

# ALPS ADRIATIC ADVENTURE

13 days / 11 Riding Days



**Alps Adriatic Motorcycle Tour** combines some of the best scenery you can find in Slovenia with rugged Adriatic coastline and high Italian alpine passes. It's a great way to experience gentle coastal riding, more challenging mountain twisties and everything in-between. On 4 days riding is optional; relax in a hotel and scenic surrounding, or go for a ride on your own or with the guide. It's your choice!

It's a tour in which you can swim in the nicest European sea, sample some exquisite wines and tasty local food among rolling hills of southeast Slovenia, explore castles and underground caves, ride some of the highest passes in Europe and much, much more.

## TOUR MAP



CULTURE

ROADS

LANDSCAPE



## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### DATES in 2010

September 9 - 21  
or any time May - Oct for Self guided tour

### COUNTRIES

Slovenia, Croatia, Italy

### TOUR STARTS / ENDS

Ljubljana

### REST DAYS

4; Losinj Island, Corvara (2x), Bovec

### ROUTE

Mileage: 2.500 km (1.600 miles)  
Daily rides: 160 - 300 km (100 - 190 miles)  
The whole tour runs on asphalt.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Riding Dolomites, Adriatic coast, Julian Alps, Otocec castle, Skocjan caves, wine growing B&B's, Bovec, Bled Lake, Bohinj Lake.

### ACCOMMODATION

Very comfortable, middle-class hotels or charming Bed&Breakfasts. One overnight in a castle.

## DAY BY DAY

- Day1:** Arrival to Ljubljana
- Day2:** Ljubljana - Jeruzalem
- Day3:** Jeruzalem - Novo Mesto
- Day4:** Novo Mesto - Losinj Island
- Day5:** Rest day on Losinj Island
- Day6:** Losinj Island - Brda
- Day7:** Brda - Corvara
- Day8:** Rest day in Corvara, Dolomites
- Day9:** Rest day in Corvara, Dolomites
- Day10:** Corvara - Bovec
- Day11:** Rest day in Bovec
- Day12:** Bovec - Ljubljana
- Day13:** Flight home

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## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival to Ljubljana

Dobrodošli!  
Welcome to Slovenia!

Your tour guide will pick you up from the airport and bring you to your hotel in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. After we get you settled in the hotel and you become acquainted with your bike, just take it easy - rest in the hotel, see the town or take a short introductory ride with the guide to get accustomed to the bike (starts at 3 PM, takes about 2 hrs). In the evening we meet for a special welcome dinner and have an informal chat to discuss the format of the tour.

### Day 2: Ljubljana - Jeruzalem

Today you leave Ljubljana to travel the scenic route north, covering some beautiful Alpine country. You ride up the valley of river Kokra to arrive to Jezersko from where you cross to Austria for a couple of kilometers. After crossing back to Slovenia you descend to Logarska valley, one of the most beautiful glacially formed Alpine valleys in Europe and surrounded by peaks over 2.200m high. After lunch you follow the Savinja river on a twisty road heading east to reach our small hotel in Jeruzalem, surrounded by scenic vineyards. Jeruzalem was named by the Crusades when the beauty of the hilly landscape and its wines enthralled them on their way to the Holy Land.

### Day 3: Jeruzalem - Novo Mesto

From Jeruzalem we head south through wine growing region of Haloze and into Kozjansko, one of the remotest areas in Slovenia. It is an region of forests, vineyards, rolling hills, scattered farms and a large number of castles. Riding over these hills is an absolute delight and a real feast for your eyes. We stop at the Podsreda Castle and have a picnic lunch with a view of this remarkable fortification. In the afternoon we do some more riding before arriving to Otocec castle, which is one of Slovenia's loveliest and most complete fortresses. Today the castle, which dates from the 16th century, houses a five-star hotel.

### Day 4: Novo Mesto - Losinj Island

Continuing south, we'll spend the morning on twisty roads of the unpopulated, hilly region of Dolenjska, where riding is really nice and the traffic is almost non-existent. We then cross the border into Croatia and first ride to Krk Island, the biggest island in the Adriatic. After a short ferry ride we reach Losinj Island and in the afternoon after a long and exciting ride on the island finish the day with a dip in the hotel's pool or better in crystal-clear Adriatic sea.

### Day 5: Rest day on Losinj Island

Today is all about relaxing. You will most probably want to ride to Mali Losinj and Veli Losinj, two delightful little towns on the southern end of the island. Today more or

less tourist resorts, they still retain a lot of their fishing-village character and a walk along the harbour, packed with boats, cafes and local craftsmen is something you shouldn't miss. A great way to spend the day is also a boat trip to the beautiful islands of Susak or Ilovik. Tiny Susak is unique for the thick layer of fine sand that blankets underlying limestone and creates delightful beaches.

### Day 6: Losinj Island - Brda

After enjoying riding the whole length of the island again we take a short ferry and continue through Istria, Adriatic's largest peninsula. Through green rolling hills, lush valleys and fertile plains we also ride past Motovun, captivating Tuscany-like little town perched on a hill where for lunch you can try local specialty - truffles. After crossing back to Slovenia we explore Skocjan caves which with their 100 meter deep underground canyon and many vast chambers have no comparison in the world and are included in Unesco's World Heritage Sites list. We finish the day in Brda region and spend the night in a pleasant B&B, which is set in the middle of vineyards and offers superb local food and wine.

