

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN LJUBLJANA

WALKING TOUR OF LJUBLJANA (2 HRS)

THIS TOUR INCLUDES THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SIGHTS OF THE OLD CITY CENTRE. IT BEGINS IN FRONT OF THE BAROQUE TOWN HALL, WITH THE FAMOUS ROBBA FOUNTAIN NEXT TO IT, AND CONTINUES ACROSS THE LIVELY FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND FLOWER MARKET, PAST THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. NICHOLAS, ACROSS THE DRAGON BRIDGE, AN ART NOUVEAU MASTERPIECE, AND ALONGSIDE THE LJUBLJANICA RIVER TO THE CENTRALLY LOCATED PREŠERN SQUARE. FROM THERE YOU ARE GUIDED ACROSS THE TRIPLE BRIDGE TO THE FISH SQUARE WHERE THE OLDEST BUILDING IN LJUBLJANA IS LOCATED, CROSS NUMEROUS SQUARES WHOSE BUILDINGS BOAST BEAUTIFUL BAROQUE FACADES, AND CONTINUE TOWARDS THE COBBLERS' BRIDGE. THE TOUR TAKES YOU TO THE KRŽANKE SUMMER THEATRE AND BAROQUE CHURCH OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE CROSS. WALK ALONG THE VEGOVA STREET PAST A LINE OF HOUSES WHOSE WALLS INCORPORATE THE REMAINS OF THE ANCIENT ROMAN TOWN WALLS TO THE KONGRESNI SQUARE WHERE THE TOUR ENDS.

OPERATING: DAILY, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

BLED (HD)

BLED HAS BEEN VISITED BY ARISTOCRATIC GUESTS FROM ACROSS EUROPE EVER SINCE A SWISS DOCTOR ARNOLD RIKLI BUILT A CLIMACTIC HEALTH RESORT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 19TH CENTURY. ITS SCENERY IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLY ROMANTIC WITH ITS EMERALD-GREEN LAKE, A CHURCH ON THE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE AND A MEDIEVAL CASTLE FROM THE 11TH CENTURY, PERCHED ON A CLIFF ABOVE THE LAKE. AFTER A BUS TOUR AROUND THE LAKE, VISIT THE CASTLE AND THEN ENJOY A RIDE TO THE ISLAND BY TYPICAL "PLETNA" ROWING BOAT.

OPERATING: THURSDAYS, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

BLED & BOHINJ (FD)

BLED TOUR IS DESCRIBED ABOVE. THEN, CONTINUE TO THE LARGEST GLACIER LAKE IN SLOVENIA, SITUATED AMONGST THE JULIAN ALPS MOUNTAIN RANGE WITH THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PEAK MT. TRIGLAV RISING ABOVE IT. AFTER A SHORT WALK YOU WILL REACH THE WATREFALL SAVICA, SOURCE OF THE SAVA BOHINJKA RIVER, AND HAVE TIME TO RELAX BY THE PEACEFUL BOHINJ LAKE. DON'T MISS TO SEE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BESIDE THE LAKE ADORNED WITH 13TH CENTURY FRESCOES. THERE WILL BE A POSSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY TAKE A CABLE CAR RIDE UP TO THE MT. VOGEL FROM WHERE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY OF THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING THE LAKE VALLEY CAN BE ENJOYED.

OPERATING: SUNDAYS, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

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JULIAN ALPS (FD)

VISIT THE UNIQUE AND UNSPOILT ALPINE WORLD. PASSING THROUGH KRANJSKA GORA, A FAMOUS WINTER SPORTS RESORT, TRAVEL ALONG THE SERPENTINE ROAD TO THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN PASS IN SLOVENIA, MT. VRŠIČ. A STOP THERE WILL OFFER YOU TIME TO ENJOY THE BREATHTAKING BEAUTY OF JULIAN ALPS, HAVE REFRESHMENT OR TAKE A SHORT WALK. CONTINUE DOWN TO THE BEAUTIFUL TRENTA VALLEY OFFERING SPECTACULAR SCENERY OF A DEEP LIMESTONE GORGE OF THE EMERALD-COLOURED SOCA RIVER, FAMED FOR SOME OF THE BEST KAYAKING AND RAFTING IN EUROPE. VISIT THE MUSEUM OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE OF THE TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK, AND STOP FOR LUNCH IN A SMALL TOWN OF BOVEC. THE ROAD WILL CONTINUE PASSING THE ITALIAN ALPS THROUGH TARVISIO AND BACK TO SLOVENIA.

