

Western Slovenia

Discover one of the most diverse areas of Slovenia and see everything from the Adriatic to the alpine valleys on this ultimate 8-day tour of Western Slovenia. Although Slovenia is relatively small, it is among the most diverse countries on the planet. And a part of this **Green Heart of Europe** that stands out the most is **Western Slovenia**. It is amazing to think that in under two hours, you can travel from pristine mountain valleys to the romantic Adriatic coast. This itinerary consists of unique natural and cultural attractions and is your key to discovering Western Slovenia in eight days.

You will begin your Western Slovenia itinerary of 8 days in one of the most famous locations in Slovenia, Bled. A scenic ride in the traditional Pletna boat to **Lake Bled** island or a cable car ride to **Mount Vogel** deep in Triglav National Park will make you wish you could stay there forever. But don't worry, because this is only the start. A scenic ride over the **Vršič Mountain pass** will take you to the scenic Soča valley. With easy and relaxing hikes, you will explore the region's highlights such as the **Kozjak Waterfall**, Tolmin Gorge, and the Kobarid Museum.

After leaving the emerald Soča river behind you will spend the night in **Goriška Brda**, a paradise for all the wine lovers. From there, our journey will continue to the Karst region where you will roam the streets of **Štanjel**, one of the oldest settlements in the region. You will also explore the underground tunnels of the mythical **Škocjan caves**. After a short drive from the Karst region, you will set eyes upon the dreamy coastline of the Adriatic. Prepare to be amazed by the historic architecture of the beautiful city of **Piran** and a visit to the **Sečovelje Salt Pans**, where they still harvest the salt with the same technique as they did 700 years ago.

Although our journey is slowly coming to an end, there are still quite a few things left to see. On day seven you will visit **Postojna cave**, home to the unique creatures, known also as "baby dragons". After surviving an encounter with a dragon, you can dive into the world of knights at the **Predjama Castle**, before departing to the capital Ljubljana. The city is known for its interesting architecture, which was recognized by **UNESCO** and its famous gastronomic offer, that you simply must try.

The sightseeing in this tour package is set at a **comfortable pace**, so you will have plenty of time to explore everything, while still packed with activities that will give you something to reminisce about for years to come.

Day 1: Arrival to Lake Bled

The Slovenia 8 day itinerary of Western Slovenia will start in Bled, one of the most beautiful Alpine resorts in Europe. Resting in the foothills of the Julian Alps and set along the glacial Lake Bled, it is among the most famous attractions in Slovenia. Depending on your arrival, you'll have the entire day to yourself, so you can take in the magnificent views, stroll around and get a feel for the place. Make sure to also get some rest for all of the adventures that lay ahead.

Extras

Airport transfer

Highlights

Lake Bled

Accommodations

Overnight stay in Bled

Day 2: Lakes Bled & Bohinj and Triglav National Park

After a hearty breakfast, we will experience the best that Bled has to offer. We will take a tour of the Bled Castle, and go for a relaxing ride with the traditional Pletna boat to Bled Island. For a bit of healthy exercise, you can opt to hike along the stunning natural attraction of Vintgar Gorge. We will also visit the less crowded but just as beautiful Lake Bohinj located in the heart of Triglav National Park. You can also take a cable car to Vogel Mountain, rising above the lake and offering some of the best views in the country, before returning back to Bled.

Included

Bled Castle entrance fee

Traditional pletna boat ride to Bled Island

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Meals

Breakfast

Extras

Entrance fee to the church on Bled Island

Vintgar Gorge entrance fee

Cable car to Mount Vogel

Highlights

Bled Castle

Bled Island

Vintgar Gorge

Lake Bohinj

Triglav National Park

Accommodations

Overnight stay in Bled

Day 3: Drive over the Vršič Pass to Soča River Valley

After a good night's sleep, we will drive to the alpine resort Kranjska Gora where we will stop and marvel at the beautiful Jasna Lake. Our journey continues up the spectacular road leading over the Vršič Pass where we will take numerous photo stops to capture attractions like the stone face of the "Pagan Girl" and the wooden Russian Chapel. On the other side of the mountain, we will arrive at the emerald Soča River Valley and admire the great Soča Gorge. In the afternoon you can enjoy some free time in Bovec, relax and get ready for the next day.

