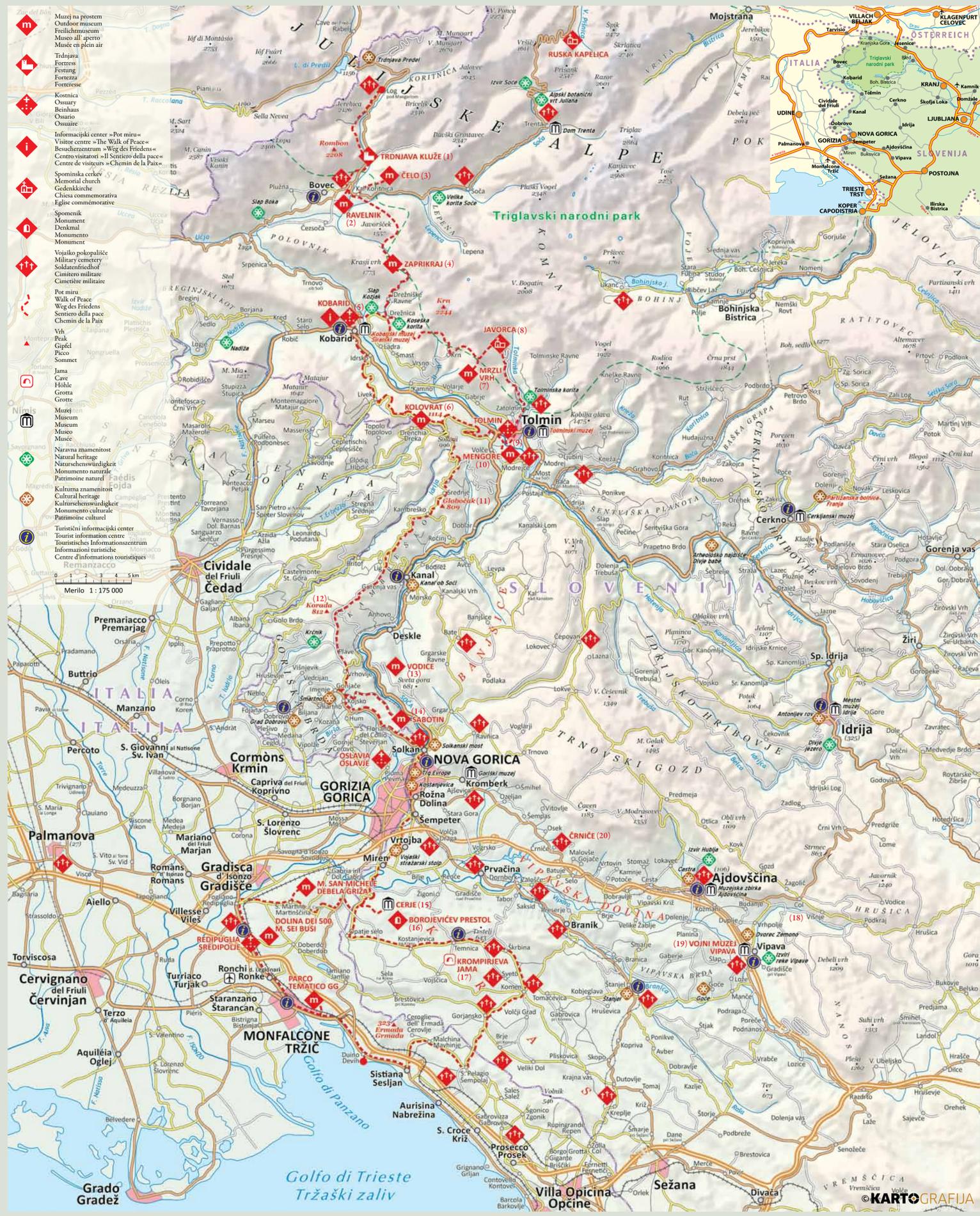




Try and relax, man



THE ISONZO FRONT 1915 – 1917

During the 1st World War the Isonzo Front was part of the 600 kilometers long southwest front which ran from the pass of Srelvio on the Swiss-Italian-Austrian border trifurcation across Tyrol, the Dolomites, the Carnic and Julian Alps, the Upper Soča Region, Goriska Region and the Krus down to the Adriatic Sea.

