

Barrier-free architecture; Genoa: The goal of the city is to enable everyone to participate fully in all aspects of life. As a measure to ensure equal access to the physical environment, transport, information and communication, Genoa's administration has implemented PEBA – the Plan for the Elimination of Architectural Barriers. The PEBA analyses the municipal area from the point of view of motor and sensory accessibility, dividing it into 94 Areas, i.e. portions of the territory where public functions of importance and interest for the citizen are concentrated, returning a map with 4 colors depending on the degree of presence or absence of architectural barriers: green (accessible), yellow (partially accessible), orange (partially inaccessible) and red (inaccessible). A very important aspect to underline is that Genoa is the first Italian city with a totally georeferenced PEBA and with data free and accessible to all on dedicated portals (open data). For tours and maps, the relative level of accessibility has been indicated for the main points of interest in Genoa, such as monuments, museums, universities or historical shops. And five accessible “thematic itineraries” have therefore been identified: Art and culture, Education, Free time, Business, Other Paths.

Find out more at: <https://smart.comune.genova.it/contenuti/peba-piano-eliminazione-barriere-architettoniche>

User-friendly and disabled-friendly transportation; Ljubljana: For physical accessibility, Ljubljana's city buses are especially user-friendly for people in wheelchairs, with other disabilities and children in strollers. Besides installed ramps and reader boards on most of the buses, audio announcements help tourists and visitors to identify their stop. Additionally, six electric vehicles (“Kavalirs”) have been introduced in the city center for the elderly and disabled



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and offer free rides. An emission-free urban electric train also enables disabled people to travel to main attractions while listening to audio guides. The latest addition to a user-friendly experience for people in wheelchairs is the free rental of two electric attachments allowing a more comfortable sightseeing experience. Attachments can be rented at the

Tourist Information Centre (TIC). This is an innovative service since TIC is the first tourist information centre in Europe that offers this option.

Find out more at: <https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/travel-information/essentials/accessibility-of-ljubljana-by-wheelchair/> and <https://www.visitljubljana.com/en/visitors/travel-information/getting-around/kavalir-getting-around-the-city-centre-by-electric-car/> and <https://www.lpp.si/en/urban-electric-train>

Overcoming historic and unequal architecture; Venice: Venice has a unique urban landscape that is dominated by the numerous bridges dotting the city centre allowing visitors and residents alike to explore and experience the city. By creating accessible bridges, the municipality has started to adapt this architectural barrier to accommodate all visitors with limited mobility. These accessible bridges have been equipped with handrails and a facilitated step ramp for ease of access both to the resident and the visitors.

Find out more at: https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Ponte-delle-Sechere-an-example-of-a-fully-accessible-bridge-In-this-case-the-bridge-has_fig5_338854836

Sea legs are a thing of the past; Szczecin:

As a popular yachting destination, Szczecin has introduced an elderly friendly marina concept for the sake of the elderly sailors who are coming to visit the city by boat. The newly constructed marina has a specially designated mooring berth dedicated for the elderly. It is equipped with ramps and adjusted toilets as well as an extra step that makes stepping of the boat easier. The marina staff are specifically designated to help any elderly sailors wishing to have some assistance mooring their vessel if given prior notice.



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