

# DISCOVER SLOVENIA HERITAGE AND HARMONY

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**Tour Date:**

**August 26 - September 7, 2026**





# ITINERARY

Admission fees are indicated in blue letters in the itinerary.

B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner



## Day 1: Wednesday, August 26

### Depart Home Cities

Airfare is not included. For support with flight arrangements, please get in touch with Sherri at 1 (800) 800-5981 x 7005.

## Day 2: Thursday, August 27

### Venice Airport to Ljubljana

Upon arrival at Venice Airport, meet your Tour Director and driver for a transfer directly to your hotel in Ljubljana (one bus ride) and a welcome drink. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided city tour of Ljubljana, wandering its historic streets, crossing picturesque bridges, and discovering iconic landmarks with insights from a knowledgeable local guide. A **round-trip funicular ride up to Ljubljana Castle** is included, offering stunning panoramic views of the city. Evening at leisure for dinner on your own. Overnight in Ljubljana.

## Day 3: Friday, August 28

### In Ljubljana, Ptuj, and Zalec

After breakfast, drive to Ptuj, Slovenia's oldest town. Wander through the medieval streets and visit the **Ptuj Castle**, perched above the town with panoramic views of the Drava River. Inside, explore the museum's rich collections, including historical artifacts, traditional costumes, and regional treasures that tell the story of Ptuj's fascinating past. Lunch is included in a local restaurant in Ptuj.

## Pricing Overview:

Price per person in shared room: **\$3,792**

Single Supplement: **\$1,218**

Passenger Minimum: **25**

## Included Hotels:

- Aug 27 - Sep 1: uHotel
- Sep 1 - 4: Hotel Park (Lake View)
- Sep 4 - 7: Hotel Piran
  - Bedding will be a large bed with two duvet covers.

## Included Features:

- Selected class hotels 4-star
- Service charges, hotel taxes, and mandatory tourist city taxes
- One group arrival and one group departure transfer
- All transportation with modern A/C motor coach from Day 2 (pick up at Venice Airport) till Day 13 (drop off at Venice Airport) as per the program and in compliance with valid EU regulations.
- English-speaking Tour Director (Bine Augustin) from Day 2 (pick up Venice Airport) till Day 13 (drop off at Venice Airport) as per the program and in compliance with valid EU regulations.
- Whisper system throughout (Day 3 - Day 12)





On the way back to Ljubljana, stop in Žalec for the **Beer Fountain**. The rest of the evening is free to visit Odprta Kuhna (Open Kitchen), Slovenia's premier open-air food market on Pogačarjev Trg, a vibrant culinary hub every sunny Friday from March to October. Since its inception in 2013, it has become an integral part of Ljubljana's liveliness and diverse cuisine. Vendors showcase a wide array of dishes, from traditional Slovenian fare to international street food, catering to all tastes and preferences. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B, L)

- Please note: The event is weather-permitting and may be canceled in case of rain.

#### **Day 4: Saturday, August 29** **In Ljubljana, Dolenjska Region**

Today, visit the Dolenjska region. Drive to Dolenjske Toplice with a stop in Visnja Gora to visit **Hisa Kranjske Cebele (Bee Museum)**. Continue to the village of Raka to experience **Cviček Hram**, a unique wine heritage site celebrating the region's famous cviček wine. Immerse yourself in local winemaking traditions, enjoy an engaging tasting session, and savor the flavors of this distinctive Dolenjska region wine. Return to Ljubljana with the rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight. (B, T)

#### **Day 5: Sunday, August 30** **In Ljubljana and Postojna**

Today we will visit the famous **Postojna Caves**, one of the world's largest Karst natural wonders. Take a unique and adventurous ride with a special train to one of the most diverse cave systems in the world. Next, we visit **Predjama Castle**, a dramatic fortress built into a cliff with hidden chambers and fascinating legends. The day ends with an early dinner at local restaurant Morski Konjicek or sim, where we enjoy local cuisine and live entertainment (Trio Adio or sim). Return to Ljubljana and overnight. (B, D)

#### **Day 6: Monday, August 31** **Free Day in Ljubljana**

Enjoy a relaxing day at leisure in Ljubljana, taking the time to soak in the city's charm at your own pace and shopping. Stroll along the scenic riverbanks, admire the picturesque bridges, and explore the historic streets and



