



# ŽALEC

green hops and beer capital of Slovenia

**Žalec** municipality is located in the heart of Lower Savinja Valley. It is political, cultural and economic centre of **Lower Savinja Valley** region and also the centre of hop growing and beer production in Slovenia.

The municipality of Žalec covers 117.10 km<sup>2</sup> and 88 % of it are nature areas which are offering a lot of possibilities for fauna and flora observing.  
**23,40 %** of the area are protected nature areas.

There is more and more emphasis on carbon-free forms of mobility, in which Žalec has joined the Nextbike - **Kolesce** system. This bike rental system enables citizens to rent ordinary or electric bicycles at seven locations in the city and its surroundings.

Due to its location, Žalec has always been an important rest stop, which is reflected in the diversity of cultural and historical attractions found in the municipality – there are as much as **27 important historical buildings and four museums** presenting history and tradition of Žalec and surrounding villages.

Landscape covered with hop fields, unique **Beer fountain and Eco-museum of hop growing and brewing industry** are all revealing many hop farms, facilities and hop growing customs.