

FROM PLAINS TO MOUNTAINS

Hungary & Slovenia

BUDAPEST - GÖDÖLLŐ RESIDENCE - LJUBLJANA – BLED

7 days / 6 nights

Highlights:

3 historical cities: Budapest, Ljubljana, Bled
1 natural wonder: Lake Bled
2 all day tours: Gödöllő Residence, Bled
3 city tours: Budapest, Ljubljana, Bled
Castle District of Buda: UNESCO World Heritage site
Romantic sceneries by Rivers Danube, Ljubljanica and Lake Bled
Picturesque countryside, breathtaking mountains of Julian Alps, various architecture styles

Itinerary:

DAY 1 Budapest
DAY 2 Budapest
DAY 3 Budapest, Gödöllő Residence
DAY 4 Budapest - Ljubljana
DAY 5 Ljubljana
DAY 6 Ljubljana, Bled
DAY 7 Departure back from Ljubljana

DAY 1, BUDAPEST

/Airport Budapest – Budapest city 30km/

Arrival at Budapest Airport, after immigration transfer to Budapest.
Check-in in Hotel in Budapest.
Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

Options:

- *Folklore Evening*
- *River cruise on Danube*
- *Visit the largest Oak Barrel & Champagne Factory (on your own)*

DAY 2, BUDAPEST

After breakfast you will take a guided city tour in **Budapest**. You will admire the mighty Buda Castle which dominates the twin cities of Buda and Pest, separated by the broad ribbon of the Danube. The Castle District of Buda is a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you will also see the Matthias Church, Liberty Statue and the Citadel. Budapest is a modern city, but still owning an old heart. You could feel it in the cosmopolitan Heroes' Square that typifies a modern capital, while along the riverbank you find the old inns and wine cellars. The tour will also pass by magnificent monuments and sites such as Millennium Monument, City Park, Széchenyi Spa, Vajdahunyad castle, Andrassy Avenue (UNESCO World Heritage), Stephen's Cathedral and the beautiful neo-Gothic Parliament building, home of the Holy Hungarian Crown.

Afternoon free for shopping.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

DAY 3, BUDAPEST, GÖDÖLLŐ RESIDENCE **/Budapest – Gödöllő – Budapest 70km/**

After breakfast, departure on a Royal Tour to **Gödöllő**, to the 18th century central estate of the Grassalkovich Castle. You will visit the former Summer-Residence of Queen Elizabeth (Sissi) in Gödöllő, which is the second largest baroque castle of the world. The tour will proceed with the visit of the breath taking interiors of the residence. The castle has a double U shape and is surrounded by an enormous park. You will enjoy a walk through the park to the Royal stables and the Riding School, where you can have coffee & cake at the Palace Café.

Afternoon free.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

Options:

- *Jewish City Tour*

DAY 4, BUDAPEST, LJUBLJANA

/Budapest – Ljubljana 480km/

After breakfast, departure to Ljubljana (by flight – preferable as train journey is about 10 hours).

Arrival at Ljubljana Airport, after immigration transfer to Ljubljana (on your own).

Check-in in Hotel in Ljubljana.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation in Hotel in Ljubljana.

Options:

- *Boat ride on Ljubljanica River (on your own)*
- *Walking tour in the old part of Ljubljana (on your own)*

DAY 5, LJUBLJANA

After breakfast you will have a guided city tour of **Ljubljana**. You will visit the old part of town along the Ljubljanica River and you will see the most important cultural and historical monuments including the Three Bridges and the New and Old Markets, where you will be delighted with boutique shops and nice restaurants. You will stop at the famous bridge and learn a few secrets of the medieval city before the path continues to the town square with the Town Hall and the city icon - a well symbolizing the three rivers of Carniola. The tour will proceed with the visit of the nearby baroque church of St. Nicholas, the food market and the Dragon Bridge with its four dragons that protect the city. The tour also includes the funicular ride to Ljubljana Castle, where you will enjoy spectacular views of Slovenia capital city.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation in Hotel in Ljubljana.

Options:

- *Hot air balloon ride over the city which includes a panoramic sightseeing flight over Ljubljana and its surrounding areas*

DAY 6, LJUBLJANA, BLEED

/Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana 120km/

After breakfast, departure to **Bled**. Bled is Slovenia's number one tourist attraction. There you will see a beautiful emerald coloured lake which surrounds a picturesque church located on an islet. You will also visit a medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff face. Some of the highest peaks of the Julian Alps and the Karavanke serve as a backdrop to complete the gorgeous picture.

Accommodation in Hotel in Ljubljana.

Options:

- *Boat trip on the lake with typical Pletna, to visit the little island and its church*

DAY 7, Departure back from Ljubljana
/Ljubljana – Ljubljana Airport 30km/

After breakfast, leisure time till departure.
Transfer to the airport or station.

HOTELS:

- 3 nights in Hotel in Budapest
- 3 nights in Hotel in Ljubljana

TOTAL PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights in 4* hotel accommodation (6 breakfasts)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- All local taxes
- Driver throughout the whole tour
- Driver accommodation and daily salary
- Travelling by modern air-conditioned mini van
- Parkings, fuel, pay toll
- Professional individual english speaking private guides in Budapest, Gödöllő Residence, Ljubljana and Bled
- Private City tour of Budapest
- Private Royal Tour to Gödöllő
- Private City Tour of Ljubljana
- Private Bled Tour
- Entrance fees

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tip
- Optional gratuities
- Luggage
- Food and drinks, unless specified

