

SLOVENIA



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TRIP OVERVIEW

Nestled between Europe's most ancient forests and spectacular mountain ranges is the stunning country: Slovenia. At the crossroads of the Balkans, this storied central European wonderland is one of the continents best kept secrets. A cultural and natural mecca, Slovenia features emerald waterways, craggy coastline, massive mountains, castles, canyons and caves.

Surrounded by

Croatia, Hungary, Italy and Austria, and the Adriatic sea, you'll savor the flavors and features of each in Slovenia. Explore rich landscapes, pristine wilderness, tiny towns and floating cities as you hike, climb, raft, kayak and eat your way through the heart of Europe.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Spend 4 days hiking hut to hut through the Julian Alps in Triglav National Park

Navigate the narrow chasms of the Soca River

Rappel, jump, slide, and scale the water carved canyons of the Soca River valley

Paddle the turquoise waters of the Adriatic Sea off the Istrian Peninsula, Croatia

Explore the magical canals, culture, and architecture of Venice

DAY 1-2

You will be picked up at the Venice airport and drive to the small mountain town of Kranjska Gora in Slovenia where you will meet your guides and gear up for your Slovenian adventures.

DAY 3

After breakfast, you will set off for a warm-up hike in the dramatic rock spires of the Julian Alps. You'll be rewarded with a breathtaking panorama of the Špik mountain range and Martuljek Waterfalls! This is a perfect opportunity to get ready for your upcoming hikes, and get to know your group as you work together to navigate this mystical terrain.

DAY 4

After breakfast, head to Lake Bohinj where you will gear up for a morning of kayaking. After a safety briefing and some instruction, you will push off for a beautiful descent of this classic alpine river. After lunch, you will stretch your arms and legs with different climbing routes along the shores of the lake. There are routes for every level and the opportunity to cool off in the alpine lake before dinner.

**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*





DAY 5-8

For the next four days, you will explore the Julian Alps and Triglav National Park on foot! Starting from Bohinj, traverse mountain passes and alpine valleys. Take it all in as you swim in alpine lakes, graze with the cows in green meadows, scramble up craggy peaks, and drink from fresh mountain streams. The hike will not always be easy, but you are guaranteed incredible views and an unforgettable experience!

DAY 9

After the last four days, you will have certainly earned a big breakfast this morning, but don't overdo it - you have a day filled with adrenaline fueled rafting down the famous Soca River! Later, you will suit up for another definite highlight. From the take out, you will swim in crystal clear pools, slide down narrow waterfalls, and descend into the world of Slovenian canyoning. You will sleep well tonight!

DAY 10

In the morning you will hike to Virje and Gljun waterfalls. Their rushing waters come from the high Kanin Mountain Range and come to the surface in an interesting spring. Virje waterfall's emerald green pool just calls for a refreshing dip in the hot summer days. In the afternoon, wind down with a thrilling zipline above the trees for a different perspective.



DAY 11

After breakfast, experience true Slovenian culture by participating in a local cooking class. Don't worry, you'll get to eat what you've made! Then, you will continue on to the coast of Croatia to explore the Adriatic!

DAY 12

Sea kayaking! Navigate your kayaks along the protected coastline of Croatia's Istrian peninsula. Along our journey, we will explore hidden coves, cliffs for jumping, and caves for snorkeling. Kick back on the coast and enjoy the company!

DAY 13-14

Cross the Adriatic by boat and head to the magical city of Venice, Italy. A few hours by ferry and you will be exploring the canals, hitching gondola rides, and trying the numerous varieties of gelato the city has to offer. Pizza? You bet - Tonight will be a special one as you close out the trip of a lifetime! On the last morning, you will head to the airport to await our departure flight as a group. On to the next adventure!

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“I really enjoyed this trip. The thing that stuck out to me was how we really experienced all of Slovenia. We hiked in the mountains and then moved our way to the sea. We really got to experience the food and culture, which was a nice touch.”

» FOARD SCOTT, CHARLOTTE, NC





TRIP DETAILS

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| LENGTH | 14 Days |
| GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR | 10th-12th |
| CHALLENGE LEVEL | Challenging |
| BEGINS/ENDS | Venice, Italy (VCE) <i>Suggested flight details provided upon acceptance</i> |
| GROUP SIZE | 13 Students |
| AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST | \$1,600 |

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
 - Trekking
 - Rock climbing/ rappelling
 - Rafting
 - Sea kayaking
- Accommodations
 - Tents
 - Mountain Huts
 - Hostels
- Private ground transportation
- Park entrance fees
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Venice, Italy (VCE)
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
 - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$150 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly recommended)

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