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PROGRAM SLOVENIA BEAUTIFUL SLOVENIA from 4 may to 14 may 2024

Updated offer prepared in May 2023:

- OUR NET PACKAGE PRICE IN DOLLARS (\$):

	Price for Min 30 pax	Price for Min 35 pax	Price for Min 40 pax
ACCOMODATION IN DOUBLE ROOM	\$2,300	\$2,210	\$2,150

- **Single supplement – \$625 per person**
- **Prices are per Person per stay and NET!**
- *This price is informative - no reservation has been made yet.*

HOTEL	CITY	Check in – check out	Number of nights
City Hotel 3*/4* or similar	Ljubljana	04 May – 08 May 2024	4
Hotel Kompas Bled 4* or similar	Bled	08 May – 10 May 2024	2
Hotel Life Class 4* or similar	Portorož	10 May – 14 May 2024	4
POST TRIP	CROATIA	TBA	

- **Postojna Cave** - number 1 tourist site of Slovenia
- **Predjama Castle** – listed in Guinness book of records as the largest cave castle in the world.
- **Piran** – medieval costal town
- **Portorož** – “party town” with sandy beaches
- **Bohinj** – the biggest lake in Slovenia
- **Bled** - Alpine pearl with a lake, island, and a castle.
- **Ljubljana** – Awarded “European Green Capital” in 2016
- **The Logarska Valley** – one of the most beautiful Alpine glacial valleys in Europe
- **Kranjska Gora** – Home to FIS Alpine ski World Cup and Nordic World ski championship
- **Lipica Stud Farm** – The biggest Lipizzaner horse stud farm in the world
- **Ensamble of Saša Avsenik** – 3rd Family generation of World famous Avsenik brother’s ensemble, who composed the polka “Na Golici” – most played instrumental composition in the World.
- **Kamnik** – Today a beautiful Medieval town, once a capital of Carnolia the seat of many counts
- **Ribnica** – Slovenian cradle of woodenware craftsmanship and the town of your ancestors



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DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

DEPARTURE FROM USA 3. MAY 2024

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL DAY – LJUBLJANA AIRPORT

4. MAY 2024, SAT

Arrival to Ljubljana Airport.

Transfer to your hotel and meet your guide. Rest of the day relaxing after a long flight.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *transfer to hotel, assistance at hotel, overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.*

DAY 2 – LJUBLJANA

5. MAY 2024, SUN

After breakfast we will start with a walking tour of Ljubljana's city symbols and architectural masterpieces of Slovenian well known and very important architect Joze Plecnik – Three Bridges, Shoemaker's Bridge and the National Library are just a few of them. We will visit the Main Food Market and get to know the Old Town with its many small boutique shops, some of them selling typical Slovenian products.

Next, we will board the boat for the Ljubljanica river tour that lasts around one hour and gives us a completely different and unique perspective of the city we've walked through just a while ago.



In the afternoon, relax at one of many cafes by the river Ljubljanica – the best place to observe the city life. Our welcome evening will be dedicated to Slovenian folklore with dance and music combined with typical Slovenian dishes. Overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *local guide Ljubljana, Ljubljanica private boat tour, Slovenian evening with dancing, overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.*

DAY 3 - LJUBLJANA – RIBNICA AREA – REGION OF YOUR FOREFATHERS - LJUBLJANA

6. MAY 2024, MON

Breakfast at the hotel and setting our course towards Ribnica, a charming town located in south-eastern Slovenia, characterized by narrow streets and well-preserved medieval architecture. But there is another famous side to history in this town. Ribnica has a long- standing tradition of woodcarving and



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woodworking and town’s artisans are renowned for their skill in creating high-quality wooden products. To witness the artisans at work we will visit the Ribnica Museum and learn much more about this renowned craft heritage.



“Ribnica’s woodenware has gained recognition both domestically and internationally. The quality and authenticity of the wooden products contribute to the town’s reputation as a centre of excellence for woodworking and traditional craftsmanship.”