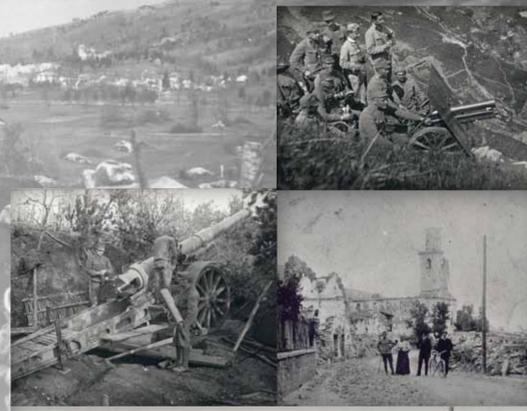
launched by the soldiers of Austria-Hungary and Germany. The joint Austro-Hungarian-German Army caught the Italian troops by surprise with a new fighting strategy in the 12th Isonzo Battle. As a result the front moved from the Soča to the river Piave in Italy. The 12th Isonzo Battle is known in history under several names: the Battle near Kobarid, the Miracle of Kobarid, and, in Italian sources, the Disaster at Kobarid...

The fights along the Soča went on from May 1915 through October 1917. This warfare was characterized by mountain combats – at certain points the front rose even to a higher altitude than 2000 metres – and fights on rocky grounds, which further aggravated the conditions of warfare. After the initial uncertainty, fights and shifts the frontlines stabilized and trench warfare began.

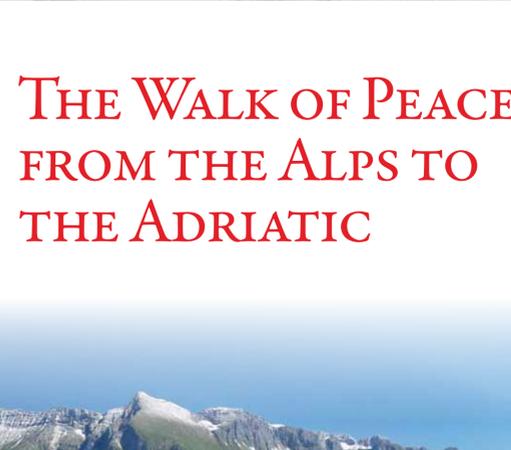
Not only the frontline but also the rear played an important role with its dumps and stores, transport routes, ropeways, airports and hospitals.

Within the 29 months of fighting between Italy and Austria-Hungary twelve Isonzo battles took place. Eleven of them were launched by the Italian Army and the decisive one, the twelfth, was

The war heavily inflicted the locals since they had to leave their homes and sought refuge, and on their return they found their homes demolished and the landscape devastated.



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The Walk of Peace interconnects the areas and people and rich cultural and natural heritage along the onetime Isonzo Front. It is a memorial to all who suffered in the time of the 1st World War and a warning against wars which should never happen again. Above all it promotes the value of peace and the opportunities for common development.

Numerous remains have been left behind the front which are now perfectly restored and maintained through the efforts of various institutions and societies. Military cemeteries, caves, trenches, chanel houses, chapels, monuments, outdoor museums and other memorials – are part of significant material and non-material heritage of European history. Their testimony, mood and stories form the spine of today's Walk of Peace from the Julian Alps to the Adriatic.

The Walk is uniformly marked, suitable for hikers and bikers. Major places worth seeing are also accessible by car or bus. The Walk of Peace is a right choice for everyone who wishes to spend their leisure time actively, experience magnificent views and beauties of nature, learn about history and culture, meet the locals, experience the lifestyle of today and taste delicious local food. Recommended are guided tours, with local tourist guides.

