

**“NORTHERN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA: ZAGREB - LJUBLJANA - BLED AND THE MASSIF TRIGLAV -  
ISTRIA AND THE GULF OF KVARNER - PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK” IN 13 DAYS**

**YOUR ITINERARY**



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## **PROGRAM**

### **Day 1: Arrival at Zagreb airport – overnight in Zagreb**

Arrival at Zagreb airport and vehicle pick up.

Road to Zagreb. Travel time: 30min

Check in at boutique hotel Palace 4\*.

*The 4\* Palace hotel is a typical secession palace from the 19th century. The hotel is an eclectic blend of modernism and the spirit of Zagreb's history. It is located in the city centre at the end of the green Zrinjevac park.*



### **Day 2: Zagreb – overnight in Zagreb**

Breakfast.

Visit Zagreb.

Discover the two hills that mark the history of the Croatian capital and the green market. The Bishop's Hill Kaptol and the Lord's Hill Gradec or Grič, where the Croatian government and Parliament are still located today.

We suggest visit to Croatian Museum of Naïve Art and the Cathedral.



We recommend restaurant Kaptolska Klet near the cathedral, offering specialties from Zagreb region.

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### **Day 3: Ljubljana (Slovenia) – overnight in Ljubljana**

Breakfast.

Road to Slovenia and the city of Ljubljana. Travel time: 2h

Check in at hotel Park 3\*.

The hotel Park – Urban & Green is just a short walk from the city centre of the Slovenian capital and the city's main tourist attractions. The hotel offers views of Ljubljana Castle and allows you to explore on foot this colourful and lively city surrounded by greenery.



Visit Ljubljana.

Ljubljana during history was an important commercial crossroads and during Napoleon it became the capital of Slovenia. The emperor declared Ljubljana the seat of the Illyrian provinces of Croatia and Slovenia.

During the Napoleon period the city was embellished, and the town hall was built. When Austria took over the rule of Slovenia, the baroque became the main building style, the Saint Nicholas Cathedral being the most beautiful example.



We recommend you visit to Saint Nicholas Cathedral, the Napoleon pillar, Prešeren square and the Town hall, climb by cable car to the Ljubljanski Grad fortress or rent a bike and explore the city abounding in parks.



Overnight in hotel Park.

### **Day 4: Velika Planina, Kamnik and Škofja Loka – overnight in Bled**

Breakfast.

Road to Velika Planina. Travel time: 1h

Park your car in the village of Kamniška Bistrica. Take the cable and enjoy splendid views of the Kamniške Alps. Discover the Velika Planina plateau peaking at 1600 meters with its 50 round wooden huts built by shepherds. Since the 16th century the main activities have been grazing and making Trnič cheese (salt cheese). Visit the Preskar museum, the largest hut on the mountain pasture depicting the life of Slovenian



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shepherds.

Return to Kamniška Bistrica and stop in the village of Kamnik. Travel time: 15min

Walk through the mystical alleys of one of the most beautiful medieval villages in Slovenia.

Continue to Škofja Loka.

Travel time: 40min

Discover the architectural jewels from the Gothic to the Baroque period. Škofja Loka is the best-preserved medieval town in Slovenia built on trade. It was here that traders formed the country's first "guilds". Walk to the Bishop's castle, passing by the church of Saint James and the town hall.



Continue towards Bled. Travel time: 40min

Check in at hotel Lovec 4\*.

Best Western Premier Hotel Lovec is located in the heart of Bled, just a few steps from Lake Bled. It offers magnificent views of the lake and the surrounding Alps. Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas and free private parking is available on site. All rooms provide air conditioning, a bathroom and a minibar. You can relax at the Lovec's spa, featuring an indoor swimming pool, a hot tub and saunas. Massages are available on request.



### **Day 5: Bled – overnight in Bled**

Breakfast.

Visit Bled.

Bled is located on the edge of a lake surrounded by the Alps. In the middle of the lake there is an island with a monastery, one of the most beautiful and romantic settings of Slovenia.

We recommend to walk around the lake, take the pletna boat to the island and visit the Bled Castle offering splendid views on the lake.

Bled and the surroundings offer a large number of activities such as hiking, rafting, cycling, thalassotherapy, rowing, stand up paddling etc.



Overnight in Bled.

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### **Day 6: Triglav national park – overnight in Bled**

Breakfast.

Road to Mojstrana. Travel time: 30min

Hike in Triglav national park, on the famous hiking trail "Triglavska Bistrica".

Triglav national park is the only national park in Slovenia. Triglav stands for "Three headed mountain" which peaks at 2864m of altitude. Triglav is the symbol of Slovenia and appears on its national flag. The hiking paths are well maintained, perfect for fun and adventure, crossing wooden bridges over beautiful clear rivers...



Other visits we suggest: small town of Radovljica, Lake Bohinj, the Vintgar gorge.

