

MONTESSORI Erdkinder of 21st century SUMMER GLOBAL CLASSROOM 2020



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This booklet aims to provide complete information about our Erdkinder of 21st Century project in a convenient format that you can print out or save to view later.

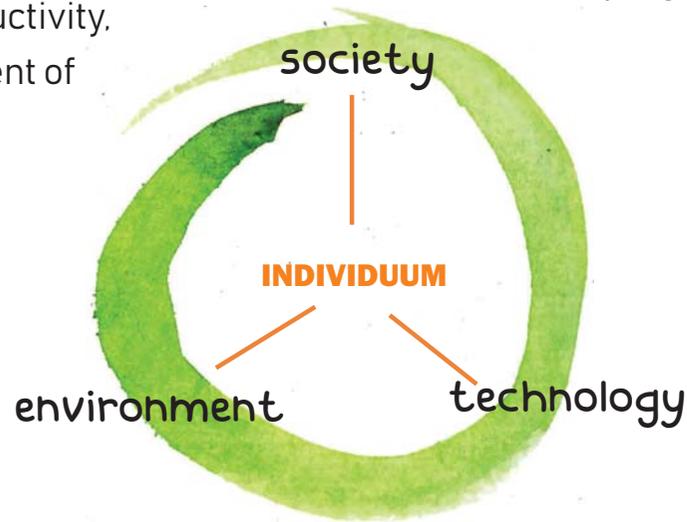
Erdkinder of 21st century

As we know adolescence is a period following the onset of puberty during which a young person develops from a child into an adult. Due to excessive rebellious energy it's well-known fact that it can be pretty hard to handle. But what if we can turn that energy of adolescent in the direction of productivity, curiosity and personal growth in each segment of their life?



ErdKinder was Montessori's answer to adolescence.

The idea was to create the farm which would help the children to gain all the knowledge needed to face the adult phase of life. We took that concept, upgraded it, place it into 2020 and created a program Erdkinder of 21st Century.



Adolescents will live on the camp within small **community**, where everybody should take care for themselves and peers around. Our biggest advantage is that through the time spent in camp, we'll be living hand in hand with science, real knowledge from academic experts.

Our unique innovative program is mixed with **practicality** and a lot of **fun**, to keep focus and curiosity in the place while **living on the farm**. Learning new things and gaining new skills will be accompanied with play time for the students where they will have a chance to do **different activities** from horseback riding, archery, constructing their own playground tools, swimming in the sea, hiking, etc. At evenings we will have a **cultural program** where the groups of students from around the world will present their country and culture, we will play music, sing and dance and before bed we will watch the stars and talk about astronomy.

