

Day 1

Arrival in Ljubljana

Meeting point: Ljubljana airport

Duration: approx. 30 min

An English-speaking driver will wait for you at the arrivals in Ljubljana airport. He will be holding a sign with your name on it. Upon your arrival, you will quickly proceed with a car towards your hotel. Lovely Ljubljana! This Slovenian capital city is situated under the Alps, at the heart of Slovenia. Did you know that only bicycles and small electric vehicles are allowed to pass through the centre? This beautiful city may be small but it's bigger in importance than many cities in the world. The abundance of options for one to enjoy cannot be stressed enough. You can visit a Dragon castle in the city centre, eat in one of the Michelin star restaurants, enjoy green parks or simply cherish a moment while sitting next to the river.

Day 2

Ljubljana city tour – National Museum & Ljubljana castle included

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 09:00am

Duration: approx. 4h

There is no better way to explore a city than with a private guide. Lovely Ljubljana is a metropolis in a form of a petite town. Not only is its energy vibrant and full of life, but it is a very progressive city in many ways. This great tour will pull you into a narrative of Ljubljana, in its local stories, history and architecture. You will visit the National Museum, to expand the context of Ljubljana even more and to please the curious traveler in you. Apart from pleasant strolls through the city center and down the Ljubljanica river, you will visit Ljubljana castle – a petite but dreamy castle situated upon a hill in the heart of the city centre. When you reach the top, explore and learn about the legend of the Dragon.

Day 3

The Foodie tour through Vipava valley

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 01:00pm

Duration: approx. 6h

Today's gastro tour will take you less than hour outside Ljubljana, to a luscious fertile region that stretches all the way towards Italian border. A magical combination of exceptionally fine wine and food, dramatic karst landscapes and medieval castles towering over dreamy villages. The Vipava valley. Blessed with outstanding grounds, the valley has centuries-old wine tradition. On this food tour, you will taste traditional prosciutto, goat milk products, and indigenous wine varieties from this area. You will meet and discuss the production processes with passionate farmers, prosciutto producers, and winemakers

that work alongside nature, and follow old local traditions. Take a deep breath and let Vipava valley and all its beauty sink in.

Day 4

Excursion to lake Bled & gorgeous Vintgar gorge

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 10:00am

Duration: approx. 7h

Welcome to the Alpine region below the Julian Alps. Upon arrival you will visit the old castle resting high on the cliff above dreamy, mirror-like Bled lake. Descend back down near the water, board a small, wooden boat *pletna* and discover a charming island situated at the centre of the lake. Next up is a visit to beautiful Vintgar gorge where you will follow a wooden path along river Radovna through the pictureque interior of the gorge. Exceptional sights of the gorge will give you a sense of beauty in this area. Its steep depths, vertical walls, rapid river and the largest waterfall in Slovenia will leave you speechless. After your tour you will take a lunch-break in a local tavern after which you will continue back to Ljubljana.

Notes: there are many stairs on Bled island so this part of the tour is not suitable for people with mobility issues and Vintgar gorge depends on weather and can be replaced with other relevant activities

Day 5

A private car transfer to Rovinj

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 10:00am

Duration: approx. 2h10min

Hop in a private car and let your personal English speaking driver take you on a comfortable ride from Ljubljana to Rovinj. Rovinj, “*creme de la creme*” of Istrian peninsula! Here you can find the finest selection of hotels, bars, restaurants, art galleries, concerts, festivals and much more. You can enjoy in a glass of Rovinj’s *pelinkovac* – a drink characteristic for this area, or treat yourself in a local fish restaurant with freshly caught Adriatic squids. You can walk along a jet set marina, or enjoy a contemporary art exhibition in the heart of the Old Town. Whatever you choose to do in Rovinj, you will not be dissatisfied. Rovinj really is a matchless Istrian jewel!

Notes: the traffic depends on the season and if there are a lot of people crossing the border, delay is possible; need to show the passport

Day 6

Coastal wonders of Istria – discover Pula & Rovinj

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 09:00am

Duration: approx. 5h

This tour consists of two amazing locations. Pula is a 2000 years old city – a home to many monuments from the great Roman Empire. You will visit the Triumphal Arch of the Sergi, Hercules gate, Temple of Augustus and many more. The most famous and important monument, the starting and ending point of every sightseeing tour is the Amphitheater (the Arena) which was once a site of cruel gladiator fights. After learning the most interesting facts on Pula, you will head to Rovinj – considered to be the most beautiful town in Istria. Its charming old town is filled with A-class restaurants, galleries and shops. Not only it has an exceptionally interesting past but it later evolved into the most sophisticated coastal oasis on Istrian peninsula.

