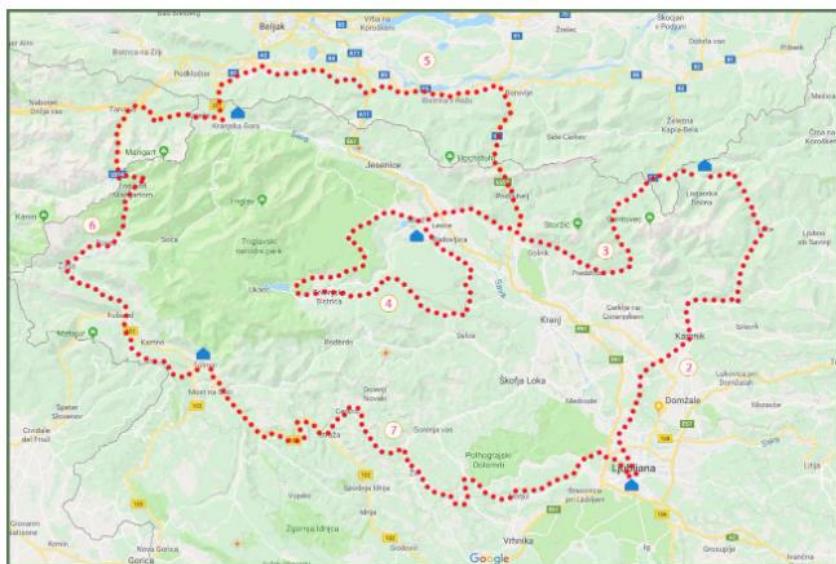


Cycling Safaris

Slovenia – Mountain Passes / Champions Ride SPORTIVE Self Guided tour 2026

553 km | 8 days / 7 nights



Slovenia is an amazing country from its fairy-tale Alpine North down to the Adriatic Sea. On this tour you rise to the challenge of the country's **seven highest mountain passes** as you ride 90-100kms per day. An Alpine landscape of sweeping vistas, gushing rivers and waterfalls, lush meadows, shimmering alpine lakes and mountain peaks whose majestic beauty will spur you onward even at the toughest of moments. Along with the natural beauty, you can also take time out to visit some fascinating castles, eat great food, drink sumptuous wine, and much more in this small but wonderfully diverse country.

The stunning beauty of the country is certainly a good reason to come and visit, but for many, the friendliness of the Slovenians would be reason enough in itself. Many speak impeccable English (as well as other languages) and are delighted to share their country with foreign visitors.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: ARRIVE IN LJUBLJANA 4* Hotel.



Arrival in Ljubljana. Once settled in go to the city center, where you can spend the rest of the day strolling around the lovely historic old town, and take a short walk or ride up to the Ljubljana Castle. Perched on a hill and standing guard over the old town, this is Ljubljana's most distinctive feature. From its tower you get a commanding view of the capital's heart and soul. As the sun goes down you can relax with a drink in the many outdoor bars/cafes beside the Ljubljanica River, or take an evening stroll, enjoying the lights and vibrant sounds of the city. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel M)

Day 2: LJUBLJANA - LOGARSKA DOLINA

($\leftrightarrow 77$ km, $\uparrow 1.160$ m, $\downarrow 700$ m, max gradient 10%)

Today marks the departure from the urban landscape as you venture northward towards the breathtaking Kamnik Alps, a mountain range that extends from Slovenia to Austria. The majestic summits of Grintovec (2558 m) and Storžič (2132 m) will command your attention as you pedal toward the picturesque town of Kamnik. Explore the remnants of two ancient castles and savor a leisurely coffee in the charming old town. Continuing your cycling journey, you'll delve deeper into the heart of the Kamnik Alps, ultimately arriving at the enchanting Logar Valley (Logarska Dolina). This tranquil alpine glacial valley will be your haven for the night, offering a serene retreat in the embrace of nature's grandeur. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel Plesnik)



Day 3: LOGARSKA DOLINA - BLED

($\leftrightarrow 93$ km, $\uparrow 1.530$ m $\downarrow 1.810$ m, max gradient 12%)

Embarking from the serene Logar Valley, your cycling adventure continues towards a realm of enchantment, guided by the Pavlic Pass. Along this picturesque journey, you'll encounter the idyllic alpine lake of Jezersko and the equally captivating artificial lake at Preddvor. Both are graced with stunning natural scenery. As you revel in the beauty that surrounds you, each lake will offer a moment of respite and appreciation for nature's artistry. The day will end at the pearl of Slovenia's northern region, Lake Bled. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel Lovc).



