SLOVENIA – GOLF PROGRAM

UNIQUE SLOVENIA /
CUSTOM TOUR DESIGNER

For FIT and incentive
WHY SLOVENIA?

- A new European country with fascinating history
- EU and NATO member since 2004
- Euro currency since 2007
- Presiding to EU in first half of 2008
- 2 mio inhabitants
- Neighbouring to Austria, Hungary, Italy and Croatia
- Just 2 hours away from Venice and 4 hours from Vienna
- Central European Time GMT+1
WHY SLOVENIA?

• 50% of the country covered by forests
• Diversity of nature, climate, culture, history, architecture, dialects... – one country
• Alpine, Mediterranean and Continental climate
• Historical average temperature in March: 47.5°F (coastal Portorož) and 36°F (Alpine Bled Lake)
• The Alps, Karst, Adriatic Sea, Panonian flatland – on just 20,000 sq.km2 or the size of New Jersey
• A country for gourmands and wine lovers
• High quality services and accommodation facilities with excellent direct flights
• A boutique country – the only country in the world with “LOVE” in its word - Slovenia
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- Golf playing on some of the best golf courses in Slovenia

- Unique and luxury accommodation (Antiq Palace hotel and Spa, Otocec castle, Sotelia Wellness hotel etc.)
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- Visit Ljubljana and enjoy in the charming Capital with its many cafes, outdoor events and museums

- Admire beautiful nature in Lake Bled
**DINERS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LJUBLJANA**

The Diners club Ljubljana Golf Course is wonderfully arranged and well maintained 18-hole golf course situated near the capital Ljubljana. It is distinguished for fast greens, good fairways and wide teeing areas. The golf course opened in September 2008 and is one of the youngest golf courses in Slovenia. The design of the course is modern, diverse and dynamic. The main advantage of this course is its proximity to the Ljubljana center and Ljubljana airport, which is only 15 minutes away. The golf course also features a big driving range facility with a well-equipped golf academy (individual lessons, group training, youth schools, video swing analysis, calibration of golf clubs). The guests can also use the cloakroom, the caddie room, and a big restaurant Evergreen in the clubhouse. The well equipped Pro Shop "Hole in one" is available as well. The longest hole for Lady & Gentleman is the 2nd hole (519 metres for Gentlemen, and 465 metres for Ladies).
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- GOLF COURSE ARBORETUM

Nature’s own golf course. The Arboretum Volčji Potok golf course is situated in a picturesque landscape in the midst of pine forest, among ponds and other natural beauties. The view of the Kamniške Alps, combined with a nearby Arboretum Volčji Potok, guarantee a remarkable experience and a diverse 18 hole course presents quite a challenge even for the best players. There are also four extra practice greens and a training ground for those who want to improve their game. The center of social activities and the heart of the court is a club house by the 9th green, facing an artificial lake. The season starts in the middle of March and lasts up to the middle of November. The course is 5,452 meters long, par 71, sss 71. The first nine holes were opened in 1998, and the course was extended to eighteen holes in 2002.
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**GOLF COURSE BLED**

Bled Golf Course first opened in 1937 and was redesigned by famous golf architect Donald Harradine in 1972. It's the oldest Slovenian golf course and is said to be one of the most beautiful golf courses in central Europe. The facility comprises the 18-hole King's Course and the 9-hole Lake Course. To make your round of golf even more varied, you may combine playing on both courses. The course is set apart by its unique location overlooked by the highest of the Slovenian Alps and the wonderful countryside embracing it. From the golf course, it's a mere 4 kilometres to the centre of Bled and its enchanting lake, which is well worth a visit. There are as many as seven different golf courses under an hour's drive from Bled. Thus, guests may take advantage of the destination's first-class location, staying in Bled and playing golf on any of the courses in Slovenia, Austria or Italy.
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- **GOLF COURSE LIPICA**

The golf course Lipica was built in 1989 in accordance with the designs of Donald Harradin, a worldwide known designer of golf courses. It is the only golf course in Slovenia which invites you to its greens throughout the whole year. It attracts Slovene golfers and many foreigner golfers, particularly from the neighbouring Italy, Croatia, Germany and Austria. It boasts of picturesque fairways and practice range where the Academy of Golf without Borders is located. Within the framework of golf services we offer you a variegated offer of packages where you will certainly find something for yourself. Our partner golf courses are situated in the immediate vicinity in Italy and Croatia.
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- **GOLF COURSE OTOCEC**

