

Beauties of SLOVENIA

Exclusive Program for Braga Travel Consulting

Destination:	Slovenia
Duration:	7 nights / 8 days
No. of persons:	On request



PROGRAM SUGGESTION:

*Welcome to Slovenia:
Ljubljana, the capital*

Included:

- Private transfer to Ljubljana
- Guided tour of Ljubljana

DAY 1 Ljubljana

Arrival to Ljubljana airport.

Our driver will meet you at Ljubljana Airport with a name sign and transfer you to your hotel in Ljubljana. Check-in at the hotel.

Transfer from Venice airport is possible for a supplement.

Guided tour of Ljubljana: See all the main city sights and best places in Ljubljana and get to know its historical and cultural side. Walk through the medieval Old Town and see the main attractions such as the Triple Bridge, St. Nicholas Cathedral, and more.

Rest of the day explore the medieval Old Town on the banks of Ljubljanica River, visit the city's bustling central market and discover boutique shops and charming restaurants.

Tip of the day for the afternoon:

- BOAT RIDE + WINE TASTING ON THE

OVERNIGHT

RIVER: Enjoy in style while you drive by boat through main river of Ljubljana while enjoy in wine tasting of selected top Slovenian wines.

LJUBLJANA

- UNIQUE EXPERIENCE - CREATE YOUR OWN SLOVENIAN SOUVENIR: Do you know majolika, traditional ceramics, used for wine? There are two studios which you can create it. In the Atelier for shaping and painting of Slovenian Ceramics, called APOK in the center of Ljubljana or in House of Ceramics in Kamnik. Everything will be spiced up with special care and unforgettable surprise.

Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle

Included:

- Breakfast
- Entrance Fee to Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle
- Private transfer to Postojna

DAY 2

Ljubljana, Postojna, Ljubljana

In the morning you will depart towards **Postojna cave and Predjama Castle**.

Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle: Head towards Karst region, the land of numerous natural phenomena and limestone. Visit world-famous attraction, biggest and most beautiful cave in the world, the Postojna caves, and fascinating attraction of Slovenia - Predjama Castle, the castle which is literally built into the rock.



If you prefer instead of Postojna Cave you can visit less touristy **Skocjan Caves - UNESCO Heritage site**. Sightseeing is more active with lots of stairs, so good physical condition is obligatory.



Continue to authentic picturesque **Štanjel**, typical Karst village and walk through narrow streets of this remarkable and unique place with **extraordinary architecture** and Ferrari Garden.

Return to Ljubljana in the early evening.

Julian Alps: Bled, pearl of Slovenia

DAY 3

Ljubljana - Bled

OVERNIGHT

Included:

- Breakfast
- Guided tour of Bled
- Entrance fee to Bled Castle
- Private transfer to Bled
- Pletna boat ride

Drive to famous Bled. Check in at the hotel and meet your guide at the reception desk of your hotel.

Visit Bled Lake with island in the middle of the lake and Bled Castle. The castle stands on a rock approximately 100 yards above the lake with wonderful views of the town, lake and surrounding countryside. The castle museum has a large collection of armor and weapons from the 16th to 18th centuries. After castle visit, time to try **worldwide known cream cake**.

Afterwards, drive by famous **pletna boat** to the lake island with church on in and **ring the wish-bell**.

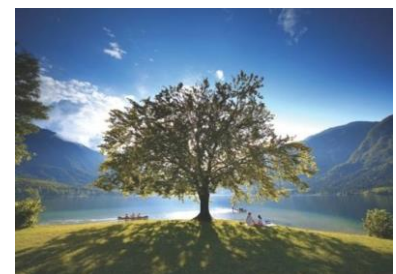
Rest of the day at leisure.