Lunch in local tourist farm. After nice meal we will continuing to stroll through the old town and passing it’s houses, colorful facades, and small squares, we will arrive to a beautiful Baroque-style, St. Stephen's Church. We will admire the church's elegant architecture and step inside to see its ornate interior and religious artworks.

Drive back to Ljubljana. Overnight in Ljubljana.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *Ribnica Museum fee, woodworking demonstration, lunch, overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.*

IMPORTANT – since this is an area of your ancestors, please send us your ancestors’ data and we can try to locate “relatives” and organize the meeting. Send me also the name of the villages, so we can drive through the villages and stop at cemeteries or visit local churches.

DAY 4 – LJUBLJANA – KAMNIK – THE LOGAR VALLEY - LJUBLJANA

7. MAY 2024, TUE

After finishing our breakfast, we will check out and put on our walking shoes as we will do a short drive to the city of Kamnik, well known for its historical heritage. Visit of Kamnik old town and its church.



The splendid views over the pristine Alps are going to follow us further ahead during the one-hour drive to the magnificent Logar valley. Be prepared for some breathtaking landscapes, towering mountains, lush green meadows and the iconic.

After arrival to the Logar valley, we will take a short walk to Rinka Waterfall, cascading down from a height of 90 meters.

Lunch in traditional “gostilna”.

In the late afternoon departure to our hotel in Ljubljana and overnight.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *entrance to the Logar Valley, lunch, overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.*



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DAY 5 – LJUBLJANA – ŠKOFJA LOKA – BLED - BEGUNJE

8. MAY 2024, WED

After breakfast we will head northwest to the region called Upper Carniola, dedicating the day to one of the countries' most visited regions. We will first visit one of the oldest cities in Slovenia called Škofja Loka, with a history that dates back over a thousand years.

Later we will arrive to the Lake Bled. A very popular destination and a real jewel of the Julian Alps. After boarding a traditional boat called "PLETNA", we will be taken by an oarsman to the Slovenian only island. There is a church, and its bell is a must stop for all who want to make a wish. Time to find out more about "potica" - the most distinctly Slovenian specialty.



After spending the day in the very heart of Upper Carniola, we will follow the tradition, visit the Avsenik Gallery and join a special event "Slovenian evening with ensemble of Saša Avsenik" in Begunje under famous Avsenik "umbrella". The program lasts about 4 hours with dinner and a lot of fun included. Overnight at the hotel in Bled.



SERVICES INCLUDED: *Boat ride to the island, entrance to the church on the island, light coffee break on the island with Potica tasting, entrance fee to Gallery Avsenik, dinner with music - ensemble of Saša Avsenik, overnight at hotel in Bled.*

DAY 6 – BLED - BOHINJ – RADOVLJICA – BLED

9. MAY 2024, THU

After breakfast we will spend a day in Bled's surroundings only to see more of the Julian Alps marvels and immerse ourselves in traditional alpine culture.



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First, we will visit the Bled Castle on a high cliff above lake Bled. After we will explore the region of Bohinj, which is also a municipality actually, lying within the boundaries of Triglav National Park, Slovenia's only national park. The region is known for its pristine natural landscapes with Lake Bohinj, the largest permanent lake in Slovenia as its centerpiece. From Ukanc we will take a comfortable cable car ride up the steep slopes of Mount Vogel, for some stunning views of the Bohinj Lake, Bohinj Valley and the majestic Julian Alps.



At the end of the day, we will be introduced to the beautiful mediaeval town – Radovljica, where we will stroll through the town's colorful medieval houses and vibrant streets. In the very heart of the old town, we will taste a traditional meal in the charming dining place located within the historic Lectar Gingerbread Museum. As their skilled chefs infuse the traditional gingerbread flavors into various dishes, this will certainly be a one-of-a-kind experience.