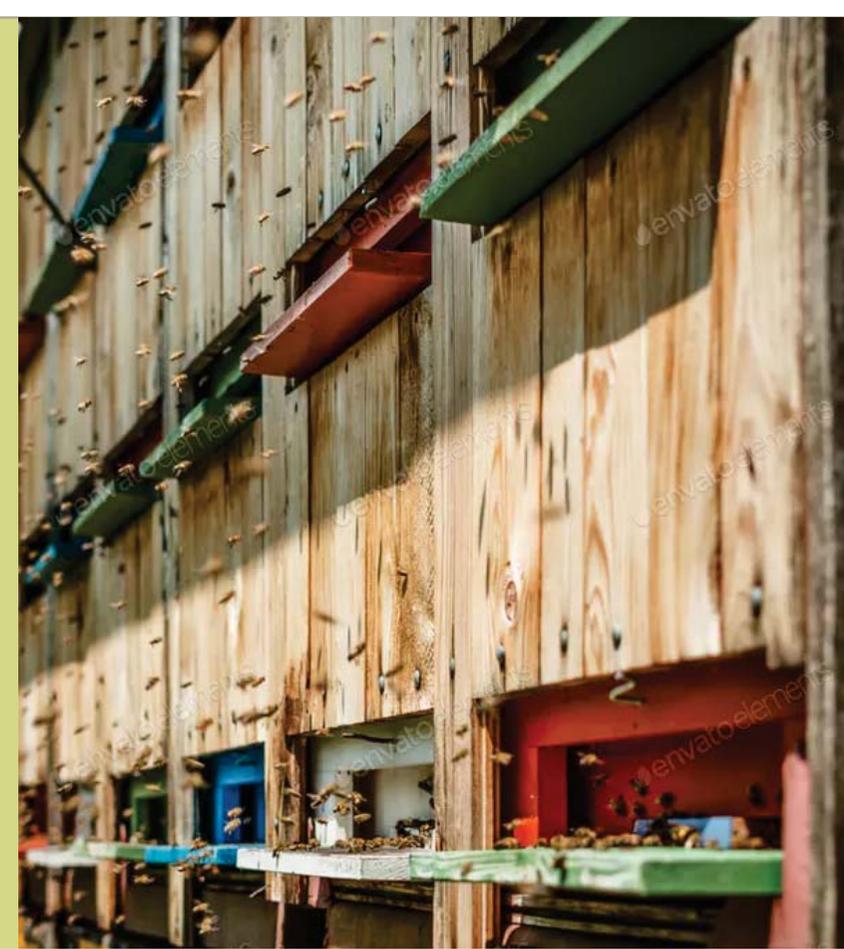


The main topics that we will address in the program of Erdkinder of 21st century:

- global warming,
- how to feed the planet (agriculture),
- how to retain and even revitalize biodiversity,
- smart use of natural resources (especially circling of water),
- smart use of technology,
- self-sustainability,
- entrepreneurship,
- and after all social bonding, culture exploring, social awareness, etc.



All the activities will be done side by side with the professionals, engineers and PhDs.



Expected Classroom Outcomes:

- Improved knowledge with guided academic mentorships,
 - More confidence and clarity,
 - Powerful positive memories,
- Personal development though teamwork and physical achievement,
 - Social development through community activities and excursions,
 - Lasting international relationships,
- Improved English (official camp language) and general communication skills

In the words of Maria Montessori:

"My vision of the future is no longer of people taking exams and proceeding on that verification from that secondary school to the university but of individuals passing from one stage of independence to a higher one by means of their own activity through their own effort or will which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual."



We're a lifestyle for the bright and successful future.

Erdkinder of 21st Century is an innovative Montessori program which will support adolescent programs all around the world and give the chance of creating a global community in one place.

It was beautifully endorsed by the Montessori Heads on AMI Lead conference in Prague May 2018.

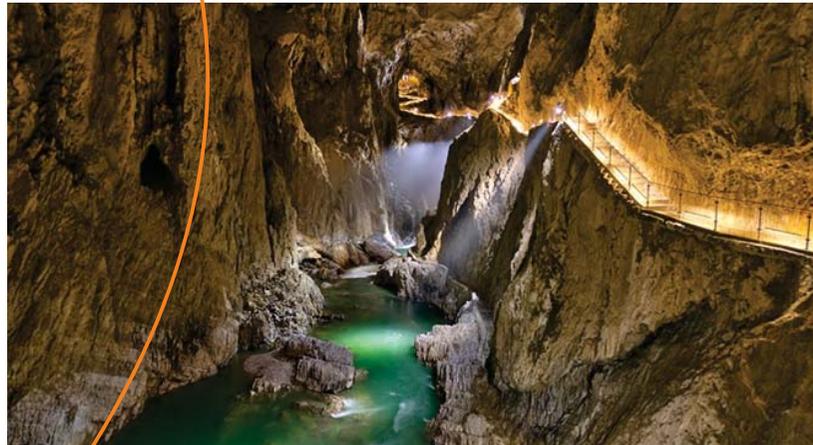
Our bigger **vision** is to share this program with all Montessori Institutions around the globe, **to connect** them and create an outstanding **Global classroom**. We believe that is possible to have at least one Montessori Development Park on each continent in next few years.



Why Slovenia?



