

Paragliding

The Emerald Trail is an active nature amateur's paradise. Among sport activities attracting an increasing number of those fascinated by adrenaline adventures to the Soča Valley today, **paragliding** with outstanding thermals, steep mountain slopes and unforgettable panoramic views offers top flying opportunities and long cross-country flying above the Julian Alps. This brochure highlights three major take-off areas: **Kobariški Stol**, **Kobala** and **Lijak**.



1 KOBARIŠKI STOL

With its setting of high Julian Alps peaks, Kobariški Stol is a paragliding pilot's paradise. Its over 20 km long panoramic ridge tops provide extraordinary opportunities for long cross-country flights and large-scale competitions.

Weather conditions: The ideal conditions are with a very weak general N or NE wind for cross-country flights and a weak SW wind for local flying.

With the general SW wind and thermals, the wind usually intensifies quickly. As the highest take-off in the Soča Valley, Kobariški Stol is often the only take-off above the inversion layer, providing opportunities for thermal flying.



DESCRIPTION OF TAKE-OFF:

A meadow in the middle of a vast, grassy mountain slope.
Suitable wind direction: SE, S, SW.
GPS (dd° mm.mm): N46° 16.36, E13° 28.39.
AMS altitude: 1405 m.
Airspace: Allowed up to 2900 m AMSL.
Take-off difficulty level: Easy.
Flying difficulty level: Moderate to demanding (cross-country flights).
Suitable for beginners: Yes, but only in mild conditions.
Access: 27.6 km by car.

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LANDING PLACE KOBARID:

A large meadow on the periphery of Kobarid.
GPS (dd° mm.mm): N46° 14.47, E13° 34.95.
AMS altitude: 230 m.
Difficulty level: Easy.

2 KOBALA

Kobala is a popular paragliding and hang gliding take-off, as well as an excellent starting point for long cross-country flights on the southern crest of the Julian Alps and a well-known competition site.

Weather conditions: The best conditions for long cross-country flights are with a very weak general N or E wind. However, the western wind, more suitable for local flying, will normally predominate.

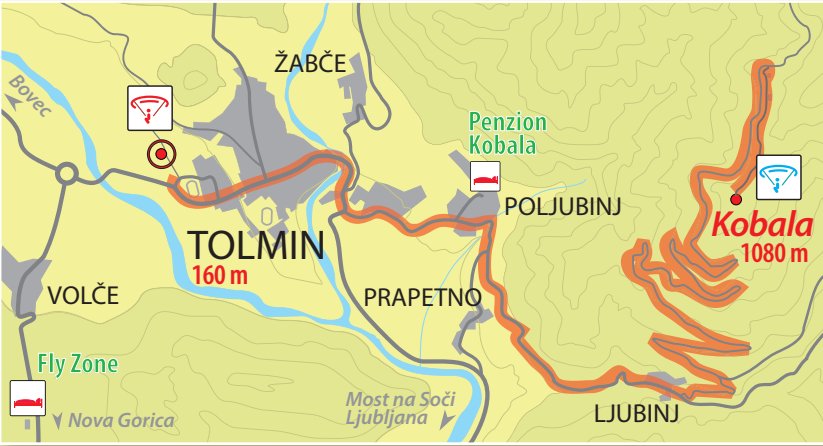
TAKE-OFF AND VIGNETTE MANAGEMENT:

Društvo za prosto letenje Posočje
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www.kobala.si



DESCRIPTION OF TAKE-OFF:

A very large, nicely maintained meadow on the pointed top of the forest-covered Kobala hill. Two take-off directions are possible depending on the direction of the wind.
GPS (dd° mm.mm): N46° 10.86, E13° 46.76.
Suitable wind direction: E, SE, SW, W.
AMS altitude: 1080 m.
Airspace: Allowed up to 2900 m AMSL.
Take-off difficulty level: Moderate.
Flying difficulty level: Moderate.
Suitable for beginners: Yes, but only in mild conditions.
Access: 13.6 km by car, right to the take-off area.



LANDING PLACE TOLMIN:

A big meadow located on the flatland by the Soča river.
GPS (dd° mm.mm): N46° 11.09, E13° 43.33.
AMS altitude: 160 m.
Difficulty level: Easy.



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3 LIJAK

Lijak is one of the most popular flying areas in Slovenia, particularly from autumn to spring when it provides enough thermal activity for enjoyable flying, unlike other take-offs exposed to less sunlight.

Weather conditions: The most favourable flying conditions are with a weak general SW wind. Occasionally, flying is also possible when a weak Bora is blowing higher up in the Vipava Valley, but keep in mind that flying in these conditions is locally restricted and **suitable only for highly experienced pilots – not for beginners!**

TAKE-OFF AND VIGNETTE MANAGEMENT:
Društvo Polet Nova Gorica
www.polet-ng.si



DESCRIPTION OF TAKE-OFF:

A spacious, nicely maintained clearing in a forest located on the sharp edge of the Trnovo plateau.

GPS (dd° mm.mm): N45° 57.81, E13° 43.41.

Suitable wind direction: SE, S, SW.

AMSL altitude: 585 m.

Airspace: Allowed up to 750 m AGL.

Take-off difficulty level: Easy.

Flying difficulty level: Easy.

Suitable for beginners: Yes.

Access: 11.4 km by car and a 10-15 minute walk.

LANDING PLACE LIVEŠČE:

A large meadow by the main road.

GPS (dd° mm.mm): N45° 56.84, E13° 42.74.