#### **Included Tastings:**

- **Day 3: Zalec Beer Fountain & Beer Tasting**
- **Day 4: Cvičkov Hram Visit & Tasting**
  - The building has two main parts: a lower (basement) part built in masonry, and an upper part constructed with oak beams in the style of 18th-century "gorniki" wine houses.
  - The lower level has three rooms: a wine cellar ("klet"), a guest room that can seat ~70 people, and sanitary facilities.
  - The upper level has three historically styled rooms: one "izba" with a wood/stone oven ("krušna peč"), a chamber with a bed ("kamra s posteljo"), and a space for old winemaking (cellar) tools
  - Tour of the Museum
  - Tasting of cold cuts and local wine
  - Located in Raka
- **Day 10: Visit & Tasting in the Winery Fervin**
  - Experience a guided wine tasting experience that blends vineyard exploration, production insights, and local flavors in a relaxed, immersive setting
  - Walk through the vineyards, with explanations of key vineyard tasks.
  - Guided tour of the grape pressing center and an explanation of the winemaking process.
  - Tasting of 6 wines, paired with cold cuts and seasonal snacks from their own or local origin.
  - A visit to the cellar, with the opportunity to purchase wines directly from the estate.
- **Day 11: Olive Oil Tasting in Koper (Lisjak) with Cold Cuts**



Visit the many outdoor cafés and terraces to enjoy local coffee, pastries, or a refreshing drink while people-watching. Perhaps take a leisurely walk through Tivoli Park, or simply soak in the beauty of the city's public spaces. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

## **Day 7: Tuesday, September 1**

### **Ljubljana to Bled**

Depart from Ljubljana and travel to the enchanting town of Bled, nestled amid emerald waters and majestic alpine scenery. Take in the breathtaking views, explore the charming surroundings, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at leisure. (B)

## **Day 8: Wednesday, September 2**

### **Explore Bled & Radovljica**

Start the day with a scenic **Pletna boat ride** to Bled Island and visit the charming island church (entrance included). Continue to **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff with breathtaking views over Lake Bled. Enjoy free time to explore the lakeside at your leisure. In the late afternoon, travel to Radovljica for a tour of the **Lectar Museum**, learning about the region's traditional gingerbread craft. End the day with a **traditional dinner with entertainment** at Gostilna Lectar before returning to Bled for an overnight. (B, D)

## **Day 9: Thursday, September 3**

### **Explore Bohinj**

This morning, drive to Bohinj and enjoy the scenery. Take a **cable car to Mt. Vogel** and have a light lunch with a view at the restaurant Viharnik on Vogel. In the afternoon, return to Bled and your hotel. Overnight in Bled. (B, L)

## **Included Admission Fees:**

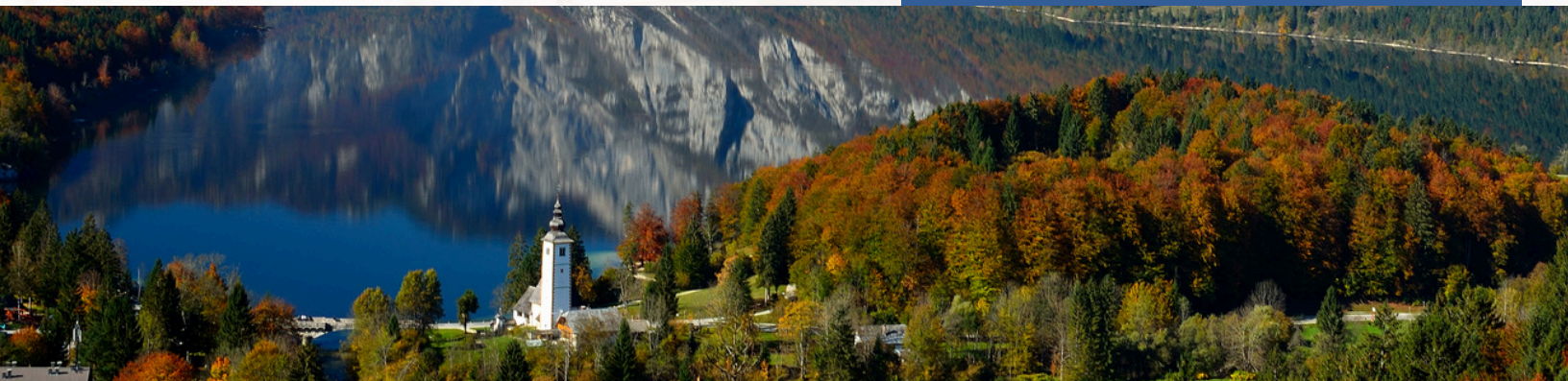
- **Day 2:** Return Funicular to Ljubljana Castle
- **Day 3:** Ptuj Castle with Museum Guide
- **Day 4:** Bee Museum in Visnja Gora
- **Day 5:** Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle
- **Day 8:** Pletna Boat Ride to Bled Island, Church on Bled Island, Bled Castle, Lectar Museum
- **Day 9:** Return Cable Car to Mt Vogel
- **Day 11:** Lipica Stud Farm Guided Tour

## **Travel Authorization:**

The rules of travel to Europe have changed. Starting in the first half of 2026. It will be required to have a travel authorization to enter most European countries. Visit the Official ETIAS website for more information. [www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\\_en](http://www.travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en)

