

Slovenian Alps Adventure

Hotel-to-hotel  independent walking

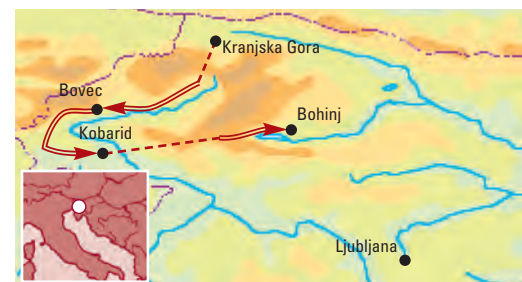
- Independent hiking on mountain trails through the Triglav National Park
- Jagged limestone peaks, thundering waterfalls, azure Soca River
- Lots of wild flowers: gentians, Zois bell flower, Triglav rose
- Alpine vistas over Italy and Austria: panoramic picnic spots!
- Charming individual hotels; delicious local cuisine



This independent hotel-to-hotel walking holiday explores the Triglav National Park encompassing Slovenia's highest peak, Mt Triglav (2864m), and the Julian Alps that border Italy and Austria. Following well marked Alpine paths you'll discover jagged limestone peaks, high flower-filled meadows, thundering waterfalls and half timbered mountain villages.

Starting in the charming Alpine village of Kranjska Gora, from where you enjoy sweeping vistas over the Austrian and Italian Alps, your route then crosses the mighty Vrsic Pass into the hidden Trenta Valley, a part of the country few travellers ever see. Continuing along the course of the beautiful Soca River – one of the cleanest rivers in Europe, marbled trout swim in its crystalline turquoise waters – you discover sparkling waterfalls, and flower-filled plateaux encircled by dramatic peaks. In Bovec, on the Italian border, the area is littered with reminders from Napoleonic and WW1 battles, including the dramatic Kluzze fortress, whereas moving south to Kobarid, the landscape has a more Mediterranean feel. The final section of your walk takes you north again to beautiful Lake Bohinj. In the shadow of Mt Triglav, this is one of Slovenia's most beautiful lakes and a great place to relax at the end of your week.

The hotels that you stay in all have their particular charm, with one of our favourites being our gastronomic hotel in Kobarid run by the friendly Hvala family. Dinners are a celebration of local cuisine - expect to be offered fresh trout from the rivers or risotto with black truffle.



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SLOVENIAN ALPS ADVENTURE | DAY BY DAY

Saturday Arrive in Slovenia

We meet you at Ljubljana airport and take you to Kranjska Gora (60 mins) in time for dinner.

Sunday Kranjska Gora circular walk 18km/11mi/5.5hr or 22km/13mi/6hr

Gently ascending through dense chestnut forests you arrive at a high plateau with views extending right across the Italian and Austrian Alps - truly breathtaking. After lunch in the Martuljek gorge, it's a lovely stroll through meadows dotted with orchids, narcissi and blue gentian as you head back down to Kranjska Gora at the entrance to the Triglav National Park.

Monday Kranjska Gora to Bovec 12km/7mi/4hr

Today starts with a breathtaking drive up the Vrsic Pass (1611m) from where your path follows the turquoise crystalline Soca River as it cascades through limestone gorges - look out for Trenta brown butterflies. After lunch the Trenta Mountain range - comprising the towering peaks of Javorscek, Svinjak and Romsom - frames the horizon as you head across to the Jelincic Refuge for a refreshing drink.

Tuesday At Bovec 10km/6mi/3hr or 13km/8mi/4hr

The mountain range of Bovec was fiercely fought over in WW1 and today's route follows part of the Walk of Peace dating back to 1920's. You climb through bluebells and primula auricola past dramatic Koritnica Gorge to Kluze fortress built into the mountain above a twisted ravine. Panoramic picnic spot. Returning there's time to relax on your hotels alpine terrace - amazing views - before dinner at a local restaurant.

