



JOHN SHORS
TRAVEL

Highlights of Slovenia

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Explore Slovenia's Culture & Natural Beauty

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Slovenia is one of Europe's most exciting up-and-coming destinations. It's full of natural beauty, rich history, and culture. On this all-inclusive tour, we'll begin and end in the charming capital of Ljubljana, with extended stays on the shores of stunning Lake Bled and in the coastal town of Piran, set right on the Adriatic Sea. Along the way, we'll enjoy delicious local meals, visit beautiful cathedrals and centuries-old castles, and explore Postojna Cave—one of the largest and most awe-inspiring cave systems in Europe.

We will be joined by esteemed Colorado College professor, **Doug Edlin**. Guests will also enjoy wonderful conversations and cultural insights with the professor throughout the trip.

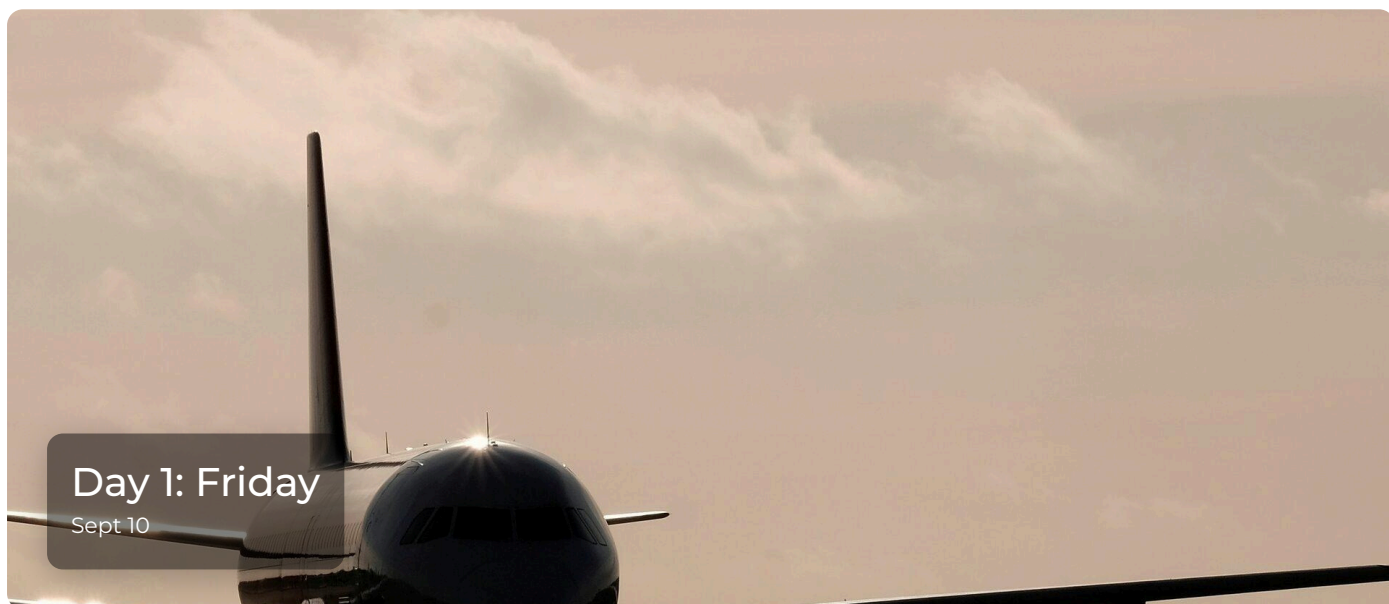
Professor Edlin is the McHugh Chair and Department Chair of Political Science at Colorado College. His research and teaching focus on judicial politics, constitutional and comparative law, and legal theory. He is the author of *Common Law Judging* and *Judges and Unjust Laws*, with his work published in leading journals. He also is a scholar and holds prestigious fellowships at several institutions around the world.



