



Grand Slovenia Cycling Tour

Predjama Castle

FROM THE JULIAN ALPS TO THE ADRIATIC COAST

Cycling in Slovenia truly is paradise. And this cycling program offers the very best of its dynamic landscapes; you'll start in gorgeous Julian Alps, pass through one of the world's most beautiful lakes (Lake Bled), spend the night in elegant and leafy city of Ljubljana, cycle to the world class attractions – the mighty caves of Postojna and Škocjan, before arriving to the charming Slovenian Adriatic coast. We are inviting you to join us on this fantastic 10 day cycling holiday, where you will see the most important and beautiful places Slovenia has to offer.

Day 1: arrival to Kranjska Gora. Nestled in the Julian Alps at the triple border point of Slovenia, Italy and Austria, Kranjska Gora is an attractive and popular tourist resort throughout the year. In the winter is famous for offering excellent winter sports opportunities, in warmer months cyclers and hikers can enjoy in its great natural beauty, appreciated specially for its scenic cycling, walking and trekking routes. (Hotel 4*, meals included: dinner).

Day 2: Kranjska Gora – Bled (approx 40 km, 390 elevation m). First cycling day takes you from one Alpine beauty to the next one. Lake Bled, famous for its immense natural beauty, together with its surroundings is considered to be one of the most beautiful alpine resorts. With its island in the middle of the lake and other natural and cultural sights, Bled will surely amaze you. Do not forget to taste the world wide known Bled cream cake, one of the Symbols of Bled. (Hotel 4*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 3: Bled – Kranj (approx 47 km, 535 elevation m). Today's winding cycling route passes typical Slovenian rural villages before you arrive in Kranj, the capital of the Slovenian Alps. They say that in Kranj you stand with one foot in the city and the other one in nature. It is also considered the cultural heart of Slovenia because of the greatest Slovenian poet France Prešeren. The special feature of the town is a river canyon in the town centre. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 4: Kranj – Ljubljana (approx 36 km, 336 elevation m). You will leave the charming Kranj and cycle towards Slovenia's capital and largest city. Ljubljana is one of Europe's greenest and charming cities. You will enjoy strolling through its irresistibly attractive centre, which is free of cars and with numerous cafes along the emerald-green Ljubljanica river, which runs through the city. (Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 5: Ljubljana – Logatec (approx 40 km, 520 elevation m). Leaving the capital you will ride through idyllic and quaint villages, cycling on quiet roads, surrounded by fields, green hills and farms. The Slovenia's largest museum, the Technical Museum of Slovenia, can be found in the most amazing and perfect place a few kilometres off your track (a short detour). It is located in a former Carthusian monastery and is known for its permanent and occasional collections from agriculture, fishing, wildlife and hunting to electricity, wood working, forestry, water driving machinery, textiles and printing. (Private Guesthouse 3* or smaller and simple Hotel 3*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 6: Logatec – Postojna (approx 36 km, 512 elevation m). Another meandering cycling day which will lead you to Postojna, a place with two world class attractions; Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle. The world famous Queen of the Caves is simply awe-inspiring. Having formed over thousands of years, it has become one of most visited places in Slovenia. (Hotel 4*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 7: Postojna – Divača (approx 40 km, 560 elevation m). Today you will see the second Postojna's world attraction, the Predjama castle, one of the most picturesque castles in Slovenia. Predjama Castle is built into an overhanging rock in front of a karst cave hall that is connected with a cave system underneath the castle. After visiting the castle, the cycling winding route continues through fascinating Karst landscape, mingled with settlements and vineyards, which give us the glorious Teran wine and the well-known Karst prosciutto. (Hotel 4*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 8: Divača – Škocjan caves – Muggia (Italy) (approx 39 km, 350 elevation m). Only a few countries can boast of such natural phenomenon of exceptional global value. You cycle to the beautiful Škocjan Caves, which have been included in the World Heritage List (UNESCO) since 1986. After visiting the caves, you re-mount the bikes again and drive around the beautiful landscape, crossing the Slovenian-Italian border to arrive to your accommodation for today. Beautiful Bay of Muggia, the only Istrian town remained to Italy. Its picturesque harbour and small squares stir that charming Venetian atmosphere. (Hotel 4*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 9: Muggia (Italy) – Piran - Strunjan (approx 42 km, 500 elevation m). Scenic and just glorious cycling stage from Italian to Slovenian coast - a perfect finish of magnificent Grand Slovenia Cycling Tour. The route will take you through three Slovenian picturesque and historical Mediterranean towns which we are sure, will not leave you indifferent. (Hotel 4*, meals included: breakfast and dinner).

Day 10: Departure or extension. (Meals included: breakfast).

Price per person:

1.900 € (min and max 8 people) 2.100 € (7 people)

Price includes: 9 overnights with breakfast in Hotels 3* and 4* with en suite facilities, 9 dinners (sometimes in hotel, sometimes in good restaurant outside the property), *English speaking tour guide / driver who escorts the group in a van with a bike trailer, quality classic trekking bike Sub Cross 30 with one bike (back) pannier, all transfers as described in tour programme, luggage transfers between the hotels, organization and VAT.

*Tour guide is included from Day 1 at 6.30pm when he meets with the group in Hotel in Kranjska Gora until Day 9 after the farewell dinner in Strunjan.

Optional supplements: – single accommodation 265 €.

What's not included; Arrival / departure to / from first / last hotel, flight tickets, travel insurance, entrance fee's (entrance fee for Postojna cave approx. 28 €pp, to Škocjan cave approx. 20 € pp), tip, lunch's, drinks and all other expenses that are not mentioned in what's included description.

Accommodations; Mixture of 3* and 4* hotels & private guesthouse's with en suite facilities.

Category: Moderate cycling holiday, mostly on tarmac roads (approx. 10 % is on gravel road).

Key information; This tour is designed for a small cycling group (max 8 per), where the tour guide is driver at the same time (he escorts the group in a van). We strongly believe that smaller number of guests creates a good group dynamic; you'll get to know people from different backgrounds with a shared interest in travel. The tour guide is with you throughout the tour, this way, you'll get a unique insight into local life. Locals know the stories behind the sights.

Date; Summer 2019 (9 nights/10 days).

*Extra nights before / after tour on request. We would be happy to assist you with bookings