

Croatia & Slovenia: Ljubljana, Lake Bled, Zagreb



DAY 1 ARRIVE LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Arrive in Ljubljana, where you are met by your local tour manager and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. This evening, take a leisurely stroll through the picturesque town, pausing for a cup of coffee or cocktail in the main square or alongside the relaxing river front.

Grand Hotel Union

DAY 2 LJUBLJANA | LIVELY CITY

Set out on a walking tour of Ljubljana, seeing its beautiful Baroque architecture and the river that intersects the city. Visit the Three Bridges area, where a trio of bridges connects the historical, medieval and modern districts. Proceed to the cathedral; bustling, riverfront Central Market with its Slovenian food stalls; charming Prešern Square; and star-shaped Congress Square, site of the Baroque Ursuline Church of the Holy Trinity and the Kazina building, one of the few Neoclassical buildings to withstand the earthquake of 1895. As the morning visit comes to a close, take the funicular railway up to the castle for panoramic views of the city and soaring Alps.

Grand Hotel Union | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 LAKE BLEĐ, CROATIA | IDYLIC EMERALD WATERS

Depart this morning for stunning Lake Bled, its emerald-green waters fringed by the Alps' looming peaks. Upon arrival, take a relaxing walk along the lakeshore. Then, board an old-fashioned pletna (gondola) for a boat ride across Lake Bled. Upon reaching the small, picturesque island at its center, disembark to see the Church of the Assumption, its 15th-century belfry thought to bring good luck. Visit the castle, taking in breathtaking vistas of mountains, lake and countryside. Back ashore, enjoy a slice of Lake Bled's delicious kremsnita cake — a flaky puff pastry and Chantilly cream confection — alongside a cup of coffee or tea. Proceed to Zagreb, Croatia's fascinating capital city, where you check in to your hotel.

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 ZAGREB | CHARISMATIC CITY

Set out on a walking tour to discover the wonders of Zagreb, Croatia's economic, political and cultural hub. This dazzling, cosmopolitan city surrounded by parks and woodland is perched between the Sava River and the slopes of Mount Medvednica. In Gornji Grad (Upper Town), view art galleries, the parliament building and the cathedral. Proceed to Donji Grad (Lower Town), which is filled with world-class museums, open-air markets, the stunning Croatian National Theater, trendy boutiques and a vibrant café culture. ***Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Meals: Breakfast***