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For More Information:

Please contact **Hoa** at hoa@johnshorstravel.com. We'd love to have you join this fabulous tour!



Arrive at Ljubljana International Airport

Fly into Ljubljana International Airport. Flights to Ljubljana usually arrive in the late afternoon.

Be greeted at the airport by a private driver, who will take you to our four-star hotel in the city center, The Hotel

Heritage.

i Note: If guests wish to arrive one day earlier, so that they may relax for a full day before the tour starts, they may do so. Anyone arriving one day early will still have complimentary airport pickup, but will be on their own for September 10 in terms of activities, and will be charged for an extra night at the hotel)

Check in at The Hotel Heritage

Check into The Hotel Heritage, a four-star hotel located in the city center.



Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby and walk to a nearby restaurant, Julija, for a welcome dinner





☞ Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

☞ Walking tour of Ljubljana

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby and begin a walking tour, with a local guide, of Ljubljana.

Guests will begin the tour by walking over the “Triple Bridge” and entering the old city. The first stop will be at the Central Market where guests will be able to enjoy a sample of fresh produce.



☞ Saint Nicholas' Cathedral

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Enjoy a tour of the wonderful Saint Nicholas’ Cathedral. Originally a Roman church built in the 13th Century, Saint Nicholas’ is now a Gothic-style cathedral featuring famous paintings and frescos.



🕒 Lunch

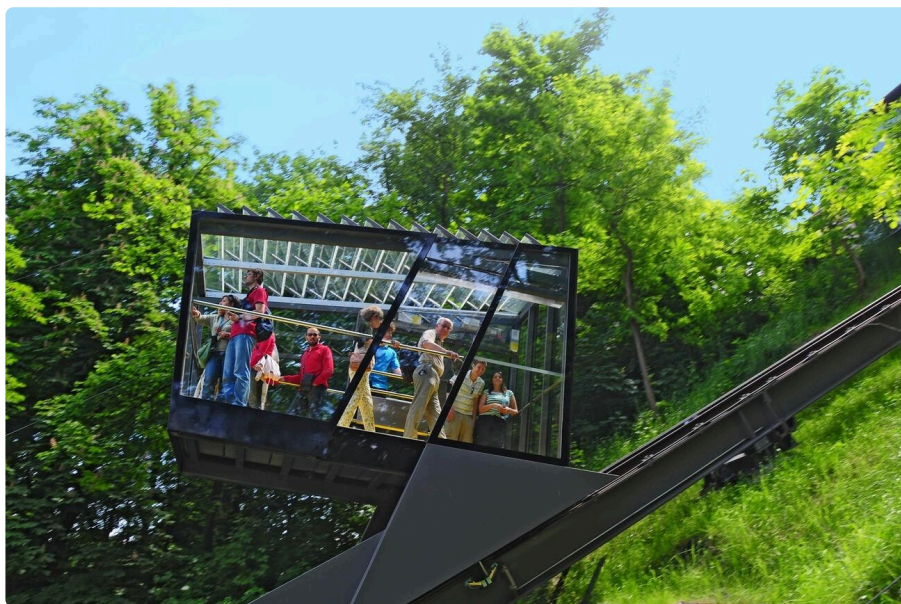
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Due to the time constraints of the next activity, guests will enjoy an early lunch at the city's famous riverside.

🚠 Head up to Ljubljana Castle

Departure: 12:45 p.m.

Ride up a funicular, to the top of a low mountain, to reach Ljubljana Castle.



🏰 Ljubljana Castle

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Guests will enjoy the "Time Machine" tour, which is highlighted by actors and actresses dressed clothing worn by the Romans, kings and queens, etc., who lived in the castle.

After this tour, guests will be able to explore the castle with their local guide. One of the most famous sites in the city, Ljubljana Castle is a wonderful place to explore.



🔗 Return to hotel to enjoy free time

Departure: 3:00 p.m.