Day 4: BLED - ŽELEZNIKI - BOHINJ - BLED

($\leftrightarrow 87$ km, $\uparrow \downarrow 1.690$ m, max gradient 14%)

Lake Bled, with its beautiful church sitting on an island in the middle of the lake and guarded by a medieval hilltop castle, is the stuff of fairy tales. Start or end your day here with a boat ride to the island and a ride up to the castle for a panoramic view of the lake and glacial valley. Your cycling day will take you to the old village of Kropa, where you can visit the iron forging museum dedicated to the town's blacksmith trade, and the iron-smelting town of Železniki. You'll weave your way back to Bled through forests, along rivers and around lake Bled in the end. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel Lovc)

Day 5: BLED - AUSTRIA - KRAJSKA GORA ($\leftrightarrow 105 \text{ km}$, $\uparrow 2.110 \text{ m}$, $\downarrow 1.780 \text{ m}$, max gradient 20%)

Leaving Bled, you will first ride your bike to the little village of Begunje, famous for being the birthplace of Slovenia's folk music legend: Slavko Avsenik. As well as the Avsenik restaurant and museum, you can also visit Kamen Castle and the well preserved Robacnek Mill. Here you will leave Slovenia temporarily and head into Austria via the centuries-old Ljubel Pass, running close to Mount Stol (the highest peak in the Karavanke Alps), and then loop around back into Slovenia via the Koren Pass. Final destination for the day is charming town of Kranjska Gora. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel Kompas)



Day 6 : KRAJSKA GORA - TOLMIN ($\leftrightarrow 95 \text{ km}$, $\uparrow 1.790 \text{ m}$, $\downarrow 2.410 \text{ m}$, max gradient 15%)

Today's journey takes you from the Slovenian Alps to the Italian Alps. You'll cross the border and make your way to Tarvisio. Nestled between the Julian, Karavanke, and Canal Alps, Tarvisio offers a picturesque spot to take a break, savor a cappuccino, and bask in the sunny vistas before tackling the incredible Predel Pass, nestled between Mt. Mangart and Mt. Kanin. On the descent, you'll re-enter Slovenia, journeying through the radiant emerald Soča Valley, passing through the villages of Kobarid and Tolmin. (Accommodation in 3* hotel, example: Hotel Dvorec)



Day 7: TOLMIN - LJUBLJANA ($\leftrightarrow 100 \text{ km}$, $\uparrow 1.280 \text{ m}$, $\downarrow 1.170 \text{ m}$, max gradient 11%)

Your route today will eventually take you back to the Slovene capital. Get up early enough and you can visit the Tolmin Gorge, the lowest and southernmost entry point into Triglav National Park. Visit the thermal springs under Devil's Bridge. Your cycling route to Ljubljana will take you through the Cerkno Hills, where you'll ride from the alpine region to the Dinaric Karst region of the southwest. (Accommodation in 4* hotel, example: Hotel M)

Day 8: DEPARTURE from Ljubljana.

After breakfast your tour ends. However, you can of course prolong your stay in Slovenia.

