

Hostel Celica, Ljubljana, Slovenia



A former military prison built by the Austro-Hungarian Army, today Hostel Celica is one of Ljubljana's trendiest guest houses, which adds character to its contemporary façade by 40.

Guests sleep in renovated penitentiary compartments — complete with original barred windows — and can visit the eerie solitary confinement chambers (now a museum) to gain an insight into living conditions during the building's previous incarnation. Modern additions include the opulent Oriental Café and eclectic on-site Srečišče Art Gallery; all of which aid the hostel's goal of fostering friendship in an establishment initially built to divide.

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