Overnight in Bled.



### **Day 7: Cave Škocjan (UNESCO) – overnight in Divača**

Breakfast.

Road to the Škocjan caves.

Travel time: 1h30

Visit the caves.

The Škocjan Caves are the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in Slovenia and is still, compared to other tourist attractions, uncrowded. The caves are an exceptional natural phenomenon where a river disappears in the soil of the plateaus and forms intermittent lakes which dry up in summer (RAMSAR classified wetland). The river then goes even deeper and forms a maze of underground caves. The karstic soil creates stalactites and stalagmites shaping a real



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underground organic cathedral. In the Škocjan caves we have the largest underground canyon in Europe. The river emerges from the ground thus creating a waterfall and a canyon you can explore.



We suggest the restaurant near the entrance of the cave. Here you can enjoy typical Slovenian dishes and craft beer.

Continue towards the town of Divača.

Travel time: 30min

Check in at boutique hotel Malovec, a fusion of charm and the *famous Slovenian eclecticism*.



### **Day 8: Piran and Portorož – overnight in Rovinj (Croatia)**

Breakfast.

Road to Piran. Travel time: 45 min

Visit Piran.

Piran is a little gem located on the Slovene coast. Piran's rich history dates to the 7th century AD. The medieval architecture of the town is a mixture of Venetian and Austrian building styles.



The bay of Piran and the nearby town of Portorož offer pretty beaches for swimming.

We recommend you visit the Maritime Museum or the Piran Aquarium with more than 140 underwater animal species.

Continue to Rovinj in Croatia. Travel time: 1h15

Check in at Villa Lili 3\*, a small family run hotel. You will enjoy the contact with the inhabitants and the very cheerful spirit of Istria in a setting off the main tourist routes.



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**Day 9: Rovinj and Poreč (UNESCO) – overnight in Rovinj**

Breakfast.

Road to Poreč. Travel time: 1h

Visit Poreč.

Poreč is a picturesque coastal town with long history, dating back to Roman Antiquity. Poreč harbours the famous basilica of Bishop Euphrasius, one of the finest examples of pre-Christian architecture of the 3rd century AD with magnificent mosaics. The basilica is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. During the visit you will discover different areas of this dynamic and rich complex.



Return to Rovinj and explore.

Rovinj developed on a peninsula dominated by the bell tower of a church dedicated to Saint Euphemia. According to a legend, her tomb appeared on the beach and despite all efforts nothing and nobody could move the sarcophagus. Only a shepherd's child managed to push the tomb to the top of the peninsula where today stands the church. Rovinj's narrow and twisted alleys are crowded with life, shops, stalls of artists and craftsmen. The architecture is a nice example of Venetian heritage. The market is one of the liveliest in Istria. Rovinj is a town full of colours and surprises.



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### **Day 10: Pula and Opatija – overnight in Opatija**

Breakfast.

Road to Pula. Travel time: 45min

Visit Pula.

Pula is a Roman city with one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in the world dating back to the 1st century AD. The amphitheatre is still in use for concerts and theatre performances. The nearby old town has also beautiful monuments from the Roman past. You can enter the old town through the Roman triumphal arch, the main square is a Roman forum with the temple of Augustus, now converted into a museum. You can also visit the 17th century Austrian fort in the upper part of the city.



Pula has many restaurants, cafes and a very lively social life.

Continue to Opatija. Travel time: 1h

Check in at hotel Galeb 3\*, a 19th century palace refurbished to offer a modern level of comfort.



Visit Opatija.

Opatija was the one of the first cities to develop tourism in Croatia and on the Adriatic Sea. Austrian secession architecture is the predominant building style, a reminder of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century when the main visitors were the Central European upper class and political elite. Opatija still today remains a synonym for a stylish travel destination.



We advise taking a stroll on the Lungomare, a seaside promenade (the longest in Croatia with 12 km) connecting the old abbey, the Imperial hotel and the villa Angiolina.

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**Day 11: Krk island – overnight in Jezerce close to the Plitvice lakes**

Breakfast.

Road to the town of Krk. Travel time: 1h

Visit Krk.

*The island of Krk was home of the Frankopans, the most powerful Croatian family. The island is connected to the mainland by a spectacular bridge. Krk is the largest island of the country and harbours magnificent sites such as the island Košljun monastery or the village Vrbnik perched on a steep cliff. The town of Krk is built in stone with ancient lush palaces next to simple fishermen's homes.*



Continue to Jezerce passing through the coastal town of Senj before climbing on the Dinaric mountains of the Lika region. During the ascent toward the Vratnik saddle you will enjoy beautiful views of the Kvarner bay. Travel time: 3h  
Check in at Ethnohouse Plitvice.



