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# Green Hills & Sights of Slovenia

**SLOVENIA**

Venture across the **Karst Plateau** and discover Slovenia's unspoilt natural landscape. This holiday combines horse riding with sightseeing, so you can enjoy plenty of saddle time but also learn about the region's history.. Ride through lush forests, rolling meadows, and past ancient caves, all while surrounded by rich wildlife. Visit cultural gems like the **Predjama Castle**, and the **UNESCO-listed Skocjanske Cave**. An ideal itinerary for those looking to explore Slovenia's natural and historic wonders while out on the trails.

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| **Centre based holidays** | **8 days (5 days riding)** | **From £1,456** | |


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**ITINERARY**

## Highlights

- Visit several cultural sights including the town of Piran, Predjama Castle, and the Postojna Cave
- Experience authentic Slovenian cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- Explore Slovenia's renowned forests and lakes
- Enjoy a Western riding experience in the heart of Europe
- Learn more about the Lipizzaner horse with the visit to the stud farm

## Day 1 — 1: Home – Ljubljana Airport

Pri Pozarju Farm

Fly to Ljubljana airport. Flights are not included but can be arranged upon request. Please make sure to book a flight landing before pm ready for your group transfer.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to the accommodation in Bač ( 1.5h drive). After settling into your room, you will have dinner with the team and the other riders at a small local restaurant.

Overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 2 — 2: Lipica Stud Farm - Approx. 3h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the stables in Šembije to meet your horse. This morning is a gentle introductory ride through the surrounding countryside, giving you time to get used to your horse and the western tack.

After lunch, you travel by car to the world-famous Lipica Stud Farm, birthplace of the Lipizzaner horse. Here you can explore the estate, see the mares and foals in the paddocks and, if you wish, watch the performance of the classical riding school.

Return to Bač for dinner and overnight.

Note: Entry fees and activities at the stud farm are not included and should be paid locally (check the "Dates&Prices" tab).

## Day 3 — 3: Karst Landscapes & Hidden Trails - Approx. 6-7h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today you start your trail through the wild Karst landscape, a region of limestone hills and disappearing lakes. From the stables you ride under a natural rock wall and through a tunnel cut into the stone before climbing to Silentabor, a hilltop viewpoint with beautiful panoramas of the surrounding forests and valleys.

You continue to Zagorje for lunch in a local pub, then ride along the slopes of Primož, passing the remains of Second World War tunnels and following tracks across the Pivka River floodplains. In the late afternoon you reach Trnje, where the horses stay overnight, and you return by vehicle to Bač for dinner.

Overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 4 — 4: Seasonal Lakes - Approx. 6-7h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today you will ride from Trnje towards two of the mysterious seasonal Pivka Lakes – Petelinjsko Jezero and Palsko Jezero. These lakes form part of a unique karst phenomenon: after periods of heavy rain they fill with water, only to drain away underground and leave rich green meadows behind.

You continue past the romantic ruins of Kalec Castle, where you rest beneath old linden trees, before riding on across open pastures and fields to reach the village of Bač for lunch. In the afternoon you follow quiet woodland tracks back towards Šembije, where the horses spend the night.

Overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 5 — 5: Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle - Approx. 4h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

The morning will be spent away from the horses. You will visit Postojna Cave, one of Europe’s largest and best-known cave systems, with its impressive chambers and underground formations. You then continue to Predjama Castle, a dramatic medieval fortress built into the mouth of a cliff-side cave.

After lunch you return to the horses for an afternoon ride that descends through woodland to the Reka River. You then climb back up through the hills and, with a little luck, can enjoy sunset views from a ridge or among the grazing horses before returning to Bač for dinner.

## Day 6 — 6: Piran Port Tow - No riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today is a rest day for the horses. Riders will head off to Piran, one of Slovenia’s historic port towns, built on a small peninsula. This town is protected by the Slovenian government for its historical significance. Its winding alleyways and tightly packed houses stretch from the hillside down to the church and central square, all in a distinct Mediterranean style.
Lunch is to your account in town.

At the end of the day, you will meet up with your guide and return to Trnje for dinner.

Overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 7 — 7: Milojna - Approx. 6-7h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today you will meet the horses at the stables in Sembije (short drive required), and ride to Milojna. As this area is bear territory, you may see bear tracks and, if you are really lucky, you might even spot one! From the higher ground there are sweeping views across the hills before you stop for lunch at a rustic forest cottage near former WWII tunnels. In the afternoon you ride back towards Šembije, where the trail ends, and return to Bač for a farewell dinner and final night in the Karst.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the guesthouse.

## Day 8 — 8: Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport. Please book a flight departing after 12pm.

**DATES & PRICES**

| DEPARTURE | RETURN | PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS | STATUS |
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| 20/03/2027 | 27/03/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 17/04/2027 | 24/04/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 08/05/2027 | 15/05/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 05/06/2027 | 12/06/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 03/07/2027 | 10/07/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 17/07/2027 | 24/07/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 07/08/2027 | 14/08/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 04/09/2027 | 11/09/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 09/10/2027 | 16/10/2027 | £1,544 | Open |
| 16/10/2027 | 23/10/2027 | £1,544 | Open |

## Price details

- Flights or transportation to your destination (international/domestic) are not included but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a twin/double room during the ride.