Wednesday Bovec to Kobarid 20km/12mi/6hr

Crossing first a carpet of brightly coloured wild flowers underneath the Kanin mountain range you reach the mighty 106m drop Boka waterfall. It's then alongside the Soca River to Trnovo - stunning gorge and crystal clear waters. Then an ancient Napolionic path leads into Kobarid and to one of the friendliest, family-run hotels we've ever stumbled upon. The restaurant here is a real gem serving local specialities such as trout and fresh water crayfish, as well as mushrooms and truffles in season.

Thursday At Kobarid 7km/4mi/3hr (optional)

Hard to imagine this little town witnessed the largest battle in history that inspired Hemmingway's "A Farewell to Arms". There's a historical trail past the old Austro-Hungarian defences and Italian war memorial offering breathtaking valley views.

Friday Kobarid to Bohinj 16km/10mi/4hr or 22km/13mi/6hr

The easy option today is a panoramic railway journey - views as far as the Gulf of Venice - to Bohinj to follow a circular path around the lake. Or you can take the high mountain path to Mt Globoko* for a panoramic picnic overlooking Lake Bohinj shimmering below.

*Please note this walk may change in early season if snow is blocking the paths.

Saturday At Bohinj

Maybe hire a rowing boat or swim in its clear azure waters. For the more energetic, there's a great hike up the narrow Mostnica Gorge over Devil's Bridge (only the virtuous can pass, the bridge can sense bad intentions!) to the Mostnica Waterfall. Time for a dip in the hotel's indoor pool before your final dinner.

Sunday Return home

We take you to Ljubljana airport (1hr) in time for your return flight, or extra nights in the city.

Dates and Prices

Departs Saturdays

Tour Only

2012 departures

Sep 22	\$2,740
May 26, Jun 2, 9, Sep 15	\$2,740
Jun 16, 23, 30, Sep 1, 8	\$2,740
Jul 7, Aug 18, 25	\$2,795
Jul 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11	\$2,795

Singles: Add \$44 per night (4 nights will be in a single room; 4 nights will be sole occupancy of a double room). *Please note we do not accept solo travellers on this holiday.*

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Holiday type: Independent walking, hotel-to-hotel, no minimum group size, however airport and luggage transfers are subject to at least 2 people (in total) booked on each departure.

Departs: Saturdays from May 26 to Sep 22.

Duration: 9 days (8 nights).

Meals: Continental breakfast and 4 evening meals.

Other details: For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Ljubljana Airport.

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

The above prices include our standard transfers: Ljubljana Airport at 12:50, (transfer to hotel 60 mins, provided). **Return:** Ljubljana Airport by 16:25 (transfer provided).

Tour only: Transfers included from Ljubljana airport at 12:50, and back to Ljubljana airport departing the hotel at 15:30.

SLOVENIAN ALPS ADVENTURE | WHERE YOU STAY



Hotel Miklic
★★★★
Kranjska Gora

Days 1+2



Hotel Mangart
★★★
Bovec

Days 3+4



Hotel Hvala
★★★★
Kobarid

Days 5+6

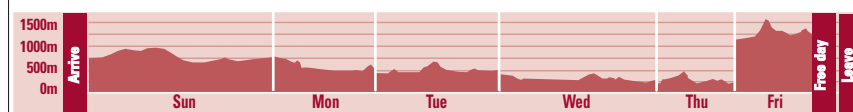


Hotel Jezero
★★★★
Bohinj

Days 7+8

For extra nights we recommend Bohinj, and city add-ons can be arranged in Ljubljana.

SLOVENIAN ALPS ADVENTURE | WALKING DETAILS



You follow mountain paths and forest trails, sometimes at altitude. Walkers should be confident and used to uneven terrain. Due to the frequent use of suspension bridges, this holiday is unsuitable for vertigo sufferers. Walking boots are essential.

Average daytime temperature (°C):
 14 17 19 19 15 10
 MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT

Average monthly rainfall (mm):
 82 75 50 58 36 26
 MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT

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