OPERATING: MONDAYS, STARTING AT 08:00 AM

REMARK: VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED! WARM CLOTHING AND COMFORTABLE SHOES SUGGESTED!

POSTOJNA CAVE & PREDJAMA CASTLE (HD)

VISITING POSTOJNA CAVE MAKES AN UTTERLY AMAZING DAY OUT. TWO MILLION YEARS OLD AND 27 KM LONG SYSTEM OF SUBTERRANEAN CAVES IS ONE OF THE EASIEST ACCESSIBLE NETWORKS OF UNDERGROUND CAVES. A RIDE BY ELECTRICAL TRAIN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WALK THROUGH SERIES OF CAVE HALLS WITH DROP STONES, PILLARS AND TRANSLUCENT CURTAINS THAT CREATE UNFORGETTABLE IMPRESSIONS. THE UNDERWORLD SYSTEM IS A HOME TO A RARE AMPHIBIAN PROTEUS ANGUINUS, POPULARLY CALLED HUMAN FISH. ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY STANDS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE RENAISSANCE CASTLES OF SLOVENIA, THE PREDJAMA CASTLE. IT HANGS DRAMATICALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF 123 M HIGH ROCKY CLIFF.

OPERATING: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, STARTING AT 08:30 AM

REMARK: WARM CLOTHING AND COMFORTABLE SHOES SUGGESTED!

POSTOJNA CAVE & LIPICA STUD FARM (FD)

IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF SLOVENIA STRETCHES THE KARST, A LAND OF RARE BEAUTY, SECRET UNDERGROUND WATERS AND CAVES, SPECIAL CLIMATE AND SCARCE VEGETATION. AND RIGHT THERE, IN A PICTURESQUE VILLAGE OF LIPICA, FOR MORE THAN 400 YEARS BEAUTIFUL WHITE LIPIZZANER HORSES ARE BRED. VISIT THE STABLES AND LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT METHODS OF BREEDING STAGES AND TRAINING OF THESE NOBLE ANIMALS. A SPECIAL FEATURE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF STAR LIPIZZANER STUDS. AFTERWARDS, VISIT THE SPECTACULAR SUBTERRANEAN CAVE OF POSTOJNA. SEE MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION ABOVE.

OPERATING: SUNDAYS, STARTING AT 09:30

REMARK: WARM CLOTHING AND COMFORTABLE SHOES SUGGESTED!

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THE KARST REGION (FD)

IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF SLOVENIA STRETCHES THE KARST, A LAND OF RARE BEAUTY, SECRET UNDERGROUND WATERS AND CAVES, SPECIAL CLIMATE AND SCARCE VEGETATION. VISIT THE VILLAGE OF ŠTANJEL KNOWN FOR TYPICAL KARST ARCHITECTURE, AND TYPICAL KARST FARM FOR A TASTING OF LOCAL RED WINE "TERAN" AND DRY HAM "PRŠUT".

AFTERWARDS, CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY TO A PICTURESQUE VILLAGE OF LIPICA AND VISIT THE STUD FARM. SEE DESCRIPTION ABOVE.

OPERATING: FRIDAYS, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

PORTOROŽ & PIRAN (FD)

TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE MEDITERRANEAN WORLD OF SLOVENIAN COASTAL REGION AND ITS OLDEST TOWN OF PIRAN, RESEMBLING A LARGE OPEN-AIR MUSEUM WITH MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE. FIRSTLY, STOP IN A SMALL FISHING TOWN OF IZOLA, WHERE YOU BOARD A BOAT FOR A RIDE ALONG THE COAST TO PIRAN. THEN, TAKE A WALKING TOUR THROUGH ITS MEDIEVAL NARROW STREETS, ENJOY FREE TIME TO SWIM IN THE ADRIATIC SEA OR HAVE LUNCH IN ONE OF THE NUMEROUS FISH RESTAURANTS.

