# Majestic Slovenia

ACTIVE TRAVEL for CULTURAL EXPLORERS

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June 25 – July 3, 2020



# **A World Apart**

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Stroll through settings of unsurpassed beauty, cosmopolitan cities rich with history, sweet villages snuggled in seaside coves and sites infused with fascinating tales, adding another memorable chapter to your travels.

### Above: Predjama Castle | Cover photo: Lake Bled

### Inspiring Moments

- ► Witness Ljubljana's spellbinding setting of emerald streams, candycolored architecture and old-world charm.
- Sample traditional Slovene favorites during a food and wine tour.
- Succumb to the allure of a fairy-tale isle, hilltop castle and snowcapped Alps in beautiful Lake Bled.
- Uncover fascinating lore and legacies at Predjama Castle, dramatically built into a towering cliff.
- Soak up Mediterranean sun in the coastal cities of Portorož and Piran.
- ► Observe noble Lippizaners at Lipica Stud Farm.
- ► Taste bold wine varietals while learning about Slovenia's viniculture.



### Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Romantic castles ... a mountainous hinterland ... sun-drenched villages: Slovenia's endless wonders will take your spirit hostage. Join us for seven nights in Ljubljana, the trendy capital city where history breathes through colorful architecture and bridges whisper legends of centuries past.

From the dreamy serenity of an ice-blue lake to blissful valleys that melt into cerulean skies, we'll introduce you to unforgettable splendors. During your journey, visit pretty Mediterranean villages, explore caves and castles steeped in lore, and watch elegant stallions dazzle and dance. Plus, savor delicious cuisine and sample local specialties, including wines from Slovenia's burgeoning wine country.

Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries! Space on this journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

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### Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Ljubljana, Slovenia.

### Day 2 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

Transfer**Э** to the InterContinental Ljubljana. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

### Day 3 | Ljubljana

**Enrichment:** *Slavs and the Holy Roman Empire.* Join a local expert to discuss Slovenia's fascinating history.

**Discovery:** *Ljubljana Walking Tour and Cruise.* Discover this captivating, trendy city while walking by Congress Square, the University of Ljubljana and Ljubljana Cathedral. Witness Ljubljana's Old Town, pause to browse the bustling Central Market and visit Prešeren Square, a cobblestone-paved main square named after Slovenia's national poet France Prešeren. Discover the city from another vantage point during a cruise on the Ljubljanica River, a serene waterway bordered

## XX ACTIVE TRAVEL for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. by pastel-hued buildings. Skim beneath legend-laden bridges, including Triple Bridge and the striking Dragon Bridge, guarded by four mighty dragons.

**Free Time:** Your afternoon is at leisure to craft your own adventures in Ljubljana. Gather at a local establishment for dinner.

### Day 4 | Lake Bled

**Discovery:** *Alluring Lake Bled.* This pristine setting boasts rugged mountains, a swan-filled lake and an enchanting castle standing sentry over the town. Ride aboard a *pletna*, a flat-bottomed boat, to Bled Island, home to the Church of the Assumption of Mary and a mythical 16th-century wishing bell. Back on shore, visit a bee farm to learn why Slovenia's thriving api-tourism industry has been an important agricultural activity since the 16th century. Discuss Slovenia's protected native species and discover the variety of products produced with their honey. Then marvel at sweeping vistas from cliff-top Bled Castle.

Dine on regional favorites during lunch.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 1-3 miles
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats



### Enrichment: Slovene National

**Awakening.** Gather for a discussion about this significant national movement.

### Day 5 | Postojna | Predjama

### Discovery: Postojna Cave and Predjama

**Castle.** At Postojna Cave, ride a mini-train into a karst cavern lit with chandeliers, passing stalactites, columns and other formations. Learn about the cave's fascinating ecosystem, home to more than 100 different species, and take a guided walking tour inside the cave.

Continue to Predjama Castle, an 800-year-old Renaissance fortress built dramatically under a cliff. Step into the Middle Ages while exploring the castle's interior and maze-like passages.

Revisit the highlights of your morning at lunch.