### Day 7: Brda - Corvara

After crossing the border to Italy early in the morning we start curving towards our next destination - Dolomites. As we ride through wide valleys of Friuli, Italy's northeastern region, we start seeing high mountains in the distance towards the west. We enter the region of Carniche Alps and soon find ourselves on the first serious mountain passes. We ride past Cortina d'Ampezzo and soon reach Falzarego and Valparola pass. Today we don't go any higher as we are already at the elevation of 2.200 m (7.200 ft). In the afternoon we get to Corvara, nice little town set amidst the high mountains.

### Day 8: Rest day in Corvara, Dolomites

Corvara with the rest of the Dolomites is a part of Alto Adige or South Tyrol, a region where two-thirds of population still speaks German rather than Italian. That is because until 1919 this area was a part of great Austrian Empire. If resting is not your idea of spending holiday in the Alps, than numerous rides around the Dolomites motorcycle playground await. Exhilarating mountain roads lead in all directions. You can ride all the way to Lago di Garda or even conquer Passo Stelvio, the highest pass in Italy. It's really all about riding as you will have hard time finding better motorcycle roads anywhere in Europe.

### Day 9: Rest day in Corvara, Dolomites

Another "rest day" brings more fantastic riding. Your guide will help you set the route that is best for you and probably come with you as well. The number of the high Alpine passes is so great for you to ride them all and we'll only choose the nicest for your loop around the Dolomites. If you want to take in some history and culture you can visit

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the famous "Iceman" Otzi in Archeological museum or contemplate man's eternal relationship with the mountains at Bolzano's Messner Mountain Museum. You can even ride to Venice, which is only 180 km (110 mi) away, and have a cappuccino on Piazza San Marco.

### Day 10: Corvara - Bovec

Today we ride back towards Slovenia but we on the way still do a lot hairpin turns as we ride through breathtaking mountain scenery. We'll avoid major roads and look for smaller and less-know passes. Don't try to count the turns and switchbacks as there are simply too many. Later in the day the roads straighten a bit before we start climbing up the twists over one last today's pass on the way to Slovenia. We are now in the Julian Alps and in only a few miles from our hotel in Bovec, where we stay for the next two nights.

### Day 11: Rest day in Bovec

Bovec is an exhilarating alpine resort, perfect for both adventurers and leisure seekers. Have a free day to discover the town and surrounding areas, walk one of many trails around Bovec, take a cable car to Kanin ski station, play golf, go fishing, horse riding, mountain biking, swimming or visit WWI Kobarid museum, the best European museum in 1993. Go whitewater rafting or kayaking with experienced guides on the untamed Soca river or if you feel really adventurous go for a tandem parachute jump. You can as well ride the highest mountain road in Slovenia to Mangrt mountain and visit the Kluže fortress on the way. Stay overnight in Bovec.

### Day 12: Bovec - Ljubljana

In the morning we navigate one of the nicest roads in Slovenia through Trenta valley, climb up Vrsic Pass with a spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and then descend towards Bled Lake, indisputably one of Europe's most beautiful lakes and mountain resorts. With its emerald-green water, picturepostcard church on an islet, medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff more than 100m above the lake and some of the highest peaks of the Julian Alps as backdrops, Bled is Slovenia's most popular resort. We continue the ride on twisty road passing attractive historical towns of Kropa and Skofja Loka to arrive to Ljubljana late in the afternoon.

### Day 13: Flight home

In the morning you can stroll the old part of the city, including the colourful antique market. The quaint, narrow streets along the right bank of the Ljubljanica River, with its medieval bridges, are reminiscent of Prague - without the crowds.

Depending on the time of the flight back home, you may have time to climb up the staircase to 16th century fortification of Ljubljana Castle that dominates the town before heading out to the airport.

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## 2010 ALPS ADRIATIC ADVENTURE MOTORCYCLE PRICES (per person in EUR)

Motorbike	Sharing a double room and riding the motorcycle two up.	Sharing a double room and riding the motorcycle solo.	Staying in a single room and riding the motorcycle solo.
Honda CBF 600 S Suzuki V-Strom 650	2.090	2.650	3.050
BMW F 650 GS Honda CBF 1000	2.200	2.790	3.190
BMW F 800 GS	2.290	2.950	3.350
BMW R 1200 GS BMW R 1200 R Yamaha FJR 1300	2.400	3.090	3.490
BMW R 1200 RT	2.590	3.350	3.750
Your Own Motorcycle	1.730	1.850	2.250
<b>Self-guided tour</b>	<b>app 20% discount applies for tour prices above, <a href="#">contact us</a></b>		

**Group discounts available.**

### **The 13 day Alps Adriatic Adventure includes:**

- Late model motorcycle with lockable hard luggage and/or tank bags plus a Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance.
- Competent guide on a motorcycle.
- Support van for luggage and souvenir purchases.
- 12 nights accommodation in quality 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\* hotels.
- 12 complete buffet breakfasts in the hotel.
- 10 dinners, mostly in traditional local restaurants.
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure.
- Highlighted maps of the region
- Extensive tour booklet.

### **Not included in the tour price:**

Air ticket, dinners on 2 rest days, most lunches, drinks, gasoline, tolls, personal spending, tips.