2026 TOUR PRICE

€1490	per person sharing (low season: Season A: 26.4. to 16.5.2025 and 20.9. to 4.10.2025)
€1525	per person sharing (High season: 17.5. to 19.9.2025)
€430	low season Single Supplement (if traveling with others)
€500	high season Single Supplement (if traveling with others)
€470	Solo Traveler Supplement Low Season (if traveling alone)
€555	Solo Traveler Supplement High Season
€290	Road bike hire

2026 TOUR DATES

Tour can start any day from April 25 to October 3

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 night accommodation in hotels 3* / 4* hotels and guesthouses, on basis of bed & breakfast
- Luggage transfer – one piece per person, max 23 kgs / 50 lb (Lufthansa dimensions)
- Tour description and maps in GUIBO application electronic format
- Local tourist and other taxes
- Personal welcome meeting and bike hand over
- Backup service (hotline) during the trip

Not included:

- €290 Road bike rental (Emonda ALR 4 Disc)
- Entrance fees
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Drinks with meals
- Saunas and massages in hotels

Optional Extras:

- Upgrade to Ljubljana city historic centre Please enquire
- Printed information package in English incl. route notes and corresponding maps, delivered upon arrival: €30 per set

Additional nights

4* Hotel in Bled: Please enquire

4* Hotel in Ljubljana historic centre: Please enquire



Road racing bikes

Road bikes of different brands are equipped with 18/24/30 gears.

One cycling meter, pump, lock and a set of Allen keys with basic puncture repair kit to be shared by two participants

Sportive tours such as this one require a good level of fitness. There are a number of mountain passes to take on. You will be rewarded with magnificent scenery but effort is required!

- Included: one under saddle poach per bike, helmet. One repair set per pair of bikes – includes: one long lock, one spare inner tube, one set of Allen keys, tire levers and a basic puncture patch set. Every additional rental day 50 EUR per bike. Bike rental period starts 9:00 of day two of the tour and ends at 18:00 of day seven.
 - Electric touring bike rental 285 EUR, every additional day 50 EUR per bike
 - Printed information package in English or German, including route notes and detailed maps, delivered upon arrival - 30 EUR.

WHAT TO BRING

- We would recommend that you bring padded cycling shorts or even a gel saddle cover to make your days cycling more comfortable (if you wish to bring your own saddle this is no problem). Cycling gloves are also a good investment.
- Although it is not obligatory to wear a helmet we highly recommend that you wear one. If you own a bicycle helmet please bring it, otherwise helmet rental is included.
- Don't forget sun cream, sunglasses and sun hat.
- If you wish to use toe clips we advise you to bring your own pedals with toe clips, as the pedals on our bikes do not accommodate them.
- We do not provide rain gear so be sure to bring your own lightweight waterproofs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the currency?

Slovenia uses Euro.

What is the Language?

The official language is Slovenian. Most Slovenians speak good English and many speak German and Italian as well! Lots of places will have menus in several languages and, if not, the ever-helpful locals are more than happy to explain. The guide is, of course, fluent in English.

What happens if I am delayed on the first night?

If you know in advance that you will be late please contact our office. If you are unexpectedly delayed you should call the meeting point on Saturday evening and leave a message as to what time you expect to arrive.

What is the weather like?

Slovenia is a small country that enjoys a varied climate based around its distinct regions – Alpine, Continental and Mediterranean. It is known for being on the sunny side of the Alps. The summer days can be extremely warm (30 C) and sunny with rainfall occurring late into the afternoon (5.00 pm or thereabouts).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Slovenia is a relatively small country with a small dispersed population (around 2 million inhabitants). Therefore the entry/exit points are fairly limited and it is often better served by places outside of the country.

The main access point is to fly into Ljubljana (LJU) (the capital).

The national airline is Adria Airways and it has a number of direct flights to major European cities including London (Gatwick), Manchester and Dublin (depart Dublin Friday Nights/returning Saturdays only). For more information check (www.adria-airways.com).

Easyjet fly daily into Ljubljana from Stansted (www.easyjet.com)

There are also many alternatives connections through other European hubs such as Frankfurt, Paris, Prague and Budapest with most of the major European Flag Carriers.

Ryanair (www.ryanair.com) fly to Trieste on the Italian side of the border where again you can take a train to and from Ljubljana. The airport is actually called Ronchi and is some 30km outside the city, which is actually closer to Gorizia (which is one of the trains stopping points).

All the details for the above train journeys are on the website

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en>

We can pre-order taxis for you from various locations on request, so please contact us well in advance of the tour if you would like help.

The approximate cost per transfer each way: (price per person each way)