
Traditional houses in Slovenia

Selection of houses for the project Home GREEN Home.

Intro

- ❏ Slovenia is a land where Alpine, Mediterranean and Pannonian cultural influences meet in an area of mere 20.000 km².
 - ❏ There are a lot of types of traditional houses. Our country between Italy, Austria and Croatia was once divided into five historical regions: Carniola, Carinthia, Styria, the Primorska coastal and hinterland region and Prekmurje (the land across river Mura).
 - ❏ This division is not official but it has been preserved in everyday conversations and in the styles of our traditional houses.
 - ❏ In only a few hours by car you can discover the beauty of all the traditional houses in Slovenia. Here we will present only three most significant traditional houses: a house in the Kras (Karst), a house in the Alps and in Prekmurje (the pannonian house).
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The house in Kars : Štanjel



- Štanjel is a fortified terraced hamlet which spreads out on a hillside.
- The Karst house dates back to the 14th or 15th century. At first it served as a farm building, later on it was rebuilt and turned into a residence. The upper part of the house became a single room while the ground floor remained a storage space. On the upper floor the window frames are made of irregularly hewn Karst stone.
- The house itself is made of stone and it was built without mortar. It is covered with thin stone slates. Since water is scarce in the Karst area, the house has its own well (»štirna«) for collecting rainwater, which runs into the well down stone gutters.

Alpine house : Kranjska gora

- Liznejk's home, which lies on a main country road, is an authentic Alpine house of Gorenjska. Its present appearance dates back to the end of the 18th century.
- The cellar and the ground floor are made of brick while the first floor is made of wood.
- It is covered with wooden shingles. The wealth of the house is manifested in the painted facade, a stone portal and a carved balustrade of a big wooden balcony («gang»).
- On the ground floor of such a house there is usually a stable/cowshed while on the first floor there is a hayloft and rooms. Such arrangement is typical of the regions where it tends to snow a lot since the lower part of the house where there is cattle keeps the upper part warm.



LIZNEJK'S HOME IN KRANJSKA GORA

The pannonian house : Gorišnica



**DOMINIK'S HOME
IN GORIŠNICA**

- Dominik's home is a house typical of the eastern part of Slovenia where Pannonian lowland starts.
- Since clay prevails in the soil of the area, it was also used in the construction of such houses.
- Houses were simple, small and cheap. The wealthier houses were first made of wood and then thickly covered with clay mixed with straw. After another thinner layer of clay was added, the houses were whitewashed with lime and the lower parts of the houses were painted gray. Houses have thatched roofs made of rye straw.
- The residential part and the farm building were under the same roof. Separate from the house was a wooden outhouse without running water which served as a toilet. It was called »stranišče na štrbunk«.