

FROM THE ALPS TO THE ADRIATIC

A seven night stay in Slovenia
including a two night stay in Lake Bled
21st to 28th May, 15th to 22nd September 2027
& 17th to 24th May 2028



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Lake Bled



Slovenia is one of Europe's best kept secrets with a wealth of natural, cultural and historical sights in a relatively contained area. From vistas of Alpine peaks to pristine Lake Bled, karst caves to a beautiful coastline and Italian inspired architecture, our seven night escorted tour uncovers the many facets of this charming country. In addition, we also travel to neighbouring Croatia for a day exploring the wine and truffle producing area of inland Istria as well as the scenic coastal town of Rovinj, and to the Italian city of Trieste.

After a two night stay at the Bled Rose Hotel, ideally located by the shore of Lake Bled, we will be based at the luxurious Hotel Palace in the coastal town of Portoroz, which has been a resort since the 13th century owing to the apparent healing properties of its mud and salt water baths. Home to one of the largest marinas on the Adriatic, when not on one of the included excursions or relaxing at our wonderful hotel, there is plenty to explore in the 'Port of Roses'.



Miramare Castle, Trieste



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Lake Bled, Slovenia. Fly by scheduled flight to Ljubljana, Slovenia. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the Bled Rose Hotel for our two night stay. Settle into your room before meeting for dinner at the hotel this evening. (D)

Day 2 Lake Bled. Bled grew famous at the beginning of the 20th century as the most beautiful health spa of the then Austrian empire. After World War II it became one of the most attractive state residences for the former regime and hosted many of the world's most important people who enjoyed the beauty of the town. After breakfast at the hotel, we will explore the impressive Medieval castle before joining a local 'Pletna' boat for a cruise to the lake's famous islet. Once back ashore, transfer to nearby Radovljica and the beautiful Linhart Square to learn about the traditional Slovenian craft of lectar, a sweet honey-bread that is decorated by hand. Enjoy a local lunch here before returning to Bled for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Ljubljana. Check out of the hotel this morning and drive to the nation's capital, Ljubljana. The city has a rich heritage – it has been inhabited since the Bronze Age – and is situated by a river on which the mythological Argonauts carried the Golden Fleece. It was occupied by the Romans and was once the capital of Napoleon's Illyrian provinces and has treasures from many epochs including Renaissance and Baroque, and striking architecture featuring many Art Nouveau facades. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city's highlights before a ride on the funicular to reach



Ljubljana Castle to discover its intriguing history and enjoy the panoramic views over the city. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will head south to Portoroz, where we will check in to the Hotel Palace for our five night stay. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Piran. This morning we explore Piran, one of the most photogenic cities in the Mediterranean. Influenced by the Venetian Republic, which left its mark on most Istrian towns, Piran has maintained the clustered Medieval structure of narrow winding streets, houses huddled close together and numerous squares and churches. Tartini Square is the gem found in the very centre of the city. It was named after the famous violinist and composer Giuseppe Tartini whose statue is located in the centre of the square. During our guided tour we will be able to sample some local flavours including wine, chocolate and seafood. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. (B)

Day 5 Groznanj & Rovinj, Croatia. Today we will cross the border into Croatia and travel into the Istrian interior, an area famed for its picturesque villages, vineyards producing fine Malvasia and Teran wines and the forests that produce Istrian white truffles. On a morning walking tour we will explore the quaint hilltop village of Groznanj. Once a 14th century Venetian fortress, the well-preserved Medieval centre is now home to many small art galleries and pottery studios and boasts stunning views over the Mirna Valley. We will stop at a local winery for a tasting before continuing to the coastal town of Rovinj. Here the houses inside the old town are small and lean into each other creating a unique atmosphere and our guided walking tour will include a visit to the town's main landmark, St Euphemia Church, which is built on the top of a small hill. This Baroque building, constructed in Venetian style, was dedicated to the saint and martyr whose sarcophagus, according to a legend, was miraculously washed ashore sometime around 800 AD. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6 Trieste, Italy. This morning we cross the border to the nearby Italian city of Trieste. Once the major port for the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it is now a bustling Italian city with a mixed identity. Our tour will begin with a panoramic visit of Trieste, its historical palaces, Piazza Unita and the wonderful waterfront. We visit the most memorable site of Trieste, the Castle of Miramare, located on the northern point of the Adriatic Sea. Once home to the Emperor Maximilian, its interior is unique as each room resembles a different passion and its gardens are rich and lush, decorated by an amazing array of plants. After lunch in a local restaurant, return to Portoroz where the remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7 Portoroz, Slovenia. After a busy few days, today is free to relax and enjoy the magnificent facilities at the hotel or perhaps explore the resort town of Portoroz with its sandy beach and promenade. Meet this evening for our farewell dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Portoroz to London. Check out of the hotel this morning and transfer to Ljubljana airport for our return flight to London. (B)