Slovenia is distinguished by **unspoilt nature** and a **good quality of life**. Any part of it is reachable within 1hr drive from the capital Ljubljana. You can hike the mountains in the morning and jump into Adriatic see on the afternoon. More than half of its surface is covered by forest which is making Slovenia **one of the greenest country** in the world. It's also one of the **safest countires** to live in, which makes it perfect for International Summer Global Classroom HOST.



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<https://www.slovenia.info>

Montessori Development Park Slovenia

WHAT

Montessori Development Park Slovenia is the main pillar of the Erdkinder of the 21st Century program. It is first of its kind and it perfectly combines summertime camp activities with the practical 'solution-seeking' learning and at the same time a great **opportunity to build a life-long global relationship.** With the help of experts and academic mentors Development Park's main goal is to push the surplus of adolescence's energy towards the right direction of each individual. That unique individual attention to each person is the reason why camp's capacity is limited to the max. 30 students at once.



WHERE

Montessori Development Park is located in **Slovenia, 15minutes away from awardwinning capital Ljubljana.** It's 11th safest country in the world with the most unique and diverse nature on very small surface where this year newest International Montessori Program will take a place.

WHEN

4 summer weeks / **12th of July – 8th of August**
See the Timetables & Prices

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Adolescent will gain more confidence, life skills, global connections and tools for finding and sticking with their purpose on the path of life. **All gained skills will lead the adolescents to successfully develop independence in the adulthood life.**





The Montessori Development Park Slovenia is located on a working farm above the town of Vrhnika, ancient base of Roman empire; Nauportus. To take advantage of the beautiful Slovenian nature, there will be large Tipi tents, which will host all the school participants during their stay. Students clean, cook, and learn to process and preserve farm-grown foods. They are actively involved in the 'community' finances, working with a budget when they shop for the needs. The park is also the center of their social activities, a place to pursue art and to live alongside both their peers and the adult mentors, Montessori teachers and academic experts of different fields.

In addition to the main camp side, there are **numerous workshops** on the property. Students take care for the farm animals, learn handcrafts like woodworking, experiment with horticulture in an alternative energy laboratory and put on performing arts shows. **The main project this year is Electricity or collecting water.** The park is surrounded by forest where the students hike, explore and enjoy horseback riding.

Funders & Team Behind

There's a funny coincidence and parallel of Maria & Mario Montessori's story with the start of our program. It's all about quality mother-son relationship and mutual cooperation. Mother with a clear vision and a great sense for education and scientific pedagogy and son who is helping to deliver her message into the world.



That's exactly the story of Ožbe and Edvarda, founders of Montessori Development Park Slovenia and Erdkinder of 21st Century. Inclusive Montessori Camp was for years a project of their effort and this year they're stepping up the game and revolutionarily sending it into the world.



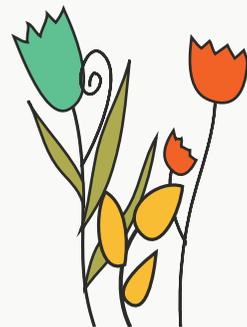


Edvarda Šteblaj - mother of 4 kids, with 15+ years experience in Montessori, the first generation of Montessori experts in Slovenia, cofounder of national Montessori association, first and only Montessori therapist in Slovenia (certified in Germany). In the last 10 years, she established four Montessori kindergardens. She elevated the educational system and now she wants more. Together with her oldest son, she started to develop the program; Erdkinder for the 21st-century which is also her master thesis at Inclusion pedagogy program at University of Primorska, Faculty of Education.

Her cheerful character, optimistic spirit and creative mind help her to look at the future and at the same time respect the tradition. She is aware of global issues and includes them in all of her programs, that she is working on. She understands that all of us have the same human tendencies and that at the same time each of us is individuum. She loves diversity and values the uniqueness of each person. Her passion and life purpose is to incite the potential of every child. She knows that everything in the world is in balance and that our task is to maintain that. She loves her family, her mission and she says **she is looking forward to the future we will create together.**

Ožbe Šteblaj - MSc in agriculture. With open eyes and mind, he traveled 35+ countries on 4 continents. He saw many different cultures and environments and he finds out that we are all on the same planet with the same problems. He is a nature lover but a great enthusiast about new technologies.