The newest among the great: redesigned in 2009. Best golf course in Slovenia! PGA-certified golf instructors, equipment rental. Plus a driving range with practice facilities and putting greens. A 75-plus-hectare golf course by the river Krka. The course, initially with nine holes, was under construction in the years 2005 and 2006. It was crowned Slovenia’s best golf course in 2007 and 2008. In 2009 the golf course was brought to perfection: it now has 18 holes with compelling challenges. The longest hole: 568m. There you can find: pitch-and-putt practice facilities, a driving range and a pitch-and-putt course, a putting green for practising, a putting green with a bunker. The golf course was designed to the highest standards and with a keen appreciation of the natural environment by two renowned golf course architects, Peter Škofic, Slovenia, and Howard Swan, Great Britain.
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- **GOLF COURSE AMON, PODČETRTEK**

Olimje is located in a picturesque landscape by the river Sotla. The Sotla landscape keeps to herself unforgettable beauties of intact nature. Tranquillity of nature is conjured by forests, vineyards, flowers, creek's murmuring and birds' warbling. The symbol of this beauty is a golf course with nine hole course. A walk among sand and water hazards of nine holes is a real challenge. Here you can confront yourself and surrender to golf, a mixture of relaxation in the nature. At the same time one challenges oneself in the extremely controlled movements of his own body and as well as psychophysical condition. Our greatest desire is to draw attention to all people all over the world in order to see beauties of this ancient valley, green oasis where A - GOLF OLIMJE is located. So come and visit us either with your family or your friends and we will do our best to offer you a pleasant staying and that every moment spent with us will be an unforgettable one.
• **GOLF COURSE ZLATI GRIC (OPTIONAL PODCETRTEK)**

The golf course lies in idyllic surroundings between vineyards in Škalce, next to the town Slovenske Konjice. It is naturally stirred up and entirely rounded up with vineyards. Playing fields are variegated with a brook, which flows in the middle of the golf course, watar hazards, wood and shrubbery. The golf course has 9 holes with a coomon length 2500 m and it has a pair 35. The ground is pleasant for the game, but it requires precise hits. Power and length are not important by playing, but first of all the thoughtfulness and a high degree of concentration. The golf course is open from March to November. In the range of our activities we have arranged also the training golf course, where we organize golf instructions, continuation courses for children and young people and invidual learning hours. In the reception of the golf course it is possible to buy topmost wines at discount prices.
DAY 1 – LJUBLJANA AIRPORT – LJUBLJANA (BLED)

- Arrival to Ljubljana apt
- Transfer to Ljubljana (option Bled or Begunje -Drnča)
- Accommodation in Antiq Palace or Angel hotel
- Sightseeing of Ljubljana (option- if time allows)
- Dinner
- Overnight

ANTIQ PALACE HOTEL, 4*+ (D)
OPTION 1 – ANGEL HOTEL LJUBLJANA, 4*
OPTION 2 – 4* or 5* HOTEL BLED
OPTION 3 – DRNCA HOTEL, BEGUNJE
Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital is a dynamic, central European city lying in a broad basin between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. Its geographical position has governed its colourful past; it is situated on a natural passage, known as the “Ljubljana Gate,” leading from Central Europe towards the Mediterranean and the East. Ljubljana is a vibrant city full of surprises, characterised by this unique fusion of contrasting but complementary influences. It has everything that other larger, contemporary European capitals can boast, but, at the same time, preserves the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of a small town. In Ljubljana, the old meets the new, a picturesque blend of Medieval, Baroque and Art Nouveau masterpieces. Set in this “Little Vienna” are the unique contributions of architect Joze Plecnik, whose striking structures combine elements of classic Greek and Roman architecture.
DAY 2 / LJUBLJANA – VOCJI POTOK

- Morning golf playing at Arboretum Volcji potok (option Smlednik) – 18 holes
- Lunch at the site
- Visit to Velika Planina mountain for hiking and meeting with shephards - OPTION
- Return to Ljubljana
- Sightseeing or shopping (optional)
- Dinner Pri Danilu
- Overnight

