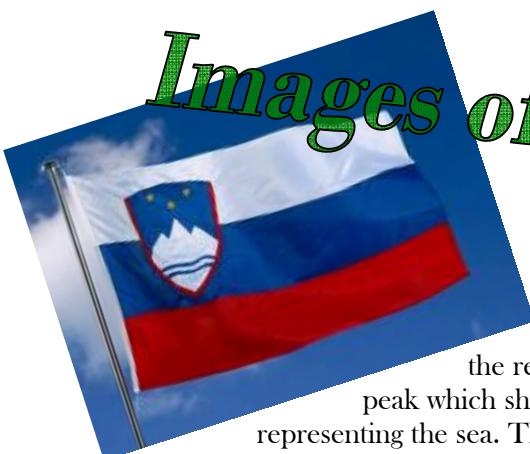


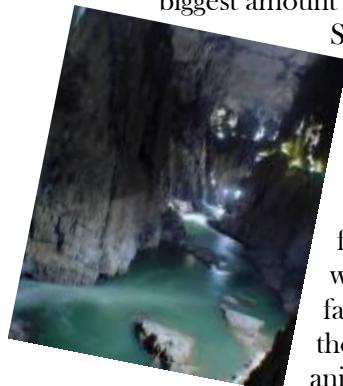
# *Images of Slovenija*

A photograph of the flag of Slovenia, which consists of three horizontal stripes: red (bottom), white (middle), and blue (top). The blue stripe features a white coat of arms in the center. The flag is flying against a backdrop of a cloudy sky.

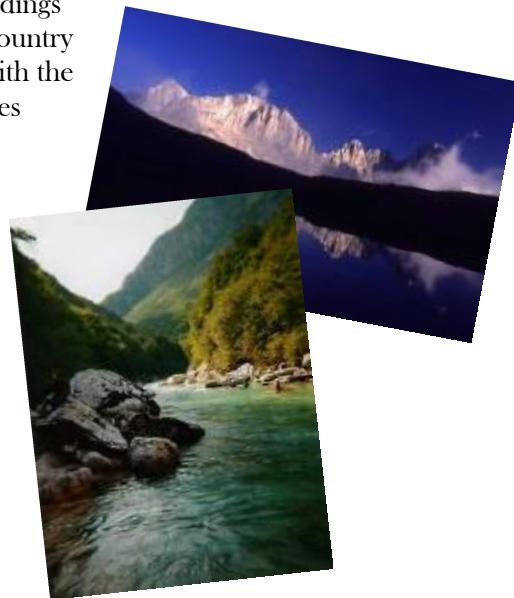
When we have to think of images that represent a certain country, we often think about its flag firstly. It can seem very uninnovative, but the Slovenian flag combines many symbols of our national culture and the region we inhabit - for example: Triglav-our highest peak which shows our bonds to the land-just like the waves under it representing the sea. The three stars above Triglav are symbols of the Celjski Counts, Slovenian medieval landlords. Also the three colours in the background (white, blue and red) have their meaning - they are the traditional colours of the Slavic group which the Slovenians are also part of.

Despite its smallness Slovenia has many outstanding surroundings to offer, so I thought it is necessary to point out that. It is a country of mountains, rivers and forests - it is one of the countries with the biggest amount of forests in Europe so a lot of times

Slovenia is presented like a "Green Country".



If you go under the country's surface you will enter into a fairytale-like underground world which our country is also famous world-wide for. I also thought of including the biggest animal found in the caves-Proteus, but I changed my mind, because they are famous just for the particular cave in *Postojna* and so do not stand for all the caves in the country.



I rather decided to include a picture of other remarkable animal - the *Lipicanec*. The white horse which is naturally born dark gradually gets white when growing up. I chose to mention it because it does not just represent a glorious animal from our region, but it can be treated also like the connection between our region and the Habsburg monarchs who established the famous Lipica stable.

When thinking of which buildings to mention like Slovenian architecture I opted for the Plečnik's Cathedral of Liberty - an unrealized plan for Slovenian Parliament. I was also thinking of including *kozolci*, but then changed my mind, because Plečnik's Parliament it's just an amazing building which could be one of the most outstanding Parliaments in the whole world, showing the world how much does Slovenia worship the democracy.