Relax for the rest of the day, or continue exploring the area independently.

🍴 Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby and depart for dinner at a nearby restaurant.



🍴 Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🏛️ The National Gallery

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby, and depart, with your local guide, to explore more of Ljubljana.

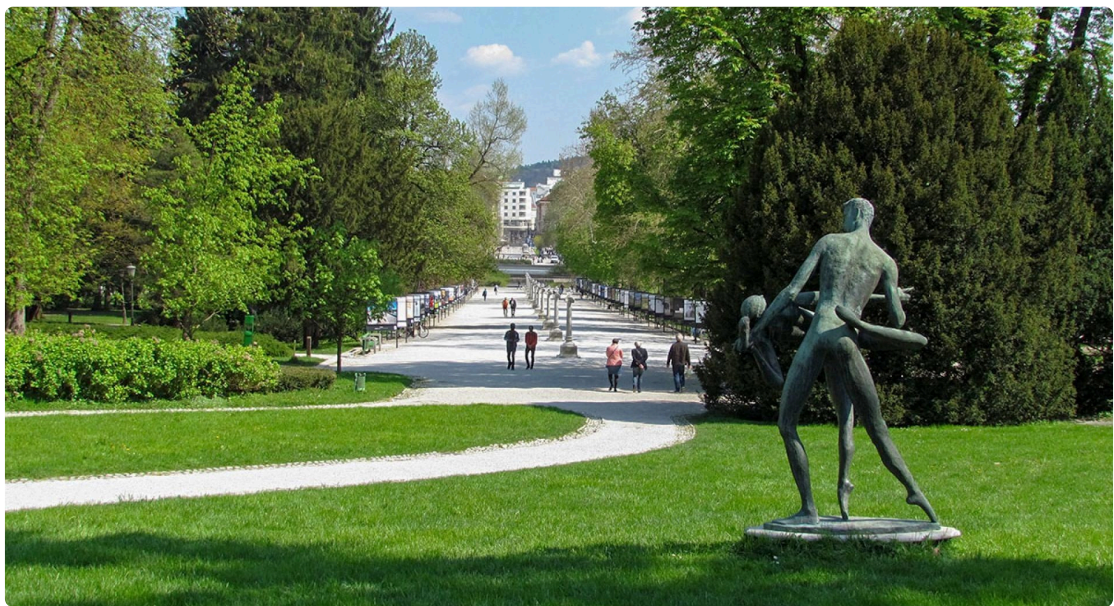
Begin the day with a one-hour, self-guided tour of The National Gallery. This museum houses the largest collection of Slovenian art in the country, with examples of art from the medieval times through the 20th Century.



🕒 Tivoli Park

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Walk a short distance to Tivoli Park, where guests will enjoy a picturesque stroll through the city's main park.



🕒 Lunch

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Take taxi a short distance back to the old part of the city, where guests will once again enjoy a riverside lunch.



Ljubljana Canal Boat Tour

Departure: 2:00 p.m.

Guests will enjoy a private boat tour of Ljubljana Canal. This educational tour will provide opportunities to learn about this medieval city's colorful history.



