



Libeliče is a small village at the Austrian border. Its people are known to the Slovenes mainly for the unique historic event after the Carinthian plebiscite. The village with its parish of St Martin was first mentioned in the 11th century, although some historians share the opinion that the beginnings of Libeliče reach back to the 9th century. In the Middle Ages the land and the farmhouses were in the hands of various convents and landowners and it was not until the reforms of certain sovereigns in the last few centuries that the proprietorship was given to the farmers. Libeliče was a distinctly Slovene village in the 19th century. In 1849 it became the seat of a larger municipality, often with a mayor elected by the Slovenes.

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THE OSSUARY

THE PLEBISCITE EXHIBITION

THE ETHNOLOGICAL EXHIBITION



THE FOREST
EDUCATION TRAIL

After WWI and the combats for the northern border, which took place on the Libeliče territory as well, the people of Libeliče were

included in the Plebiscite Zone A and after the failure of the Carinthian plebiscite became part of the Republic of Austria. A deep national feeling and a great wish to unite with the mother nation made rebels out of the boys and men of Libeliče, who forced the international community and the Austrian state to allow an exception in the history of Europe: the exclusion from one country and annexation to the other – to their mother nation. This took place on 30 September 1922, when the Austrian gendarmerie left the village and the Yugoslav frontier guard marched into Libeliče.

Up to the present day Libeliče has remained a rural village with no industry. The locals are proud of their history and of their ancestors and are at the same time looking into the future. With their ossuary, the plebiscite museum, the collection on peasantry, the black kitchen, the forest education trail, the centre for school and after-school activities (Dom Ajda - The Ajda Home) and above all with their kindness the people of Libeliče attract numerous tourists and visitors.