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 2 riders and a maximum of 8 international riders, plus guides.

- There is no single supplement if you are willing to share a room with another guest of the same sex. To guarantee your own room there is a single supplement of €160/£135/$175. Please note single rooms are limited.

- Group transfers from/to Ljubljana Airport are not included. This is €60 /£51/$65 per person, per way (paid locally, in cash – based on 2 people sharing). If you end up alone in one transfer, you will have to pay extra. Please make sure to book a flight landing before 1:30pm and departing after 12pm on the last day.

- Lunch on Day 6 in Piran is not included. Expect to spend between €15 and €20.

- Some visits are not included in the programme (paid locally):

Postojna Cave: €25
Predjama Castle: €15
Lipizzaner Horse Stud Farm: €25

- Accompanied minors are welcome from 16 yo, provided they match the riding requirements.

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Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.
The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

## Price includes

### SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking guide

### LOGISTICS

1 horse equipped with saddle and bridle per rider
1 vehicle and driver

### ACCOMMODATION

Shared room in guesthouse

### MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 8 (except lunch on day 6)
One drink per meal time (water, soft drink)

## Price doesn't include

### MEALS

Lunch on day 6
Extra drinks and personal extras

### TRANSPORT

International flights
Return airport transfers

### EXTRAS

Tips to the local team
Castles and museum entry fees

### INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

## Optional

### ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

**EQUESTRIAN INFO**

## Horses

There are a total of 14 horses in the herd, including Quarter Horses, Warmbloods, and Icelandic horses. They are generally forward-going but calm. They live outdoors all year round.

Height range: 14hh-16hh.

## Guide & local team

Borut, your Slovenian guide, is a former hunter and an expert at spotting animal tracks. He's also an experienced rider who has competed in western riding. He speaks fluent English.

## Minimum riding ability

### MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

Riders should be comfortable at all paces (walk, trot and canter), while also maintaining a safe distance from other horses.

Rider weight limit: 100 kg/220 lbs/ 15.7 st. Heavier riders please contact us.

### PACE

The main pace is walk. Trots and canters are possible but not very frequent due to the terrain.

### TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Riders are expected to tack/untack their horse.

### TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

You will be riding in a mountainous area so you should be prepared for ascents and descents.
Certain sections require dismounting and leading your horse on foot.

### EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

All horses are ridden Western style, except for the Icelandics which are ridden with standard English tack.

Saddle bags are provided.

Helmets are optional but highly recommended. We recommend bringing your own to ensure a proper fit.

## TRAVEL INFO

### COMFORT

You'll be staying on a farm in Bac. There are a total of five twin ensuite rooms. They are all simply decorated but clean and comfortable.

### MEALS

Breakfasts are buffet-style and include various types of bread, homemade jams, cheese, honey, yoghurt and cereals. Coffee and tea are available.
Lunches and dinners are enjoyed in a variety of small restaurants or cafés offering homemade dishes.

Vegetarian diets can be accommodated with advance notice.

### CLIMATE

Temperatures vary greatly throughout the year. They can range from -5°C in winter to nearly 30°C in summer.
Winters are fairly cold, but not extreme (between -5°C and 5°C). The bora – a local wind – blows through the region, bringing cold weather that can last until the end of April.
From November to March, snow falls over much of the country, though it can also fall on the Alpine peaks in May or even July!
Rainfall peaks in October, and reaches its lowest point in March. Worth noting: April is often a rainy month.

### TIPS

Tips are appreciated but not expected.

### PACKING LIST

**Please pack carefully and sensibly: the following guide is here to give you an idea of what to bring. This list must be adapted depending on the season and individual needs.**

Head
- Riding helmet - we recommend that you take your own to ensure a correct fit.
- Sunhat for when not riding.

- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding.
- Buff or bandana for protecting your neck and face from the sun and dust.

Upper body
- Thermal long-sleeved tops are a lightweight way of providing extra warmth, particularly in the spring and autumn
- Long sleeved shirts to provide protection from the sun
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm polar fleece or equivalent
- Waterproof jacket - rain can be difficult to predict and it's better to be prepared.

Legs
- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof over trousers
- Casual clothes for the evenings (jeans or walking trousers)
- Thermal leggings

Hands and Feet
- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps or long boots
- Lightweight shoes for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves

Nightwear
- Pyjamas

Other useful items
- Toiletries
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding.
- Water bottle
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)

Medical kit
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Any medication you regularly take
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations
- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (passport, camera, sunscreen, lipbalm etc)
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- You should also bring a copy of your passport/insurance in case you lose your documents. You can also save a copy into your mobile phone.

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.

6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please see this page .