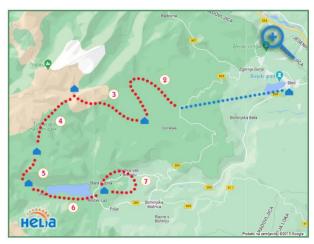


Slovenia 2025 Julian Alps Peak Walks - Self Guided walking tour





Strenuous 7 nights

Nestling under Austria's Southern Alps and warmed by Italy's Mediterranean sun, Slovenia is a small country with a big geography.

A self-guided walking holiday in the heart of the Julian Alps and along its mountain peaks. This is a stunning mountain hike, taking you through breathtaking alpine scenery and its many natural attractions, including Lake Bled & Lake Bohinj. The tour is suitable for fit and experienced walkers. It requires some experience of walking at high mountain levels and along narrow trails. This tour is not suitable for children under 12 years.

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN BLED (501 mtrs).

Arrival to Bled, a world famous town on the shore of a beautiful glacial lake, with its unique island church sitting proudly in the lake, and the castle perched high upon a cliff standing guard over the town (hotel 4*).

DAY 2. BLED – POKLJUKA HIGH PLATEAU

(14 km, 710 m ascend, 640 m descend 6 hrs hard walking).

A short morning car transfer brings you to the staring point, on top of Pokljuka high plateau (1280 m) – starting point of many hiking trails in Julian Alps. The warming-up hike will lead you over mountain pastures and through dense fir forests to up to Lipanska Hut. A typical hikers' lunch can be taken there. The afternoon walk will bring you along a panoramic route (excellent views of Karawanke range, Pokljuka plateau, Krma valley and Bohinj Mountains) to biathlon centre of Pokljuka where you stay for the night (hotel 3*).

DAY 3. POKLJUKA – PLANIKA HUT

(12 km, 1140 m ascend, 110 m descend, 7 hrs hard walking)

After early breakfast – off it goes to the heart of Triglav National Park and Julian Alps. The trail slowly ascends to Vodnikov Dom hut, where lunch and rest can be taken. Daily destination is Planika hut, right underneath Mt. Triglav highest Slovene mountain (2864 m) (dormitory).

(Today your main luggage gets collected at Pokljuka hotel and is safely stored in Helia's head office in Bled until you reach Bohinj at the end of the walk on day 6. You will not have access to it until then so make sure you have everything you need in your backpack) (mountain hut accommodation, dormitory).

DAY 4. PLANIKA HUT – KOČA PRI TRIGLAVSKIH JEZERIH HUT

(11 km, 230 ascend, 910m descend, 6 hrs hard walking).

After a hearty breakfast you will start your walk across the Hribarice pass (2358m) in the direction of the Koča pri Triglavskih Jezerih hut. On your way to the hut you can stop and admire the beauty of one the Triglav Park's seven lakes, Zeleno Jezero (Green Lake), whose name is derived from the high algae content painting the lake a gorgeous lush green. As you continue on you will enjoy the beautiful view into the rest of the Dolina Triglavskih Jezer (The Valley of the Triglav Lakes). From the Koča pri Triglavski Jezerih hut it's about a 3-hour hike to the Koča pri Savici hut where you will spend the night (Mountain hut accommodation).

DAY 5. KOČA PRI TRIGLAVSKIH JEZERIH – KOMNA HUT

(8 km, 130 m ascend, 300 m descend 3 hrs medium walking).

Walking in western direction you will reach Black Lake – the lowest lying lake in the Triglav Lakes Valley, It is named for its location in a basin in the middle of the forest, which stretches right to the edge of the Komarca rock face. It is the warmest of the Triglav Lakes. Ending your day at Komna hut you will also enjoy great views of Bohinj Lake. (Mountain hut accommodation)

DAY 6. KOMNA HUT - RIBČEV LAZ / BOHINJ VALLEY

(16 km, 60 m ascend, 1050 m descend, 5 hrs medium difficulty walking).

After breakfast, a relaxing descend down an old military road brings you to Savica Waterfall, which is one of the most famous and popular waterfalls in Slovenia. An alpine Karst spring flows to the top of the waterfall and then cascades 78 metres and subsequently feeds the mighty Lake Bohinj. Walk along the northern shore of Bohinj Lake will bring you to Ribcev Laz village where you can warm your blood with delicious home made honey brandy and schnapps in the local bars. In summer months one can enjoy a swim in crystal clear water of Bohinj Lake. Alternatively, one can ascend Mt. Vogel with a cabin cable car. From top (1532m) you will be able to enjoy a perfect panoramic view of Julian Alps and area you walked previous days. (4* hotel)

DAY 7. RIBČEV LAZ / UPPER BOHINJ VALLEY – RIBCEV LAZ.

