



 **Duration**
9 days

 **Activity Level**
Moderate

 **Journey Type**
Land



Slovenia & Croatia

September 16-25, 2026

Starting from \$5,145/pp

Slovenia and Croatia are calling! Join a sensational 8-night journey to these enchanting nations packed with old-world architecture, jaw-dropping beauty and cultural treasures. Stay for four nights in colorful Ljubljana and venture out to discover inviting Lake Bled, fairy-tale Piran and Postojna Cave. Sample sumptuous Slovenian wines during a private tasting at a family winery before crossing the border into Croatia to stay in Rovinj for four nights. Here, get to know the beautiful Istrian Peninsula and indulge in magical Rovinj, a delightful fishing port!



Day-by-Day Itinerary

Slovenia & Croatia

Air Program – 10 days/ 9 nights (includes 1 air night)

Land Program – 9 days/ 8 nights

Breakfasts – 8 Lunches – 5 Dinners – 3 Receptions – 2

B | L | R | D in the header of each day denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners

A special note about air: If you have purchased only the Land Program, please book flights that arrive on Day 2, the first day of the Land Program. The date is listed at the top of your Reservation Confirmation.

This itinerary is subject to change due to operational conditions.

Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands. Excursions on this program require: walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces; and getting on/off motor coaches and boats.

- Mild – Walk under 1 mile on mainly flat terrain; navigate under 50 stairs; stand under 1 hour
- Moderate – Walk 1–3 miles on flat/uneven terrain; navigate 50–100 stairs; stand 1–2 hours
- Active – Walk 2+ miles on flat/uneven terrain, including up and down inclines; navigate 100+ stairs; stand 3+ hours

Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Day 1 | Depart gateway city

AHI FlexAir passengers depart for Ljubljana, Slovenia. Please check your luggage from your gateway city to your arrival city. Your claim checks should have the following airport code: LJU.

Day 2 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

R | D

InterContinental Ljubljana

Arrive at Ljubljana Jože Pušnik Airport. Proceed through immigration to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing customs, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for the group arrival transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer should exit the baggage claim area and proceed to the designated meeting spot, where an AHI Travel representative will meet you. The meeting location will be provided with your final documents.

Transfer to InterContinental Ljubljana. Please note, if you arrive before check-in time, your room may not be immediately available.

Gather with your fellow travelers to enjoy a Welcome Reception, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Ljubljana

B | D

InterContinental Ljubljana

Enrichment: Yugoslavia and the Republic of Slovenia. Join a local expert to learn about Slovenia's modern society and its economic future.

Slovenia's Capital. Discover this captivating, trendy city! Witness Ljubljana's Old Town with its baroque, Renaissance and Art Nouveau architecture. Pause to browse the bustling Central Market and visit Prešeren Square, the city's popular gathering place. This cobblestone-paved main square, named after Slovenia's national poet France Prešeren, features the pink Franciscan Church of the Annunciation. Walk through Congress Square, see the University of Ljubljana and step inside the Ljubljana Cathedral.

Next, cruise on the Ljubljana River, bordered with weeping willows, outdoor cafes and pastel-hued buildings. Skim beneath legend-laden bridges, including Triple Bridge, which connects Ljubljana's modern square with the historic neighborhood, and the striking Dragon Bridge, guarded by four mighty dragons. (Moderate)

Gather for dinner tonight in a local establishment. Slovenian cuisine, characterized by meat and fish dishes, strudels, risottos and pastas, includes more than 1,200 national dishes.

Day 4 | Lake Bled | Ljubljana

B | L

InterContinental Ljubljana

Alluring Lake Bled and Bled Castle. Upon arrival at this alpine resort setting, marvel at sweeping vistas of the electric-blue waters from above at the cliff-top Bled Castle. Enjoy the towers, ramparts and terraces, and browse the museum with its various jewels and weaponry. Next, ride aboard a pletna, a flat-bottomed boat, to the tear-shaped Bled Island, home to the Church of the Assumption of Mary and a fabled 16th-century wishing bell. This pristine setting of mountains, a swan-filled lake and a fairytale castle will make your heart swell. (Active)

AHI Connects | Apiary Visit : Return to shore and visit a bee farm to learn about the history and significance of Slovenia's thriving api-tourism industry. Beekeeping has been an important agricultural activity here since the 16th century. Today, with over 10,000 beekeepers spread across the country, Slovenia is aptly referred to as the "cradle of beekeeping." Learn about the Carniolan bee — Slovenia's protected native species — and discover the variety of products produced with their honey. (Active)

For lunch, dine on regional favorites at a local restaurant.