Tip of the day - our top suggestions:

- **BEEKEEPING AMBROZIC IN VICINITY OF BLED:** One of most successful Slovenian beekeeper with many awards is also special in way that he caught a swarm of bees on snow white honey combs. Get involved in this special story and try their great honey.
- **HOMESTEAD DORNK BLED:** homestead pr'Dornk is located in Bled, only 200 meters from the lake, in the old village of Mlino. The house has already completed 240 years and features some great examples of real authentic artefacts from this area: black kitchen (still in use nowadays), old stable and above the barn for hay, where you can see through the ethnological collection and exhibition of Nativity scenes.
- **VINTGAR GORGE:** One of the easiest and most satisfying half-day trips from Bled is to Vintgar Gorge, some 4km to the northwest of Bled village.

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The highlight is a 1600m wooden walkway through the gorge, built in 1893 and continually rebuilt since. It crisscrosses the swirling Radovna River four times over rapids, waterfalls and pools before reaching 16m-high Šum Waterfall. The entire walk is spectacular. There are little snack bars at the beginning and the end of the walkway.



Julian Alps: Bohinj & Triglav National Park

DAY 4
Bled, Bohinj, Bled

Included:

- Breakfast
- Guided tour of Bohinj
- Admission for Mt. Vogel Cable Car
- Private transfer to Bohinj

With your private driver-guide travel to the **heart of Triglav National Park, Bohinj Lake. Ascend to the top of Mt. Vogel** from where fantastic view to Triglav National Park with Bohinj Lake and Mt. Triglav open.



On the top there are some great dining options - The mountain hut at Zadnji Vogel (opened from end of June till mid of September) offers the homemade traditional Slovenian dish koruzni žganci, an Alpine dairyman's cold platter, homemade schnapps, whey and cottage cheese strudel. It also provides dormitory-style accommodation for up to 16 people. The trail from the upper Vogel cable car station to the mountain pasture is well marked, partially winding its way up and down the ski slope. The walk takes approximately 30 minutes.



Mountain Inn Merjasec offer wide variety of traditional meals, such as: Garlic soup with Mohant cheese, lunch for the master, shepherd lunch, Sweet biscuits "Trdinka" corn žganci with sour milk and Home-made bread.



Afterwards, free time to relax by the lake. Return to Bled and overnight.

Other popular activities in Bohinj (optionally):

- **BALLOON FLIGHT ABOVE LAKE BLED:** Start your morning with a balloon flight over Bled lake, and its surroundings with stunning views of the Julian and Karavanke Alps, Triglav National Park and beautiful Sava river valley and small villages.



- **TASTING OF SPIRITS:** The tradition of distilling spirits at the Tersegvav farm, located in one of the oldest settlements of Zapis, called Muže, is passed down from generation to generation. At the tasting you will have the opportunity to taste various types of home-made spirits. The most popular among which are the Tepkovec brandy, cherry brandy and heath liqueur.



- **HIKING ON CHEESEMAKERS TRAIL AROUND BOHINJ PASTURES:** Behind the forest ridge that spreads above the Bohinj Lake, there is a world away from the overcrowded places. At the base of the mountain world, larch trees welcome rare hikers and lonely pastures tell stories of the past. The majority of the pastures are abandoned today, but some are still awakened in the summer time as dairy farms. There, you can taste or buy homemade milk products, such as sour milk, cottage cheese, semi-hard cheese, “mohant”, butter, and much more.
- **SAVICA WATERFALL:** The Savica Waterfall is the source of the Sava Bohinjka, known under the name of Savica to the spot where it flows into Lake Bohinj. It is one of the must-see sights for Bohinj first-timers, and it is very possible that you will join those who visit Savica each and every time they come to Bohinj.



Soca Valley with Bovec and Kobarid

DAY 5

Bled - Bovec - Kobarid - Goriska Brda

OVERNIGHT

Included:

- Breakfast
- Guided tour to Soca Valley with Bovec and other attractions
- Private transfer to Goriska Brda
- Kobarid Museum of WWI

This day is dedicated to one of most beautiful part of Slovenia - Soca Valley.

Guided tour of Soca Valley with Bovec and other attractions: The “Emerald” Soča is a remarkably beautiful river valley. Sightseeing of Bovec, a charming little place with lots of good restaurants, bars and places to stay and opportunities for adventure sports.

Continue with a **visit to Kobarid**, a small but beautiful town boasting some of Slovenia’s finest restaurants and make a visit to a first class museum of WWI.