ANTIQ PALACE HOTEL, 4*+ (B,L,D)

OPTION – VELIKA PLANINA HIKING

Ascend to Velika Planina, a high mountain plateau in foothills of Kamnik-Savinja Alps where is best-preserved herdsmen settlement in Europe. It offers wonderfull view of herdsmen's settlement and on the other side high mountains peeks (Grintavec, Skuta, Brana, Ojstrica, Planjava, Lucka Baba, Kamnisko sedlo ...). On plateau is about 140 cottages and all are made by plans of senior of Velika planina cottagers, architect Vlast Kopac. Rich Alpine flora of grassy slopes, Carst sinkholes, larches and pine trees create fairy landscape. Take a ride in a cable car to Velika Planina and visit the Heardsmen village and learn about the village through time and history. A special kind of cheese, called “trnic” will be presented and demonstrated by a dairy lady. Following the introduction, the guests will have an oppurtunity to try themselves in making the cheese and visit the shepherd museum and Snow Mary chapel.
DAY 3 / BLEED - LJUBLJANA

- Morning golf playing at Bled (18 +9 holes)
- Lunch at the site
- Sightseeing of Bled (with a optional performance of a solo singer)
- Visit to Vintgar gorge – **optional**
- Dinner at Lectar
- Return to Ljubljana
- Overnight

**ANTIQ PALACE HOTEL, 4*+ (B,L,D)**
Slovenia has only one island but its uniqueness makes it more attractive than many an archipelago – Bled Island. Sheltered by picturesque mountains, the island reigns in the middle of an Alpine lake. Its charm has made it a symbol of Bled town for centuries. The area within the Julian Alps is a popular tourist destination. Bled is known for the glacial Lake Bled, which makes it a major tourist attraction. Perched on a rock overlooking the lake is the iconic Bled castle. The town is also known in Slovenia for its vanilla-and-cream pastry called kremna rezina or kremšnita. You will take a ride in the gondola like Pletna boat to the island. On the island you will walk the 99 steps to reach the church with a bell of wishes. After coming back to the shore, you will continue with a visit to Bled castle and enjoy beautiful sights from the castle.
DAY 4 / LIPICA – THE COAST (PIRAN, PORTOROZ)

- Morning drive to Lipica
- Golf playing in Lipica (9 holes)
- Lunch at the site
- Visit to Lipica stud farm
- Drive to the coast
- Boat ride along the coastline

OPTIONAL – Experience an exclusive boat tour to first class eco sea bass fish farm, featured by Dr. Irena Fonda, owner of the Fonda fish farm

- Dinner at Casa del Sal or Za gradom resturant
- Return to Ljubljana
- Overnight

ANTIQ PALACE HOTEL, 4*+ (B,L,D)
DAY 4 – LIPICA AND THE COAST

In the morning drive to Lipica stud farm, the origin of the Lipizzaner Horse with over four centuries of tradition breeding and selecting these thoroughbred horses. The history of Lipica is closely intertwined with the Habsburgs who ruled as many as 650 years over an extensive part of baroque Europe. Horses, the Spanish horse was considered an ideal breed, were at the time a crucial strategic advantage and were thus of outstanding importance to the Habsburgs. The soil and climate of the Karst are very similar to that of Spain which is why the Archduke Charles chose to build the royal stud farm in 1578 in the Karst in the abandoned summer residence of the Bishop of Trieste in this area. You will participate in a guided sightseeing of the stud farm, and see a special performance of a classical riding school. After you will depart towards the Coast and enjoy in a boat tour along the slovenian coast.
DAY 5 / OTOČEC

- Check out of hotel
- Drive to Otočec
- Golf playing at Otočec course – 18 holes
- Lunch
- Accommodation at Otočec castle
- Visit to wineries (option) or leisure time
- Dinner at the castle
- Overnight

