

## Slovenia 2025

## Lakes and Valleys- 7-night self guided tour





## Moderate 8 days / 7 nights

This is a collection of easy valley floor and forest covered hillside walks. Though in an alpine area, no climbing experience or equipment is necessary. The route passes through the most well-known Slovene alpine towns and villages; more than half of the walks are done with the central area of Slovenia's only national park.

#### Tour character

2/4 Walking tour. Daily distances increase on some days and the terrain may be rugged underfoot with some hills but not too strenuous. Perfect for those with a relatively good level of fitness. The average sum of all daily ascents is between 100m and 400m.

#### **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL TO KRANJSKA GORA

The renowned ski resort of Kranjska Gora serves as the starting point for this tour. Well known for its skiing, it attracts attention each January as the host of the annual World Cub Slalom. You will spend your first night here, nestled in the shadows of the majestic western Julian Alps. (Accommodation 4\* hotel)

# DAY 2 KRANJSKA GORA – JASNA VALLEY – KRANJSKA GORA Intermediate, 17 km, approx. 5 hours, 480m ascent/descent

Your warm-up walk begins with a visit to the first of many lakes you'll encounter on this journey: Lake Jasna. Framed by the jagged peaks of the Julian Alps, Lake Jasna offers an ideal spot for relaxation—but save that for the return leg of your walk, as there's much more to explore ahead. As you continue through the scenic Jasna Valley, you'll be welcomed by the mountain vistas of the Prisank and Razor peaks.

On your way back, you'll pass by the "Russian

Chapel," a poignant memorial dedicated to the Russian POWs who perished during WWI while constructing the military road over the Vršič Pass. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

#### DAY 3 PODKOREN – TRIPOINT (TRIPLE BORDER POINT)

## Intermediate, 18 km, approx. 5,5 hours, 490m ascent/710m descent

This walk leads you through forests and mountain meadows to the summit of Mt. Peč (1,508 m), where the borders of Slovenia, Italy, and Austria converge. At the top, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the Julian Alps, Carnian Alps, and the Hohe Tauern range, Austria's highest alpine peaks. The trail then gently descends through the valley, guiding you to the source of the picturesque Sava River, Slovenia's longest, before returning to Kranjska Gora. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

#### DAY 4 RADOVNA VALLEY – VINTGAR GORGE - LAKE BLED

## Intermediate, 13 km, approx. 4 hours, 160m ascent/290m descent

One of our team members will drive you through the lush Radovna Valley, surrounded by towering mountain peaks, to the stunning Vintgar Gorge, where the Radovna River has carved a 150-meter-deep chasm. From there, you can walk along a wooden walkway that winds through the gorge, continuing on to the world-famous Lake Bled. Along the way, enjoy a stop at the charming Katarina Church viewpoint. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

### DAY 5 LAKE BLED – BOHINJSKA BELA – BLED

## Intermediate, 15 km, approx. 4,5 hours, 520m ascent/descent

Today, enjoy a leisurely stroll around Bled, a charming town nestled on the shores of a stunning glacial lake. The medieval castle perched on a cliff overlooks the lake's iconic island church, creating a postcard-perfect scene. For the best views and photos of the lake, church, castle, and the Karavanke mountain range, take a hike up to the Mala Osojnica viewpoint on the lake's western side. Wrap up your day by indulging in a slice of the local specialty, Bled's famous cream cake, "Kremšnita," at one of the delightful lakeside cafés. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

## DAY 6 POKLJUKA – USKOVNICA SADDLE – LAKE BOHINJ

#### Intermediate, 15 km, approx. 4 hours, 50m ascent/850m descent

You'll be driven up to the scenic Pokljuka Plateau, where your hike begins, taking you through mountain pastures and past rustic farmhouses to a breathtaking viewpoint over Bohinj Valley. On your descent, stop at the historic village of Studor, where you can step back in time and explore its charming past. Your journey concludes at Lake Bohinj, a true gem nestled in the heart of Triglav National Park, alongside a quaint village on the lakeshore. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

#### DAY 7 LAKE BOHINJ

#### Intermediate, 18 km, approx. 5 hours, 260m ascent/descent

Spend the day exploring the serene beauty of this peaceful alpine lake, nestled beneath the peaks of the Julian Alps. Enjoy a refreshing swim in its crystal-clear waters and savor the taste of Bohinj trout. At the lake's western end, take a short hike to Savica Waterfall, the source of both the lake and the Sava Bohinjka River. For a breathtaking view of Mount Triglav, the Julian Alps' highest peak, ride the cable car up to Vogel Mountain, perched at 1,532 meters. In the evening, unwind in one of the cozy village pubs and sample the local homemade honey brandy. (Accommodation in 4\* hotel.)