PORTOROŽ REPRESENTS A CONTRAST TO THE HISTORIC PIRAN. LITERALLY "PORT OF ROSES" IS SLOVENIA'S MOST IMPORTANT HEALTH RESORT WHOSE MEDICINAL EFFECTS OF MILD MEDITERRANEAN NATURE AND SEA AIR WERE DISCOVERED AS EARLY AS THE 13TH CENTURY. TODAY IT'S FAMOUS FOR ITS NUMEROUS WELLNESS & SPA FACILITIES. TAKE A RELAXING STROLL ON THE RIVIERA SHORLINE.

OPERATING: TUESDAYS, STARTING AT 09:00 AM

MARIBOR & PTUJ (FD)

MARIBOR IS THE COUNTRY'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, ITS CHARACTER TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM LJUBLJANA'S. IT'S BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED ON THE BANKS OF THE DRAVA RIVER AND WITHIN THE LARGEST WINE GROWING REGION IN SLOVENIA. VISIT THE CITY'S FAMOUS WINE CELLAR AND TASTE EXCELLENT WINES OF THE REGION.

PTUJ, THE OLDEST TOWN IN SLOVENIA, DATES BACK TO THE STONE AGE AND WAS BY THE 1ST CENTURY B.C. CONTROLLED BY ANCIENT ROME. NUMEROUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS PROVE THE CITY'S FIRST PERIOD OF PROSPERITY AS THE ROMAN TOWN OF POETOVIO. THE MUCH ADMIRERED PRESENT APPEARANCE OF THE CITY ORIGINATES FROM THE MIDDLE AGES WHEN PTUJ EXPERIENCED ITS SECOND RISE TO WEALTH AND PROMINENCE. TAKE A WALKING TOUR THROUGH THE TOWN AND VISIT PTUJ CASTLE. THE HERITAGE OF PAST CENTURIES WILL ENCHANT EVEN THE MOST DEMANDING VISITOR OF THIS TOWN.

OPERATING: SATURDAYS, STARTING AT 08:00 AM

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN BLEED

TOUR OF BLEED (HD)

BLEED HAS BEEN VISITED BY ARISTOCRATIC GUESTS FROM ACROSS EUROPE EVER SINCE A SWISS DOCTOR ARNOLD RIKLI BUILT A CLIMACTIC HEALTH RESORT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 19TH CENTURY. ITS SCENERY IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLY ROMANTIC WITH ITS EMERALD-GREEN LAKE, A CHURCH ON THE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE AND A MEDIEVAL CASTLE FROM THE 11TH CENTURY, PERCHED ON A CLIFF ABOVE THE LAKE. TOUR AROUND THE LAKE, VISIT THE CASTLE AND THEN ENJOY A RIDE TO THE ISLAND BY TYPICAL "PLETNA" ROWING BOAT.

OPERATING: THURSDAYS, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

BOHINJ VALLEY (HD)

VISIT THE LARGEST GLACIER LAKE IN SLOVENIA, SITUATED AMONGST THE JULIAN ALPS MOUNTAIN RANGE WITH THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PEAK MT. TRIGLAV RISING ABOVE IT. AFTER A SHORT WALK YOU WILL REACH THE WATREFALL SAVICA, SOURCE OF THE SAVA BOHINJKA RIVER, AND HAVE TIME TO RELAX BY THE PEACEFUL BOHINJ LAKE. DON'T MISS TO SEE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BESIDE THE LAKE ADORNED WITH 13TH CENTURY FRESCOES. THERE WILL BE A POSSIBILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY TAKE A CABLE CAR RIDE UP TO THE MT. VOGEL FROM WHERE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY OF THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING THE LAKE VALLEY CAN BE ENJOYED.