As an optimist he believes, that with the smart use of new technology and with the great attention to the details in nature, we can feed the global population and at the same time revitalize our planet. He also believes that the strong global friendships are crucial. **In a rapidly changing world, if we want to sustain on this planet in peace, we have to equip the young generations with knowledge and skills to lead us in a bright future.** That inspires him to become one of the main driving forces of the first Montessori Development Park.



We combine the program with a practical learning, solution seeking for the global challenges, healthy sport and the excursion program across all over the country.

Daily schedule is not fixed and it is adjustable depending on the dynamic of each group.



A day in the park



Gorenjska region

That is our mountain region with the highest Alp mountains in the country. We will visit one of the Europe hidden gem, Lake Bled (<http://www.bled.si/en/>).

Later on we will drive to one of the Alps valley called Tamar. It is special because in it is the second biggest ski jumping hill in the world, Planica (<https://www.nc-planica.si/en/>).

Our students will have a chance to test their flying abilities with 1991 World Champion in Ski jumping, montessori pedagogue and PhD in Geography, on a mobile jumping hill Mini Planica (<https://www.facebook.com/minip-planica.si/>). During the whole trip we will explore geography on this area.

Primorska region (seaside)

Every 14 days we will go to the seaside. In the morning we will visit Sečovlje Salina Nature Park (<http://www.kpss.si/en/intro>) where we will discover how the sea salt is produced and harvested.

Afternoons we will spent on the beach, swimming in the Adriatic sea and play different seaside activities.

Excursions and daytrips

Every 14 days we will visit the Capital of Slovenia, **Ljubljana**.

<https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/>
The trip to Ljubljana will be one afternoon (day is not fixed but for sure every student will visit it). With ice creams in our hands we will walk down the lovely city center.



Prekmurje region

We will visit a real hi-tech hydroponic greenhouse, the biggest one in country. They are special because they use a geothermal energy to warm up the greenhouse and for production of energy (<https://www.lust.si/>). On the same day we will visit a geological park Vulkanija (<https://www.vulkanija.si/doziviljajski-park-vulkanija/?lang=GB>) where our students will get in touch with geological activities of our planet.

Karst region

With our PhD geology researcher we will visit a unique Karst area. We will go bellow the earth surface in a Skocjan caves (<https://www.park-skocjanske-jame.si/>). When we will be back on the surface we will visit one of a kind medieval Predjama castle. (<https://www.postojnska-jama.eu/en/predjama-castle/>).

Holidays For Parents



We didn't want to deprive you of the Slovenian experience while younger ones will be fully enjoying it.

That's why we prepared a bonus holiday pack for parents that wants to get the taste of one of the rising gems of Europe – Slovenia.

Check: www.slovenia.info/en/things-to-do/slovenia-unique

All our tours are custom made, depends on your wishes and days available. We have the best guides, that can help you with consultation and arranging your trip.

For more details please contact us on: info@montessoridp.com



till 1.May

Availability

	Price	Early Bird
Arrive 12 July – Depart 25 July (2w)	1.178€	943€
Arrive 12 July – Depart 1 August (3w)	1.647€	1.318€
Arrive 12 July – Depart 8 August (4w)	1.996€	1.597€
Arrive 26 July – Depart 8 August (2w)	1.178€	943€

Package fee include:

- > accommodation and healthy local food,
- > professional Montessori mentors and special guests,
- > all the materials and equipment,
- > trips around Slovenia,
- > friendly farm animals,
- > international friends,
- > free airport transport (for arrivals between 10.00 – 18.00)



Available at extra charge:

- > day trip to Venice (70€)

Discounts* are available as follows:

- > Group Discount**
- > **10%** 2+ Participants (siblings)

* only for full prices

** Please contact us about group applications for special discounts.

Dates & Prices

Apply on: www.montessoridp.com



BOOKING

To check availability and book online please see our web site at <https://montessoridp.com> or contact us below. If a place is available we will request your payment of 500€ to secure the place. The balance of fees is due 6 weeks before the child attends.

