

## Urban beekeeping in Ljubljana

**Wednesday, 18:00, be(e)fore welcome drinks**

Presentation of urban beekeeping in Ljubljana, guided tour of the hives on the roof of the B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park and tasting of urban honey and mead. Guide: **Gorazd Trušnovec**, beekeeper and president of the Urban Beekeeping Society.

**Meeting point for those interested: at 18:00 in front of the reception desk at B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park**



“In Slovenia one in 200 people is a beekeeper. The country’s beekeepers’ association, backed by the government, initiated World Bee Day, an annual event celebrated on 20 May, the birthday of Slovenian pioneer apiarist Anton Janša (1734–1773). While bee populations are declining worldwide, Slovenia has had no major losses due to pesticides in recent years – a major cause of bee loss. In 2011, it was the first European country to prohibit the use of certain neonicotinoids proven harmful to bees. There are also no reported cases of colony collapse disorder, when an entire colony of worker bees disappears leaving the queen behind.

There are around 330 beekeepers in Ljubljana, and approximately 4,500 beehives. Bees thrive in Ljubljana for several reasons. Food is abundant in the city’s numerous parks and flower meadows. There are 65,000 registered trees, and authorities now only plant nectar-bearing trees. Ljubljana is also surrounded by forested hills less than three kilometres away in any direction, which is within the bees’ top effectiveness range for collecting nectar and pollen. Bees are indicative of a clean environment – a good affirmation of Ljubljana as one of the cleanest cities in the world.” (from: *The Guardian*)



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