### Day 6 | Portorož | Piran | Lipica

### Discovery: The Slovene Coast and

*Lipica.* Succumb to the allure of the Adriatic coast today beginning at the pretty resort town of Portorož, the "Port of Roses." Stroll along its seaside promenade before continuing to Piran, a pleasant fishing village with cobblestone streets, a medieval center and striking harbor views. Admire the village's Venetian-style architecture and witness the landmarks of Gabrielli Palace, the Church of St. George and Tartini Square.

**Free Time:** Seek a special spot for lunch and explore Piran during leisure time.



Continue to Lipica Stud Farm, Europe's oldest stud farm dating from 1580. The tranquil farm sits amid tree-lined avenues and pastures where foals frolick and play. Learn about this noble breed, known for their dressage skills and impressive jumps, and watch graceful horses perform during a training session.

Gather for a group dinner tonight. Slovenian cuisine is often characterized by meat and fish dishes, strudels, risottos and pastas.

### Day 7 | Logarska Dolina | Žiče

**Discovery:** *Alpine Slovenia.* Journey through a lush landscape to the glacial valley of Logarska Dolina, passing meadows bursting with color and the towering walls of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. Stop at Logarski Kot, a mountain hut and restaurant nestled in a remarkable setting. Enjoy the spectacular views and sample traditional cuisine of the Solcavsko region. Visit Žiče Charterhouse,





a Carthusian monastery founded around 1155 by the Margave of Styria Ottokar III. Take a guided tour of the grounds and gain insight into the monastery's beguiling history. At a local winery, indulge in Slovenia's storied viniculture during a delectable lunch and wine tasting.

### Day 8 | **Ljubljana**

### Enrichment: Yugoslavia and the

**Republic of Slovenia.** Enjoy an enriching discussion about the country's modern society and economic future.

**Connects:** *Ljubljana's Food* **and Wine.** Join a local expert to savor and sample a variety of Ljubljana's culinary delights. Taste traditional dishes and learn how Slovenia's history helped shape its food culture. Along the way, delight in tastings of delicious, locally produced wine varietals.

**Free Time:** Craft your own itinerary during an afternoon at leisure in Ljubljana.

Raise a toast to your adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

### Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer **C** to the airport for the return flight **t** to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Flights and Otransfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

• 7 nights in Ljubljana, Slovenia, at the deluxe InterContinental Ljubljana.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Encounter Ljubljana, a captivating city.
  - Witness thrilling sights at Lake Bled.
  - Gain insight into Slovenia's storied api-tourism industry.
  - Tour a majestic, dramatic cave and a Renaissance fortress built into a cliff.
  - Experience alluring towns nestled along the Adriatic coast.
  - Watch impressive Lippizaners perform at a world-renowned horse estate.
  - Enjoy visits to a country mountain hut, a monastery and a winery.
  - Sample locally produced foods and wines during a culinary tour.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



### **AHI Travel Expertise**

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- Travel Director | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ► Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



### INTERCONTINENTAL LJUBLJANA | LJUBLJANA

Within strolling distance of historic Old Town and the city center, the InterContinental Ljubljana provides contemporary comforts and conveniences. Enjoy the rooftop B-restaurant commanded by a Michelin-starred chef, and relish panoramic views of a medieval castle and the surrounding Alps. Drink alfresco at Bloom Lounge, visit Saruna Wellness for spa treatments or indulge in the indoor lap pool and sauna. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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### **PROGRAM DATES**

Air Program dates: June 25 – July 3, 2020

Land Program dates: June 26 – July 3, 2020

### LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,545	\$250	\$3,295

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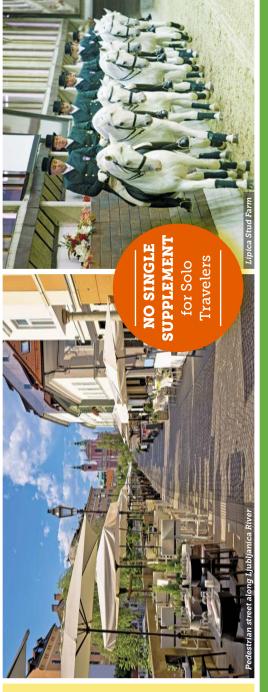
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