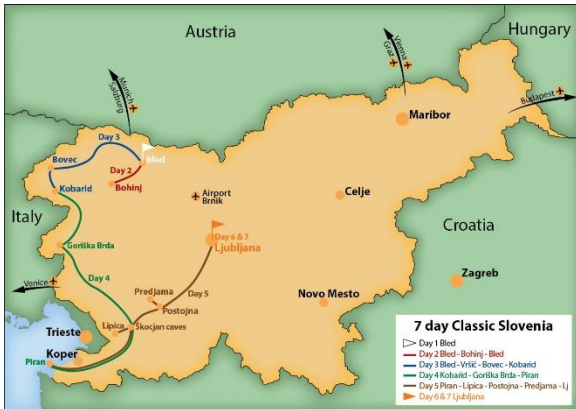


CLASSIC SLOVENIA IN 7 DAYS

from 1139 EUR



ABOUT THIS TOUR

Country: Slovenia

Duration: 7 days/6 nights

Type of Travel: escorted, with local guides

Group Size: maximum 8 (van) or 26 (public bus tour)

Recommended for: friends, co-workers, families or individual travellers

Transportation: modern A/C van or bus

Inclusive: main entrance fees

Accommodation: 4* or 3* hotels

Meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, cheese tasting, wine tasting

Physical Rating: ●●○○○

SHORT ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO BLED, SLOVENIA

Arrival to hotel – welcome dinner – overnight in Bled

DAY 2: ALPINE RESORTS OF BLED AND BOHINJ

Lake Bled – Bled castle – Bohinj lake – Shepherd’s museum – cheese tasting – overnight in Bled

DAY 3: JULIAN ALPS AND SOCA VALLEY

Vintgar gorge – scenic Vrsic mountain road – Trenta valley – Alpine museum – Emerald Soca river – dinner – overnight in Bovec/Kobarid



Soca river

DAY 4: WAR AND WINE IN THE WESTERN SLOVENIA

Kozjak waterfall – awarded WW1 museum in Kobarid – Goriska brda lunch and wine tasting - Overnight in Portoroz or Piran

DAY 5: VENETIAN / HABSBERG LEGACY AT THE COAST AND MAGICAL CAVES

Coastal town of Piran – Lipica stud farm– Postojna cave – Predjama castle – overnight in Ljubljana



Piran

DAY 6: LJUBLJANA EXPERIENCE

Ljubljana city walk – boat ride on Ljubljanica river – farewell dinner – overnight in Ljubljana



Ljubljana

DAY 7: DEPARTURE DAY

Transfer to the airport or extension travel.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO BLEED, SLOVENIA – tour starts

Arrival to Bled, an alpine resort in the north-west part of Slovenia. In the evening meet your Travel director at 6:30 pm at your hotel. Enjoy welcome dinner and get excited about adventure that awaits you. A travel portal Thrillist describes Bled as follows: *“You’ll be hard-pressed to find a more picturesque setting than Bled... It’s picture perfect in every sense. The Julian Alps dominate the background, while in the foreground, a 17th-century Baroque church sits on a remote island, adrift in the middle of glacial lake. It’s the stuff of fairytales. With waterfalls, castles, and remote caves all within the area, it makes for a vivid and character-filled landscape.”*

Meals: welcome dinner

Overnight: Bled

DAY 2: BLEED AND BOHINJ, ALPINE RESOTS

To step back in time, we will visit a typical **medieval gothic Bled castle** built on 130 m (426 feet) high cliff. Optional visit to the tiny island of **lake Bled** in the middle of the lake is possible with a traditional wooden rowing boat called *pletna*. In the island’s church you can ring a bell of wishes, a tradition, that is most possibly 500 years old. Let’s explore deeper in **Triglav national Park** and drive through **picturesque alpine villages** and pastures full of hayracks. A stop at **Shepherd’s museum** is where you will learn all about life on the high slopes. Followed by **cheese tasting** which is a must for foodies. Enjoy some free time by the biggest Slovenian **lake, Bohinj** (lunch on own, swimming in summer time...) or take an optional **cable car ride to Mt. Vogel*** where you will be rewarded with astonishing views of mountain peaks and lake Bohinj on your palm. If you decide to get a lift above the clouds, let us give you a hint: Lunch up there tastes even better!

Meals: breakfast, cheese tasting

Overnight: Bled

*Mount Vogel visit is weather permitted.

DAY 3: JULIAN ALPS AND SOCA VALLEY

Start your day with a lovely hike in a 1,6 km (1 mile) long **Vintgar gorge*** which carves its way through the vertical rocks and is graced with waterfalls, pools and rapids. Make sure to have your camera ready for the ride that follows; **Scenic Vrsic mountain road** will take us over the highest paved mountain pass in Slovenia at 1.611 meters (5.285 feet) altitude. It has a historical value that goes back to the WWI. We are going to follow **emerald Soca River** with its narrow gorges and stop in **Trenta** to visit an interesting **Alpine museum**. At lunch time we will arrive to **Bovec, adrenaline capital of Slovenia**, where you can join optional activities like white water **rafting or kayaking on Soca River, canyoning or even skydiving** – why not? If you prefer to have a laid back afternoon and

relax, you can also do it here. In the evening we will enjoy dinner in the local restaurant.

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Overnight: Bovec or Kobarid

*Vintgar gorge is opened from Easter time till November 1st.