Return to hotel in Bled for overnight.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *Bled Castle fee, Cable car ticket, dinner in local restaurant in Radovljica, overnight at hotel in Bled.*



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DAY 7 – BLED – KRANJSKA GORA – JASNA LAKE – VRŠIČ PASS – PORTOROŽ

10. MAY 2024, FRI



Checking out of hotel after breakfast and getting ready to visit Kranjska Gora, another Alpine paradise in the heart of Slovenia, as for sure it's abundance of natural treasures will leave you in awe.

We will first get lost in the quaint streets of this fairytale town center, enjoying the air filled with the fragrance of blooming flowers coming from every house nearby.



We will then drive to the shores of Lake Jasna and get to see our own reflection in its crystal-clear turquoise waters and enjoying the tranquil ambiance. All relaxed and filled with energy we will get back on the scenic mountain road that winds through the Julian Alps straight to Vršič Pass, connecting Kranjska Gora with the Soča Valley one of the most beautiful valleys in the world.

We will drive along the River Soča passing Bovec and Kobarid. Lunch along the way. In the afternoon we will reach Slovenian seaside and check in our hotel will follow and rest of the evening free. Overnight in centric hotel in Portorož.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *lunch, overnight at hotel in Portorož.*

OPTIONAL: *visit of the I WW museum in Kobarid [**DAY 8 – PORTOROŽ - VENICE – PORTOROŽ**](http://The Kobarid Museum (kobariski-muzej.si) or Walk to Waterfall Kozjak along Soča River</i></p></div><div data-bbox=)*

11. MAY 2024, SAT



Today, after breakfast, we have scheduled

OPTIONAL TOUR:
VENICE BY CATAMARAN from Slovenian coast
Starting time predicted 7:45 AM from Piran.



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SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE EXCURSION: During the sailing, guides will give you an insight into the history of the beautiful city, the development and collapse of the **Serenissima Republic** and explain the course of the program that awaits us upon arrival. During your **stay in Venice**, you can decide to sail down the Giudecca canal, join a free guided tour of St. Mark's square, ride the secret canals on a **gondola** or see the **Canale Grande** from an exclusive water taxi.

Departure from Venice is planned at 5:15 PM once again passing through the city centre to Lido Island, setting of the oldest film festival each September. Arrival the port of origin is scheduled in the evening hours. Transfer to hotel will be organized.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Portorož.

PRICE OF THE TOUR: approx. 90 eur per person / Price TBA

OPTIONAL TOUR INCLUDES: *Catamaran ride, Boat transfer from the port to the square, local guide during the boat and land tour – Final program will be sent as soon as possible.*

SERVICES INCLUDED: dinner and overnight in hotel in Portorož.

DAY 9 - PORTOROŽ – LIPICA – WINE TASTING – IZOLA – PORTOROŽ

12. MAY 2024, SUN



After breakfast, our first stop today will be the cradle of noble white Lipizzaner horses. The Lipica Stud Farm has been there for over 400 years, and it is a cultural and historical monument. These distinguished horses are famous for their eagerness to learn, particularly in the art of Dressage.

We head next to Slovenian costal hinterland for a unique experience at the local Mediterranean homestead with wine tasting and introduction to olive oil making, followed by lunch.



Continuing the day in the Mediterranean atmosphere we will get to feel the vibe of Izola, a fishing town with authentic costal charm. After a nice stroll in this charming city, we will return to our Portorož home.



