



GO AHEAD
TOURS



Slovenia Food & Wine Convention Tour

9 DAYS

July 24–August 1, 2021

Sip and savor the flavors of Slovenia.

Join other Group Coordinators and Go Ahead Tours staff as you dive into the culinary traditions of this Central European country. The cultural capital of Ljubljana offers urban elegance and historic remnants from the Hapsburg Empire, while tucked-away towns make up the core of the country's wine regions. From handmade *potica* stuffed with fragrant nuts and spices to fruity and floral wines, you'll discover the simple, honest flavors of Slovenian food and wine.

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YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
2 lunches
6 dinners with beer or wine
4 wine tastings
1 baking class
Guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Ljubljana's open-air market,
Potica baking class, Convention
Tour meeting, Predjama Castle,
Brda region wine tastings, Triglav
National Park, bee house visit,
pletna boat ride, Bled Castle

TOUR PACE

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain with some cobblestone streets, hills, and stairs.

Itinerary

Overnight flight | 1 NIGHT

Day 1 (Saturday, July 24): Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Ljubljana today.

Ljubljana | 3 NIGHTS

Day 2 (Sunday, July 25): Arrival in Ljubljana

Included meals: welcome dinner, wine tasting

Welcome to Slovenia! Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a local restaurant for tonight's welcome dinner and wine tasting, featuring many of the area's famous varietals.

Day 3 (Monday, July 26): Sightseeing tour of Ljubljana & potica baking class

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Join a local expert for a guided tour of Ljubljana, the stunningly green (and endlessly cultural) capital of Slovenia.

- Stop in Prešeren Square to see the France Prešeren Monument
- Pass by the Triple Bridge, Town Hall, and Baroque Robba Fountain
- View Ljubljana Cathedral and the Dragon Bridge
- Enjoy free time to explore the famed open-air market

Later this afternoon, take part in a hands-on workshop to learn how to make *potica*, a nut-and-spice-filled pastry that's a staple in Slovenia.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 4 (Tuesday, July 27): Convention Tour Meeting & Predjama Castle

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Join your group for a Convention Tour meeting, a series of presentations and discussions designed with Group Coordinators' questions, experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by senior members of Go Ahead Tours staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and tours
- Discuss tour planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator and learn about new program updates
- Enjoy coffee, tea, and an included lunch

Visit Predjama Castle, a Renaissance fort built into the mouth of a cave, later today.

- See the natural tunnel that connects the castle to the top of the mountain
- Learn how in the Middle Ages, this tunnel served as a secret supply line for the castle during times of siege
- Discover the legend of Erazem Predjamski, a robber baron who lived in the castle

Stop at a local farm for a cheese tasting, then head into the Vipava wine valley. You'll enjoy an included dinner of traditional Slovenian cuisine at a restaurant located on a picturesque vineyard.

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Brda Region | 2 NIGHTS

Day 5 (Wednesday, July 28): Transfer to the Brda Region & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, dinner

Travel to the Brda region, a famous wine valley located in western Slovenia, and set off on a sightseeing tour with a local guide.

- See Dobrovo Castle, a two-story Renaissance structure from the 17th century
- Pass through the quaint village of Medana
- Climb to the top of the Gonjače Viewing Tower to admire views of the region's lush, rolling hills
- End at the well-preserved medieval village of Šmartno

Head to a local restaurant this evening to enjoy an included dinner and wine tasting, featuring many of the area's famous varietals.

Day 6 (Thursday, July 29): Brda Region wine tastings

Included meals: breakfast, wine tasting, dinner

Spend the day sipping some of Slovenia's locally produced wines as you visit two wineries in the Brda region.

- Start at a wine estate, which sits on 54 acres of land stretching across the Slovenian border into Italy
- Try both elegant, full-bodied red wines and fresh, balanced white wines
- Learn about the flavors and notes that are distinct to wines from this area
- Continue on to a second winery and take a tour of the wine cellar
- Sample four wines from the winery's signature lines as you snack on cheese, olives, and breadsticks

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Lake Bled | 2 NIGHTS

Day 7 (Friday, July 30): Lake Bled via Triglav National Park

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Discover the scenery of the Julian Alps as you travel to Lake Bled today.

- Sit down for an included lunch at a local restaurant in the Soča Valley
- Continue on to Triglav National Park and drive through Vršič Pass, the highest pass in Slovenia and the Eastern Julian Alps
- Stop along the way at the Soca River for a scenic walk full of photo opportunities of the surrounding Alpine landscape
- Head to Bovec, a small town in the Littoral region, which was devastated during the First World War
- Learn about the small town's history on a tour of the WWI trenches and landmarks before continuing on to Lake Bled

Day 8 (Saturday, July 31): Bee house & sightseeing tour of Lake Bled

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

This morning, head to the small settlement of Selo pri Bledu to discover why Slovenia is known as the "cradle of beekeeping."

- Visit an educational bee house to see the hand-painted beehive panels used to breed queen bees and approximately 50 bee families
- Learn about the Carniolan honey bee, which comes from Slovenia and is one of the most popular bee species in the world

Head to Lake Bled and discover the scenery and history of this destination, a favorite for both locals and visitors.

- Take a ride on a traditional wooden *pletna* boat to Bled Island
- Enjoy free time to walk around, take photos, and ring the bell inside the Church of the Assumption
- Sample *kremšnita*, the region's famous cream cake
- Take a guided tour of medieval Bled Castle, which sits on a hilltop overlooking scenic Lake Bled
- End at the on-site restaurant and celebrate your trip during a farewell dinner

Day 9 (Sunday, August 1): Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Ljubljana airport for your flight home.

Please note: The inclusions and order of events on this tour are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to your departure.

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