

INTERNATIONAL SKI TOURING CAMP IN SLOVENIA

YC UIAA CAMP, Komna, JULIAN ALPS, 31. January - 7. February 2004

International Ski Touring Camp in Slovenia found a pleasant base-location in the mountain hut "Dom na Komni" (1520 m), situated in Komna region in Julian Alps. Komna is ideal starting point for ski touring tours in neighbourhood and also a little bit further. Our big family included participants from Austria (3), Spain (2), Switzerland (2) and Germany (2+2) and Slovene team (guides, doctor). Everybody in the group was in good physical and skiing condition, so I think and hope everybody really enjoyed this camp very much... and also the weather was just great for the whole week.

Photo: Elvira Emmenegger.



List of tours and activities:

Saturday, 31. 1. 2004

We all met at the meeting place by the hut "Koca pri Savici" (653 m) after shorter or longer trip to Slovenia (Spanish boys took a 15 hours tour to come here). It was a beautiful, sunny day and we hiked to our mountain home for this week - mountain hut "Dom na Komni" on plateau Komna in Julian Alps. After accommodation in nice rooms we ate dinner and in the evening we had a little social evening with some games (to know each other...). We were tired after long drive and we soon went to sleep to rest.

Sunday, 1. 2. 2004

The first tour was through LEPA KOMNA, POLJANICA to the top of KAL (2001 m). For almost all participants followed the first ski tour in Slovenian mountains, from KAL to POLJANICA. Then we ascent to LANŽEVICA (2003 m), from where we skied the way of access to our home for this week.

In the evening we had great time, spent by social games - to know each other, games to introduce yourself, pairs (what do you and you don't like at your partner, then followed the first kiss or bite), game with stick....

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Monday, 2. 2. 2004

We did the tour through LEPA KOMNA to LANŽEVICA, then we skied a little to dale and then we ascent to VELIKA BABA (2014 m) On the top we enjoyed the great view to the near and distant peaks. Nice skiing from VELIKA BABA, everybody said.... We return back home over saddle BOGATINSKO SEDLO (1804 m) and through GRACIJA valley. We skied BOGATINSKO SEDLO there very carefully (one after one), because of safety and possible danger of some avalanche.

The opening of social evening made Sisi with the game 'how to ring around the table and not to touch the floor'. Most of all did across, only Stefan did also in lengthways. We also played some other games (cards...).

Tuesday, 3. 2. 2004

Where else, if not through LEPA KOMNA to LANŽEVICA (because of safety). But before that we got some education - checking the thickness of snow cover. We did section, profile of snow cover in Norway method. From LANŽEVICA we skied and also stopped for a great break to enjoy our lunch and specially the sun. Then we went up to saddle BOGATINSKO SEDLO. But Ursula, Wolfgang and me went up to saddle SEDLO POD VRH NAD GRACIJO (1890 m) and through LEPA KOMNA back home to the hut. Ursula and Wolfgang had to return back to Germany (job obligations).

All the others climbed MALI BOGATIN (1977 m), skied down by the same way and went up to saddle SEDLO POD VRH NAD GRACIJO and through LEPA KOMNA returned to the hut.



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Wednesday, 4. 2. 2004

That day we decided not to go to LANŽEVICA any more, so we struck out across BRINJE valley and climbed the peak ČELO (2228 m), from where we saw also the Adriatic Sea. We skied over VELIKA VRATA (1924 m) back home. After a rest after lunch played some just funny social games...

In the evening we had slide show – Rok presented us slides of this beautiful area! And of course some games were followed.

Thursday, 5. 2. 2004

That day was just perfect - beautiful, warm, and sunny. Like we ordered it... Perfect day for the longest tour... We set out early in the morning. We went through LEPA KOMNA to saddle SEDLO POD VRHOM NAD GRACIJO, skied down and long till the lake KRNSKO JEZERO (1394 m). Then we climbed up to BATOGNICA (2163 m). We left our skis a little bit under the top and climbed the peak, which is actually flat and we could do a lot of things on it.

Like the day also the powder was perfect and we enjoyed so much skiing to KRNSKO JEZERO. From that lake we went long way up to saddle BOGATINSKO SEDLO. But the effort was worth if it – we had nice sunset and we just could not make for home. So the last ones we came home at the moonlight (full moon...) with their headlamps. It was really

something nice and Marc explained us some more about stars. At the arrival to the hut we were happy to meet Zdenka Mihelic, the representative of MK PZS in UIAA YC and coordinator with them. We had nice social evening together.



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Friday, 6. 2. 2004

The guides decided to show participants also some other part of Komna region. Through GRACIJA valley we climbed up MAHAVŠČEK-VELIKI BOGATIN (2008 m). There we took time, because we could see all places, slopes, peaks, mountains we have done (climbed and skied) in this week of ski touring camp. From the top we skied to the mountain GOVNJAČ (1470 m), some participants with guides but climbed also the top of NA KRESJU (1900 m) and then back home - to enjoyed resting ourselves at the hut terrace.

We realized that this was the last evening together in this camp. So we talked about the whole week, made an analysis and then participants nice surprised us, the guides. They gave us presents – caricatures (drawn by Oriol). It was all so nice and great time.

Saturday, 7. 2. 2004

We packed our backpacks, carried them to the cable car and skied to the valley, just to the hut KOCA PRI SAVICI (653 m). Our next stop was famous Bled, 1000 years old town with the lake (and the island with the church in the middle of it) and delicious fancy cakes ("kremne rezine"). Here we said goodbye to Austrian participants, all the others drove to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. We made a quick sightseeing of Ljubljana and bought some Slovenians typical and good things for taking them back home. Girls from Germany depart us and after that also Spanish guys took their long tour to Spain. With participants from Switzerland we went together to dinner and nice night sightseeing of the rest of old part of Ljubljana. As all good things once ends, also this camp was at the end... we said goodbye and waved with hands at the railway station to the Swiss participants.



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What to say about the camp, when you have so nice participants, beautiful weather and everything it is like you wish it would be... The week was full of interesting experiences and adventures, therefore I hope that everybody got something for himself, let that be new experiences, new friends, stories to be told on long winter evenings or... We promised to meet again, maybe to go to ski, climb mountains or just to meet to have nice time together.

I'd like to thank to Zdenka, who was helping me all the time by organization and connections to participants, federations; and to guides Robi and Rok (for help by leading) and to doctor Matej. And finally I'd like to thank you, dear participants, who beautify and enrich a part of our mountaineering life.

We look forward to participate in further projects within the UIAA Youth Commission, and we all hope to see you in Slovenia – in International Ski touring camp next year.

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