

Croatia & Slovenia
May 25-30
5 nights / 6 days
Approximate Cost \$1,232 Double / \$1,465 Single

Day 1 Arrival

Upon arrival, the group will meet and transferred to their hotel in Opatija.

Overnight: Amadria Park Agava Hotel, Opatija

Day 2 Rijeka

After breakfast, the group will travel to nearby port city of Rijeka, known as the gateway to Croatia's islands, its name literally translates to 'River'. Here we will enjoy a comprehensive guided sightseeing tour of the cities bustling 20th century port, the Italianate Habsburg grandeur that adorns many of the city's most famous buildings, we see the impressive and imposing Trsat Castle, St Vitus Cathedral, as well as a walk up the Petar Kružić Stairway to the Our Lady of Trsat Church, the steep stairway is lined with small chapels dedicated to saints which were once used as rest stops by pilgrims heading to the church. The afternoon will see free time at leisure in Rijeka for lunch and to explore further.

Day 3 Postojna Caves & Predjama Castle

Today will see the group transfer from Croatia up to their hotel on Slovenia's Lake Bled. En-route we will make a stop in Postojna, where we enjoy a visit to the seemingly endless cave system with lights illuminating the stalactites, stalagmites, caverns and babbling brooks the run the approximately 24,340 meter-long caves. Legend has it the caves are home to baby dragons, which are in fact Olms, the largest known cave-dwelling animal that can go for up to 10 years without food. After some free time for lunch in Postojna, the group will continue on to visit Predjama Castle, a stunning 800 year old impregnable medieval fortress, perched amidst a 123 meter high cliff at the entrance to the caves behind, making it the largest cave castle in the world. After this fascinating day, the group will arrive at their hotel on Lake Bled in time for a delicious dinner.

Day 4 Bled Castle & Lake Bled

After a leisurely start to the day, the group will travel to nearby Bled Castle, located on a precipice overlooking the city of Bled and the famous Lake Bled, it is widely regarded as the oldest Slovenian castle, first mentioned in 1011. Entrance is included, and we will see the ancient wine cellar, the Knights' hall, the tranquil chapel and the Castle forge. The group will have some free time in and around Bled to enjoy lunch before we head out onto the lake and enjoy a relaxing cruise out to see Bled Island, basking amidst the forests and mountains of this most scenic of lakes.

Day 5 Day at Leisure

Today will be completely at leisure to explore Bled, the lake or one of the many idyllic villages nearby.

Day 6 Departure

After breakfast, the group will be transferred to Ljubljana Airport where tour services end.