OPERATING: TBA

LJUBLJANA (HD)

TAKE A TRIP TO THE CAPITAL OF SLOVENIA, THE CITY WHERE ANCIENT WORLD MEETS MODERN. DISCOVER THE BAROQUE OLD TOWN WITH ITS BRIDGES, CHURCHES, PALACES, OPEN SQUARES AND OUTDOOR CAFES. THE OPEN-AIR MARKET AROUND ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL IS JUST LIKE THE CITY ITSELF, COLOURFUL AND FULL OF LIFE. TAKE A WALK UP TO THE CASTLE, SITUATED ON THE HILL DOMINATING THE CITY OR SIMPLY JOIN THE LOCAL PEOPLE STROLLING ALONG THE STREETS.

OPERATING: DAILY, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN BLED

POSTOJNA CAVE & PREDJAMA CASTLE (FD)

LOOK FOR DESCRIPTION ABOVE.

OPERATING: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, STARTING AT 08:30 AM

PORTOROZ & PIRAN (FD)

LOOK FOR DESCRIPTION ABOVE.

OPERATING: TUESDAYS AT 09:00 AM

SLOVENIAN VINEYARDS (FD)

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TASTE SOME OF THE BEST LOCAL WINES! EXPERIENCE THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF SLOVENIA, THE REGIONS OF PRIMORSKA AND GORIŠKA BRDA. LEAVE THE ALPINE WORLD AND TRAVEL THROUGH NARROW VALLEYS TO VINEYARDS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SLOVENIA. GORIŠKA BRDA (THE GORICA HILLS) IS A SCENIC WINE REGION WITH SMALL VILLAGES STANDING ON THE HILLTOPS, WITH STONE HOUSES SET AMONG TERRACED VINEYARDS AND ORCHARDS, OFFERING TYPICAL MEDITERRANEAN CHARM. VISIT THE LARGEST CITY OF THIS REGION, NOVA GORICA, KNOWN AS LAS VEGAS OF SLOVENIA. ALSO, VISIT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY WHERE YOU WILL SEE THE TOMB OF THE BOURBONS AND OLD LIBRARY.

OPERATING: TBA

AUSTRIAN LAKES (FD)

CROSS THE KARAVANKE MOUNTAIN PASS AND TRAVEL TO THE SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCE OF CARINTHIA IN AUSTRIA. THE JOURNEY THROUGH PICTURESQUE ALPINE VILLAGES AND TOWNS TAKES US TO THE BORDER CROSSING OF LJUBELJ, DESCENDING AFTERWARDS TO KLAGENFURT, SITUATED NEARBY THE WOERTHER LAKE (VRBSKO JEZERO). ACCORDING TO A LEGEND, THE AREA WAS HAUNTED BY A SPECIAL KIND OF DRAGON, SO CALLED 'LINDWURM'. BRAVE MAN KILLED IT AND SO KLAGENFURT WAS FOUNDED. AFTER A SHORT WALK THROUGH THE OLD TOWN YOU WILL ENJOY SOME TIME AT LEISURE. THEN, FOLLOWING A DRIVE ALONG THE SHORES OF THE WOERTHER LAKE PASSING THROUGH ITS RESORTS, STOP IN VELDEN. UPON RETURN TO SLOVENIA, STOP AS WELL IN KRANJSKA GORA, FAMOUS WINTER SPORTS RESORT.

OPERATING: TBA

REMARK: VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED!

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN PORTOROZ

PANORAMA CRUISE (HD)

ENJOY A BOAT RIDE FROM PORTOROZ ALONG THE COAST TO HISTORIC PIRAN AND SMALL FISHING TOWN OF IZOLA.

OPERATING: TBA

TASTE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE (HD)

THE IMAGES OF THIS TOUR WILL CREATE A MEMORY OF THE HILLY COUNTRYSIDE, STONEWALLED PASTURES, GREEN VALLEYS, SMALL TOWNS WITH OLD STONE HOUSES, VINEYARDS AND OLIVE PLANTATIONS, PINE TREES AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE. "TONINA HIŠA" MUSEUM DISPLAYS OLD ITEMS AND PROOFS ILLUSTRATING THE LIFE OF THE ISTRIA INHABITANTS IN ANCIENT TIMES. CONTINUE WITH A VISIT TO SEČOVLJE SALTPANS WHERE SALT HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR 700 YEARS. VISIT AN ISTRIAN VILLAGE WITH ITS

CHARACTERISTIC HOUSES, STABLES AND BARNs. TOAST WITH HOME-MADE BRANDY, VISIT WINE CELLAR, TASTE LOCAL WINES AND HAVE DINNER AT A FARM.

