

## HONEY & WINE - ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

Slovenia lies in the center of Europe, where the Alps meet the Mediterranean area and the Karst changes into sumptuous forests. You will be captivated by the blue Adriatic Sea and the mysterious Karst with its subterranean caves. The beautiful world of the mountains, nature parks, ravines, plateaus and crystal clean waters that pour in picturesque lakes will amaze you. Experience and taste Slovenia in 3 days.



### DAY 01: EXPLORE GORIŠKA BRDA WITH E-BIKES – KARST VILLAGE & WINE AND DRY-CURED HAM TASTING – STONEMASON VISIT – A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER

Picture-perfect **Goriška Brda** is a tiny wine-producing region that stretches from Solkan west to the Italian border. It's a charmer, reminiscent of Tuscany, full of rolling hills topped with small settlements and churches, its hillsides lined with grapevines and orchards. You will explore with its vineyards, woods and stone villages **with e-bike**.

Departure to the Karst, a picturesque region, which is, covered with olive trees and vineyards, and more than 11.000 karst caves, sinkholes, and solution valleys, which is unique in the world. Visit to typical authentic **Karst village** and tasting Slovenian dry-cured ham and teran wine. Short stop at **stone mason workshop** and at the **beekeeper** to taste honey liquors and karst honey. Overnight at farm house.

### DAY 02: ŠKOCJAN CAVES – LJUBLJANA GUIDED TOUR & CASTLE VISIT – LJUBLJANA COUNTRY ESTATE

After breakfast, drive to **Skocijan Caves**, a unique natural phenomenon, the creation of the Reka River. The Skocijan caves are on UNESCO's list of natural and cultural world heritage sites. Drive to **Ljubljana**, guided tour through the capital of Slovenia. Enjoy a walk through the old city centre, across the Triple Bridge designed by the well-known Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik, follow the path down to the cathedral, past Francesco Robba's fountain and the town hall. Ride with funicular to the **town castle**, Ljubljana's main attraction. The castle's tower and ramparts offer some of the most beautiful views of the city, while the castle houses a museum exhibition on Slovenian history, a puppet museum, and a number of historical rooms such as the Chapel of St George, the Prison, and a video presentation room called Virtual Castle.

Overnight in Ljubljana **country estate**, organic farm that cultivates grains and oleiferous plants, from which it produces cold-pressed organic oils, spreads, white flour and whole-grain flours. Estate provides a home to a number of pets and domestic animals, from cats, dogs to horses, ducks, goats, chickens, hens and donkeys.

### DAY 03: LAKE BLEĐ – A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER – LAKE BOHINJ & TREKKING TO WATERFALL SAVICA

Drive to **lake Bled**, one of Europe's most beautiful Alpine resorts in Europe. Free at leisure in Bled to walk around the lake and individual sightseeing and optional visit of Bled castle. Do not miss to try their famous cream cake, called "kremšnita". As supplement, boat ride with the traditional wooden boat "pletna" to the small island on the Lake of Bled, where you can ring the bell at the Church of the Assumption for good luck. A visit to a **beekeeper**. Introduction to mysterious world of bees. You will observe beekeeper at work, search for

swarm, walk in the honey garden, try different bee products... Short drive to **lake Bohinj**, which is surrounded by the highest peaks in the Julian Alps. Light trekking to **waterfall Savica**. Overnight at tourist farm.

#### **DAY 04: COUNTRYSIDE RIDE WITH LOJTRNIK (ladder cart) – A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER – APICULTURAL & GINGER-BREAD MUSEUM**

After breakfast, you will **bord lojtrnik**, a special cart with ladders. In the old days these carts were used for transport of hay, grass, leaves, products and also people. This way your experience of the landscape is sure to be more pristine than just looking out of the bus window. Along the way you will be able to see many details of the country and breathe in some fresh air. You will visit memorial apiary of a famous Slovenian beekeeper, Anton Janša whom birthday, 20th May is this year celebrated as first World Bee Day. Stop to visit a **family with an old apiculture tradition**. You will take an inside into the life of the bees and the work of a beekeeper, you will also be invited into the apiary – store, where you will be able to buy typical honey products. Lunch in local restaurant. Next is visit to **apicultural & gingerbread museum** which offers displays of Slovenia's beekeeping heritage; special emphasis is placed on the developments within the profession in the 18th and 19th centuries. The museum stores some 600 original hive fronts whose motifs painted in oil depict the lives and beliefs of people from that period.

**Package price per person:**

Price calculated in April 2018.

Price is per person, based on twin/double room.

**470 EUR**

**(2 persons)**

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#### **Included in the price:**

- ✓ 3x accommodation in tourist farm,
- ✓ 1 x lunch,
- ✓ Entrances: Škocjanske caves, ride with lojtrnik, visit to beekeepers& tastings, Ljubljana guided tour, Ljubljana castle, Apicultural museum, waterfall Savica, wine and dry-cured ham tasting, ride with electric bikes,
- ✓ Organization and assistance

#### **Not included:**

- ✓ International Flight tickets
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Lunches, dinners
- ✓ Other optional visits
- ✓ Assurance in case of sickness before departure
- ✓ Travel Insurance
- ✓ Everything not listed in "Included"

*\* Final price depends on the number of passengers, on the confirmed date, hotels and services.*

*\*Special services are made upon your request, availability and interests.*

**Have a great tour!**