(13 km, $\uparrow \downarrow$ 480 m, 5 hours medium walking)

Time to rest and enjoy the lake. There is the possibility of an additional tour to the upper Bohinj valley. Through idyllic villages you climb to the Rudnica hill which dominates the valley and offers a farewell view of the lake and the mountains you hiked (hotel 4*).

DAY 8. DEPARTURE FROM RIBČEV LAZ

The tour ends with a hearty breakfast, after which you are free to do as you please.

Tour character:

Trekking. Long walking days and challenging ascents / descents, these walks may require navigation and / or mountaineering skills. A good level of fitness and experience is required as the terrain can be rough and exposed in places. The average sum of all daily ascents exceeds 800meters. Not suitable for children under 12 years of age. Waytyp: 95% alpine and mountain hiking paths. Surface: 97% natural, unpaved and gravel. 3% asphalt and paved.

2025 DATES AND PRICES

Tour can start any time from 5th July to 10th September 2025

€1010.00	per person sharing
+ €305.00	single room supplement (if travelling with others)
	(single rooms only available in hotels, not available in mountain huts)
+€475.00	solo traveler supplement (if traveling along)

What does the tour price include?

- 7 nights Accommodation:
 4 nights in 3* or 4* hotels / 3 nights in mountain huts in dormitories; Bed & Breakfast.
 Bedlinen in mountain huts is included (on average €6 per person per hut)
- Car transfers as per the itinerary on day 2
- Luggage transfer as mentioned above, between overnight addresses in hotels (one piece per person, max 23 km)
 Every additional piece €40, payable on location

During high altitude walks from day 3 to day 6 you need to carry own clothing / personal items. Main luggage is kept in the office of our local partners

- Tour description and maps in GUIBO application in electronic form, one download per room.
- Local tourist and other taxes
- Welcome meeting upon arrival
- Backup service (hotline) during the trip

Not included:

- Printed information package including detailed route description with corresponding maps additional €30.00
- Extra night in Planika Hut €70 (BB including linen)
- Entrance fees
- Cable car ride to Vogel high plateau
- dinners and lunches
- Return trip to Bled

Optional Extras:

Guided ascent to top of Mt Triglav 1-3 people 560 euro incl. equipment. IFGMA licensed guide (additional night in Planika hud / €70 needed)

Transfers:	1-3 people	4-8 people
Ljubljana Airport to Bled	95 euro	130 euro
Ljubljana City to Bled	130 euro	170 euro
Villach to Bled	170 euro	180 euro
Klagenfurt airport to Bled	205 euro	240 euro
Bohinj to Ljubljana Airport	150 euro	185 euro
Bojinj to Ljubljana City	170 euro	205 euro
Bohinj to Kranjska Gora	150 euro	190 euro
Bohinj to Bed	75 euro	85 euro

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.

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)

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accommodation

All rooms are with WC and shower/bath. We do reserve the right to change the accommodation around during the week, but we will always endeavor to provide a high standard.

Additional Nights:

4* Hotel in Bled 4* Hotel in Bohinj €125 per person sharing / €230 single room €135 per person sharing / €230 single room

Money - The unit of currency is the Euro (€), 100 cent = € 1.

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 Bled in NW Slovenia.

Slovenia is well served by mayor airlines. Of the mainstream carriers, Slovene national airlines <u>Adria Aiways</u> fly to Ljubljana airport daily from Munich and Frankfurt. Additionally they serve London (Luton), Amsterdam, Brussels and Copenhagen on a weekly basis.

<u>Easy Jet</u> flies daily from London to Ljubljana. <u>Ryanair</u> serves Klagenfurt and Graz (from London Stansted) in SE Austria plus Trieste in Italy (Birmingham, London, Barcelona, Valencia, Brussels and Bari) that are all very close to the starting points of our trips. <u>Wizzair</u> connects Ljubljana with London Stansted and Brussels Charleroi.

Airport of Ljubljana is 25 km from the centre. There are regular bus shuttle connections to the city but no trains are operating from there. If you need an airport transfer, please go <u>here</u>.

By train:

Ljubljana has a centrally located railway station. All trains from <u>Italy, Austria, Germany, Hungary and Croatia</u> stop here. Maribor also has a central stations – trains en route from Vienna / Graz to Zagreb and Ljubljana stop here.

Lake Bled has two railway stations: main station is called Lesce - Bled on Villach - Ljubljana line. It is 4 km from the centre of the town, but there are good bus connections. Other Lake Bled station is called Bled Jezero on mainline Jesenice - Trieste - this one is specially useful if you fly to Trieste (take a taxi from the airport to Monfalcone and then train via Gorizia / Nova Gorica to Bled. Contact us for details about this good connection).

Koper station is 1 km from the centre and port. Directly it is only connected with Ljubljana, for trains of other origins you may need to change at Divača railway station. Alternatively Trieste can be used with good connections from and to Venice. For train connections in detail, look here.

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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.