Return to hotel to enjoy free time

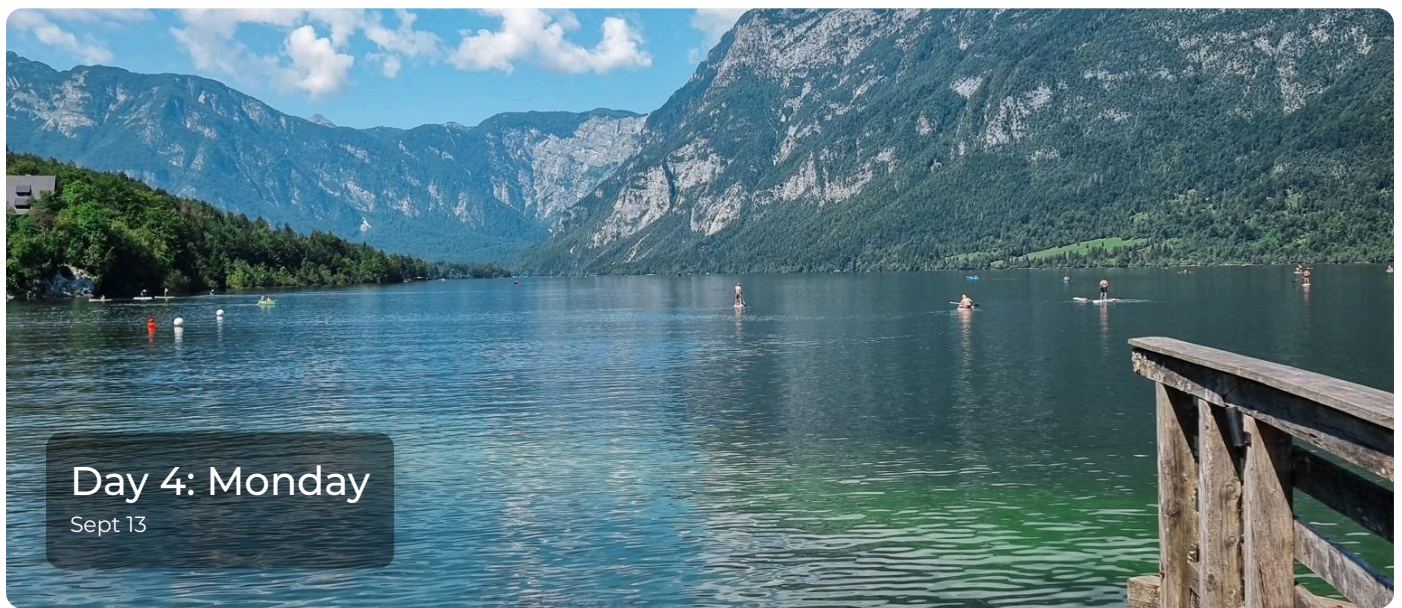
Departure: 3:00 p.m.

Relax for the rest of the day, or continue exploring the area independently.

Dinner and Show

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in hotel lobby and depart to enjoy a traditional Slovenian dinner highlighted by a traditional folk dance and show.



☞ Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🚌 Departure to Lake Bohinj

Departure: 10:15 a.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby, with bags packed. Board a private bus, alongside your local guide, and depart for Lake Bohinj.

We will be stopping at Lake Bled before proceeding to our final destination.



🍴 Lunch

Time: 12:45 p.m.

After about a two-hour drive, you will arrive at the spectacular Lake Bled. Enjoy lunch at a lakeside restaurant



🏰 Bled Island

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Guests will take a traditional boat, a “*pletna*”, to Bled Island. There guests will enjoy free time and will be able to visit the wonderful Church of the Assumption.



🚩 Check in at The Hotel Bohinj

Departure: 4:00 p.m.

Head back to the bus and continue the drive to Lake Bohinj, about 15 minutes away.