Kobarid Museum of WWI: the centre of representing the heritage of the Isonzo Front on Slovenian, European and on a global scale. Unique demonstrations of fights and the life during the war, the exhibits, the rich photo material and the multi vision projection tell the touching story of hard and bloody days next to the River Soča, which were also remembered by the famous Ernest Hemingway.

Continue to Goriska Brda, one of the best wine regions in Slovenia, known also as **Slovenian Tuscany**. Check-in hotel and overnight.

Tip of the day - more options:

- **ADRENALINE DAY IN SOCA VALLEY:** Visit beautiful Soca valley perfect for best:

GORISKA BRDA

HOTEL GREDIČ 4*



White-Water Rafting, Crazy Zipline, Downhill Mountain Biking, Canyoning and one of the best Paragliding.

- **CHEESE TASTING:** Soca Valley is very famous for its cheese production and can be compared with some varieties of Swiss cheese. Visit one of such cheese producer in domestic ambience.
- **KOZJAK WATERFALLS:** The picturesque Kozjak waterfall is caught in a stony amphitheater not far away from Kobarid. It can be reached by an easy walking path by the riverbed of the emerald Soča River. Approximately 250 meters lower, the water falls again. Here, the waterfall carved an underground hall. Its bottom is covered by a vast blue and green pool, and its walls are reminiscent of those in the Karst caves. A 15-meter-high white water column offers its visitors an unforgettable scenery.



Wine tasting day in Slovenian Tuscany

Included:

- Breakfast
- Guided tour of Goriška Brda
- Wine tasting in Goriška Brda
- Lipica Stud Farm

DAY 6

Goriška Brda, Piran

Guided tour of Goriška Brda: Goriška Brda, also known as Slovene Tuscany and center of top quality Slovenian wines and world-awarded olive oil.

Both we will have chance to try by ourselves. Visit picturesque, small village Smartno, center of cultural life in wider area of this part of Slovenia.

Here, there will be revealed secrets of success of one of the best Slovenian wine maker with outnumber international **wine awards - Edi Simčič and Prinčič wineries**. Beside two wine tasting in Goriška Brda, you will have chance to visit lavender production with outstanding products of lavender and inbetween great lunch in this spectacular wine region.

In the afternoon visit **Lipica Stud Farm**: Get to know the cradle of the Lipizzaners - one of the oldest stud farms in the world with a tradition dating back to 1580! Visit the »on Borjača« stables where the white mares take care of their dark foals. Admire the historical centre of the stud farm and its oldest stable, Velbanca. Find out everything about Lipica and the Lipizzaner in the interactive Lipikum museum.

Continue to Slovenian seaside, to **Piran**. Check-in and at leisure.

OVERNIGHT

PIRAN
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Explore Piran on your own: Picturesque medieval Piran, the pearl of the Slovenian Adriatic Sea, with strong Venetian influence and unusually open square to the sea. Here, you can visit the Maritime museum or ascend on the top of the hill where St. George's cathedral overlooks Piran with one of the best panoramic views to all Slovenian coast.

Tip of the day

Culinary Experience in Vila Vipolže, most beautiful Renaissance Villa in Slovenia: Vila Vipolže tells a story in the heart of the Slavic, Germanic and Romanic worlds. Wine bar which is part of the Vila »Bread & Wine« offers an extremely rich wine list in combination with fresh and playful dishes. We welcome you for lunch or dinner with great culinary, based on exceptional local ingredients, which give characteristics of each dish, prepared in this fantastic environment.



Slovenian Coast - Truffle hunting & Secovlje salt pans

DAY 7

Piran - Portoroz

Included:

- Breakfast
- Truffle hunting, tasting of truffles
- Private transfer to Piran
- Entrance fee to Secovlje Salt pans

Great experience in traditional Istrian village. **Real truffle hunting with truffle tasting: Truffle is a king in the culinary.** Slovenian Istria boast with numerous spots where this precious specialty is growing. Now you have a chance to take a look in the world of professional truffle hunter Dejan and his dog. Real truffle hunting and truffle tasting at the end can be really special refreshment of your tour.

