

## HONEY & WINE - CULINARY EXPERIENCE



### DAY 01: EXPLORE GORIŠKA BRDA WITH E-BIKES – KARST VILLAGE & WINE AND DRY-CURED HAM TASTING – STONEMASON VISIT – A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER

Picture-perfect **Goriška Brda** is a tiny wine-producing region that stretches from Solkan west to the Italian border. It's a charmer, reminiscent of Tuscany, full of rolling hills topped with small settlements and churches, its hillsides lined with grapevines and orchards. You will explore with its vineyards, woods and stone villages **with e-bike**.

Departure to the Karst, a picturesque region, which is, covered with olive trees and vineyards, and more than 11.000 karst caves, sinkholes, and solution valleys, which is unique in the world. Visit to typical authentic **Karst village** and tasting Slovenian dry-curded ham and teran wine. Short stop at **stone mason workshop** and at the **beekeeper** to taste honey liquors and karst honey. Overnight at farm house.

### DAY 02: SECOVLJE SALTPANS – FISH FARM WITH BOAT RIDE – LIPICA

Morning tour to the **Secovlje saltpans** and its open-air museum of salt making. The Secovlje salt works are the only remaining salt works where sea salt is still harvested by using a traditional method, used in the 14th century. Next is visit to **the fish farm**, where we discover what makes Piran sea bass so special and gives it such high culinary, trade and marketing value. Boat trip and presentation of the selection of young fish spawn and the right type of feed, manual feeding and all aspects of caring for environment. Tasting of carpaccio along with wine. Departure to **Lipica stud farm**, a cradle of the world famous Lipizzaner horses. Founded in 1580 during the Habsburg monarchy, it has been boasting of the tradition of breeding and selecting pure-breed horses. Overnight in farmhouse in Bled.

### DAY 03: BLEĐ – COUNTRYSIDE RIDE WITH LOJTRNIK (ladder cart) – A VISIT TO A BEEKEEPER – APICULTURAL & GINGER-BREAD MUSEUM

Short stop in **Bled**, one of Europe's most beautiful alpine resorts in Europe. Free at leisure in Bled to walk around the lake and individual sightseeing and optional visit of Bled castle. Do not miss to try their famous cream cake, called "kremšnita". Next you will **bord lojtrnik**, a special cart with ladders. In the old days these carts were used for transport of hay, grass, leaves, products and also people. This way your experience of the landscape is sure to be more pristine than just looking out of the bus window. Along the way you will be able to see many details of the country and breathe in some fresh air. You will visit memorial apiary of a famous Slovenian beekeeper, Anton Janša whom birthday, 20th May is this year celebrated as first **World Bee Day**. Stop to visit a **family with an old apiculture tradition**. You will take an inside into the life of the bees and the work of a beekeeper, you will also be invited into the apiary – store, where you will be able to buy typical honey products. **Lunch** in local restaurant. Next is visit to **apicultural & gingerbread museum** which offers displays of Slovenia's beekeeping heritage; special emphasis is placed on the developments within the profession in the 18th and 19th centuries. The museum stores some 600 original hive fronts whose motifs painted in oil depict the lives and beliefs of people from that period. Overnight in farm house.

#### DAY 04: LJUBLJANA – TASTE LJUBLJANA & FOOD TOUR – CASTLE

Drive to **Ljubljana**, guided tour through the capital of Slovenia. Enjoy a walk through the old city centre, across the Triple Bridge designed by the well-known Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik, follow the path down to the cathedral, past Francesco Robba's fountain and the town hall. Ride with funicular to the **town castle**, Ljubljana's main attraction. The castle's tower and ramparts offer some of the most beautiful views of the city, while the castle houses a museum exhibition on Slovenian history, a puppet museum, and a number of historical rooms such as the Chapel of St George, the Prison, and a video presentation room called Virtual Castle. Ljubljana. **Taste Ljubljana food tour.** A guided city tour including tasting sessions of traditional Ljubljana dishes and get to know the city's culinary offerings and their historical tradition. Overnight in **Ljubljana country estate**, organic farm that cultivates grains and oleiferous plants, from which it produces cold-pressed organic oils, spreads, white flour and whole-grain flours. Estate provides a home to a number pets and domestic animals, from cats, dogs to horses, ducks, goats, chickens, hens and donkeys.

#### DAY 05: JERUZALEM WINE ROAD – PUMPKIN-SEED OIL MILL & TASTING

Visit to **Jeruzalem wine road** and tasting of some great wines. The Ljutomer-Ormož hills are not only famous for their wines but also for the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Along the Jeruzalem wine road, nature glows in vibrant colours in every season, providing a suitable setting for the genuine hospitality of your hosts along the wine road and the outstanding quality of the wines produced here. **Wine tasting followed by lunch.** Visit to **pumpkin oil mill** with tasting of their products.

Package price per person:

Price calculated in April 2018.

Price is per person, based on twin/double room.

650EUR

(2 persons)

580EUR

(3-4 persons)

530EUR

(5-6 persons)

#### Included in the price:

- ✓ 4x accommodation in tourist farm,
- ✓ 1 x lunch,
- ✓ Entrances: E-bikes renting, stone mason visit, a visit to a beekeeper & tasting, wine and dry-cured ham tasting Sečovlje salt pans, Fish farm Fonda with tasting, Lipica stud farm, ride with lojtrnik, a visit to a beekeeper, museum of apiculture, Ljubljana castle, Jeruzalem wine tasting, pumpkin oil mill visit.
- ✓ Organization and assistance

#### Not included:

- ✓ International Flight tickets
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Lunches, dinners
- ✓ Other optional visits
- ✓ Assurance in case of sickness before departure
- ✓ Travel Insurance
- ✓ Everything not listed in "Included"

*\*Program is based on self-drive. Upon request transfer, rent a car can be arranged.*

*\*Program can be tailor to the preference of customer.*

*\* Final price depends on the number of passengers, on the confirmed date, hotels and services.*

*\*Special services are made upon your request, availability and interests.*