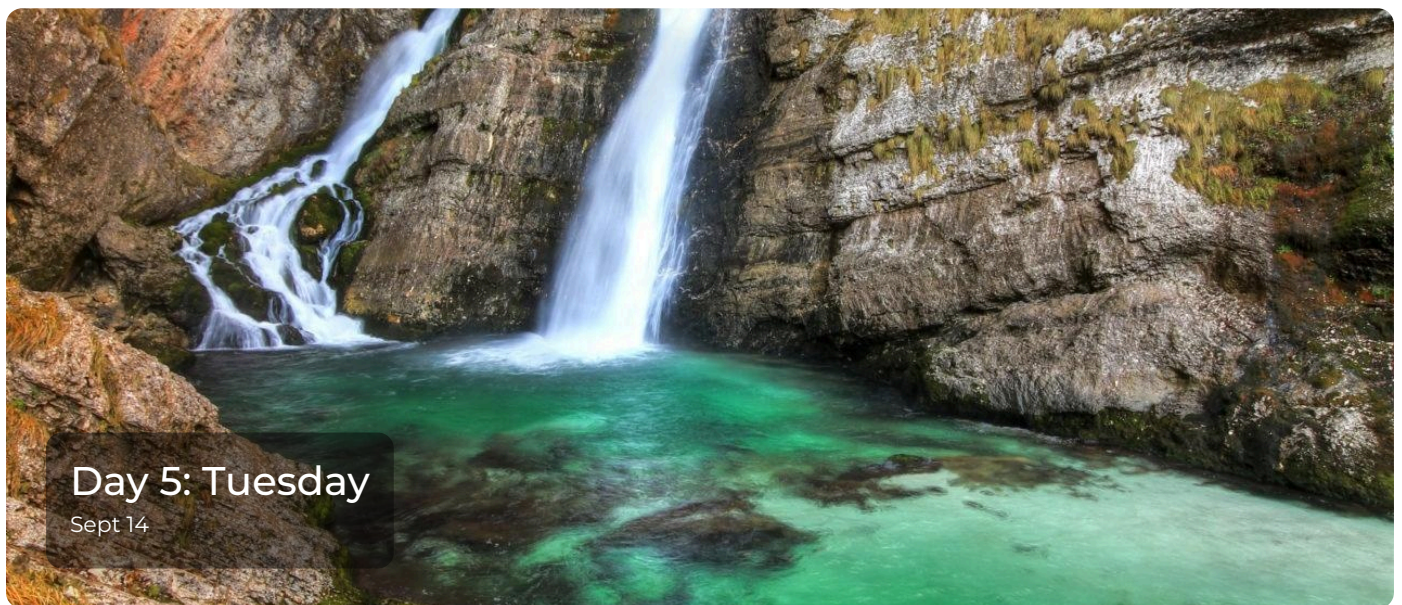
Arrive at your four-star hotel, The Hotel Bohinj. This hotel is located at the edge of the lake, and has views of the lake and the Julian Alps. Enjoy free time at your hotel. The hotel has fantastic spas, and several walking trails around the area.



🍴 Dinner

Time: 7:00 p.m.

After a busy day, guests will enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.



🍴 Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🚶 Savica Waterfall Hike

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meet in hotel lobby, and head to the trailhead for a hike up to see Savica Waterfall. We will be travelling via vans to the trailhead.

This will be about a 30-minute hike to one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Slovenia.



🍴 Lunch

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, by the side of the lake.

📷 The Church of Saint John the Baptist

Time: 1:30 p.m.

After lunch, return to the vans and head to the Church of Saint John the Baptist for a short tour. Enjoy learning about this 14th century church that sits at the edge of the lake.



🏠 Return to the hotel and enjoy free time

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Take the vans back to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure.

There are many activities you may enjoy in and around the hotel. Walk around the lake, enjoy the many spa and wellness services, go on another hike at a nearby trail, and many more.

🍴 Dinner

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant



🍴 Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🏰 Bled Castle

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meet in hotel lobby and depart, in a private bus, alongside your local guide, for Bled Castle.

Enjoy a guided tour of this famous castle, exploring exhibits that feature the history of Slovenia, going back to many millennia, to some of the earliest human settlements on Earth.



🍴 Lunch

Time: 11:30 p.m.