#### DAY 8 END OF TOUR OR EXTENSION OF STAY IN BOHINJ

Please note that mentioned walking times take an average walker in account. These are net times (i.e. not including rests or lunch stops).

#### 2025 PRICES AND DATES

Tour can start any day between 12th April (first starting date) – 11th October (last starting date)

## Season A (12th April – 9th May, 27th September – 11th October)

€1015 per person sharing

€415 single room supplement / €490 solo traveler supplement

#### Season B (10th May – 16th August, 21st September – 26th September)

€1095 per person sharing

€450 single room supplement / €510 solo traveler supplement

#### Season C (17th August – 20th September)

€1155 per person sharing

€500 single room supplement /€540 solo traveler supplement

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels in two bedded ensuite facilities room
- All breakfast
- Car transfers on day 3, 4 and 6
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel (1 piece per person, max 23kg), every additional piece 60 euro, payable on spot
- Tour description and maps in GUIBO application electronic form, one download per room
- Local tourist and other taxes
- Backup service (hotline) during the trip

#### Not included / optional:

Printed information package including route notes and maps delivered on arrival – additional €30.00 Personal welcome meeting: €30 per meeting

**Entrance Fees** 

Lunches

Dinners & Drinks

Transfers	1-3 people	4-8 people
Ljubljana airport to Kranjska Gora	€120	€150
Ljubljana City to Kranjska Gora	€140	€190
Bohinj to Ljubljana Airport	€140	€180
Bohinj to Jubljana City	€160	€200
Bohinj to Kranjska Gora	€140	€180

All prices per transfer, one way. No pooling permitted.

#### Additional Nights (per person sharing)

	Season A	Season B	Season C
4* Hotel in Bled	€105 pps / €210 single	€115 pps / €220 single	€125 pps / €230 single
4* Hotel in Bohinj	€115 pps / €200 single	€125 pps / €215 single	€135 pps / €230 single

#### WHAT TO BRING

Your enjoyment of your walking holiday will be greatly helped by having the right gear. The following list should help you in planning your packing for your trip.

**Daypack** - a small comfortable rucksack to carry the bits and pieces you will need during the day:

- Water bottle/flask
- Moleskin/plasters/"second skin" ward off any impending blisters before they become a problem!
- Sun screen
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Mobile phone

**Footwear:** Good footwear is vital for a happy walking holiday! We recommend waterproof, breathable, walking boots with good ankle support. Boots which are "broken in" (i.e. not brand new), teamed with **well fitting hiking socks** will keep your feet snug and dry and help to avoid blisters.

## **Hiking Clothes**

We recommend the "onion look" of layering clothing as the best protection against heat/cold:

- Base Layer –this layer should not retain moisture but transport it away from the skin (there are lots of "wick away" fabrics now on the market.
- Insulation layer this layer should stop you from loosing body heat fleece is ideal
- Outer Layer this layer should keep you dry even in a downpour! A waterproof, breathable jacket and
  over-trousers are as important as your comfy boots. You should bear in mind that clothing tends to loose its
  "waterproofness" over time so if you have had your gear for many years it might be time to treat yourself
  with a trip to an outdoor store!
- Walking trousers/ shorts (avoid denim)
- Warm hat and gloves for chilly mornings or high mountains
- Sun hat
- Walking stick/pole (a great help on uneven terrain)

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Travel Insurance**

It is essential to take out holiday insurance to cover cancellation, personal accident, illness, or loss of possessions.

#### **Travel**

Starting point of this trip is Kranjska Gora in NW Slovenia, at the Slovene / Austrian / Italian border.

#### Getting there...

**By plane:** closest airport is Ljubljana (LJU). From the airport, you can travel to Kranjska Gora by bus (change once in Kranj, takes about 3 hrs) or book our transfer - please ask us for a quote!

**By train:** nearest railway stations are Tarvisio / Italy (useful for arrivals from Trieste or Venice), Villach / Austria (for arrivals from Munich or Vienna) or Jesenice / Slovenia for arrivals from Ljubljana.

Bohinj has a railway station at Bohinjska Bistrica, 5 km from your last hotel. It is on the Jesenice - Nova Gorica sideline, only a few trains a day. Useful for travel in all directions

By bus: Flixbus stops at Lake Bled, 42 km away.

#### When is the best time to visit Slovenia?

Every season of year has its own charms in Slovenia. If you like blooming fruit trees, come and visit Western Slovenia in spring. Hot summers are coolest in Alpine valleys, along crystal clear rivers and deep forests. Unforgettable autumn colours cover East Slovenian hills every September. Any time you choose to come - you're welcome!