



Pekka J. Metso

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Finski veleposlanik, Pekka J. Metso, ki jeseni naslednje leto zaključi svoj mandat v Sloveniji, nam je razkril svoj pogled na življenje v prestolnici.

The Finnish ambassador, Pekka J. Metso, whose mandate in Slovenia expires in the autumn next year, has shared his view of the life in the capital with us.

Koliko časa že živite v Ljubljani?

Malo več kot tri leta.

Kateri del mesta imate najraje?

Nedvomno Rožno dolino, kjer živim. Je edinstvena, je mirna, hkrati pa izjemno blizu mesta. Pogled na bližnji gozd, ki kaže spremembe skozi letne čase, mi je zelo všeč. V Ljubljani sem postal navdušenec narave in športa. Rožnik mi nudi odlično vsakodnevno rekreacijo.

Kje spijete najboljšo kavo?

Nimam izkušenj s slabo kavo, toda meni najljubša je tista v Kavarni Zvezda na Kongresnem trgu – vse skupaj: kava, postrežba, atmosfera, udobje, čudovito osebje ter zdrave sestavine, ki jih imajo v ponudbi.

Vaša priljubljena restavracija in hrana?

Imate mnogo dobrih restavracij z zvenečimi imeni, ki veljajo za dobre, toda moram reči, da njihova kakovost ni konsistentna. Zame osebno je v tem pogledu odlična restavracija Hiša kulinarike Manna, ki nikoli ne razočara. Izven Ljubljane me je navdušila restavracija Oštarija v Dolenjskih Toplicah, od slovenske hrane pa bi izpostavil štruklje – najboljše sem jedel v Bohinjski Bistrici ter Idriji.

Kako bi prijateljem iz tujine na kratko opisali Ljubljano?

Kot prijetno, zeleno, tiho mesto, kjer je življenje umirjeno in polno užitek. Hkrati pa premore drznost, ki je vidna na Metelkovi in kaže, da mesto ni zaspano, kot se zdi. Nabrežje Ljubljanice namreč poleti z atmosfero spominja na južno Evropo.

Predlog za enodnevni izlet po Sloveniji?

Dolina reke Soče in izlet po Kobaridu, kjer je voda čudovita, sveža in neverjetne barve. Za manj kot dan bi izbral Bohinj s prelepo naravo.

Če bi lahko – kaj bi spremenili oziroma naredili v Ljubljani?

Prometno ureditev, ki ni najbolje izpeljana. Predvsem ureditev stez za kolesarje, ki trenutno vozijo kar med pešci in jih tako ogrožajo.

Vizija Ljubljane čez 100 let?

To je zelo dolga doba. Želel bi si, prej kot v 100 letih, da bi zavladovala nova inovativna generacija, da bi Slovenci postali bolj drzni, da bi jasno in glasno povedali svoje mnenje ter da bo 2. svetovna vojna dovolj daleč, da bodo razprtije pozabljene.

Glede na to, da prihajate iz Božičkove dežele – kaj mislite, da nam bo prinesel za novo leto?

Sneg, ki ga imate zelo radi.

How long have you been living in Ljubljana?

A little more than three years.

What is your favourite part of the city?

Undoubtedly Rožna dolina, where I live. It is unique, peaceful and at the same time extremely close to the city. I very much like the view of the nearby forest, which changes with the seasons. In Ljubljana, I have become an enthusiast of both nature and sports. The Rožnik hill is an excellent opportunity for everyday exercise.

Where do you drink your best coffee?

I do not have any experience with bad coffee, but my favourite is at Kavarna Zvezda in the Congress Square. I like the entire offer: coffee, service, ambiance, comfort, wonderful personnel and the healthy ingredients they have on their menu.

Your favourite cafe, restaurant and food?

You have plenty of good restaurants with resonant names that are believed to be good, but I must say that their quality is not always consistent. For me personally, the Hiša kulinarike Manna restaurant is excellent and never disappoints. Outside of Ljubljana, I was delighted by the Oštarija restaurant in Dolenjske toplice. In terms of Slovenian cuisine, I would like to point out štruklji, which I found were the best in Bohinjska Bistrica and Idrija.

How would you describe Ljubljana in short to your friends abroad?

As a very pleasant, green, peaceful city where life is calm and full of delights. At the same time it possesses a daring that can be seen in Metelkova and shows that the city is not as sleepy as it seems. In terms of atmosphere, the embankment of the Ljubljana River is reminiscent of Southern Europe during the summer.

Do you have a proposal for a one day trip around Slovenia?

The valley of the Soča River and a trip to Kobarid where the water is wonderfully fresh and an incredible colour. For a trip shorter than one day, I would choose Bohinj, where the nature is marvelous.

If you could - what would you change or create in Ljubljana?

Traffic planning, which is not the best. Especially lanes for cyclists who currently ride among the pedestrians and thus endanger them.

Vision of Ljubljana in 100 years' time?

That is a very long period. I hope that a new, innovative generation takes over in Ljubljana sooner than in 100 years, so that Slovenians can become more daring, to clearly and vocally express their opinion and that the 2nd World War is far enough in the past so that all the disputes can be forgotten.

Considering that you come from the land of Santa Claus, what do you believe he will bring us for the new year?

Snow, which you love very much.