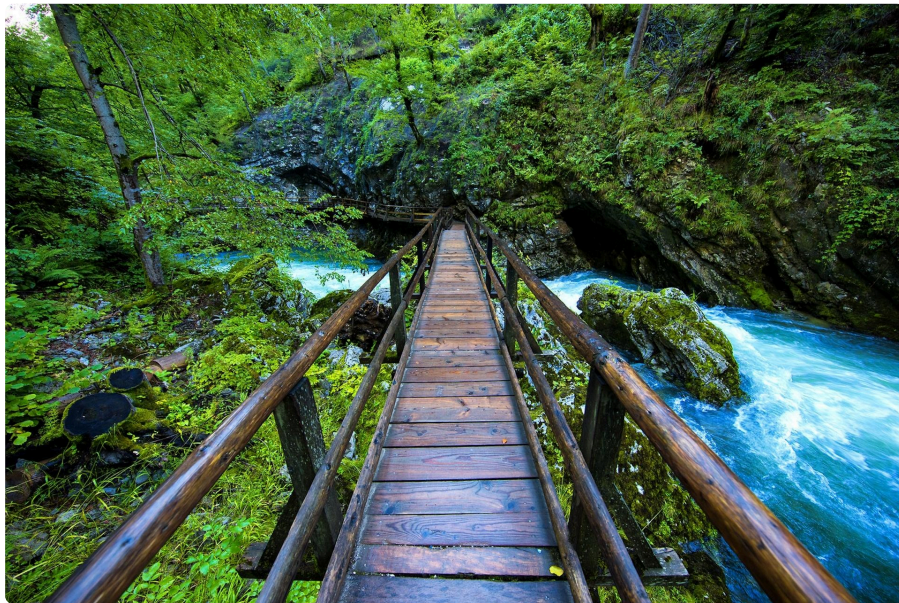
Enjoy lunch within the castle walls.



🍷 Vintgar Gorge

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Return to the bus and drive to the famous Vintgar Gorge. Here guests will enjoy a guided, 90-minute walk above a crystal-clear river, deep within this scenic gorge.



🚶 Head to town and enjoy free time

Departure: 3:30 p.m.

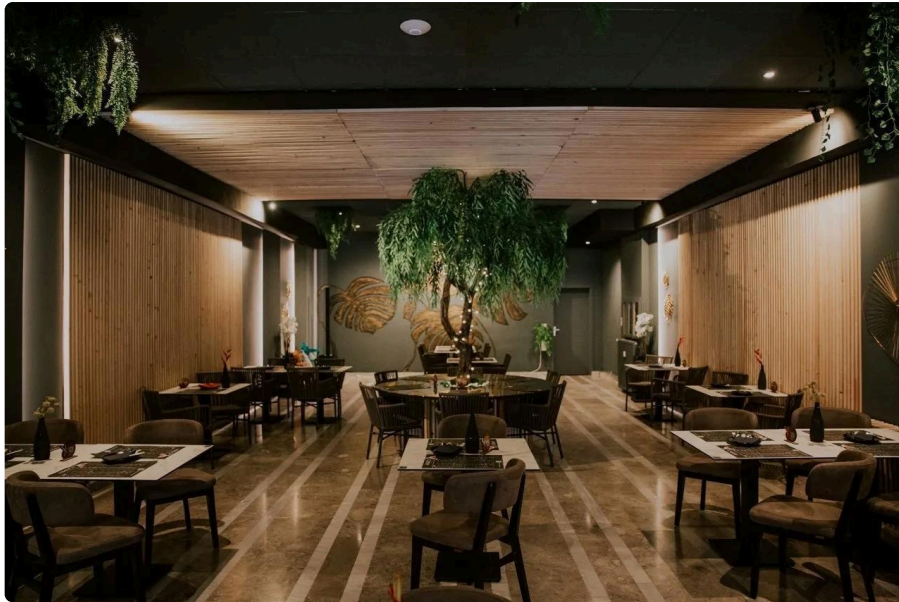
Return to the bus and head to the town of Lake Bled. Enjoy free time to explore the town.

🍽️ Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Head to Arroi Restaurant for dinner, which is near the lake and features Japanese and Thai cuisine.

After dinner, take taxis back to the hotel.



☺ Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🚌 Departure to Piran

Departure: 9:30 a.m.

