



Where is Slovenia?



BEEKEEPING TOUR TO SLOVENIA 28 MAY – 11 JUNE 2026

This is our 13th Beekeeping Tour to the stunning country of Slovenia, often celebrated as the beekeeping capital of Europe. Here, beekeeping isn't just a hobby, it's woven into the culture. Every 200th person is a beekeeper. To put that into perspective, Slovenia is about the size of New Hampshire, where I live. We have roughly 2,000 beekeepers; Slovenia has more than 10,000!

Beekeeping is truly a way of life. Schools offer beekeeping classes, children take field trips to visit traditional beehouses, and many schools even keep their own bee colonies on campus. The importance of bees is deeply rooted in Slovenian identity, reflected in academic writings, literature, and folklore dating back to the 18th century.

Beyond its devotion to bees, Slovenia is rich in history, remarkably clean and green, and known for its warm hospitality and exceptional quality of life. It's no wonder we keep coming back.



28 May, Thur, Depart from the US

You'll be met at the airport by a taxi service and taken directly to our first accommodation. Once settled in, you'll have the evening free to explore Bled and we will go to town to enjoy dinner on our own. Overnight.

29 May, Fri, Bled

Breakfast. Free day to catch up on jet lag, walk to town or just relax. We visit our first beekeeper at 4. Dinner on our own. Overnight.

30 May, Sat, Tour Begins

After breakfast, we'll visit Toni, a local beekeeper who lives in a picturesque valley and maintains two traditional beehouses, one of which offers apitherapy bee air. Toni and his wife are wonderful hosts, and we'll enjoy a delicious homemade lunch with them.

In the afternoon, we'll continue to a historic beehouse once owned by Anton Janša (1734–1773), Slovenia's most renowned beekeeper and the former personal beekeeper to the imperial court in Vienna.

Our day concludes in Radovljica, where we'll explore the charming bee museum and enjoy a light dinner before settling in for the night. Overnight.



31 May, Sun, Carnolian Region

After breakfast, we'll visit Beekeeper Kokl, whose beautiful beehouse and warm, engaging presentation always make this stop a highlight.

From there, we'll head out to meet a new beekeeper. There's something special about hearing fresh stories, seeing different setups, and learning how each person approaches their bees, so this visit should be especially interesting.

We'll end the day with dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight.

1 June, Mon, Styria & Prekmurje Region

Breakfast. We begin the day with a visit to a local beekeeper, where we'll take part in a hands-on workshop painting traditional ginger cookies—a fun and creative way to experience a bit of Slovenian culture.

Next, we head to one of my absolute favorite stops: The Herbal Farm. Here we'll learn about the healing power of herbs, explore how they support overall health, and have the chance to purchase the farm's wonderful tinctures and herbal products. Plus our lunch will be a variety of toppings with bread, all delicious and add to that a shot of JozaMeister liquor, perfect! Dinner & overnight.



2 June, Tue, Prekmurje Region

Breakfast. We begin our day with a pumpkin oil tasting—one of my personal favorites. I'm absolutely in love with this rich, nutty oil, and we'll sample several varieties paired with champagne, which makes the experience even more delightful.

Next, we'll head to a new destination that looks truly impressive: an apitourism farm where we can explore fresh ideas, learn from passionate beekeepers, and see how bees are integrated into the landscape and daily life. From there, we'll visit a stunning garden featuring a uniquely designed beehouse. Dinner & overnight.

3 June, Wed, Prekmurje Region

Breakfast. We start with a dry ham tasting and visit their culinary shop. Then to sample one of Slovenia's specialities, Gabanice. We end our day visiting a beekeeper that collects antique bee houses and will have dinner here. Overnight.

4 June, Thu, Maribor

Breakfast. We begin with a visit to the Apitherapy Center in Maribor, which also includes a wonderful beekeeping shop filled with local products and tools.

From there, we'll spend the day with Nika, one of Slovenia's leading apitherapists. She'll guide us through the many ways to use honey, pollen, propolis, and even bee stings, offering hands-on demonstrations and practical insights into each product's benefits.

After completing our course, we'll explore her new apitherapy cabin and herbal garden, a very cool and thoughtfully designed space that highlights her passion for natural healing.

In the evening, we'll settle into a unique "bee space" for the night. It's unlike anything else on the tour, and I'm keeping the details a surprise.

Dinner and overnight.

5 June, Fri, Bee Museum

Breakfast. We begin with the traditional honey breakfast. Afterward, we'll visit their beautifully curated bee museum, a charming and informative stop that always leaves people inspired.

From there, we continue onto Andreja's stunning new beehouse, complete with a lovely herb garden. Here we'll enjoy a delicious honey picnic surrounded by fragrant plants and buzzing bees, a perfect blend of flavor and atmosphere.

Later in the day, we'll travel to our next destination on the Adriatic Sea. Overnight.

6 June, Sat, Piran

Breakfast. We head to the beautiful village of Piran on the Adriatic Coast—one of my absolute favorite places. You'll have free time to wander the narrow streets, enjoy the seaside views, or simply soak in the charm of this coastal gem.

At 2:00, we'll board a fishing boat for a special fish lunch, featuring several delicious grilled fish dishes prepared right on board. Be sure to bring your bathing suit, because we'll have the chance to swim off the boat and relax in the sun. We always have such a wonderful time on this outing. **Overnight.**



7 June, Sun, Food Day

Breakfast. We begin with an olive oil tasting overlooking the Adriatic Sea, a truly special spot where the views are as memorable as the flavors.

Next, we'll take a guided walk through the Slovenian Salt Pans. I love the atmosphere here: peaceful, expansive, and filled with centuries of fascinating history. It's one of those places that feels both timeless and alive.

From there, we head to a unique outdoor wine tasting, where the setting is just as delightful as the wines themselves. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious truffle dinner! **Overnight.**

8 June, Mon, Nova Gorica

Breakfast. We have a free morning to enjoy at your own pace. Just across from our hotel, you can stroll down to the Adriatic for a swim, visit a nearby museum, or simply take a relaxing walk along the coast.

In the afternoon, we'll head to "The Doktor" for a wine tasting. It's a newer winery, but it comes with a very unusual surprise... and I'm afraid you'll have to wait to discover what it is. Then we go to my part of Slovenia, the Soca River Valley. You will be staying in my village in the mountains for the next 2 nights. Overnight.



9 June, Tue, Soca River Valley

Breakfast. Free day to do what we want – hiking, WWI history, adventure sports, or whatever you want to do. Dinner will be in my village. Overnight.

10 June, Wed, Soca River Valley

Breakfast. Free morning, we will decide what we want to do. In the late afternoon we drive to our last place near the airport. Dinner and overnight.

11 June, Thur, Airport

Breakfast. Taxi to the airport.

PRICING - \$5400 PER PERSON

Price includes

Taxi pick up and drop off at airport

Transportation, breakfast and dinners specified

Accommodations

Guide and AC van or bus depending on how many on the tour

All beekeepers and visits listed in program

Price does not include

Flight and travel insurance, we recommend you have travel insurance

Lunches and all drinks at meals with a few exceptions

Adventure sports or activities while in the Soca River Valley

Price for this tour is \$5400 each with a deposit of \$2500 to hold a space. No cancellations after 20 April. Pay by check to save the 3% fee for using a credit card with Venmo or Paypal. Single room supplement is \$750, may not be possible in the Soca River Valley or Carnica Bee Place. If you are single I can have you share with another single person to save on the high cost of a single room. Final payment due by April 20, 2026.

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