*The Ethnohouse Plitvice is a guesthouse consisting of two traditional stone houses in a fairy tale setting within the Plitvice National Park. The furniture of the rooms is made by hand from local wood. The guesthouse features an outdoor swimming pool and a restaurant serving local specialties.*

**Day 12: Plitvice lakes national park (UNESCO) – overnight in Zagreb**

Breakfast.

Road to Plitvice. Travel time: 15min

Visit the national park.

The Plitvice lakes are located in the mountainous Lika region, near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The national park is a natural phenomenon, part of UNESCO natural world heritage sites. It consists of 16 lakes with crystal clear waters which flow into each other in magnificent waterfalls. A paradise of nature.



In the roadbook you will find recommendations on the best way to discover the entire park with travertine

waterfalls in the upper part, the electric boat on the big central lake Kozjak and the lower canyon.

A rest area is found in the national park with bistros offering drinks and simple dishes.

We advise you to buy the entrance ticket to the national park online, at least two days in advance.

The link for the purchase of the tickets will be given in the roadbook.

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Continue towards Zagreb. Travel time: 2h30  
Check in at hotel Palace.

**Day 13: Departure from Zagreb airport**

Breakfast.  
Road to the Zagreb airport. Travel time: 30min  
Vehicle drop off.  
Departure flight.

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**VEHICLE DESCRIPTION**

For 2 persons: air-conditioned B category car, Opel Corsa, Suzuki Swift, Chevrolet Aveo, Renault Clio or similar.



For 4 persons: air-conditioned H standard category car, Skoda Octavia or similar.



For 6 to 8 persons: air-conditioned Van category car, Opel Vivaro 8+1, Renault Trafic 8+1 or similar.

You can of course rent any other category of vehicle.



**RENTAL CONDITIONS:**

- Unlimited mileage
- Ferry crossings to the islands without extra rental fees (included in price)
- CDW insurance: the car rental company waives the right to collect a high deductible from you if the car is damaged, and most importantly it covers most of the car in case of an accident. Theft insurance. The cost depends on the category of the vehicle.
- 1 additional driver included without extra rental fees (included in price)

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## **TOUR PRICE**

### **THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation in a double room for 12 nights in charming hotels or guesthouses, category 3\* and 4\* with breakfast, namely 2+1 nights in hotel Palace 4\* in Zagreb, 1 night in hotel Park 3\* in Ljubljana, 3 nights in hotel Lovec 3\* in Bled, 1 night in hotel Malovec 4\* in Divača, 2 nights in Villa Lili in Rovinj, 1 night in hotel Galeb 3\* in Opatija, 1 night in guesthouse Ethnohouse 3\* in Jezerce
- Car rental for 13 days (please see « vehicle description »)
- A roadbook including the detailed itinerary, a presentation of tourist sites to be visited (history and information) and various practical information on the town or site you visit (references of restaurants, parking lots...)
- 24/7 assistance in English by Sveta Ana travel agency. You will be provided with an emergency telephone number in case of incidents or any other major problem
- Assistance, insurance and organization costs of Sveta Ana travel agency

### **NOTES**

- Sveta Ana travel agency checks the availability of hotels before writing the offer but does not guarantee the availability of the hotels prior to the definitive confirmation from the customer. If at the time of confirmation, the hotels are no longer available, Sveta Ana travel agency will undertake necessary steps to find similar accommodation, nearby the hotels listed in the initial offer. The prices listed above are subject to change and will be confirmed upon request for specific dates.
- Travel distances and times are given for regular driving conditions and for reference only. They can vary depending on random factors such as road work, accidents, traffic jams, bad weather ...

### **THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Child seat. <sup>1</sup>
- Fuel.
- Road tolls and parking fees.
- Deductible cancellation and other services.
- Entrances to the monuments and national parks mentioned in the program.
- Flights and airport taxes
- Meals not mentioned in the program as “included”
- Repatriation assistance / insurance
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Tips

<sup>1</sup>. Available on explicit client request.

#### **OPTIONALS:**

Sveta Ana travel agency provides the following additional optional services:

- Child seat = 7 € per day
- GPS (English) = 7 € per day
- Local English-speaking licensed guides providing visits of tourist sites: 115,00 € per visit of 1.5 hrs approximately
- “Private Travel” package with an English-speaking driver – guide. The package includes driver-guide’s daily costs and the costs of the vehicle (accommodation, food, petrol, tolls, parking fees) = € 330.00

Please note: the above prices are fixed costs are to be divided by the number of participants (the costs are not per person).

#### **CANCELLATION TERMS**

Cancellations must be written and sent by email to the local agency. Cancellation fees vary depending on when the cancellation occurs:

- more than 30 days prior to departure: 25% of the price of the trip,
- from 30 to 7 days prior to departure: 50% of the price of the trip,
- from 7 days prior to departure to the day of the departure of the trip: 100% of the price of the trip