

SLOVENIA – THE JULIAN ALPS - ITINERARY

Day 01: ARRIVAL DAY - LJUBLJANA

Pick up at the airport. Check into your hotel, meet & greet at 3pm, followed by a visit of the old part of the city. The quaint, narrow streets along the left bank of the Ljubljanica River, with its medieval bridges, are reminiscent of Prague without the crowds. The old town is dominated by the 16th century fortifications of Ljubljana Castle.

Ancient buildings and monuments are nestled in the heart of this medieval city. Due to its strategic situation in central Europe, Ljubljana has witnessed many cultural and architectural influences over the centuries.



Hotel Lev, Ljubljana



Dinner included

Day 02: VELIKA PLANINA PLATEAU – LOGARSKA VALLEY

We head north to the Great Highlands, where preserved shepherds' wooden huts tell of highland life long ago.

The special shape of the buildings with their conical roofs is unique for this area and some of them date well back to ancient times. We hike on gentle terrain through the green meadows, flanked by limestone peaks of the Kamnisko-Savinjske Alps.

We enjoy our picnic overlooking the valley accompanied by the sound of cowbells. We might even have a chance to try a bit of local fresh cheese and sour-milk. After the hike we drive to the Nature Park Logarska Valley, situated right on the Austrian border.



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Hotel Plesnik, Logarska Valley

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included

Luggage

Distance: 11km (7m), 4 hours, up 414m (1370ft), down 414m (1370ft)

Day 03: LOGARSKA VALLEY – MOUNT RADUHA

Today we climb up to Mt. Raduha's ridge high above Logarska valley. Situated right on the border with Austria, this Eastern part of the Kamnisko-Savinjske Alps has been untouched by human development. We do a loop hike with views to the Slovenian and Austrian side. The whole region is archaeologically speaking very interesting as they found several tools and artifacts dating back 30.000 years that belonged to Stone Age hunters.



Hotel Plesnik, Logarska valley

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage

Distance: 8km (5miles), 6 hours, up 700m (2200ft), down 600m (1850ft)

Day 04: LOGARSKA VALLEY – RINKA WATERFALL & OKRESELJ

The secluded valley of Logarska is a place of contrasts. White pointy limestone peaks are protecting the soft green glacier valley, which hides a charming Alpine hotel. The valley of Logarska with its clear mountain air and fertile soil has also become a popular escape for Slovenians, moving here for a quieter lifestyle.

We hike up on a fairy-tale trail to Mt. Okreselj amphitheatre, following a stream leading us to Rinka waterfall.

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This remote corner is virtually untouched, thanks to the noble families of the Austrian empire, who made this place off-limit for regular folks for many years.



Hotel in Plesnik, Logarska Valley

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage transfer

Distance: 11km (7m), 6 hours, up, up 700m (2100ft), down 700m (2100ft)

Day 05: LOGARSKA VALLEY – AUSTRIA, BLEED

We say good-bye to Logarska valley and continue to the jewel of the Slovenian, Alps, Lake Bohinj, following a spectacular mountain road, offering great views over the Kamniske Alps. For a few moments we enter Austria before coming back to Slovenia on the Jezersko Pass.

We stop at Bled lake and walk into the Vintgar gorge with its crystal-clear waters, then head to Bled for some free time to explore the lake, the castle and/or the church on the Bled Lake island.

We continue on to the Pokljuka plateau and stay overnight in a charming family-owned farm. Overall transfer time by private minibus, 2.5 hours.



Hotel Jezero

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage transfer

Distance: 7km (4.5m), 3 hours, up 400m (1300ft), down 400m (1300ft)

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Day 06: POKLJUKA PLATEAU HIKE – MOUNT BRDO

In the morning a short drive brings us to the Pokljuka plateau, located at the foothills of the Julian Alps. We have just entered Triglav National Park. The dense forest of Pokljuka is covered with blueberry bushes and in the autumn is a popular place for picking porcini mushrooms. We carry on to Mt. Brdo, from which we have superb views of Slovenia's highest mountain, Mt Triglav (2864m).



Hotel Jezero



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage transfer



Distance: 12km (7.5m), 5-6 hours, up 700m (2250ft), down 700m (2250ft)

Day 07: TRIGLAV NATIONAL PARK – VODNIK HUT – MT TOSC – LAKE BONHINJ

In the early morning we start hiking high into the heart of Triglav National Park. We stop at Konjsicca where shepherds spend summers with their cattle and continue on to Vodnik hut for a hearty lunch. After lunch we turn back and end our day on the shores of Lake Bohinj. Bohinj is an area with picturesque villages nestled near the lake and offers a perfect base for treks and all kind of outdoor activities in the Triglav National Park.



Hotel Jezero



Breakfast, Dinner included



Luggage transfer



Distance: 10km (6m), 5-6 hours, up 400m (1300ft), down 400m (1300ft)

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Day 08 LAKE BOHINJ – REST DAY

Free time to swim and relax at the lake, go for shorter walks, or take a canoe-trip around the lake, exploring all the little secluded beaches. Another option is to hop on the bus back to Bled if you want to spend more time there, as the bus takes approx. 30 minutes. Free for lunch and dinner.



Hotel Jezero

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage transfer

Day 09: BOHINJ – VRASIC PASS – LJUBLJANA

Today we traverse part of the Julian Alps en route to the legendary Vrsic pass (1625m). The pass used to be the border between Italy and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Alpine flowers are in abundance, and the views are breathtaking. We hike to Sleme, and onto our picnic lunch next to a charming small glacier lake. From the pass we return back to Kranjska Gora, Slovenian's main ski area and then onwards to Ljubljana for our last night.



Hotel Slamic

Breakfast, Dinner included

Luggage transfer

Distance: 12km (7.5m), 4 hours, up 700m (2250ft), down 700m (2250ft)



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Day 10 - DEPARTURE

Departure for the airport. Ljubljana the Slovenian capital, has become one of the hippest cities in Europe. It is fairly small - you can explore most of the town's sights on foot and yet so cosmopolitan you can hear a variety of languages while walking along lovely Ljubljanica river. Lively with bars, cafes and art galleries, the green city of Ljubljana is a great alternative to other big and crowded European capitals.



Breakfast
