**1 ticket to 11 museums**

Ljubljana museums’ collective special offer for the summer

**This is the time to see the treasures at home! The International Center of Graphic Arts, Moderna galerija – MG+MSUM, the City Museum of Ljubljana, the National Museum of Contemporary History, the Museum of Architecture and Design, the National Gallery of Slovenia, the National Museum of Slovenia, the Slovene Museum of Natural History, the Slovene Ethnographic Museum, the Slovene National Theater Museum and the Slovene School Museum are spotlighting one globally famous protagonist from their collections each. This summer you can see them all at the very affordable price of €8.00 for a single ticket and €16.00 for a family ticket. This special offer lasts from 1 July through 30 August.**

“There are numerous world-famous artworks and museum items in Ljubljana. Do you know them? Come see outstanding museum exhibits without having to travel abroad. Several Ljubljana museums have joined forces to give you a special welcome: Until 30 August 2020 you can visit 13 venues with a single ticket!” says the promotional brochure.

This year our Museums on a Summer Night event saw so many visitors we were encouraged to do more. Hoping to attract domestic tourists and provide them with ideas for spending the summer while not traveling abroad, 11 Ljubljana museum institutions have come together in a joint action.

And what are the must-see cultural heritage items this summer? A Neanderthal flute, a prehistoric wooden wheel and axle, chinoiserie figurines, a ceremonial pipe of peace, the Škofja Loka Passion Play, works by Slovene impressionist painters, Zoran Mušič’s *We are not the Last…*, an old classroom, Stojan Batič’s studio, the Enigma encryption machine, Marina Abramović’s *Rhythm 0*, and Saša Mächtig’s K67 kiosk.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF GRAPHIC ARTS

**Two Icons: Sculptor Stojan Batič and the Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts**

The 1950s saw an unexpected flourishing of the Slovene art scene. One of the most prominent figures on it was the sculptor Stojan Batič, while the international biennial of graphic arts made Ljubljana more cosmopolitan.

CITY MUSEUM OF LJUBLJANA

**5200 years made visible: The oldest wooden wheel and axle in the world**

The wheel is surprisingly accurate and very skillfully constructed: wood contraction and expansion are taken into account, while the manner of attachment and joining is highly ingenious. This technological perfection coupled with their venerable age places the wheel and axle at the pinnacle of world cultural heritage.

MG+MSUM, MUSEUM OF MODERN ART  
**Zoran Mušič, *We are not the Last…*, 1970**Zoran Mušič is among the internationally best-known Slovene 20th century artists. His series *We are not the Last…* is based on his experience of incarceration in a concentration camp, and his message is that such horror should never happen again.

MG+MSUM, MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART METELKOVA  
**Marina Abramović, *Rhythm 0*, performance, 1974**Marina Abramović is the world-renowned “first lady of performance”. *Rhythm 0* is one of her most radical performances in which she went so far as to put her very life in potential jeopardy. The artist donated her work to Moderna galerija for its international Arteast 2000+ Collection.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

**Enigma - the World War II riddle**

The Enigma machine is an encryption machine used by the German armed forces during World War II. It is estimated that the Allied decipherment of German messages significantly shortened the duration of the war. The Enigma machine kept by the National Museum of Contemporary History is a standard 3-reeled model.

MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

**Saša J. Mächtig, Kiosk K67, modular architectonic system, 1967**

It was conceived as a flexible multipurpose structure that could potentially be extended ad infinitum, in countless compositions and configurations. With its smooth plastic shell, the Kiosk has been a characteristic feature in the streetscapes of many urban centers in former Yugoslavia, Eastern Europe and elsewhere since the 1960s.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF SLOVENIA

**Collection of Slovene impressionist paintings**

The emergence and development of modernism in our parts are presented through 100 ambitious works of art showing the influences of centers such as Munich, Vienna, Paris, and the inspiration drawn from Slovenia’s landscapes and character. Ivan Grohar, Rihard Jakopič, Matija Jama, Matej Sternen and other old masters.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SLOVENIA

**Neanderthal flute, the oldest musical instrument in the world**

The oldest musical instrument in the world, the 60,000 years old Neanderthal flute from the cave of Divje babe, is of exceptional importance in understanding the cultural development of our ancestors. It testifies to the fact that the Neanderthals were innovative and sensitive people capable of artistic expression.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SLOVENIA – METELKOVA

**Chinoiserie figurines at the peak of European porcelain design**

The figurines of four Chinese were made around 1763 by one of the most famous European porcelain designers, Franz Anton Bustelli, in Munich. Though no longer complete, this table decoration is considered to be one of the best of Bustelli’s works produced at the peak of European porcelain design.

SLOVENE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

**Leonora – the museum’s largest exhibit**

The 2003 discovery of a more than 13-meter long young female humpback whale carcass off the coast of Slovenia was remarkable, as was the method by which experts managed to obtain its complete skeleton without damage.

SLOVENE ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

**The Baraga collection and a ceremonial 19th century pipe of peace**

Thanks to the Slovene missionary to the United States Frederic Baraga, the first non-European collection of objects from the Great Lakes region was assembled as early as 1837. The ceremonial pipe stands out as one of the best preserved specimens of its kind from that time worldwide.

SLOVENE THEATRE INSTITUTE – THEATRE MUSEUM

**In anticipation of the Škofja Loka Passion Play 2021**

The Škofja Loka Passion Play, a monument of Slovene theater included in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, is among the oldest still staged processional plays in Europe. It will see its next performance in 2021, on the occasion of its 300th anniversary. At the Theater Museum you can learn about its theatrical and historical contexts.

SLOVENE SCHOOL MUSEUM

**In the classrooms of old, the rod was not spared**

The reconstruction of a classroom from the second half of the 19th century gives you an opportunity to try out some old writing utensils, such as a dip pen and a slate. A special feature is a display of punishment methods.