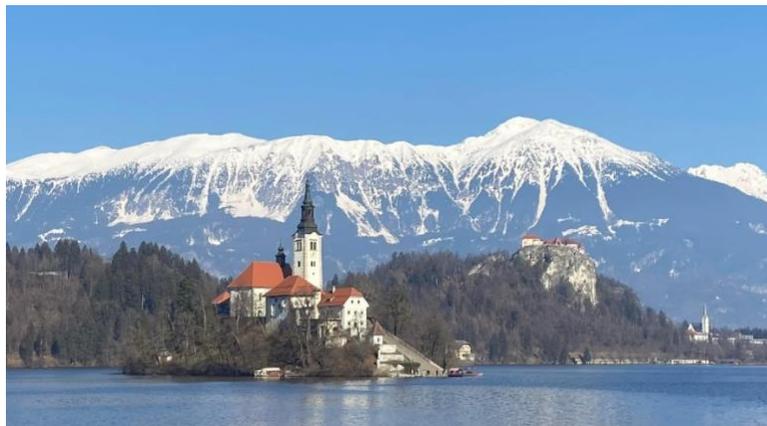




Slovenian Beekeeping's 12th Tour
7-21 May, 2024

We have been offering wonderful beekeeping tours to Slovenia since 2014! Slovenia is known as the Beekeepers of Europe and known for their beautiful bee houses scattered across the country. We visit several excellent beekeepers plus visiting many other very cool sites. It's a gorgeous country and you will fall in love with Slovenia!

If flying from the states you can either arrive on the 7th or 8th, the tour begins in the morning of the 9th. If you want a free day to recover from jet lag and enjoy time in the gorgeous setting of Bled then arrive on the 7th, this night at the farmhouse will be on you, about \$70 ea with meals. If you arrive on the 8th then be ready to go on the 9th. There will be a taxi to meet you at the airport and bring you to the farmhouse. Our farmhouse is 1.3 km from Lake Bled and a beautiful walk to town. I have been staying at this farmhouse since 1992!



7th May, Tue Depart the US

8th May, Wed Arrive in Slovenia. A taxi will pick you up and bring you to the farmhouse. Dinner and overnight in Selo.

9th May, Thurs Tour Starts

Breakfast. Meet our guide, Janez, who has been my guide since 2015. Morning in Bled with the optional Bled gondola (Pletna) boat ride to the island or we visit the castle. In the afternoon we visit Blaz and his two bee houses. For advanced beekeepers only, there will be a hive dive after the bee house tour, 25E extra. Blaz is within walking distance to our farmhouse. Dinner and overnight.

10 May, Fri

Breakfast. We visit the Beekeeping Museum in Radovljica, a nice history of beekeeping through the years in Slovenia. Then a visit to Anton Jansa's bee house, Anton's birthday is 20 May and this is why World Bee Day is on this day, he is known as a pioneer of modern apiculture and Slovenia's greatest beekeeper. Our afternoon will be with Beekeeper Toni who lives in a beautiful valley. Dinner and overnight.



11 May, Sat

Breakfast. Leave the Bled area and meet with Nika for an apitherapy class. As beekeepers, we all have a medicine cabinet at our fingertips and she will teach you what you can do with honey, propolis and pollen. Then off to Pristava village and to visit Beekeeper Rogelj. Dinner will be at a local restaurant and overnight at the Carnica Beehouse where we will sleep in bee cell rooms!

12 May, Sun

Breakfast. A tour of the Carnica Bee Center. Then we visit a new apicenter where its possible for us to have a honey massage (done on the back only), honey sauna or salt therapy. I will get the prices to you and you can sign up in advance. Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight in the bee cell rooms.

13 May, Mon

Breakfast. We visit Andreja at her very beautiful new bee house with a honey picnic. We then visit Peter Kozmus who is the Vice President of Apimondia and an excellent beekeeper. Dinner is local restaurant and overnight at a farmhouse.



14 May, Tue

Breakfast. We will be visiting a pumpkin oil factory where we can make our own oil. You have probably never tried pumpkin oil but it is fantastic and I stay well stocked as I love it! Then to Monastery Olimje who are also beekeepers and there is a chocolate factory next door. We will have dinner at a very cool place with wild deer roaming freely within the property and excellent food.

Overnight.

15 May, Wed

Breakfast. Drive to the coastal area and visit a beer fountain enroute, very cool! Then Skocjan Cave and finally a dry ham and teran wine tasting. Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight up in the hills of the coast. They have a very nice pool!



16 May, Thurs

Breakfast. Guided tour of the salt pans in Piran. This is a special place and I love spending time here. It has a very long history and you will be able to purchase this salt made the same for over 700 yrs. We then visit an olive tree estate with tastings and finally enjoy a wine fountain. Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight.

17 May, Fri

Breakfast. Free time in Piran. You can swim in the Adriatic Sea so bring your bathing suit. In the afternoon we go to my area of Slovenia, the Soca River Valley. We will be staying in my village where I used to live up in the mountains at the edge of the Triglav National Park. Here we have 2 days to relax, hike or do adventure sports like white water rafting, paragliding or canyoning. Dinner in my village with my neighbors and overnight in my village of Drezniske Ravne.



A day in Venice is also possible while in the Soca River Valley ☺



18-20 May, Sat-Mon

Breakfast each morning. Free day on 18 and 19th for sports, hiking, relaxing or we can visit a beekeeper or anything else everyone wants to do even spend a day in Venice! ☺ Dinner on own and overnight in my village.



20 May, Mon World Bee Day (WBD)

Breakfast then we leave the Soca Valley and attend a very special World Bee Day organized just for us and other English speaking people. Details to come later. The Slovene WBD is basically just for them so one of my Slovene bee friends is organizing a day for us! Dinner and overnight near the airport.

21 May, Tue Departure Day

Breakfast and you can each take the hotel shuttle to the airport when you need to.



Price includes

Transport from airport to farmhouse.

Transportation, breakfast and all dinners except for a few in Soca Valley

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

Gondola ride on Lake Bled

Flight and travel insurance

Lunches and all drinks at meals

Adventure sports or activities while in Soca Valley

Price for this tour is \$4200 each with a deposit of \$2000 to hold a space. No cancellations after 15 April. Pay by check to save the 4% fee for using a credit card with Venmo or Paypal. Single room supplement is \$300, may not be possible in the Soca River Valley.

Venmo Suzanne Brouillette@Suzanne-Brouillette-1

Paypal – I will send you a request or you can pay on the invoice

**Suzanne Brouillette
321 Chesham Rd Harrisville
#/text #603-499-3730
beeslovenia@gmail.com**