Meet in hotel lobby, with bags packed, and depart on a private bus for Piran.

This 2.5-hour drive will take us through beautiful forests and a mountain range, before you arrive at this medieval town at the edge of the Adriatic Sea.



🍴 Lunch

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy lunch at the restaurant

🏨 Check in at Kempinski Palace Portoroz

Check in: 3:00 p.m.

After lunch, check into your five-star hotel and enjoy free time. Relax for the rest of the afternoon, or explore the area independently.



🍴 Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby and take taxis or the hotel shuttle into the old city of Piran, about ten minutes away. While there, we will enjoy a sunset dinner by the water.

After dinner, return to the hotel via taxis or hotel shuttle.



☕ Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🚶 Walking tour of Piran

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby and depart, with your local guide, to enjoy a walking tour of Piran. After a short drive, begin your day by exploring Tartine Square. Afterwards, take a slightly uphill, fifteen-minute walk to The Church of St. George.



After a short stop at the church, continue your upward path until you reach The Piran Town Walls.

Originally built in the 7th Century, these walls can still be summited, and feature wonderful views of the city.



🍴 Lunch

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Walk back down into the city, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

🏛 Maritime Museum

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the interesting Maritime Museum.



🏠 Return to the hotel and enjoy free time

Departure: 3:00 p.m.

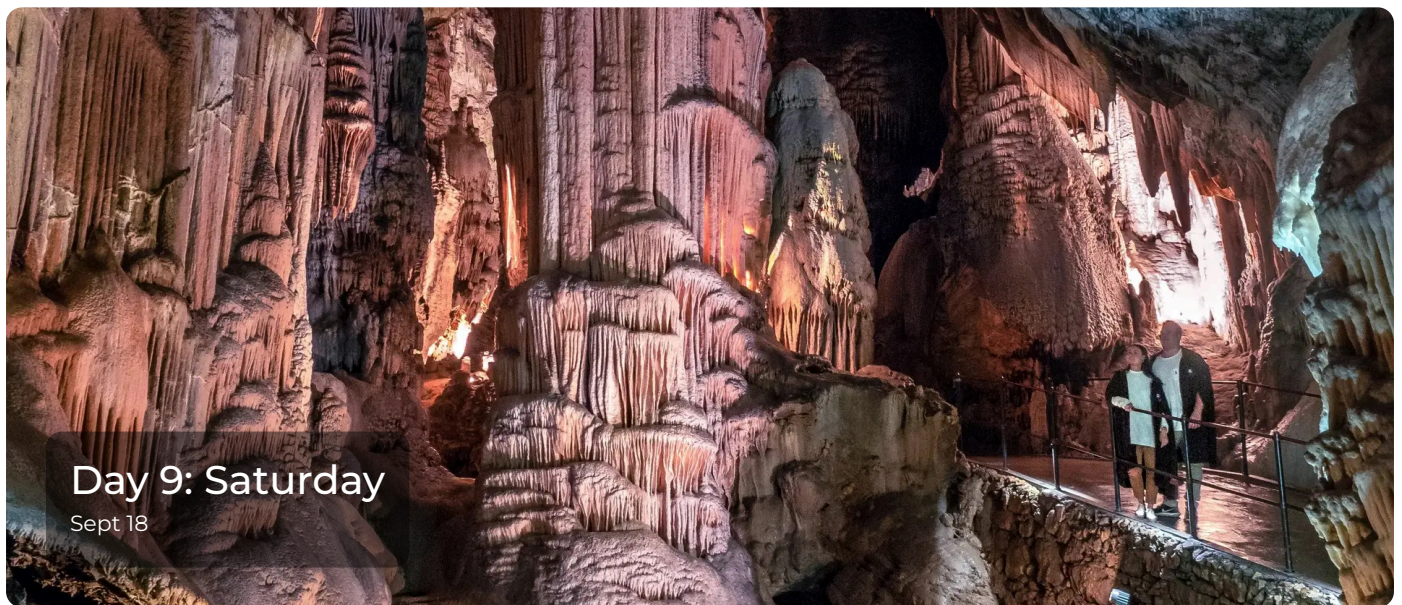
Relax for the rest of the day, or continue exploring the area independently.