After this amazing experience visit **Secovlje Salt pans**: one of biggest salt pans on Adriatic coast. Visit salt museum and see traditional way of salt production which is a strong part of Slovenian culture for centuries.

Time to enjoy your last evening on Slovenian coast.

Farewell Slovenia

DAY 8

Piran - Ljubljana

Included:

- Breakfast
- Private transfer to Ljubljana Airport

Private transfer to Ljubljana/Venice Airport (approx. 1h 30min drive) and flight back home.

Inclusions & Exclusions specific to your tour

Inclusions:

- 7x accommodation in rooms with breakfast as stated above.
- Transportation, guides and entrance fees as per left-column side in the itinerary.
- Organization
- VAT

Exclusions:

- All international air travel and associated costs.
- All meals except breakfast unless stated otherwise in the itinerary.
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- City/tourist taxes are payable on the spot at each accommodation upon check-out (amount is normally between 1-5 USD/person/day, depending on hotel and location).
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance).
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” list above.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

LJUBLJANA: LESAR HOTEL ANGEL 4*

Booking.com review (2020-06-19): 9.3/10



The luxuriously equipped 4-star Lesar Hotel Angel boasts a prime location at the very foot of the Ljubljana Castle Hill, offering spacious and bright accommodation with free Wi-Fi internet access. The property is surrounded by a charming garden which reaches up to the castle itself. Lesar Hotel Angel features an inviting lounge area and is also associated with a nearby restaurant where hotel's guests can enjoy mouth-watering international and local cuisine.

The central location of the Lesar makes it a great starting point to explore Ljubljana and its surroundings.

This is our guests' favourite part of Ljubljana, according to independent reviews. Couples particularly like the location — they rated it 9.9 for a two-person trip.

BLED: VILA BLED 4*

<https://www.brdo.si/sl/vila-bled/vila-bled-0>

Booking.com review (2020-11-06): 9.0/10



Located on the shores of Lake Bled and surrounded by a beautiful park, Vila Bled is President Tito's former summer residence. It features a luxury spa and offers free Wi-Fi.

The spacious rooms all feature cable TV, a minibar, and a large bathroom with bathrobes and hairdryer.

Vila Bled's restaurant serves Slovenian and international gourmet cuisine. In summer, guests can enjoy the private swimming deck with a boathouse.

Free private parking is available at Vila Bled.

GORISKA BRDA: HOTEL GREDIČ 4*

<http://www.gredic.si/>

Booking.com review (2021-02-02): 9.0/10



Enjoy our exclusive service in an idyllic wine region at the crossroads of Alpine and Mediterranean influences. Gredič is a high-standard 4* hotel based in the castle from 16th Century, combining rich history and modern influences empowered by its young team.

This hidden treasure of Goriška Brda is characterised by the highest levels of service and its spectacular location, where you will find relaxation and privacy in a unique setting.

PIRAN: HOTEL PIRAN 4*

<http://www.hotel-piran.si>

Booking.com review (2020-11-06): 8.9/10



This property is 1 minute walk from the beach. Featuring a seafront location in historic Piran town centre, Hotel Piran features a restaurant and a spa and wellness centre. Free WiFi access is provided in all areas. The hotel is 100 m from Tartini Square.

All rooms at this hotel are air-conditioned and feature views of the city or the sea. A TV, a minibar and a safe are provided. Private bathrooms come complete with a shower, a hairdryer and free toiletries.

The Aromatherapy Boutique can be accessed at a surcharge and features saunas and a relaxation area with sea salt water and fresh air, as well as massages and various treatments. The restaurant serves Mediterranean and Slovene cuisine, while the cafe offers various cakes and beverages.

During the warmer months, guests can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the rooftop bar that provides views of Piran and the Adriatic Sea or sunbathe at the beach in front of the hotel.

Portorož is 3 km away, while Izola is at a distance of 11 km. Ljubljana is at a distance of 120 km. The nearest international airport is in Trieste, 79 km away, while Pula Airport can be reached in 95 km.