Hotel Bellevue★★★

With us you can reach the sky…
HOTEL BELLEVUE

The word ‘Bellevue’ means beautiful view, and when you visit the Bellevue Hotel, it will be immediately apparent why the hotel was so named. Come and see for yourself on our viewing terrace, from where, on a clear day, there are views of 20% of Slovenia. The hotel’s nickname is also the ‘Gorenjska view-point’.

From here it is possible to see the famous Bled castle, the peaks of the Karavanke and Kamnik-savinjske Alps, Šmarna gora and the Polhograd dolomites. The view over the town of Kranj and its surroundings is especially picturesque.

The hotel has 15 double-rooms, 2 rooms each with a water-bed and 3 single rooms. All rooms are equipped with a mini-bar, shower, cable TV, internet, telephone and with terrace/balcony. Guests staying in our hotel enjoy being surrounded by unspoilt nature and hospitable people whilst in the hotel restaurant we will spoil you with delicious food and a great atmosphere, enhanced by a number of events.
HOTEL VINEYARD

The grapevines growing on Šmarjetna gora are somewhat unusual. This came about for the following reasons:

- **On the south facing hills** there are terraces which testify to the growing of grapevines in historical times;
- Indirect proof is also provided by the name of this hill 'TORKLA', which means 'press' in old language;
- **Further proof** of the growing of vines in this area is provided by the name of a street in the village of Stražišče, below Šmarjetna gora, which is named Vineyard Street.

More recent discoveries testify that the Freising bishops grew grapevines here **about 400 years ago**.

In the year 2000, the municipality of Kranj received a gift from the municipality of Maribor. This gift was a vine, the **400 year old descendant of a variety of wine from Maribor** called 'modra kavčina'. Then Mayor of Kranj, Mohor Bogataj, decided to plant the vine on Šmarjetna gora and the Bellevue Hotel used this opportunity to arrange its own vineyard.

Our vineyard symbolically connects **three different Slovenian wine-growing regions** – Štajerska, Primorska in Dolenjska.

The **mission** of our vineyard is to promote the world's oldest grapevine and also to present information to our guests from all over the world that Slovenia is, among other things, a **land of vineyards and fine wine**.
CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET

Šmarjetna gora, with its great location above Kranj, is an attractive destination for visitors who can enjoy views over the valley. In the past, and due to its favourable position and views, castle defensive ditches and sanctuaries were built on the top of Smarjetna gora. Today St. Margaret's church, a destination for many pilgrims, still remains.

Nowadays the church celebrates all of the major Christian holidays and conducts a large number of weddings and christenings.

**Tradition** has it that the 'living rock' that can be seen in the right-hand corner of the church is thought to have healing powers and also to emit a strong force of positive energy.

It is not known exactly when St. Margaret’s Church on Šmarjetna gora was built, but it is thought that it was between the 9th and 10th centuries. Šmarjetna was first mentioned in documents dating from 1274. The next source, in 1342, stated that the church had already been renovated. The church is dedicated to St. Margaret, the patron saint of storms and hail.

The church had three altars. The main one was consecrated to St. Margaret, the patron saint of hail and storms; on one side was the altar of St. Elisabeth, the patron saint of sickness whilst that on the other side one was consecrated to St. Katharine, the patron saint of clear mind and intellect.

**In the time of the Austrian emperor Josef II**, when his reforms saw the end of the history of many monasteries and churches in Slovenia, Šmarjetna gora was on a list of unnecessary holy establishments. In 1785 the church was finally abandoned and left to slowly decay for nearly two hundred years, until it was renovated on the initiative of vicar Ciril Brglez from Kranj.

The renovated church has an ancient look. Today, the outside appearance is Romanic although the excavations showed elements of Romanic and gothic style. The gothic statue of the seated Maria, mounted on a rock on the south side of the church dates from the first half of the 16th century. The statue still stands today and is considered of great value.
RESTAURANT

Make your visit really special by enjoying a welcome drink served on the viewing terrace of the hotel from where there are great views of 20% of Slovenia. In the summer, we also serve food and drinks in our hotel garden.

Our wide choice of menus will allow you to choose from a range of delicious. Should you wish to make a special impression on a friend, we will do our best to make this a memorable occasion.

Stuffed Tomato with Liptaure cheese, Vegetable soup with Parmesan Biscuits, Porcini with eggs, Beefsteak desire, Garnished Rump-steak, Pasta with mushrooms, House Risotto, Venison Stew, Grandma’s Trout, Margaret’s Salad, Margaret’s peak.
Our **central hotel restaurant** can accommodate up to 110 guests. It can host business meetings, seminars, banquets, closed groups, concerts, dance evenings and traditional hotel events: St. Martin’s, New Year’s Eve, St. Valentine's dance and more.

Together with our **panoramic restaurant**, we can accommodate up to 250 guests.

Besides the central and panoramic restaurants, we also have a **small panoramic restaurant** that is suitable for groups of up to 40 guests - for closed groups or for lunch/dinner for couples.
The Bellevue Hotel offers you a modern, air-conditioned seminar centre, with three halls which can accommodate groups ranging in size from 10 to 150 delegates. For larger groups, our central hotel restaurant is also available.

The halls are well-lit and all offer wonderful views of the city of Kranj.

All the necessary technical accessories are available to rent together with internet connection.

There is a large free car park available for all attendees.

The Bellevue Hotel's excellent location makes it ideal for seminars. It is far enough away from everyday noise and surrounded by untouched nature, whilst at the same time it is only 4km away from Kranj city centre 13 km away from Slovenia's international airport 'Jože Pučnik' and 25km away from the capital, Ljubljana.
Business meetings, Banquets, Seminars, Workshop, Team Buildings

Concerts, Events, Dance evenings, Garden parties

Anniversaries, Wedding Celebrations, Meetings with friends,

Family lunches, Romantic dinners

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