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The City Municipality of Kranj is located in the central part of Gorenjska, Slovenia’s northwestern region at the foot of the Alps. It has a population of 52,000 and covers an area of 148 km$^2$.

The City of Kranj is situated 385 meters above sea level and has a favourable geographical position at the intersection of major highways running from northern Europe to the Adriatic and from Western to Eastern Europe. Roads from the border crossings at Jezersko, Ljubelj, the Karavanke Tunnel, Rateče, and Podkoren lead here. Kranj is seven kilometers from the international airport at Brnik, and the transcontinental railroad from London to Istanbul runs through it.
Kranj lies in the **Gorenjska region** which is a land of high peaks, deep Alpine valleys, clear lakes and rivers. Kranj, lying in the embrace of high mountains and not far from the nation’s capital called Ljubljana, offers various kinds of experience from exploring old castles and churches to visiting modern museums and art galleries and invites visitors to experience nature at its most beautiful.

The historical centre of Kranj is now surrounded by new buildings and settlements, behind which a field called Kranjsko polje spreads showing off its meadows and woods with numerous settlements. The main street in the centre of Kranj, carrying the name of our greatest poet France Prešeren, is a pedestrian zone.
The Kokra river has cut a narrow and picturesque gorge through the very centre of Kranj.

A view from the right bank of the Sava river looks magnificent. Under the glorious Mt. Storžič (2132m) pyramid even the town landscape looks pyramid-shaped. Kranj has had the shape of a pyramid with the city wall and its defence towers at its base and topped by its church towers since the Middle Ages. The highest part of a building is the top of the belfry of the Parish church of St. Kancijan. On the right it descends over the belfry to the rosary church, then to the belfry of the church set to protect against the plague at Pungart, and to the end of the balcony. On the left you can see over the top of a
modern skyscraper and the conduit tower. The Medieval-like image of the town – in 1649 it was published by a topographer Merian – shows an even more beautiful **landscape pyramid**, the left leg of which is formed by two belfries of former orphanage and Franciscan church. Today on the same spot is the Creina Hotel, the Globus supermarket, the Gymnasium and the Municipality building.
There is one hotel in the centre of Kranj, several in the suburbs and one atop of Šmarjetna gora. **The Creina Hotel** is situated in the town centre in the immediate vicinity of the Globus department store, a bus station and the old part of the town with numerous shops. The hotel has 89 rooms (166 beds) and a large parking space in front of it. Every room is furnished with a bathroom, a toilet, a direct telephone line and a TV set. There is also a restaurant with 200 seats, a bar, a beauty parlour, a hairdresser's, a banquet hall with 50 seats. At the hotel you can enjoy dance music, various festal receptions, parties, banquets, wedding ceremonies and parties.

Atop Šmarjetna gora (646 m), a small hill above the town of Kranj, there is a lovely hotel called **The Bellevue** - from the top of Šmarjetna gora, visitors have a magnificent view of Kranj and its surroundings as well as the entire Ljubljana Basin.
Access to the hotel is simple for cars and also for buses. In front of the hotel there is a large parking place. The hotel restaurant can accommodate up to a hundred and sixty quests for different celebrations, gatherings and seminars. In the warmer seasons a large garden is also available. At weekends between October and March you can dance to pleasant music. The traditional celebrations such as St. Martin’s day, New Year’s Eve, Valentine dance, Shrove Tuesday etc. are held here. Next to the hotel there is the renovated St. Marjeta church.
With the ever increasing quality of their goods and services, Kranj firms have competed successfully in world markets for many years. Kranj has maintained its more than 500-year-old fair tradition and hosts numerous trade exhibitions of international importance every year. Especially well developed are the large tire, footwear, textile, and electronics industries, while middle-sized and smaller companies and manufacturers are increasingly making their mark. The hard-working people of Kranj take great pride in the worldwide success of their companies.

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Sava Tires was founded in 1997 with the signing of a contract between the American Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and Sava d.d., a Slovenian rubber company with an 80-year tradition. Sava Tires produces and markets tires for passenger cars, vans and trucks, for agricultural, industrial and construction machinery, motorcycle tires and vehicle inner tubes.

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However, in Planika Shoe Factory the legal bankruptcy procedure was started in November 2004.
Kranj is the most important **educational centre** of the Gorenjska region (Carniola). There are seven primary schools in its centre and some more in the suburbs. Secondary education schools are Gymnasium, Technical School Centre, Biotechnical School, Textile School, Secondary School of Construction, Secondary School of Economic, Commercial High School.

The city also boasts a theatre, a museum, three libraries, a music school, a hospital, several banks, a health centre and Gorenjska’s regional television and radio station etc.
Restored old mansion and its beautiful garden

Restored alpine-style house, a beehouse & Šmarjetna gora
BASIC DATA

Population: 52,000
Height above sea level: 385 m
Average summer temperature: 19 °C
Average winter temperature: -3 °C
Bus station
Railway station
The Brnik Airport – Aerodrome Ljubljana: 7 km East from Kranj
Primary schools: 7
Secondary schools: 7
Vocational College: 2
Faculty of Organizational Sciences
Currency: Slovene tolar (SIT)