Meals

Breakfast

Highlights

Kranjska Gora

Vršič Mountain Pass

Soča River Valley

Accommodations

Overnight stay in Bovec

Day 4: WWI heritage down the Soča Valley

In the morning a short bus ride will take us to the mountain town Kobarid, surrounded by the mighty peaks of the Julian Alps. The area of Kobarid is also famous for its WWI history, which you will get to know more about after a visit to the famous Kobarid museum. Another highlight on our itinerary will be the most beautiful entry point into the Triglav National Park, the Tolmin Gorge. You can choose to spend the rest of the day by going on an optional local wine tasting tour in Goriška Brda or settle in early at our accommodation and explore the land of the thousand hills on your own.

Included

Kobarid WWI museum

Tolmin Gorges

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Meals

Breakfast

Extras

Wine tasting in Goriška Brda

Highlights

Kobarid WWI museum

Tolmin Gorges

Accommodations

Overnight stay in Goriška brda

Day 5: From Karst to Mediterranean

Our first destination of the day will be the beautiful old town Štanjel. It is one of the oldest settlements in Karst and a paradise for all the romantics with spots like the Ferrari Garden, known as one of the most desirable wedding venues in Slovenia. When Cupid will let go of us, our bus will take us to Škocjan, where we will dive deep into the astonishing Škocjan caves, listed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites, where we will explore the biggest underground canyon in the world. After an eventful day, our

group will depart for the seaside where you'll have some free time to feel the atmosphere of the dreamy Adriatic coast.

Included

Škocjan Caves entrance fee

Meals

Breakfast

Highlights

Karst region

Štanjel

Škocjan Caves

Accommodations

Overnight stay on the Slovenian Coast

Day 6: Slovenian Coast

Make sure to put on some sunscreen and grab your sunglasses when visiting the sunny and warm Slovenian Coast. The famous old town Piran will charm you with its well-preserved ancient town walls and the narrow streets with countless stories to tell. Prepare to be amazed when visiting the Sečovlje salt pans, which are one of the last remaining salt pans in the Mediterranean that still maintain the 700-year-old tradition of producing salt by hand. In the evening you can catch a romantic sunset on the beach or try some fresh seafood in one of the many restaurants on the coast.

Included

Piran Walls entrance fee

Sečovlje salt pans entrance fee

Meals

Breakfast

Highlights

Piran

Traditional sea salt production

Accommodations

Overnight stay on the Slovenian Coast

Day 7: Postojna cave and Ljubljana

Don't believe a fearsome dragon was living in the Karst underworld? After a scenic drive to Postojna, you will see with your own eyes that the stories are true when you meet the "baby dragons" living in Postojna cave. If you are brave enough, step into the fairytale world of knights at Predjama Castle, which is the largest cave castle in the world, before we depart to the capital city Ljubljana. There we will explore the city's main sights and amazing architecture on a walking tour through the old town. To

get a real feel of the city, you can opt for a leisurely boat ride on the Ljubljanica River, or visit the mighty Ljubljana Castle with one of the best views of the entire city.

Included

Postojna Cave entrance fee
Walking tour of Ljubljana
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Meals

Breakfast

Extras

Predjama Castle entrance fee
Boat ride on Ljubljanica River
Ljubljana Castle entrance fee

Highlights

Predjama Castle
Postojna Cave
Ljubljana Old Town

Accommodations

Overnight stay in Ljubljana

Day 8: Departure

Unfortunately, every good thing must come to an end. On the final day of your Slovenia 8day itinerary, you will be free to explore Ljubljana on your own. To make your last day as care-free as possible we can arrange a transfer to Ljubljana Airport from where you will leave Slovenia with memories that will last a lifetime.

Meals

Breakfast

Extras

Airport transfer

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