

SLOVENIA – THE JULIAN ALPS

8-day / 7-night centre-based – one-hotel group guided walking tour – a choice of walk levels each day



On this guided walking holiday you'll enjoy a great selection of trails that will enable you to fully appreciate this fascinating former Eastern European country. With dramatic mountains as a backdrop, this guided walking holiday is set deep in the beautiful Julian Alps of Slovenia at the confluence of the Sava Dolinka and Pišnica valleys. It is an opportunity to walk through lush green valleys and dramatic limestone peaks with stunning high-level walks to mountain summits and ridges for those looking for easier and harder walks.

This walking holiday offers the chance to experience traditional Slovenian culture and lifestyle in the Triglav National Park and to visit the Mostnica and Vintgar Gorges with their emerald pools and dramatic waterfalls, the charming city of Ljubljana or the lakeside resort of Bled.

Cost per person: \$1290 per person twin share Single room supplement: \$315

Departs: 18, 25 June, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July, 6, 13, August (& on 20 August only *walking for families*)

Tour includes: 7-nights in comfortable hotel room with ensuite bathrooms where available, with 7-breakfasts, 7-evening meals, experienced walks leader, 5-guided walks & free-day activity.

Not Included: Airport transfers from Ljubljana (these can be pre-booked at extra cost and are recommended), meals & drinks not mentioned & personal expenses. The nearest railway station is at Jesenice, 24km from Kranjska Gora on the line from Villach and Klagenfurt in Austria to Ljubljana in Slovenia. There are buses/taxis to complete the journey to Kranjska Gora. Allow @ €85 for transport to and from the walks (paid locally)

Accommodation: The 4-star **Hotel Lek** on the edge of Kranjska Gora Village is magnificently situated below the towering peaks of the Julian Alps. It offers comfortable accommodation, friendly service, a quiet location and a good range of leisure facilities. The Hotel Lek has 72 bedrooms, of differing sizes, all decorated in simple Slovenian style. Some rooms have a safety deposit box and some a minibar. All bedrooms have an ensuite bathroom with shower or bath, a telephone, cable television & a hair dryer.



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Suggested itinerary:

Our experienced leaders offer the choice of two different walks each day and you can choose the option which best suits your interests and fitness. We provide flexible holidays. Choose easier walking one day and harder the next or just explore independently or relax around the resort.

Easier Walks:

Slovenia's narrow mountain valleys have a superb range of scenery and dramatic riverside walks of foaming waterfalls and translucent blue pools. We'll ascend to the lush meadows above Kranjska Gora, walk beside the serene waters of Lake Bohinj, and head to the Drielandershutte, which straddles the border of Italy, Austria and Slovenia.



8 – 13km generally on good paths with up to 450m of ascent in a day.

Harder Walks:

The unspoilt mountains of the Julian Alps offer a breathtaking array of high-level walks. Each week we visit Lake Bohinj, from where we can head to the mountains of Sila or Vogel, and the spectacular Vrsic Pass above Kranjska Gora. We may also attempt the ascent of Slovenia's 'Matterhorn', the peak of Svinjak.



12 to 18km with some steep and exposed sections to reach summits and ridges with up to 950m of ascent in a day.

Local Transport

On some days the walks start and finish at the hotel. On other days we'll use the hired transport to explore the surrounding area. The cost of transport to and from the walk is payable locally.

Free Day

Each week there is a free day when no guided walks are offered. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel, walk independently, or visit local places of interest. The Slovenian capital of Ljubljana contains many fine buildings, parks and museums. It is also possible spend a day in the delightful lakeside resort of Bled, which celebrated its 1,000th anniversary in 2004.

In Kranjska Gora it is possible to hire bikes to explore the extensive network of cycle trails, including some flat routes along the old railway line. For the more adventurous there are a variety of activities available locally including rafting on the Sava or Soča Rivers.

Please Note:

The suggested itinerary should give you a feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programmes. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of walks each day will be made by your walking leaders.

Similar guided or self-guided walks are available in other regions of France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria & in Norway. We cover destinations within Europe & many areas in the UK such as the popular **Coast to Coast** trail.

Outdoor Travel also offer many great pilgrimage walks such as the **Camino de Santiago** or the **Via Francigena**, the pilgrims '*Road to Rome*' - ask for details or see our website.

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