



Photo: Project "Save a tree and a bee"

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Make sure an Api Experience is on your bucket list for 2016!

So, it is here. Christmas time! Time when our hearts warm up, time of excitement and expectations. Time when we also look back for a year, which is slowly ending. **And how was this year? Satisfying. Successful. Invigorating.** We carried out awesome, inspiring, thoughtful Api tours to Slovenia. There were tours specialized for beekeepers, apitherapist, well-being tours, eco tours, study tours,.. We are proud to say that we reached our goal to welcome people from all 5 continents: America, Europe, Oceania, Africa, Asia. We organized Api tours also to other countries, not only Slovenia: Austria, Germany, Croatia, Sicily, Belgium,.. **Here is what you named as highlights of our Api tours:** excellent beekeeping practices, professional guides, fulfilling programmes, friendly & experienced team.

And what we are preparing for you in 2016? Api tour to Provence (France), Pearls of Slovenia & Croatia, Apitherapy tour to Romania, Api Turkey tour, Api Australia & New Zealand tour and much more! We are going to

attend congresses, workshops and meetings, where we are going to present how to implement Apitourism in your country and your business.

In 2016 we will continue with our Api mission: **creating more sustainable, friendly, healthy,...better place for you, for us, for all human beings and for our future generations.** We will carry on travel as inspiration, education and enrichment that delivers in the values you take home, share and live by. Our mission is to encourage and connect people all around the world and improve network of Apitourism destinations, apitourism providers and beekeepers, too.

I want to thank to all our fellow beekeepers & friends of bees and for your work and effort. Our Api tours are inspiring people all around the world. **Be the next to join! :)**

Yours sincerely,

Tanja Arih Korošec, ApiRoutes Director & Coordinator of Apimondia Working Group for Apitourism



Make sure Api Experience is on your TO-DO list for 2016. Entrust its' organisation to us – professionals in apitourism: info@apiroutes.com or +386 2 22 98 360.

Planed & confirmed api tours in 2016:

- **Slovenia** 14. – 21. May 2016, English speaking
- **Slovenia** 23. – 28. June 2016, German speaking
 - **Croatia**, June 2016, French speaking

Croatia – seaside, UNESCO sights and Carnica bee

Join us on a very unique tour to Croatia, which includes the visits of local beekeepers. Enjoy the atmosphere of always vibrant **Zagreb**, the capital of Croatia. Relax on a **seaside with beautiful historical towns** and soak up the sunshine one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Visit **amazing Plitvice Lakes national park** and experience the Mediterranean culinary, such as olive oil, dry ham and wine.

Beekeeping in Croatia has a long tradition. Today more than **12.500 apiarists** are connected through 147 cooperative associations to the Croatian Beekeepers' Association. Due to **various regions** more than 20 types of honey are being produced in the country, such as acacia, sage, chestnut, lavender, linden and rosemary honey. According to current data there are 300.000 honeybee colonies registered in Croatia on professional and side-line apiaries and more than 550.000 beehives.



Don't miss other api destinations: Slovenia, Sicily, France, Turkey, Israel, Australia, Romania, etc. Contact us at info@apiroutes.com and require your customized api programme.

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We look forward to your comments and will be very happy to assist you by creating your own Api Experience.



Api Tour to ApiSlovenia 2016

The biggest beekeeping trade fair in Slovenia and Central Europe is going to take place **March 12th & 13th 2016 in Celje**. The **international exhibitors** will provide a range of interesting opportunities to buy high quality bee products, equipment or network and prepare for upcoming honey season. Special attention will be devoted to World Bee Day – 20th May. [Read more](#).

A professional **1-, 2- or 3-days beekeeping tour** will be organized by ApiRoutes and will include visit to ApiSlovenia trade fair in Celje and on-site visits such as visit to Slovenian Beekeepers' Association, visit to a beekeeper and guided tour in Ljubljana – Slovenian capital city and European Green Capital 2016. **Perfect opportunity to get the most of Slovenian beekeeping!**

Memorial plaque of Anton Janša in Vienna

A remarkable apiculture event took place on November 27th 2015 in Augarten, Vienna (Austria). **Opening of the renovated memorial plaque of Anton Janša, known as a pioneer of modern apiculture**. The initiative, marking 200th anniversary of Janša's birth is a result of Slovenian-Austrian Governments' and beekeepers' support & cooperation. Janša started his work in Augarten in Vienna, where a small wooden bee house was built as a base for the **apiculture teacher**. He brought to the task of introducing apiculture in Austrian lands the **profound knowledge of bees and the beekeeping tradition of his native Slovenia**.



New ApiRoutes website in progress

We are refreshing our website, which will beside other interesting nature related and authentic tours offer a special tab only for beekeepers and api experiences. **We will emphasize the best of apitourism and our professional api experiences to Slovenia, Croatia, Sicily and other beekeeping destinations.** You will be able to choose the most suitable experience for you or even to **create your very own.**

If you already participated in one of our tours, **feel free to share** your reference and send us **your feedback and photos** and we will gladly include it to our website.

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.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wishing you beautiful moments, treasured memories, and all the blessing a heart can know.



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ApiRoutes – Apitourism combines a unique range of experiences **captured in unspoiled nature, culture and spirit**. It's very unique approach to travel - travel as inspiration, education and enrichment. Visit www.apiroutes.com to learn more about Api Tours & Excursions. Our professional multilingual team is happy to assist you in creating your own Api Experience!



With Love of Bees and Nature,
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