Dinner is at leisure this evening. The local food scene offers a variety of dishes and you can find burgers, Mediterranean cuisine, pizza, buffets and more.

Day 5 | Ptuj | Maribor | Ljubljana

B | L

InterContinental Ljubljana

Northeastern Slovenia. Journey through sunny hills and meadows bursting with color into northeastern Slovenia. Begin with a visit to Ptuj, Slovenia's oldest town that is dominated by a castle standing proudly on a hill. Continue to Maribor to see The Old Vine, which first produced grapes in the 17th century. This celebrated vine is of the Žametovka variety, one of the oldest indigenous Slovenian varieties. The vine still yields grapes! Next, visit the Maribor Cathedral, built in 1248 and dedicated to Saint John the Baptist. See gilded choir stalls and pretty stained-glass windows.

Cap off the excursion with a visit to a local winery and settle in for a tasting and lunch. This prominent wine region is steeped in centuries of viniculture and is known for producing high-quality red, white and sparkling wines. (Moderate)

Dinner is at your leisure tonight. Your Travel Director is available to offer suggestions for dining opportunities.

Day 6 | Postojna Cave | Piran | Rovinj, Croatia

B | L

Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle. Discover two wonders today. At Postojna Cave, ride a mini-train into an expansive karst cavern lit with chandeliers. Pass by stalactites, columns and other rock formations, and learn about the cave's fascinating ecosystem which is home to 100 different species. Take a guided walking tour inside the cave, crossing the Russian Bridge to witness the cave's most famous stalagmite. Brilliant, a nearly 300-year-old white limestone formation, towers over 16 feet high.

Next, witness Predjama Castle, an 800-year-old Renaissance fortress built dramatically up a 400-foot cliff face. Admire the magnificent construction; then step across the drawbridge and trace a path through the Middle Ages while browsing the castle chambers and living

quarters. See the armory showcasing medieval weapons, such as halberds and battleaxes. Listen to the legend of Erasmus, a Robin Hood hero, who took from the rich and gave to the poor. (Moderate)

Gather with your group and sit down to lunch.

Piran Along the Slovene Coast. Succumb to the allure of the Adriatic coast in Piran, a picturesque fishing village with cobblestone streets, a well-preserved medieval center and dramatic harbor views. During a walking tour, discover Piran's Venetian-style architecture, and view Gabrielli Palace and Tartini Square, named after violinist Giorgio Tartini. Visit St. George's Parish Church, overlooking the town. Visit a shop that produces sea salt, a popular souvenir. Piran salt is known for its outstanding quality and you can find an assortment of bathing salts, salt mixtures and salt scrubs, as well as salt for cooking. (Moderate)

Continue your journey through beautiful countryside and cross into Croatia to the splendid Istrian coast. Upon arrival in Rovinj, check in to the Grand Park Hotel Rovinj.

Dinner is on your own this evening. The Istrian peninsula is known for fresh, seasonal dishes. Along with the celebrated truffles, you will find mussels prepared with white wine, olive oil, garlic and fresh herbs; pršut (ham), oysters served with a dash of lemon, and fritule, little battered donut balls.

Day 7 | Pula | Rovinj

B | L

Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

Enrichment: Istria, a Blend of Cultures and Traditions . Join a local expert to gain an in-depth understanding of the age-old traditions that run deep on the Istrian coast.

Pula & Rovinj . Explore two favorite destinations of the Istrian peninsula. In the coastal town of Pula, visit the well-preserved Roman theater, the sixth-largest surviving Roman arena in the world. Descend into the subterranean halls, where gladiators and animals were kept. Today, the theater hosts musical performances. Elton John and Luciano Pavarotti have performed here. Continue with a stroll through a farmer's market where locals sell fresh fruit, souvenirs, sachets of lavender and truffle products.