AMSL altitude: 60 m.

Difficulty level: Moderate.



There are several other less popular take-offs in the Emerald Trail area: Mangartsko sedlo above Log pod Mangartom, Kanin, and Planja above the town of Bovec, Srednji vrh - Matajur and Kuk - Livek above the town of Kobarid, and one that is particularly worth mentioning, Kovk above the town of Ajdovščina.

For local characteristics, please refer to local pilots and providers. All other information is available on the information board at the take-off and landing places. More detail and information on the flying areas described here, as well as other Slovenian take-offs, can be found in Paragliding & Hang Gliding Guide Book (www.bigopensky.com).

Remember to purchase a vignette.

As pilots, we are mindful of the environment and each other, follow regulations on the land as well as when flying, fly safely and only in suitable conditions, and leave no trace behind. Enjoy spectacular and safe flying!

112 – Emergency telephone number.

147.800 MHz – Official frequency for paragliding and hang gliding pilots in Slovenia (not for chatting).



KAMP KOREN KOBARID****

Camping site

Drežniške Ravne 33, SI – 5222 Kobarid

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ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES: 70 parcels (210 guests) on a 2-hectare surface area, 6 bungalows (24 + 12 beds), snack bar, trip organization, sport programs, sauna, a store with food, eco products and camping equipment, parking, playground, picnic and fire-lighting area, a surprise for cooking enthusiasts, laundry, car wash, computer, Internet, fax machine, telephone, bike rental, sand volleyball court, bowling, climbing wall (for children and adults). LOCATION: Kobarid, on the left bank of the Soča river.

The Koren camping site is a central paragliding camping site in the upper Soča Valley. We offer all information on take-off and landing places and an update on the flying conditions, as well as organized transport to the take-off area. Open all year round.

N 46° 16' 13"
E 13° 36' 39"



GOSTIŠČE JELKIN HRAM***

Paragliding Centre and Guest house

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ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES: 15 rooms, 1 apartment (together 35 beds), restaurant (80 seats), Internet, sauna, massage pool, home kitchen, group meals, guided visits to nearby peaks and first world war remains, bike rental.

LOCATION: Idyllic village Drežnica pod Krnom, at 5 km from Kobarid.

All a paragliding pilot needs is offered in one place! A paragliding test centre, paragliding lessons, tandem flights, weather information, transport to and from the take-off, instructor guidance and consulting. With 20 years of experience, we are trusted by over 20 paragliding schools and clubs from all over the world!

N 46° 15' 26"
E 13° 36' 46"



PENZION KOBALA***

Pension

Poljubinj 6a, SI - 5220 Tolmin

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www.penzion-kobala.si

ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES: 5 rooms, 2 apartments (together 32 beds) with a balcony, wireless Internet connection, hairdryer, satellite television, a safe, 2 restaurants (50 and 35 seats) 2 summer gardens (30 and 25 seats), conference hall (up to 50 persons), outdoor massage pool, motorbike and bicycle storage.

LOCATION: In the modern part of Poljubinj, at 1 km from Tolmin.

We are located at the foot of the Kobala take-off and provide our own landing place only 200 m from the boarding house, which facilitates your return after the landing. You can enjoy a nice drink after particularly good flying on our attractive terrace or regain your strength in our outdoor massage pool. We organize transport to the take-off area. We offer discounts for groups and paragliding schools.

N 46° 10' 51"
E 13° 45' 13"



KAMP LIJAK – NOVA GORICA*

Paragliding Centre and Camping site

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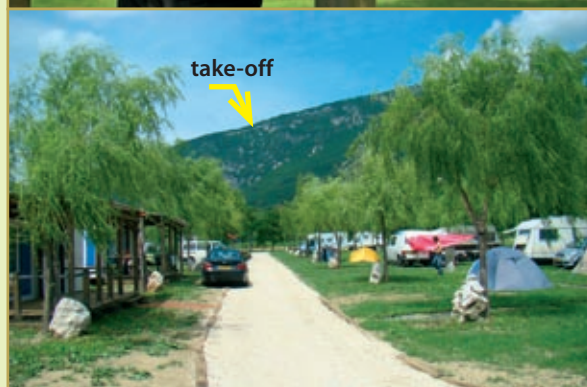
e-mail: lijak@siol.net

www.camplijak.com

ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES: 35 parcels (100 guests) on a one-hectare surface area, 2 mobile houses open throughout the year (8 + 4 beds), parking, playground, picnic and fire-lighting area, laundry, Wi-fi Internet, fax machine, telephone, bike rental, trip organization, and wine tasting. LOCATION: Ozeljan, at 5 km from Nova Gorica.

The Lijak camping site is located directly under the Lijak take-off. We provide all information on flying and weather conditions, tandem flights, vignettes, parataxi services, and mobile house accommodation. In addition, our guests have the benefit of landing right next to their camping site.

N 45° 56' 30"
E 13° 43' 05"



FLY ZONE**

Pension

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ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICES: 8 rooms (18 beds), common-use area with a projector and player, Internet, use of the kitchen area, home ambience, table football, picnic area on a spacious meadow.

LOCATION: Čiginj village, at 4 km from Tolmin.

We provide a wide offer for paragliding pilots: organized transport to all take-offs ("parataxi"), individual and group lessons, weather information, and all information on take-off and landing places and an update on the flying conditions. In a case of bad weather we offer an alternative program.

N 46° 09' 54"
E 13° 42' 35"



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