Day 7

Medieval gems & gourmet experience in Istria

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 09:00am

Duration: 8 hours

Today you will enjoy a full day tour of northern part of Istria – starting from picturesque town Hum, to Motovun and the countryside. You will get to know history and tradition of Istria, alongside your guide and let us just mention all the exquisite sightseeing, brandy tasting and traditional cuisine you are about to experience! The tour will start with a transfer to Hum, officially the smallest town in the world. How exclusive is that? You will enjoy brandy tasting in the area and then further proceed to Motovun – a hilltop beauty believed to be one of the most beautiful towns in Istria. The last part of this amazing tour will be at agroturism Tikel – a charming restaurant in an old refurbished stone house, serving genuine Istrian food.

Notes: fun facts: according to the legend, Hum arose when the giants built towns in the valley of the river Mirna and with the remaining stones, they built Hum.

Day 8

A private car transfer to Trieste

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 10:00am

Duration: 2h without stops

A quick and comfortable private ride with an English speaking driver will transport you from Rovinj to North Italy's sweetheart – Trieste. Loveable Trieste, a vibrant Italian city known for its creamy espresso, Aperol spritz cocktail, numerous jet set bars, restaurants, amazing Marina kissing the sea docks in the city centre, enchanting Miramare castle and much more. Trieste is a blend of both Italian legacy and Austro-Hungarian heritage, and both influences gave the city a specific "taste". If you like relaxed enjoyment in sunny coastal cities and you are drawn towards Italian hedonism, this place will definitely crawl under your skin and become your darling.

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Day 9

A free day around Trieste

A free day to explore Trieste on your own. Sounds perfect, doesn't it? You can take long, relaxed walks through the beautiful streets of Trieste and experience different cultures, vibrant energy and various cultural events happening all over the city. Trieste is known for its mundane culture and its busy streets with a common habit of the locals to always "go for a drink" after work. Streets of Trieste will definitely charm you and pull you in its good, light-hearted mood. Outside Trieste, you can visit a majestic Miramare castle that was once a summer residency of Austro-Hungarian emperor Maximilian of Habsburg. Settled in a mesmerizing setting, facing the sea, Miramare will offer some unforgettable moments and stay in your heart forever.

Notes: if desired a private guide can be arranged, just let us know.

Day 10

A private car transfer to Venice - a floating city

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 10:00am

Duration: approx. 2h 20min

Transfer to Piazzale Roma in Venice from Trieste, with a private car and a personal English speaking driver. Once you reach the car terminal, your personal assistant will wait for you and escort you to a private taxi boat that will get you to your hotel in Venice. What an adventure to start off your amazing Venice experience! Built on more than a hundred small islands, with no roads but just canals, this city is an architectural masterpiece. You will admire Saint Mark's basilica, Campanile bell tower, Palazzo Ducale and other numerous monuments while drinking a perfect Aperol spritzer, Italia's favorite cocktail. Benvenuti!

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Day 11

A walking tour of Venice

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 10:00am

Duration: 3h

Venice, a city where one can move from one place to another by foot or by a boat. Today, you will be sightseeing on foot, which is perfect to explore all the little alleys full of beauty. The tour will start with a walk to San Marco square, and proceed to Golden basilica and Doge's palace. Saint's Mark basilica is a unique synthesis of Venetian art, Byzantine details and Gothic elements. Next stop is a luxurious Doge's palace, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture. The Hall of the Great council and government apartments are covered in frescoes made by Titian, Veronese, Tintoretto and other great artists. Venice is not only unique because it's "floating" on water but also because it is filled with monuments of indisputable value.

Notes: knees and shoulders should be covered (when entering to the St Mark's Basilica)

Day 12

Meeting point: hotel lobby @ 09:00am

Duration: approx. 6h

Hop on a private boat and start sailing through the Venice lagoon! This unique tour will let you discover authentic side of Venice by exploring three of its famous islands – Murano, Burano and Torcello. First stop, Murano – an epicentre of the most sophisticated glass production in the world. "Il vetro di Murano", the glass of Murano, is special type of glass made for decades. You will visit one of the traditional factories and take part in a glass-blowing demonstration. Pretty exclusive, don't you think?

Your next stop is Burano – a small, fishermen's island, famous for its heritage of lace embroidery that it's still today made by hands only. After learning everything about this old tradition, you will head to island Torcello. It is filled with old, interesting monuments and it was once a residency of writer Ernest Hemingway. This tour will surely let you remember the Venice lagoon forever.

Day 13

Departure

Meeting point: hotel lobby

Duration: approx. 1h

You will meet your personal English-speaking assistant at the lobby of the hotel for a private boat transfer to the boat piers asfter which you will have a short car transfer to Venice airport.

Notes: it is recommended to arrive to the airport three hours before departure