- One of the largest natural karstic caves in Slovenia and also one of the largest underground canyon in the world
- RAMSAR, UNESCO and Natura2000 site



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Slovenian Museum of Natural History



- Since 1821, the first and the oldest museum in Slovenia
- Treasury of geological heritage and biodiversity
- Žiga Zois mineral and ore collection
- Mineral Zoisite is named after a Slovenian natural scientist Žiga Zois



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