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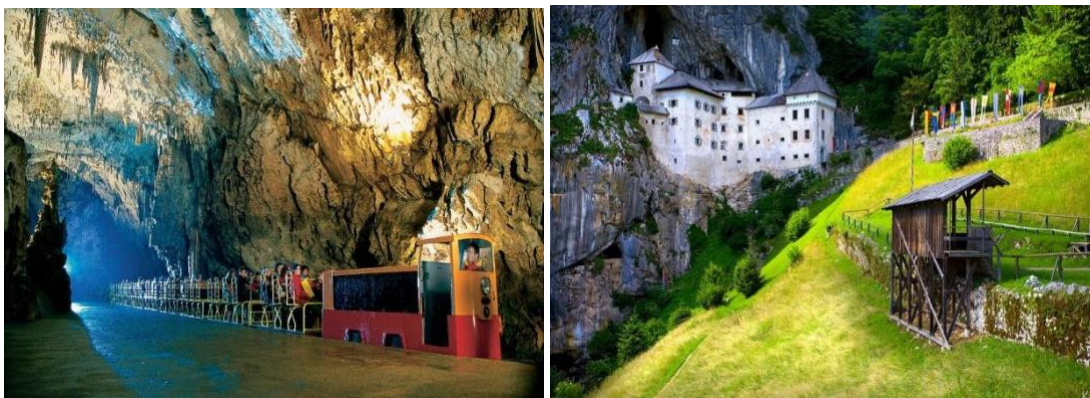
Overnight at the hotel.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *Lipica Stud Farm fee, local lunch with wine tasting and olive oil production presentation at homestead, overnight at hotel in Portorož.*

DAY 10 – PORTOROŽ - POSTOJNA CAVE – PREDJAMA CASTLE – PIRAN

13. MAY 2024, MON

Breakfast at hotel and drive towards Postojna. Caves, underground rivers, disappearing lakes are only a few of numerous features of Slovenian karstic land. So far, Speleologists discovered more than 8000 caves in Slovenia, but only few of them are show caves. The largest and most visited cave in Europe is Postojna Cave, the home of the rare human fish. It is the only karst cave with a railway, built over 140 years ago. With the unique tourist train, we will take a tour of underground network of karst corridors, galleries, and halls, where even the only underground post office in the world operated.



Only a short drive away stands a fascinating Predjama Castle, the world's largest cave castle built inside a cliff. Walking through the Castle there are many caves and secret passes. We will also find out about a legend of a rebellious and brave knight Erazem.



We will end the day in Piran and its remarkable Old Town, a maze of narrow cobblestone streets, vibrant buildings, and squares, reflecting the Venetian influence and medieval past. We will be visiting many landmarks such as the Tartini Square, named after the renowned violinist Giuseppe Tartini.

Farewell dinner in one of the seaside restaurants in Piran.

SERVICES INCLUDED: *Postojna cave and Predjama Castle fees, farewell dinner, overnight at hotel in Portorož*



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DAY 11 – DEPARTURE DAY or POST TRIP

14. MAY 2024, TUE

Breakfast at hotel.

Check out from hotel.

END OF OUR SERVICES!

OPTIONAL POST TRIP:

- **CROATIA – LAND TOUR + CRUISE FROM 14. MAY TILL 18. MAY 2024 AND START WITH THE CRUISE IN SPLIT ON 18. MAY 2024 – PRICE TBA**
- **ANCESTRY SLOVENIA – DISCOVER THE REGION OF YOUR ANCESTORS AND MEET THE RELATIVES!**

ABOVE PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- ✓ 10 nights in selected 4* hotels with taxes included and registration fee.
- ✓ Professional English-speaking tour director
- ✓ Transport by a modern A/C bus as per itinerary from 6 may till 13 may 2023.
- ✓ Airport transfers on arrival day
- ✓ Entrances and inclusions according to day-by-day program
- ✓ **Meals:** buffet breakfast in hotel on all days
- ✓ **Meals:** 3 x lunch, 1 x lunch & wine tasting, 4 x dinner, 1 x farewell dinner, 1 x dinner & music at Avsenik's House of tradition, "potica" tasting, tasting of local cuisine in Ribnica.
- ✓ Organization and preparation of the tour.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME:

- **Departure transfer**
- **Optional tour to Venice – approx. \$100 per person – TBA**
- **Single supplement – \$625 per person**
- Tips for tour guides, waiters, porters, etc.
- Drinks with meals, if not specified otherwise in advance
- Any other services, if not mentioned



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IMPORTANT!