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Room Category	2027	2028
Superior Room & Classic Room	£3995	£4195
Superior Room & Superior Sea View Room	£4245	£4445
Superior Room & Classic Room for sole use	£4895	£5095
Superior Room & Superior Sea View Room for sole use	£5145	£5345

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights accommodation at the Bled Rose Hotel in Lake Bled • Five nights accommodation at the Hotel Palace Portoroz • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • Wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners • Excursions with English speaking local guides • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION



HOTEL PALACE PORTOROZ

The Hotel Palace Portoroz is located in the very centre of Portoroz, a well-known resort area, famous for its mild Mediterranean climate and spa tradition. The hotel boasts wonderful views of the Adriatic and combines glamorous Viennese elegance with modern design. Elegantly nestled in a historical park, the luxurious hotel dates back to the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1910, and behind its grand Habsburg facade there is a unique blend of traditional and contemporary design.

Your Accommodation

The hotel's 164 rooms measure between 30 and 40 square metres and are furnished in a traditional or modern design with air-conditioning, bathrobes, selected toiletries, a mini-bar, in-room safe, LCD TVs, Wi-Fi and tea and coffee making facilities. Both the Classic Rooms and Superior Sea View Rooms are located in the historic palace wing. The Classic Rooms offer a view over the tranquil courtyard area from a fully furnished balcony whilst the Sea View Rooms include a French Balcony and face the main road beyond which there are fabulous views of the Adriatic Sea.

Your Dining

The hotel features multiple dining options. Enjoy breakfast in the Crystal Hall, sunbathe by the pool and order a little something from the Pool Bar or a coffee from Forma Viva café in the hotel park. Restaurant Sophia offers fine seasonal Mediterranean cuisine and Fleur de Sel which overlooks the Bay of Piran offers a modern fusion menu and terrace dining. When the sun goes down, the Palace Club offers a relaxing atmosphere from which to enjoy an aperitif with a view of the Adriatic. During your free time there is an indoor and outdoor pool and fitness centre as well as the luxurious Rose Spa.

BLED ROSE HOTEL

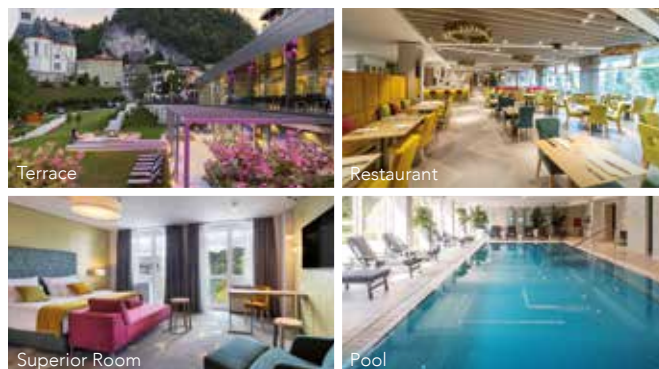
The Bled Rose Hotel enjoys a unique location overlooking Spa Park and is just metres away from the promenade for a stroll around Lake Bled. The bright and spacious rooms all enjoy beautiful views over the park and the lake. Guests can also make use of the large indoor swimming pool and wellness centre.

Your Accommodation

Rooms at the Bled Rose Hotel are tastefully furnished in a modern style with LCD TV, air-conditioning, mini-bar, desk and coffee machine. The bright and modern Superior Rooms measure 38 square metres and include a large furnished balcony with a spectacular view of the park and lake. All rooms can be made up with either twin or double beds and feature a bathroom with walk-in shower.

Your Dining

The Rose restaurant offers an extensive buffet breakfast and serves traditional Slovenian cuisine with a modern twist for lunch and dinner. Here you will also find a lounge bar and terrace with views over the lake where you can enjoy tea with the traditional Bled cream cake, while the bar also offers an extensive wine list.



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