OTOČEC CASTLE 5* (Relais&Chateaux), (B,L,D)
DAY 5 – OTOCEC

Otocec, about one hour’s drive from Ljubljana, is a settlement on the left bank of the river Krka in the Novo Mesto municipality in southeastern Slovenia. It used to be known as the market town of Šentpeter. Visit and be accommodated in Otočec Castle, a castle, first mentioned in written documents in the 13th century, built on a small island in the middle of the river Krka to the east of the main settlement. The islet is linked to both banks of the river by bridges and the castle is now converted into a small hotel. Rare are the opportunities when we can feel the spirit of the past gently interwoven with the rhythm of contemporaneity. The Otočec Castle Hotel***** with its originally renovated atmosphere in the spirit of Gothic and Renaissance enables this very thing – an integral experience of the past times with the perfect comfort of today. Surrounded by the mighty Castle walls that date back to ancient 1252, located in the heart of the unspoilt nature at the emerald Krka River, the time stops while we see to it that you are the centre of attention while staying here. From 2010 also a member of Relaix & Cahateaux association.
DAY 6 / PODCETRTEK - OLIMJE

- Check out of hotel
- Depart toward Podčetrtek
- En route visit to Repnice wine cellars in Bizeljsko
- Accommodation in Podčetrtek
- Lunch
- Visit to Olimje monastery, chocolate shop and deer farm
- Golf playing at Amon course (9 holes)

OPTION – Zlati Gric golf course

- Dinner at Amon
- Overnight

SOTELIA SPA HOTEL 4*+, (B,L,D)

OPTION – WINE GROWER’S MANSION APARTMENTS
Start the day with a visit to one of Slovenia's most awe-inspiring - yet largely unknown - attractions: repnice wine cellars of the Bizeljsko area. Existing for some nine million years, the sea collected deposits of flint sand that formed the topsoil when the sea eventually retreated. In certain areas, such as the hills just south of Bizeljsko village the flint sand formed thick layers of flint stone that was subsequently dug into by locals and used as cellars for the storage of produce and other goods from around the turn of the 18th century. As one of the main types of produce stored was turnips - or repa in Slovene - the cellars became known as repnice. Today around a dozen or so of these wine cellars are open for visitors. With a constant temperature of between 5-10°C and humidity that reaches up to 96 percent, the cellars are ideal for storing wine. However, it is the beautifully patterned flint stone walls and ceilings of the interconnected subterranean chambers that are the true draw for visitors - with every square centimetre a unique testament to the millions of years of geological activity that produced it. After continue towards Olimje monastery. The building complex passed several phases from the castle to monastery again to castle and is currently used as a Minorite monastery by four Minorites, who take care for pastoral work in the parish and the reception of visitors of Slovene oldest pharmacy from the 17th century (and the third oldest in Europe after Paris in Dubrovnik). The patron of the monastery is blessed Anton Martin Slomšek, who gave its new mass in the monastery in 1824. Also see Olimije chocolatier, who’s tradition of chocolate making goes back to the 19th century. They make chocolate items (personalized sweets, chocolate coins, small chocolates eaten with coffee, pralines, festive chocolate goods,...) by hand. But if you wish to go up the mountain, just under the peak of mount Olimje, you’ll find the farm of deer and mouflons. You can see the tame deer or enjoy delicious home meal.
DAY 7 / PODCETRTEK – LJUBLJANA AIRPORT

- Depart to Ljubljana apt
- Optional golf playing at Smlednik or Arboretum (depending on flight schedule)
ACCOMMODATION

- ANTIQ PALACE HOTEL & SPA, LJUBLJANA 4* /

- OPTION LJUBLJANA - ANGEL HOTEL, 4*/ 1 NIGHT
ACCOMMODATION

- OPTION BLED - GRAND HOTEL TOPLICE BLED, 5* / 2 NIGHTS
- OPTION BLED – TRIGLAV HOTEL BLED, 4* / 2 NIGHTS
ACCOMMODATION

- OPTION BEGUNJE – HOTEL AND CASTLE DRNCA BEGUNJE, 4*/

- OTOČEC CASTLE HOTEL 5*, OTOCEC (Relais&Chateaux) / 1 NIGHT
ACCOMMODATION

- SOTELIA SPA HOTEL, PODCETRTEK 4* / 1 NIGHT

- OPTION ZLATI GRIC - WINE GROWER’S MANSION APARTMENTS SLOVENSKE KONJICE / 1 NIGHT
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