- Please send your reservation with FULL NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH and ROOM TYPE to manja@manja-travel.com or enjoy@manja-travel.com

GROUP CODE: 202307504_GROUP8074_SNH

For more information, please contact Manja Lilek - manja@manja-travel.com

Tourist agency ŽIDANA MARELA D.O.O. & MANJA TRAVEL

GENERAL INFORMATION

ŽIDANA MARELA D.O.O., VRHOVCI CESTA X/28, SI-1000 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

VAT ID: SI25384848

MANJA TRAVEL is a brand of ŽIDANA MARELA and MANJA LILEK is a brand manager.

ŽIDANA MARELA has a License 1134 for Tour Organizer and License 1135 for Tourist Agent from the Chamber of Economy of Slovenia - Tourism and Hospitality Chamber.

PAYMENT TERMS

Once you close a deal with MANJA TRAVEL you accept the following payment terms.

DEPOSIT

We require a 30 % non-refundable deposit to secure the reservations once confirmed by our suppliers. You pay in EUR.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

BANK ACCOUNT INFO:

ŽIDANA MARELA D.O.O., VRHOVCI CESTA X/28, SI-1000 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

IBAN: SI5661000003930011

SWIFT BIC: HDELSI22

All reservations made less than 30 days prior to the commencement of the tour have to be paid in full, by wire transfer only.

PACKAGE PRICE

Our calculation is based on current GIT prices for 2023. We retain the right to adjust the prices, should our suppliers change their rates. Obvious calculation errors may be corrected any time.

The stated prices are valid for a NUMBER OF PERSONS AS SPECIFIED IN THE OFFER and the proposed programme (if not stated otherwise). Should the number of participants and/or the programme change, a new calculation will be provided.

If petrol prices increase by more than 20%, we retain the right to adjust our calculation accordingly.

The prices include an agency fee for the programme drafting according to the estimated amount of work required. Should unforeseeable and time-consuming research occur and/or the concept be extensively revised before the confirmation of the project, MANJA TRAVEL & ŽIDANA MARELA retains the right to invoice any additional hours up to EUR 200 incl. of VAT per day (8 hours' work) per project manager.



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YOUR TRAVEL PACKAGE

Upon the receipt of your payment, we will e-mail you the final itinerary together with some travel tips. The actual printed travel package containing the printed itinerary, vouchers, tickets, maps, guide booklets, country info and more, will be sent to the first hotel you will be staying at, to be collected on arrival.

**PRICES ARE PER PERSON, PER PACKAGE DESCRIBED IN THE OFFER.
CANCELLATION POLICY**

Our cancellation policy is not subject to change. Once your package has been created, most of our work has been completed. Our cancellation terms are stricter than those of our suppliers due to the special contract rates we operate with. In addition, some suppliers operate with non-refundable deposits that we have to take into consideration. Further, when domestic plane tickets are included, they are often non-refundable, and our cancellation policy reflects this.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You are responsible for your own travel insurance, and we would advise against travelling without insurance.

REFUND

A 70 % refund will be granted, if we receive written cancellation more than 30 working days prior to the first day of the tour with MANJA TRAVEL. A working day is Monday – Friday.

A 60% refund will be granted, if we receive a written cancellation less than 30 and more than 5 working days prior to the first day of the tour with MANJA TRAVEL.

Thereafter no refund will be given.

AMENDMENT POLICIES

The ideas and concepts remain the property of MANJA TRAVEL. Copying, re-selling to third parties, partial or complete realisation without MANJA TRAVEL is subject to agreement with our company.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

MANJA TRAVEL provides intermediary services. If any of the services included in the travel package put together by MANJA TRAVEL are cancelled due to bad weather or if any of our suppliers cannot perform their services as promised, we will be helpful in finding alternatives or making a claim or a refund. It is the suppliers, not MANJA TRAVEL, that are legally responsible for the individual services that they provide.

Thank you for confirming the offer and we will do our best to fulfil your expectations. Best regards,

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