



Photo: Bee World pavilion, Slovenian Beekeepers' Association

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Goodbye winter, hello spring!

It has been a cold winter therefore we were really hardly waiting for the spring to come. And here it is. Sun, first spring flowers. the bees and the promise of longer days and warmer weather ☺ What can be more beautiful than

she has to offer. For all of you who have been to Slovenia you know exactly what we are speaking about. For all that Slovenia is so far being only on the wish list let us tell you this: Green, active and healthy **Slovenia** is the perfect destination for those who enjoy unspoilt nature, wonderful culinary, active and healthy retreats, a rich cultural heritage and taking time for themselves. It is one of the greenest and safest countries in the world, where you can enjoy breakfast in the capital, go hiking or cycling in the Alps or on the Pannonian plain during the day, and have dinner on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Nevertheless there are other beautiful countries to visit, other beekeeping or apitherapy destinations waiting for you.

What about exploring beekeeping traditions of Sicily, Croatia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Turkey, Israel or special programmes as apitherapy in Romania, herbal & botanic tours, women only tours, ...?

You are warmly welcome to contact us – **ApiRoutes team** that will help you to choose destination, define your preferences and help you to create your own tour or suggest you to choose among already prepared programmes.



We are happy to assist you with all your questions or concerns at info@apiroutes.com, +386 2 22 98 360 or skype us. Check our website www.apiroutes.com to get inspired!

We warmly invite you to travel to 45th APIMONDIA CONGRESS with us!

Here is the itinerary. If you are interested, contact us for more information on the price. You should not miss the opportunity to meet fellow beekeepers around the globe, to exchange experiences in various aspects and to discuss latest developments in the beekeeping world and of course explore beautiful Istanbul and beekeeping tradition in Turkey. **And specially don't miss to visit us at the Slovenian stand with unique and outstanding architecture Bee World Pavilion!**

**ISTANBUL, where East meets West
From 30. September till 4th October 2017**

Istanbul is truly a world city, a city that everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime. It is an enchanting blend of Eastern and Western culture, a vibrant, modern city, with a unique identity. Its rich past coexists alongside its youthful exuberance. Although no longer the capital of Turkey, Istanbul still remains the country's cultural and business centre.

DAY 01, September the 30th FLIGHT TO ISTANBUL – ISTANBUL, BOSPHORUS CRUISE

After arrival transfer to the hotel, installation. Late afternoon bus sightseeing tour thru European part of Istanbul.

OPTIONAL: *boat trip on the Bosphorus* with dinner and rich folklore programme on the boat (as supplement). This cruise is something unique as you will admire a splendid panorama of the city; many monuments are fully visible only by boat, like the great palaces of Dolmabahce and

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Beylerbeyi, the University of Galatasaray and many more ...

DAY 02, October the 1st ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING TOUR

A full day sightseeing tour of main tourist attractions: Blue Mosque, the Church of the Divine Wisdom (Hagia Sophia, that is one of the most impressive and important buildings ever constructed, Topkapi palace, now an important museum that also contains important relics of the Muslim world, including Muhammed's cloak and sword; Byzantine Hippodrome and Basilica Cistern, most large, important Byzantine buildings provided for storage of water beneath them.



DAY 03, October the 2nd: A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER OR VISIT TO APIMONDIA CONGRESS

Optional (as supplement): **Full day official Technical Tour of 45th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress** will be organized in the Sile area which is on the Asian side of Istanbul. Sile is a special place of Istanbul. In just 45 minutes away from such a big metropolis, participants will be able to see a real beekeeping village. During the tour local beekeeping areas, different regional bee types like Anatolian, Caucasion and Mugla Bee, a queen bee-breeding center and the huge facility of Balparmak Honey Company will be visited. Lunch will be served in the Sile Earth Market. Earth Markets are farmers' markets that have been established according to guidelines that follow the Slow Food philosophy. For those not attending the technical tour, a visit of 45th Apimondia congress.

Overnight in the hotel.



DAY 04, October the 3th: APIMONDIA – ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT APIMONDIA HOSTING COUNTRY 2021

Full day visit of Apimondia congress. In the afternoon general assembly and final event with announcement of next Apimondia hosting country 2021. Overnight in the hotel.



DAY 05, October the 5th: ISTANBUL – DEPARTURE

After breakfast, drive to **The Grand Bazaar**, Istanbul's largest and oldest covered markets in the world, with 61 covered streets and over 4,000 shops, which attract between 250,000 and 400,000 visitors daily. Free time for shopping. Drive to airport – departure.

Visit ApiSlovenia 2017 – 40th Beekeeping Days in Celje

ApiSlovenia 2017, is the largest professional beekeeping event in Europe which is going to take place **March 11th & 12th 2017 in Celje**. Don't miss it! [Read more.](#)

At the **ApiSlovenia**, the 40th Beekeeping Days in Celje will be present: **ApiRoutes** travel agency, **The World Bee Day** initiative and the **Bee World pavilion**.

Special guest: **Philip McCabe**, the President of Apimondia. All beekeepers and bee lovers/enthusiasts and others are invited to visit us.



New website – Slovenia, candidate to organize Apimondia 2021

The Slovenian Beekeepers' Association has set up the website.

Slovenia – candidate Apimondia 2021, for the presentation of Slovenia's candidacy for Apimondia International Apicultural Congress in 2021. The website is in the English language, while basic information is given in French, Italian, German, Russian and Spanish as well. We are waiting for your support!

10 most unforgettable Api Tour Experiences

1 **Excellent beekeeping practices.** Different Api Experiences offer you an insight into the work of beekeepers, their philosophy and techniques.

2 **Sharing experiences and networking.** Get a special opportunity to share experiences with local beekeepers or other bee experts, and learn the best out of it.

3 **Lectures, courses and workshops.** Acquire practical skills and learn about new principles or techniques from the experts, engaged into different interesting fields of beekeeping.

4 **Local apiculture, cultural and culinary specialities.** Taste, smell and try out high-quality local bee products. And take some with you.

5 **Professional guidance.** Our multilingual guides are trained in beekeeping.

6 **Innovations.** Choose a perfect way to see, learn, try and discuss the newest innovations and techniques, very useful for your beekeeping work, too.

7 **Bee queens and beekeeping equipment.** Take an opportunity to visit unique bee breeding stations as well as buy new beekeeping equipment.

8 **Learn about new country.** Api Experiences are always combined with touristic visits, so you'll get a cultural, historical and political overview over the specifics of the destination; learn about local habits and way of living.

9 **Connect more with fellow beekeepers.** Travelling in a group has many advantages, among others the travellers get more connected with each other.

10 **Personal enrichment.** By travelling in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way, you contribute to your better life and also to a better life of our future generations.

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