# ApiRoutes

### SLOVENIA & CROATIA, the best of Adriatic coast

# **Pearls of Slovenian and Croatian Istria**

### Ljubljana – Postojna – Piran – Poreč – Rovinj – Pula – Opatija – Zagreb

We invite you to explore the culture and history of Slovenia and Croatia Istria through its cities, its natural environment and its gastronomy. You will enjoy the charm of its medieval towns, its palaces with Venetian influences or the beauty of its architecture and nature.



#### Day 01 Arrival – Ljubljana, the capital (Slovenia)

Arrival in Ljubljana and guided tour through the capital of Slovenia, with its medieval old town, rich Baroque and Renaissance architecture, museums, galleries, etc. A walk through the old city centre, across the Tripple 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. Optional: drive with funicular up to the town castle or boat ride on river Ljubljanica. Dinner and overnight in the hotel in Ljubljana.

#### Day 02 Ljubljana – Postojna cave & Predjama castle – Piran

Departure to Postojna cave, the largest cave is the "classic karst" and the most visited show cave in Europe with 20 km of passages, galleries and chambers. Ride with electrical train through the marvellous underground world. Next stop is at nearby Predjama castle with dramatic setting in the gaping mouth of a cavern halfway up a cliff. Arrival to beautiful coastal city Piran, the best preserved cultural monument of Slovenian Istria that maintained its medieval structure, narrow winding streets; houses huddled close together, numerous squares and churches and the contact with the sea. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Coastal area.

#### Day 03 Sečovlje saltpans – Fonda fish farm – Free time at leisure

Morning tour to the saltpans in Sečovlje and its open-air museum of salt making. The Sečovlje salt works are the only remaining salt works where sea salt is still harvested by using a traditional method, used in the 14th century. Visit to fish farm, where we discover what makes Piran sea bass so special and gives it such high culinary, trade and marketing value. Boat trip and presentation of the selection of young fish spawn and the right type of feed, manual feeding and all aspects of caring for environment. Free time in Piran. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Coastal area.

#### Day 04 Croatian Istria: Poreč – Rovinj – Pula (Croatia)

Transfer to Croatian Istria. You will enjoy city of Poreč with Euphasian Basilica with its distinctive mosaics dating from the 6th century, which UNESCO recognised and protected as a world heritage site in 1997. Drive to picturesque Rovinj with Venetian baroque architecture. In the afternoon, transfer to Pula with numerous monuments of Roman architecture. Visit to the famous Roman Forum, Hercules' Gate and Twin Gates, the Temple of Augustus,... in the town centre. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Pula area.



#### Day 05 Pula – Brioni national park – Motovun – Opatija

Transfer to the port and departure to the National park Brioni, former Tito's residence. You will enjoy the beautiful nature, flora and fauna. Afterwards head to Motovun, the most famous medieval hilltop towns in Istria, overlooking splendid Mirna River Valley. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Opatija, Croatia's first true resort town famous for its grand neo-baroque and rustic Italian-style villas on every side, a multi-cultural collage of pink walls, fluted columns, fading red tiles, grand staircases, and tiny balconies facing the sea. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 06 Opatija – Zagreb guided tour – Departure

Morning drive to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia and walking tour in Zagreb, including the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical centre, St. Mark's Church with its multi-coloured roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and the University... City is full of enjoyable architecture, nature and charming history. Transfer to the airport.

### Package price from:

## Price calculated in February 2015. Price is per person, based on twin room.

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

- ✓ Transportation in Air-Conditioner Coach per Itinerary
- ✓ 5 nights in hotel 3\* in/or 4\* on twin rooms
  ✓ Tourist tax
- ✓ 5 buffet breakfasts
- ✓ 5 dinners in hotel (no drinks)
- ✓ Entrances and fees as per program
- ✓ Slovenian English speaking guide
- Organisation and assistance

#### Not included:

- ✓ Flight ticket
- ✓ Supplement for single room
- ✓ Lunches
- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ Assurance in case of sickness before departure

719 EUR

- ✓ Travel insurance
- Everything not listed in «Included»

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#### Have a great tour!