

# A Taste of Slovenia

## Independent tour

Surrounded by Italy, Austria, Croatia and Hungary, Slovenia is a wonderful cultural mix of Alpine, Mediterranean and Central European influences. On this privately escorted tour you'll taste and enjoy the great variety of flavours that this tiny but fascinating country has to offer.

### 6 days / 5 nights

#### Day 1: Ljubljana to Radovljica

Arrive Ljubljana airport or station and transfer to Radovljica and the Lectar Inn, a traditional guesthouse in the medieval part of this quiet Alpine town. You will visit the museum of ancient crafts and enjoy a 4-course welcome dinner with dishes typical of the Gorenjska region. **D**

#### Day 2: Radovljica to Bovec

Travel north to the popular resort of Kranjska Gora before traversing the highest mountain pass in Slovenia at Vršič. Free time before descending into the Trenta Valley and travelling along the scenic Soča River to the pretty town of Bovec in the Julian Alps. Tonight a typical 3-course dinner of local specialties like Soča trout and Bovec pockets (dessert). Overnight at Hotel Alp. **BD**

#### Day 3: Bovec to Goriška Brda

Today you spend a full day exploring the delightful hilly region of Goriška Brda, the best wine-growing region of western Slovenia. First stop is Gonjače for a panoramic view then on to Šmartno to walk its medieval streets and visit a typical house-museum. Later in the lower part of the region visit one of the tourist farms for a 4-course dinner of tasty local dishes accompanied by

their own wines. Overnight on the farm in a renovated traditional bedroom with modern bathroom. **BD**

#### Day 4: Goriška Brda to Piran

This morning, travel to the Karst region – well-known for its excellent food and wines. Start your day with a relaxing walk in the charming medieval town of Štanjel. Later you will stop at a leading local wine producer to taste the dark wine, Teran, and enjoy the famous Karst prosciutto. Then continue to the spectacular UNESCO listed Škocjan caves and walk in this natural wonder. Arrive in Piran to enjoy a 3-course dinner at a local restaurant by the sea. Overnight Piran at hotel Tartini. **BD**

#### Day 5: Piran

After a morning tour of the picturesque town of Piran, travel to Sečovlje to see the massive salt pans where the salt has been harvested for over 400 years. Continue to the little village of St Peter and visit Tonina museum house. Later you will taste the local wines Malvazija and Refošk and end the day with a 4-course dinner at a traditional restaurant in Slovenian Istra. Overnight Piran. **BD**

#### Day 6: Piran to Ljubljana

After breakfast you transfer to Ljubljana airport or station. **B**



Piran



Vineyard



### Inclusions

- ① 5 nights accommodation in 3-star hotels and tourist farms with breakfast daily
- ① 5 dinners and 2 wine tastings
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing as specified
- ① English speaking professional driver /guide throughout
- ① Touring by modern air conditioned car

### Your hotels

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#### ⓐ RADOVLJICA – Lectar Inn

Highly regarded, family owned guesthouse in an historic 500-year-old building located in the medieval centre.

#### ⓐ BOVEC – Hotel Alp

Comfortable tourist class hotel with wonderful views located in the centre of town.

#### ⓐ GORIŠKA BRDA – Tourist farmhouse

Comfortable, renovated traditional accommodation with modern bathrooms.

#### ⓐ PIRAN – Tartini Hotel

Historic, traditional hotel with lots of character in an unbeatable central location.

■ Accommodation of a similar standard may be substituted if the above is unavailable.

### Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Daily departures 1 Mar–31 Oct 2011.

Higher prices may apply during trade fairs, special events and overlapping seasons.

Season	TwN	Sgl
1 Mar–21 Apr	2450	POA
22 Apr–31 Oct	2571	POA