OPERATING: TBA

TRIESTE & MIRAMARE CASTLE (HD)

TRIESTE, THE LARGEST OF THE ADRIATIC PORTS AND MERCHANTS' CROSSROAD OF THE EUROPEAN PATH, IS KNOWN FOR ITS NUMEROUS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, PALACES AND CHURCHES. THERE IS SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR EVERYONE THERE: MAGNIFICENT ARCHITECTURE, COZY RESTAURANTS, TYPICAL ITALIAN CAFETERIAS AND EXCEPTIONALLY WIDE CHOICE OF GREAT LOCAL SHOPS. WALK THROUGH THE OLD STREETS TO ANCIENT ROMAN THEATRE VIEWING CHURCHES AND SQUARES ALONG THE WAY.

OPERATING: TBA

REMARK: VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED!

LIPICA STUD FARM & POSTOJNA CAVE (HD)

LOOK FOR DESCRIPTION ABOVE.

OPERATING: SUNDAYS, STARTING AT 09:30 AM

SKOCJAN CAVE (HD)

THE ŠKOCJAN CAVE IS AN EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL AND COMPLEX SYSTEM OF CAVE PASSAGES IN A TOTAL LENGTH OF 6 KM. THE CAVES ARE THE BIGGEST AND BEST KNOWN NATURAL PHENOMENON WITHIN THE CLASSICAL KARST AREA WITH AN IMMENSE UNDERGROUND GORGE AND HALLS. THE REKA RIVER RUNS UNDERGROUND THERE FOR ALMOST 40 KM.

OPERATING: SATURDAYS, STARTING AT 09:30 AM

REMARK: WARM CLOTHING AND COMFORTABLE SHOES SUGGESTED!

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BLED & BOHINJ (FD)

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OPERATING: SUNDAYS, STARTING AT 10:00 AM

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK (FD)

TOUR FOR NATURE LOVERS! THIS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST NATURAL PHENOMENONS IN CROATIA AND EUROPE. IN 1979 UNESCO HAS DECLARED IT WITH ALL RIGHTS AS THE WORLD'S NATURAL INHERITANCE. INSIDE THE NATIONAL PARK, THERE ARE TERRACES OF 16 LAKES RENOWNED FOR THEIR DISTINCTIVE COLOURS, RANGING FROM AZURE TO GREEN, GREY OR BLUE, AND CONNECTED WITH EACH OTHER BY HUNDREDS OF CASCADES. THEIR NATURE IS ECOLOGICALLY UNTOUCHED RETAINING THE SINGULAR BALANCE, THE SYMBIOSIS OF WATER, VEGETATION AND ANIMALS. THE ANCIENT FORESTS ARE THE HOME OF VOLVES AND BEARS. WATER KEEPS BUILDING NEW AND NEW CASCADES THAT SLOWLY GROW INTO WATERFALLS. A VISIT TO THE LAKES AND AROUND THE PARK IS POSSIBLE BY AN ELECTRIC BOAT AND A SMALL TRAIN.

OPERATING: TBA

REMARK: VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED!

ISTRIA, CROATIA (FD)

POREČ IS A SMALL PORT WITH A TURBULENT PAST. ALREADY INHABITED 6000 YEARS AGO BY THE ILLYRIANS, TODAY IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST TOURIST RESORTS OF CROATIA. TRAVEL ALONG THE 6.5 MILES LONG LIM FJORD, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NATURAL WONDER OF ISTRIA TO ROVINJ, AN ATTRACTIVE MEDITERRANEAN TOWN WITH ITS MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE, FORTIFICATION REMAINS, LABYRINTH OF STREETS, STAIRWAYS AND PICTURESQUE SQUARES. STOP AT A SMALL FARM TO TASTE HOME-MADE BRANDIES AND DIFFERENT SORTS OF ISTRIAN WINE.

OPERATING: TBA

REMARK: VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED!