



Kollander
World Travel

Genealogy Exploration 2024

Hosted by The Slovenian Genealogy Society International, Inc.

September 18 - September 28

Let **SGSI** show and support you as you **research your family history**. If you prefer, a professional genealogist can be hired to research your family history as well.

Contact Lorri (419) 905-3577 for more information.

Features Included:

- Accommodation at hotels with taxes included
- Breakfast daily
- 1 x Welcome drink and dinner at hotel - 3 course menu or buffet dinner, glass of wine)
- 1 x Wine tasting
- 3 x Lunch at local restaurant
- 1 x Farewell dinner at local restaurant with entertainment - 3 course and glass of wine

Pricing:

- \$2,392: price per person in double occupancy
- \$732: single supplement

Hotels Included:

- Sept 19 - 21: Podcetrtek, Hotel BREZA
- Sept 21 - 23: Bled, Hotel Park
- Sept 23 - 28: Ljubljana, UHOTEL

Itinerary:

B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner | WT - Wine Tasting

Entrance fees are included where indicated in **bold**

Day 1 - Wed, September 18: Depart from States

Day 2 - Thur, September 19: Arrive in Ljubljana

You will be met at the airport and transferred by bus to Olimje, Slovenia (1 group transfer). Upon arrival, have a welcome drink and dinner at the hotel restaurant before overnight stay. (D)

Day 3 - Fri, September 20: In Terme Olimje

In the morning, visit to the **Olimje Monastery with the old pharmacy**. We will return by 11 o'clock. Lunch in Olimje included. Rest of the day is free for golf and spa activities. Information about these activities can be found at www.terme-olimia.com. (B, L)

Day 4 - Sat, September 21: From Olimje to Bled

Around 11 o'clock, leave Olimje towards Bled. First we will stop in Novo Mesto for lunch. Then, make our way to the **Open Air Museum in Šentrupert** and tour **Kozolci (Hayracks)**. They are especially prominent in Dolenjska. You will see all types of hayracks when travelling in the region, with perhaps the most beautiful ensembles of hayracks found in the villages of Veliki Orehek and Vinja Vas in the Podgorje area. Stop in **Sticna** to visit the **Cistercian Monastery** built in 1136 by Peregrin I, the then patriarch of Aquilea. It was a major cultural and economic center of Slovenia and houses manuscripts written by the monks. Overnight in Bled. (B, L)

Day 5 - Sun, September 22: Bled

Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel then a sightseeing tour of Bled. Often described as the 'Image of Paradise', the Alpine resort town of Bled will enchant you with its emerald-green lake, fairytale-like island, and imposing castle reigning on top of a rocky cliff. A scenic road takes us around the lake and to the medieval castle perched high on a cliff. Built over a thousand years ago, it was once an unconquerable property of the Bishops of Brixen. Today, it attracts visitors with its museum and demonstrations of old crafts and traditions, not to mention the breathtaking view of the surroundings. Our next visit is the small Bled island that we will reach in a typical local wooden boat that we call **pletna** and visit the **church** and **bell tower**. Next, we will enjoy a walk through **Vintgar Gorge**. (The walk is a duration of 2 hours, and easy to medium. Sport shoes and comfortable clothing is recommended). Overnight in Bled. (B)

Olimje Monastery



Kozolci (Haystacks)



Bled



Day 6 - Mon, September 23: Bled to Ljubljana

After breakfast at hotel, drive to Soca Valley via Predil pass. Stop for a light lunch before our visit to the **WWI Museum** in Kobarid. The museum introduces you to a symbolic layout in the entrance hall on the ground floor. There are two maps showing European battlefields in the First World War and the shift of political borders after the end of the war, diverse flags, portraits of soldiers of many ethnicities and gravestones from military cemeteries of the Upper Soca Region. To round out the day, our last stop will be **wine tasting at Lisjak homestead** in Dutovlje. After arriving in Ljubljana, we will take a short walk to the archives. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B, L, WT)

Day 7 - Tues, September 24: Ljubljana

Breakfast at hotel. Archive appointments (arranged by SGSI) . Tour director at disposal. In the afternoon a sightseeing tour of Ljubljana with a **funicular ride** to Ljubljana castle. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

Day 8 - Wed, September 25: Ljubljana

Breakfast at hotel. Archive appointments (arranged by SGSI). Tour director at disposal. Village visits. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

Day 9 - Thurs, September 26: Ljubljana

Breakfast at hotel. Archive appointments (arranged by SGSI). Tour director at disposal. Village visits. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant with entertainment. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B, D)

Day 10 - Fri, September 27: Ljubljana

Breakfast at hotel. Archive appointments (arranged by SGSI). Tour director at disposal. Village visits. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

Day 11 - Sat, September 28: Depart from Ljubljana

Breakfast at hotel, then a departure transfer to Ljubljana airport (1 group transfer). (B)

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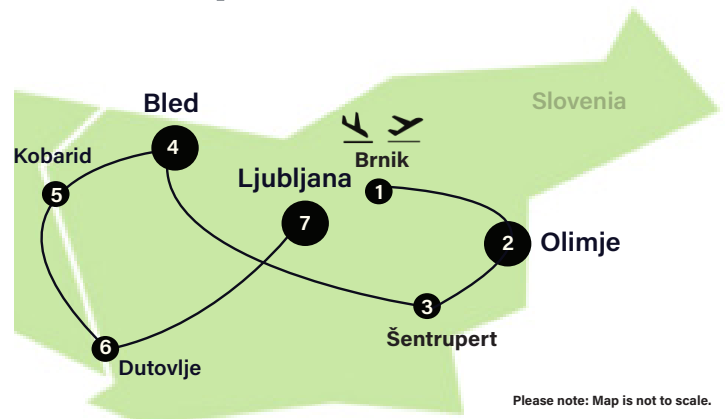
Lisjak Winery



Ljubljana



Tour Map:



Terms & Conditions

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SGSI TRIP TO SLOVENIA FROM SEPT 18 -28. 2024

I have agreed to the terms and conditions applicable to this tour package.

Enclosed is my deposit of **\$350.00 per person** per trip.

Final payment is due by **July 14, 2024**.

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Please send copies of your passports with deposit. **PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.:**

Name as it appears on your passport: _____ Birth Date: _____

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Signature: _____

Your personal and/or bank check welcome. If paying by credit card, please circle: **AMEX, VISA, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD**

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CCV#: _____

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Home Phone: (_____) _____ Mobile Phone: (_____) _____

My City of Departure is: _____

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() YES, I will be purchasing travel insurance.

Room Type: DOUBLE TWIN SINGLE

() NO, I decline insurance protection.

Roommate's Name: _____