TRAVEL

Montessori Development Park Slovenia is in the countryside, located 20 minutes away from capital Ljubljana. If you wish to bring your child personally to the Park please ask us for travel directions and details of local accommodation if required. The majority of our pupils travel via Ljubljana airport (Venice, Trieste or Zagreb airports are also an option, but we do not provide free transport to those airport). We meet and greet pupils on arrival and assist them on departure.

ARRIVALS

We meet pupils in arrival and provide free transfers for flights arriving between 10.00 – 18.00.

DEPARTURES

We provide free transfers and assist pupils with check in for flights departing between 10.00 – 16.00

TAXI TRANSFERS

For participants who arrive at Ljubljana Airport after 16.00 or before 10.00 we can arrange escorted taxi transfers at extra cost (approximately 35€) in one direction. The cost reduces for children travelling together. Please contact us for precise details.

PLEASE NOTE

Where possible we will put you in contact with other parents so that children can travel together. We cannot provide accommodation in the camp for pupils who arrive in Slovenia before our scheduled arrival date or leave the country after our scheduled departure date.



Terms and Conditions

ACCURACY OF DETAILS

We accept bookings on the understanding that the booker provides accurate details. At any time during the course we may request to see official documentation to confirm a child's age and identity. If proof cannot be provided, or if we discover that significantly inaccurate details have been provided at the time of booking, we reserve the right to remove the child from the course without refund of fees.

THE DEPOSIT

If a place is available, we will request a nonrefundable deposit of 500€ to secure the booking. This must be paid within 10 days of making the booking: if not, the place will automatically become available to other students.

THE BALANCE

The balance of fees is payable 6 weeks before the child attends. If a booking is made less than 6 weeks before attending, the deposit and balance will be payable within 10 days. If any fees remain unpaid 14 days or more after the payment date on the invoice the place will be cancelled.

CANCELLATION & WITHDRAWAL

If the child's place is cancelled not by us after the beginning of 1st of June there will be no refund of fees. If we receive notice of cancellation in writing before June, we will at our discretion refund 70 – 100% of your payment if we are able to fill the vacancy. Depending on the reason for cancellation you may be able to reclaim some or all of your losses from your insurers.

EXCLUSION

We reserve the right to repatriate a child at any time at the parent / guardian's expense and without refund of fees if we consider this to be in the child's best interest or if we consider the child's behavior to be detrimental to the general welfare of the school. Reasons for exclusion may include – but are not necessarily limited to – severe incontinence; self-harming; the consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs; repeated smoking; bullying.

CHANGES TO PROGRAM

Program details are published in good faith. We reserve the right to make changes to any aspect of the course if necessary.

INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is NOT included in the course fee for all pupils attending.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please see www.montessoridp.com/faq

PARENTAL CONTACTS

To speak with other parents who have sent children to MDP
please join FB group:
Parents - Montessori Development Park 2020

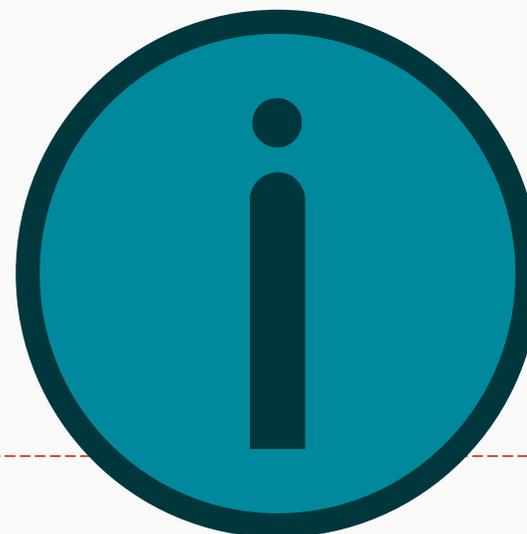
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"We shall walk together on this path of life for all things are part of the universe and are connected with each other to form one whole unity."

Maria Montessori