Dig into an included lunch with your group; then head back to romantic Rovinj. Here, the small harbor is filled with colorful fishing boats and flat-bottomed batana boats. Tour the enchanting old town, passing rainbow buildings, Venetian architecture, twisting narrow streets and the baroque St. Euphemia's Basilica. (Moderate)

Dinner is on your own this evening. Your Travel Director is available to offer dining suggestions. Perhaps enjoy a cocktail by the waterfront.

Day 8 | Motovun | Groznjan | Rovinj

B | L

Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

Motovun & Groznjan. Head into the hinterlands for a visit to medieval Motovun, perched on a hill overlooking the Mirna River and surrounded by lush vineyards and truffle-filled forests. After a walking tour through the car-free narrow streets, enjoy lunch featuring Istrian gold, the truffle. Taste the special flavors of truffles during lunch.

Next, venture on to Grožnjan, famed as a musicians' and artists' village. The historic old town is a hub of creativity and is filled with art galleries, film schools, typical Croatian restaurants and fanciful boutiques. Soak up the artistic vibe and charming stone houses. (Moderate)

Gather with friends for dinner on your own this evening. You may wish to share a bottle of Malvasia, an Istrian white wine.

Day 9 | Rovinj

B | R | D

Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

Free Time: Head off to spend leisure time in Rovinj today or join our elective excursion. If you're staying in Rovinj, perhaps rent a bike to explore one of the nearby parks, such as Zlatni Rat. Or take the short boat journey to visit St. Katarina Island. Since Rovinj is a small and

walkable city, you can simply explore by foot to uncover the town's many nooks and crannies. Buy some olive oils and truffles at one of the many small shops.

Elective Activity | Brijuni National Park. Bask in the natural, unspoiled beauty of the Brijuni archipelago, a series of sensational islands. Board a boat in the town of Fažana and cruise to the island group. Then spend time visiting ancient settlements, the Brijuni Minor Fortress and other must-see sites. (Moderate) Available at an additional cost.

Raise a toast this evening at a Farewell Reception, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Day 10 | Depart for Home City

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After breakfast, AHI FlexAir passengers traveling on flights that qualify for a group transfer and Land Program passengers who have purchased seats on the group transfer depart for the airport for your return flights home. Your Travel Director will provide the details.



What's Included

Program Overview

- Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- 4 nights in Ljubljana, Slovenia, at the deluxe InterContinental Ljubljana.
- 4 nights in Rovinj, Croatia, at the deluxe Grand Park Hotel Rovinj.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions & Dinners to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

On-site Features

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program with baggage handling.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Elective activity and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

FlexAir Travel Program

Need assistance booking your travel arrangements? Our experts are here to help. Our air program offers the following benefits.

Trip Transportation

- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates

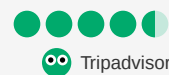
Price Guarantee

- Price guarantee to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

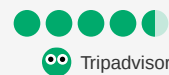
Intercontinental Ljubljana

Within strolling distance of historic Old Town, shopping and restaurants in the city center, this glass-façade hotel provides contemporary conveniences wrapped within Ljubljana's tallest building. Rise to the rooftop B-restaurant commanded by Michelin-starred chef, Alfredo Russo, and conclude the evening in neighboring B-bar, both venues with views of a medieval castle and the surrounding Alps. Drink alfresco at Bloom Lounge. Visit Saruna Wellness for spa treatments, the indoor lap pool and sauna. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Grand Park Hotel Rovinj

Designed by the renowned Italian architect Piero Lissoni, this property is a breath of fresh air! Enjoy the tranquility of this stylish waterfront hotel overlooking Katarina Island and Rovinj's old town. Soak up wonderful views of the port and centuries-old pine forests. Sample flavorful local dishes at the Cap Aureo restaurant or relax in one of the hotel's three pools or at the Albaro Wellness & Spa. During free time, shop in the exclusive boutiques. WiFi is complimentary.



Pricing

Trip Price (USD)	
Base Price	\$5,145
You Pay	\$5,145 per person

Package rates are per person based on Double occupancy from Land Only. Prices include all service charges; port charges when applicable; U.S. government taxes and fees. The minimum deposit is \$750.00 per person. To view Program Terms and conditions please click [here](#). Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

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