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# SLOVENIAN PEARLS

3 days / 2 nights

*Discovering top places of Slovenia*

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Slovenia's gems, lakes Bled and Bohinj, located in the heart of the Julian Alps
- Visit Piran, Slovenian little Adriatic treasure
- Go underground to the best-known cave in the world, Postojna cave
- Enjoy the charming capital Ljubljana



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SLOVENIA

The country of Slovenia lies in the heart of the enlarged Europe. It has a border with Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. The capital Ljubljana is a modern, fresh, young, creative and surprising city.

Slovenia, a green and diverse country between the Alps and the Mediterranean, boasts all the beauties of the Old World. When you want to experience Europe in one stroke, come to Slovenia. In just 20,273 square kilometres there are snow-covered mountains, a sea coast bathing in the Mediterranean sun, beautiful karst caves and thermal springs, narrow white-water canyons and wide slow moving rivers, high mountain lakes and lakes that disappear mysteriously underground at the start of summer, ancient villages and medieval cities, the antique castles and modern entertainment, countless vineyards with top quality wines, and the only primeval forest in Europe. Here in this small and easily covered area, where hundreds of birds migrating south make a briefly stop and where dozens of unique indigenous plants find their home, more diverse experiences await you all year round than can be found anywhere else.



# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

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## DAY 1

Arrival to Ljubljana airport  
Drive to Bled (25km)  
Visit of Bled Castle and pletna boat ride to Bled Island  
Lunch at a local restaurant  
Continue to Ljubljana (57km) and check-in to a hotel  
Visit of Ljubljana  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight in Ljubljana

### **BLED – Alpine pearl of Slovenia**

The picture-postcard of the Alpine town of Bled was once the preferred choice of the Austro-Hungarian Empire's elite. Its many charms include a medieval castle, perched high on a rocky cliff, a scenic lake studded by a tiny wooded island, and the alpine splendour of the nearby Triglav National Park, a natural wonderland of glacial valleys, glittering peaks, limestone canyons, ice-cold tarns, flowered meadows, Alpine forests, pretty hamlets and cascading waterfalls. It is a tourist place, surrounded by the wreaths of the Julian Alps and Karavanke Mountains, placed in a dish-shaped basin of a glacial lake, the warmest in Europe.

### **LJUBLJANA – a charming mixture of styles of Central Europe**

One of Europe's best-kept secrets, the ancient walled city of Ljubljana lies at the very heart of Slovenia and boasts a vibrant history that traces 3,000 years of Roman, Medieval, Baroque and Italian influences. A friendly and cosmopolitan city, Ljubljana offers a broad selection of diversions that range from strolling the shimmering reaches of the Ljubljana River to exploring the formal gardens and fortified battlements of the city. There is also wandering the cobbled streets of the Old town and a bright café society to be enjoyed plus plenty of atmospheric bars, a broad range of regional restaurants and a host of cultural events.



## DAY 2

Breakfast in the hotel  
Drive to Postojna Caves (53km) for a visit  
Continue towards Slovenian Coast (72km)  
Panoramic ride through Portoroz  
Lunch at a local restaurant in Piran  
Visit of Piran  
Return to Ljubljana  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight in Ljubljana

### **MARVELLOUS POSTOJNA CAVES – the most visited caves in Europe**

The Postojna cave system is the largest known cave system in Slovenia. A visit to a cave such as Postojna deserves full attention due to the diversity of shapes, expansive cave areas, stalactite and stalagmite formations and water characteristics. Admire its unique Karst underground world of beautiful formations of stalactites and stalagmites. You can also see an unusual and rare underground animal, Proteus Anguinus - the so-called "human fish". A visit to Postojna cave is a special experience, as an electric train takes visitors to their hour and a half circle tour visit to the cave. From the train station inside the cave, guides accompany visitors as they walk amongst magnificent creations of nature.



### **PORTOROZ – the Slovenian Monte Carlo**

Sea, wind, salt, Mediterranean odours, palms, roses and evergreen plants, relaxation, entertainment and companionship are the words, with which we can easily introduce Portoroz, a seaside resort in the heart of Europe. The intermingling of various cultures and music expressions, nature, culinary delights and turbulent historical events, create an atmosphere, in which the everyday life stress and tensions disappear in a relaxed state of mind. The relaxing stroll on the shoreline, recuperating run on the beach, swimming in the sea and pools, beauty and health programmes in spas or sports and recreational activities, will fill you with new energy. Portoroz is a great departure point for the sailing in the Adriatic.

### **PIRAN- historical gem on Slovenian coast**

Piran, a typical Mediterranean town designated by a lovely St. Georges Church and square, named after Piran's most famous citizen - musician Giuseppe Tartini. It is situated at the cape of the Piran peninsula on the Northern side of Istria. The town is actually one large museum with the medieval architecture and rich culture heritage. Narrow streets and tight houses form a special charm of the town. Piran is also an administrative centre of the local area and important Slovenian tourist centre.



## **DAY 3**

Breakfast in the hotel and check-out  
Drive to Ljubljana airport (25km) for your departure flight

# SERVICES

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## **SERVICES INCLUDED:**

### **TRANSFERS:**

Air conditioned comfortable vehicle through the whole tour

### **ACCOMMODATION (in DBL or SGL room, breakfast included):**

2 nights in 4\*hotel in Ljubljana

### **GUIDES:**

English speaking guide through the whole tour including meals and accommodation

### **ENTRANCE FEES:**

Bled castle, Pletna boat ride & visit of St. Mary church, Postojna caves

### **MEALS:**

As per program

### **OTHER:**

Organization of the tour and VAT

## **SERVICES EXCLUDED:**

- Services not mentioned in the program
- Porterage
- Drinks during the meals
- Tips