

## ***Excursions from the Coast (Portorož & Piran)***

### **LIPICA AND HRASTOVLJE**

The Lipica stud farm has over 400 years of tradition and has preserved the breeding of pure Lipizzaners for equestrian sports and classic riding schools. You will have a tour of the stud farm and the opportunity to see the horses perform for you.

**HRASTOVLJE** - The marvellous 15th-century frescoes in Hrastovlje's Romanesque Church of the Holy Trinity rank at the very top of Slovenia's medieval mural artwork. The most remarkable among them is the Dance Macabre that illustrates the powerlessness of both poor and rich before Death.

The church is worth visiting also for its architecture and setting.

Price includes: entrance fees, guide, and transport

Do not forget: cameras, walking shoes

Duration: half day

### **LJUBLJANA AND BLEĐ**

The Beloved Capital and Alpine Pearl

Ljubljana inspires visitors with its rich antiques and medieval heritage, with the Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau facades of the buildings, and with impressive works of the famous architect Jože Plečnik. Above the city there is a castle with its view tower, which offers magnificent views. Ljubljana is the political, cultural, and scientific and university centre of Slovenia, as well as the scene of many international events. Further to the north Lake Bled awaits for you with its charming lake, fairytale island in the middle of the lake and a medieval castle rising on a rock above the clear water. The island is a true pearl with a little church and a bell tower with the famous wishing bell. Don't miss the opportunity to ring the bell and have your wishes come true...

Price includes: guide, transport

Do not forget: walking shoes, cameras

Duration: full day

### **TRIESTE**

International City

A long way back in times past, begins the story of Trieste, the biggest North Adriatic harbour, the commercial, political and cultural centre of north-eastern Italy. Strolling through the city you can admire the historic buildings, churches, the remains of the Roman Theatre or spend your time shopping in numerous shops for all tastes. Take the opportunity to taste the delicious Italian espresso coffee in one of the nearby cafes. Visiting Miramare castle by the end of our visit to Trieste: the romantic castle situated on sheer rock above the sea just few miles away from city, was a former home of Maximilian of Habsburg and his wife Charlotte. The romantic setting and original museum building with charming surrounding gardens gives us an insight to the past times...

Price includes: guide, transport

Do not forget: cameras

Duration: half day

## **VENICE**

### Step Back in Time

Why not visit the city of almost every person's dream, the city of the thousand bridges, Venice. Of course you cannot see all of this magnificent city in one day, but our excursion will give you a chance to see the most popular sights in Venice.

Once in Venice you will have the opportunity to see the Bridge of Sighs, visit the basilica of St. Mark, the Doges palace or perhaps take a romantic gondola ride on the Grand Canal, or just stroll through the narrow streets of Venice and discover the charm of this unique city.

Price includes: guide, transport with hydrofoil

Do not forget: passport, cameras,

Duration: full day

## **POSTOJNA - PREDJAMA**

Some people say that if you have seen one cave system you have seen them all. This is not the case with the Postojna caves, some of the largest in the world. This underground world was created through the natural work of the river Pivka: its stalactites and stalagmites make this cave system one of the most beautiful. An electric train will take you into the caves and then a guide will walk you through the most interesting parts of the caves. A few kilometres away you will visit one of the most magnificent buildings in Slovenia, the Predjama Castle, dating back to the middle ages, but keeping its secrets until today. The most famous owner was Erazem Predjamski, a hero in many local legends.

**Price includes:** entrance fees, transport and guide

**Do not forget:** cameras, walking shoes, warm clothes (cold and humid caves)

**Duration:** half day

## **LJUBLJANA**

Ljubljana is large enough to have everything that other capitals have and at the same time small enough to show warmth and hospitality to every visitor. It is a friendly city with visible remains of the Roman city of Emona, a baroque old part of town, with narrow cobbled streets squeezed between the castle slopes and the river Ljubljanica, art nouveau mansions, and modern buildings. The old core of a city is significant for the beauty of the northern style Architecture of City Hall and for magnificent Italian influenced Cathedral of St. Nikolai. Just by its side there is a must for all visitors of Ljubljana: the open market where you can truly get the atmosphere of this city. The excursion offers you also a funicular ride up to the Castle of Ljubljana, one of the main symbols of our country.

**Price includes:** guide, transport

**Do not forget:** camera

**Duration:** full day

## **PIRAN**

**Piran** (Italian: *Pirano*) is a town and municipality in southwestern Slovenia on the Adriatic coast on the Gulf of Piran. The origin of the name is uncertain, with some scholars favouring derivation from the Celtic "bior-dun" (settlement on the hill), while others prefer the Greek word "pyr" (fire), a reference to the lighthouse on the tip of the peninsula.

The town resembles a large open-air museum, with medieval architecture and a rich cultural heritage. Narrow streets and compact houses give the town its special charm. Piran is the administrative centre of the local area and one of Slovenia's major tourist attractions.

Piran is the birthplace of composer and violinist Giuseppe Tartini, who played an important role in shaping its cultural heritage. The town's main square, Tartini Square (Slovene: *Tartinijev trg*, Italian: *Piazza Tartini*), is named after him.

In 1892, to mark the 200th anniversary of Tartini's birth, the people of Piran decided to erect a monument in his honour. Venetian artist Antonio dal Zotto was commissioned to create the larger-than-life bronze statue of the *maestro*, which was eventually mounted on its pedestal in 1896. The statue dominates the square, overlooked by the Cathedral of Saint George.

Price includes: guide, transport

Do not forget: camera

Duration: 4 hours

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