## **Not Included:**

- Gratuities for Driver, Local Guide, Tour Director
- Individual arrivals/departures transfers (On request and additional charges)
- Wine, beer & soft drinks with dinners or lunches (other than indicated in the proposal; can be added upon request)
- Domestic and international Airfares
- Any additional lunches or dinners not listed in the itinerary
- Any additional entertainment not listed in the itinerary
- Travel insurance not included, highly recommended – Can be purchased on kollander.com site from TRIP ASSURE





## Day 10: Friday, September 4

### Bled, Sveta Gora, Vrtovin to Piran

After breakfast and check-out, depart for Slovenska Gora via Ljubljana. Stop at **Sveta Gora**, a historic pilgrimage site perched above the Vipava Valley, featuring a baroque church, Franciscan monastery, and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Continue to Vrtovin for a visit and tasting at **Winery Fervin**, known for its excellent local wines. Then, drive to Piran for dinner on your own and an overnight stay. (B, T)

## Day 11: Saturday, September 5

### In Piran, Lipica, and Trieste

Depart from Piran and journey to the famous **Lipica Stud Farm**, home of the world-renowned Lipizzaner horses. Enjoy a guided tour of the stables and pastures, learning about the history, breeding traditions, and daily life of these majestic animals. Continue to Trieste. Upon arrival, free time to explore this beautiful city on your own. On your way back to Piran, stop in Koper and visit **Lisjak, Olive Oil Farm** for tasting. Included: Visit to cellar, welcome drink, tasting of olive oil, cold cuts. Drive back to Piran. The balance of the day at leisure. Overnight in Piran. (B, OT)

## Day 12: Sunday, September 6

### In Piran, Panoramic Boat Cruise

This morning is at leisure, followed by a **panoramic boat cruise** along the Slovenian coast with live accordion music. After the boat ride, free time for lunch in Portorož. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in the Piran Area. Overnight in Piran. (B, T, D)

## Day 13: Monday, September 7

### Piran to Venice Airport

After breakfast, transfer in one group to the Venice airport. (B)

## Please Note:

- Last-minute changes are subject to ad hoc agreement and will be discussed and agreed on a case-by-case basis.
- Kollander reserves the right to charge or modify a reservation in case of circumstances caused by conditions beyond its control that cannot be predicted, avoided or rectified.
- Please note that Kollander does not guarantee for the timing due to weather and traffic conditions.
- Individual arrivals and departures are subject to individual car/minivan transfers which are organized at extra cost.
- For meals in hotels included, standard hotel meals are provided. Where lunch/dinner is included in hotels, if passengers decide not to have lunch/dinner in hotels as per our program supplement for meals in local restaurant applies.
- Coach capacity for baggage is 1 piece of standard airline baggage per person.





# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Final Payment Due: Before May 27, 2026

- Kollander World Travel will quote airfare from your home city. Call for a quote.
- Baggage Allowance: Baggage fees may apply. Check with your carrier for fees and size/weight of bags allowed. However the tour operator has requested that there be a limit of 1 large suitcase at 50 lbs. per person due to space restrictions aboard the motor coach. NO RESPONSIBILITY IS INCURRED FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO BAGGAGE OR ANY OF THE PASSENGER'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS. TRAVEL BAGGAGE INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH KOLLANDER WORLD TRAVEL.
- Passport Requirements: A valid passport is required of all tour participants. A U.S. passport is valid for 10 years. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months following your return to the United States. To apply for passports you can contact your local passport office. Kollander World Travel will be happy to help you obtain the necessary forms.
- Tour Price Excludes: Airport departure taxes, customs user fees, passports, all visa fees, optional tours, telephone, telex, fax and telegram charges, excess baggage charges, sundry tips, laundry, beverages and food not on the regular table d'hôtel menu (these items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, or restaurant), portage at U.S./Canada airports and all other items of a personal nature. Service charges at hotels and restaurants are prepaid. Travel insurance is not included.
- A deposit of \$500 is non-refundable. For 90 days or less before travel, there is a 100% penalty.
- Refund and Unused or Amended Tour Arrangements: Unused hotel accommodations, tour features, or services are non-refundable, not exchangeable for other accommodations; any additional expenses will be charged to the tour members. If a change becomes necessary for any reason, hotel substituted will be the equivalent of those shown. Single room available at a supplemental charge.
- Cancellation Penalties: If you cancel your reservations, your right to receive a refund is limited as set forth in the following schedule. All requests for refunds must be sent to us in writing. Charges for cancellations of the tour will be assessed by the participating airlines, tour operators, and hotels as follows:
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AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BEFORE MAY 27, 2026**

## **PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

**Enclosed is my deposit of \$500 per person per trip. I have agreed to the terms and conditions applicable to this tour.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Information - Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the tour's end date.**

Name on Passport: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Shared Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room: (limited single rooms) \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Payment Information**

Your personal and/or check is welcome.

If paying by credit card, please circle: AMEX, VISA, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Additional Information**

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Please advise of any requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) YES, I will be purchasing travel insurance.

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