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Castles of Slovenia

SLOVENIA

Discover the **rich history** and **enchanting landscapes of Slovenia** on this riding escapade. From the heart of the Karst Plateau, you'll explore ancient forests and visit some of the region's most iconic castles.
Ideal for **strong intermediate riders** who wish to combine cultural exploration with relaxed trail riding, this centre-based holiday offers a memorable taste of Slovenia's heritage and beauty - **perfect for those short on time but big on adventure!**

Centre based holidays	**5 days (3 days riding)**	**From £860**	


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ITINERARY

Highlights

- Visit a few iconic castles – Kalec and Prem!
- A short break ideal for those looking for a getaway
- Experience authentic Slovenian flavours through locally sourced ingredients
- A Western riding experience in the heart of Europe

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 1:30pm ready for your group transfer.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to your accommodation.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse

Please note: You may have the opportunity to stop at Predjama Castle on your way to the accommodation (entrance to the castle paid locally - see "Dates&Prices")

Day 2 — 2: Castle of Kalec - 7-8h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

After breakfast, you will meet the horses at the stables (short drive required). Today's trail will follow a path through nature to reach the castle of Kalec. You will stop for a short break in this area and continue to ride towards the village of Knezak, where you will enjoy lunch at a pub.
In the afternoon, you will ride back towards the stables.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

Day 3 — 3: Medieval Castle of Prem - 7-8h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today you will ride towards the village of Prem, known for its medieval castle. The trail will follow an outstanding natural rock wall and cross the Kilovce village and, finally, arrive in Prem. You will have a short break here to take some photos and resume the ride through the old village of Smrje and onto a touristic farm – Bubec.
After lunch, you will ride back to the stables. On your way there, you will cross the Reka river and pass by an old mill.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

Day 4 — 4: Crne Nijve Plateau & Italian Caverns - 6-7h riding

Pri Pozarju Farm

Today you will ride towards a bar situated on the Crne Njive plateau and stop for a drink. You will get back in the saddle and follow forest paths with great views of the valley. You will stop for lunch in a hut in the middle of the forest and afterwards visit the remains of Italian caverns.
Ride back to the stables over the peaks of the Milonja hills, from which is possible to see the Adriatic sea.

Dinner and overnight at the guesthouse.

Day 5 — 5: 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
10/03/2027	14/03/2027	£947	Open
31/03/2027	04/04/2027	£947	Open
23/06/2027	27/06/2027	£947	Open
28/07/2027	01/08/2027	£947	Open
22/09/2027	26/09/2027	£947	Open
27/10/2027	31/10/2027	£947	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 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 €100/£85/$115. Please note single rooms are not always available.

- Group transfers from/to Ljubljana Airport are not included. This is of €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.

- Some visits are not included in the programme (paid locally):
Predjama Castle: €15

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

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
Site 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.

You should be riding fit to endure long hours in the saddle. Previous experience of a trail riding holiday is recommended.

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
- 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
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding.
- Toiletries
- 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 .