

## BEAUTIES OF SLOVENIA IN THREE DAYS

18.9.

### FLYING OVER THE EMERALD LAND



We will start our journey with a short drive from Brdo to Bled. With immense natural beauty, Bled, together with its surroundings, ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts

Perched atop a steep cliff rising 130 metres above the glacial Lake Bled is a symbol of Bled and Slovenia – Bled Castle. The image of the castle forming a dramatic backdrop to the Bled lake with a romantic

island and the church on it, which has earned the resort worldwide recognition through the centuries. Castle terraces offer spectacular views of the lake and the island, down the Dežela area with Lesce and Radovljica and over to the mountain ranges of the Karavanke and the Julian Alps.

Visiting an island on the lake and ringing a bell of wishes in the church is a “must do” when in Bled. There are various ways to take a trip across the lake or to the island. One of them includes a trip with the traditional boat made by locals which is only known at Bled – the Pletna boat. The Pletna boat is operated by the Pletna oarsman. This profession is very respected as it cannot be performed just by anyone. The title of the Pletna oarsman was handed down from generation to generation, which is why the profession of “Pletnarstvo” remained in individual families throughout the centuries.

Time for lunch and to try the Bled cream cake – the only true cream cake in the world!

We will continue on “the emerald path” to Tolmin. It is a “must see”, as the river Soča and its emerald colour is known all over the world and recognised by many movie makers, who filmed in this region because of its natural beauty (like The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian).

After lunch, we will take a hike in the Tolmin gorges, which is the lowest and southernmost entry point into the Triglav National Park and Tolmin’s most important sight of nature. The most prominent attractions are the wedged rock named Bear’s Head and the Devil’s Bridge, 60 metres high above the bluish Tolminka River.

The hike takes about 1,5 hours.



And finally, a good, proper dinner with locals Davorin and Jelka, who hold a lot of interesting stories and most importantly secret recipes for their meals and success...



A night stay in Ajdovščina in hotel Gold Club

<http://www.hotelgoldclub.eu/en/>



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### SO SMALL AND SO DIVERSE

After breakfast in the hotel, we will head to the most beautiful city on our coast region – Piran. It grew with the help of salt. The Piran salt pans, where the world-class fleur de sel (flower of salt) is still produced today using age-old methods, were the reason why the picturesque Mediterranean walled town, with its church with a view and cultural attractions, flourished.



Narrow streets with closely constructed houses descending from the hill and its church to the central square on the coast only emphasise its Mediterranean character. This worldly coastal town, which developed under the influence of Venice, is considered to be one of the most authentic and most photogenic towns on the Adriatic coast.



Of course, you shouldn't miss visiting our capital Ljubljana. It has a population of about 287.000 and ranks as one of the smaller European capitals. Thanks to more than 50,000 university students, this city with a history of several thousand years and an average population age of 41 years has an incredibly youthful feel. Harmonious coexistence of tradition and contemporaneity can be seen on many levels, from the city's diverse cultural production and creative society to its culinary art.



Good food, good wine and oils are not the only culinary thing Slovenia has to offer. We also grow a lot of hops and there is a region, which is called "the valley of the green gold". It could mean two things – farmers in the past have made a good fortune growing hops, or that this ingredient is turned into a drink gold in colour... beer! Have you heard of the "Fountain of beer"? There is one in Žalec, the first of it's kind in the world! We invite you to have a taste – you will receive a specially designed glass (which shape supposedly turns liquid in it to have healing powers) and will be able to taste 6 kinds of locally produced beers.

Overnight in Žalec or in Celje

<http://hotel-zalec.si/?lang=en> – this hotel is about 500m from the fountain

<http://www.hotel-celeia.si/en/> - in Celje - I'm still waiting for a response about availability!

<http://www.hotel-evropa.si/en/> - really nice hotel in the center of Celje, but they only have 9 twin rooms left (separate beds)!



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### AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE...

Breakfast and a walk around the city.



At 9 AM we will head for the other side of the country, Prekmurje region, completely different experience! Sightseeing in Prekmurje starts with Vinarium Lendava. When was the last you were able to see the landscapes of 4 different countries at once? The watchtower Vinarium Lendava, standing 53.3 meters tall, offers an incredible 360° view of the colorful landscape that stretches from the settlement of Lendavske gorice, where the tower proudly stands, all the way to the river basin of Mura, and encompasses a wonderful view of the plains and hills of Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, and Austria. You can reach the highest platform of the tower by a comfortable ride with the elevator or by climbing 240 steps, where you will then experience the most beautiful vantage point for many miles around.

After that, will will head for Jeruzalem hills, where a lot of famous quality wines are produced. Experience the fascinating vineyard cottage in the heart of their vineyard terraces. The more than 350-year-old building, which once served as a farm for processing grapes and wine, today happily opens its doors for visitors. You can expect an exciting story, excellent wine tasting and traditional dishes from the region.



Ofcourse, there will be time for lunch and in the late afternoon, we will travel to Murska Sobota to our hotel, where you will be able to enjoy the thermal spa and local, typical dishes. And maybe have a glimpse of a stork, nesting in the neighbourhood...

<http://www.lovenjakov-dvor.si/?lang=en>

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### SO SMALL AND SO DIVERSE

After rich, local breakfast in the hotel, you will have some time to enjoy the spa or catch a fish in hotel lake!

In the three days you will see how small and diverse our country is!





**Note:** there can be changes in the program due to weather or other conditions we have no influence on. Changes will be replaced by equivalent services.

**Price:**

Minimum 18 persons: **409€**

Minimum 15 persons: **439€**

Minimum 12 persons: **489€**

Minimum 10 persons: **539€**

**Price includes:**

Day 1: Entrance fee to Bled castle, Pletna boat ride to the island, entrance fee to Tolmin gorges, dinner with Davorin and Jelka, B&B in hotel in Ajdovščina

Day 2: Beer glass for tasting of 6 different beers, one way fare for Ljubljana city castle funicular (short walk the other way), dinner, hotel with breakfast

Day 3: Tasting of four kinds of wine with local snack in Malek vineyard cottage, hotel with dinner and breakfast in Murska Sobota

And also: bus transfer on the 14<sup>th</sup> of september from the Zagreb airport to Brdo, bus transfer from Brdo to Murska Sobota with all stated sightseeing points, bus transfer on the 21<sup>th</sup> of September from Murska Sobota to Zagreb airport, all bus and driver costs, turist guide (in Spanish), our personal touch and little surprises, which will make your trip memorable.

**Supplements:** 3x lunch 45€, Vinarium Lendava 7€

**Air fare**

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**Price:** 239€ (incuded luggage 23 kg)

Price for air fare is valid on the 8<sup>th</sup> of july and can be changed due to flight availability.

**Booking:** we will be happy to host you and show you all the best spots in Slovenia. We will make an option reservation for ground services for you until the 10<sup>th</sup> of august. If you need a little more time, don't hesitate to ask.

If you decide to make a booking, there is a necessary 30% payment in advance. 70% should be transferred to our account 10 days prior the arrival.





The necessary information we need for a reservation are passenger names (as stated in the personal ID) and date of birth.

**Cancelation policy:**

- There are no refunds on the air plane ticket fares.
- We suggest you insure your trip (ground services) in case of sudden illnesses, natural disasters or death in the family. In those cases you can cancel you trip to the first day of the trip and have all your expenses refunded – except of insurance fee, which is 10€ per person.
- You can also insure the fare for air plane tickets – in that case price for insurance is 35€ per person.
- If you don't have insurance of cancellation risk, the price for other passengers will increase according to the price offer we sent you.