Guests may enjoy activities such as lounging by the ocean, shopping, and more.

🍴 Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet in the hotel lobby and walk to a nearby seafood restaurant, Santa Lucia Ribja Kantina.



☕ Enjoy a breakfast buffet at hotel

🚗 Check out from the hotel

🚆 Depart for Ljubljana

Departure: 9:30 a.m.

Meet in the lobby, with bags packed. Board private bus, with your local guide, for the return trip to Ljubljana.

🏰 Postojna Cave

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Begin your 90-minute tour of Postojna Cave, one of the largest caves in Europe, which is many miles long and deep underground.

You will begin and end this tour with a train ride to and from the caves. You will also enjoy a 45-minute walking tour

of the cave.

(Note: The cave floor can be slippery, on occasion. Please wear good walking shoes)



🍴 Lunch

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Stop at the extraordinary Postojna Cave complex. Enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants here.



🚌 Return to the bus and continue to Ljubljana

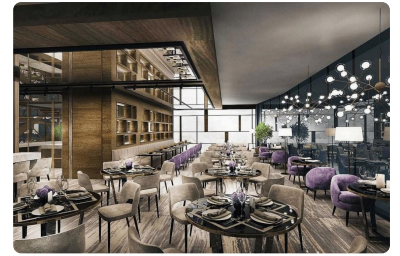
Departure: 3:00 p.m.

Return to the bus and renew the drive to Ljubljana.

🏨 Check in at the Grand Plaza Hotel

Check in: 4:30 p.m.

Arrive at Ljubljana and check into the five-star Grand Plaza Hotel and Congress Centre. From your high-rise room, enjoy a great view of the city.



Ψ4 Farewell Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the hotel lobby and enjoy a farewell dinner at a nearby restaurant.



Ψ4 Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel

🚗 Check out of the hotel

🕒 Tour with John Shors Travel officially concludes

Private transportation to Ljubljana International Airport will be provided for all guests.

Tour Details & Pricing

📌 All Inclusive Tour*

(*This is an all-inclusive tour with the exception of alcoholic beverages and hotel incidentals such as laundry, room service, etc.)

PRICE:

- **\$8,895 USD** per person, based on double occupancy
- **\$10,895 USD** per person, based on single occupancy

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodations at two five-star hotels and two four-star hotel
- All transportation within Slovenia
- All meals and non-alcoholic drinks
- Fees (castles, tours, guides, etc.)
- Excursions (boat ride, cave tour, etc.)
- All tips

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare to and from Slovenia
- Alcoholic drinks
- Activities during free times
- Hotel incidentals such as room service, mini bar, Internet and phone charges, laundry, etc.

 To reserve a spot for this tour, a **\$2,000** nonrefundable deposit, per person, is required.
This tour will be filled up on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Additional notes

- A John Shors Travel representative will accompany the group for the entire trip. The maximum size for any group is 20 guests, plus guides
- Exact tour details may differ slightly from what is listed above, depending on recommendations from local guides; as restaurants close, streets are refurbished, etc.
- Hotels may change, but will be in the same class as noted above

Traveler Expectations

Before booking your slot, please ensure that you are physically and mentally fit to travel fully unassisted. This includes being able to:

- Walk two or more miles per day, including on uneven surfaces
- Go up and down steps and inclines
- Stand for periods of time
- Carry personal bags and luggage independently

Have a look at our full “Traveler Expectations and Disclaimer” page [here](#).

Travel Insurance Recommendation

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance for your trip. For your convenience, you can explore options from our trusted travel insurance partner [here](#).



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