**On Public bus tour Scenic Vrsic mountain road will be replaced by Predel mountain road

DAY 4: WAR AND WINE IN WESTERN SLOVENIA

Start your day by crossing Napoleon’s bridge and walk to the picturesque **Kozjak waterfall** caught in a stony amphitheater. It is going to be an easy morning hike that is 2,4 km (1,5 mile) long altogether. Visit of the **WWI museum in Kobarid** will give us an unbiased insight of the events that happened in one of the major battles in the history of mankind on hilly terrain. Museum was awarded the Council of Europe Museum Prize and since its opening in 1990, it was visited by many notable people like monarchs, presidents of states, church superiors etc. The afternoon is reserved for pleasure in **Goriška Brda** that are called Slovenian Tuscany. Lunch and **wine tasting**. Overnight at Slovenian coast.

Meals: breakfast, lunch with wine tasting

Overnight: Portoroz or Piran

DAY 5: VENETIAN LEGACY AT THE COAST AND MAGICAL CAVES

This day is all about magical and most visited places in Slovenia; white horses, baby dragons, hunted castles and knights... It sounds like a fairy tale, right? **Coastal town of Piran** is where Venetian Republic has left its legacy that one can feel in narrow winding streets, houses huddled close together, beautiful squares and churches. Enjoy some free time wandering around this well preserved medieval town and have coffee or gelato in one of the many cafes lined by the sea. Near Italian border we shortly stop at **Lipica stud farm**, home to almost 400 Lipizzaner horses, nourishing a tradition that goes back to the year of 1580. Free time for lunch in Postojna. Number one visited attraction in Slovenia is the Queen of the caves – **Postojna cave**. It is a system of chambers, halls and passages that you enter by open train which adds to the experience of depths and adventure. Countless stalagmite and stalactite formations are lit well enough even to take pictures. You will hear about Slovenia’s most unusual creature that we are fond of and call a **human fish**. A short drive away there is one of a kind, the Renaissance-style **Predjama castle** which has a reputation for being the most hunted castle in Europe. It is nestled in the mouth of a cave and is set within a 123-meter-tall (404 feet) rock face. Let us walk you through the story of chateau’s famous **resident knight Erazem Lueger**.

Meals: breakfast

Overnight: Ljubljana

DAY 6: LJUBLJANA EXPERIENCE

Lonely Planet stated: "Ljubljana, Slovenia's biggest city, happens to be one of Europe's greenest and most livable capitals." We will start our day with a **guided city walk** and crown it with a relaxing **boat ride on Ljubljanica river**. You will see Ljubljana's best features like **Plecnik's Triple bridge, baroque St. Nicholas Cathedral, Renaissance City hall and Art Nouveau street**. The rest of the day is at leisure; you will get lots of suggestions from your local guide. In the evening join your fellow travellers at **farewell dinner** to raise our glasses and wish each other safe travels.

PRICE**PRIVATE VAN TOUR**

Number of people travelling	Price per person in euros
1	3939
2	2439
3	1839
4	1579
5	1439
6	1339
7	1239
8	1139

Included in the price:

- Small groups of maximum 8 people
- All transfers and sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- 6 nights First Class accommodation in Ljubljana (2 nights in Bled, 1 night in Bovec or Kobarid, 1 night in Portorož or Piran, 2 nights in Ljubljana)
- City hotel taxes, tourist taxes
- Hotel portorage
- Meals: 6 breakfasts, welcome dinner in Bled, cheese tasting in Bohinj, dinner in Bovec or Kobarid, lunch with wine tasting in Goriska Brda, farewell dinner in Ljubljana
- Entrance fees: Bled castle, Shephard's museum, Vintgar gorge, Alpine museum in Trenta Valley, WW1 museum in Kobarid, Postojna cave, Predjama castle, boat ride in Ljubljanica

Meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Overnight: Ljubljana

DAY 7: LJUBLJANA – tour ends

Safe travels!

Meals: breakfast or breakfast box (depends on your check out)

Note: If you need a transfer to the airport or want to continue with extension travel to neighboring countries, let us know – we will handle everything for you.

- Services of local English-speaking tour guide throughout
 - Comprehensive, guided sightseeing
 - Active itinerary with unique features
- Not included in the price:**
- Transfer from/to Ljubljana or other nearby airports (from 29 EUR per person one way)
 - Optional rowing boat ride to Bled island and entrance fee to the church on Bled Island
 - Optional Cable car to Mt. Vogel
 - Optional rafting or kayaking on Soca River, canyoning or skydiving
 - Personal expenses (meals, drinks, shopping etc.)
 - Gratuities
 - Supplement for single room from 330 EUR (per person per tour)

Pick up: By itinerary in the program.

Accommodation:

- Bled: Hotel Kompas 4* or Best Western Premier Hotel Lovec 4* or Hotel Park 4* or similar
- Bovec or Kobarid: Alp Hotel Bovec 3* or Kobarid Hotel Hvala 4* or similar
- Portoroz or Piran: Hotel Metropol 5* or Hotel Histron 4* or Hotel Piran 4* or similar
- Ljubljana: Central Hotel 4* or Hotel Galleria 4* or Allegro Hotel 4* or similar

For groups bigger than 8, please contact us.

We are flexible in adjusting program to your needs. Suggestions: traditional meals, wine tastings, visit of museums, sports activities, hikes etc.

PUBLIC BUS TOUR
PRICE: FROM 1299 EUR per person
SMALL GROUPS OF MAXIMUM 26 TRAVELLERS
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