

SLOVENIA TOUR (self-guided)

9 days / 7 Riding Days



Small in size, but large in talent,

is how Slovenia could be qualified. Julian Alps and eastern Slovenia have roads and scenery from your motorcycle wish list. Enjoy winding through rolling back country hills that make riding exciting and a real adventure, taste delicious food and find out all about the friendliness of the local people.

Rich in resources, naturally good-looking and persistently peaceful, Slovenia still remains a wonderful antidote to much of Europe's crowds and high prices. Friendly, mostly English-speaking Slovenians, beautiful sights everywhere, little traffic and stunning scenery help to make this an unforgettable week.

TOUR MAP



CULTURE



ROADS



LANDSCAPE



GENERAL OVERVIEW

DATES in 2010

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Any time May - Oct. This tour can only be done as a SELF-GUIDED tour.

COUNTRIES

Slovenia

TOUR STARTS / ENDS

Ljubljana

REST DAYS

2; Sezana, Bovec

ROUTE

Mileage: 1.500 km (950 miles)
Daily rides: 100 - 350 km (62 - 220 miles)
The whole tour runs on asphalt.

HIGHLIGHTS

Julian Alps, Skocjan caves, Wine growing B&B's, Bovec, Bled Lake, Bohinj Lake.

ACCOMMODATION

Very comfortable, middle-class hotels or charming Bed&Breakfasts between the vineyards.

DAY BY DAY

- Day1:** Ljubljana
- Day2:** Ljubljana – Jeruzalem
- Day3:** Jeruzalem – Sezana
- Day4:** Rest day Sezana
- Day5:** Sezana - Bovec
- Day6:** Rest day in Bovec
- Day7:** Bovec – Bohinj
- Day8:** Bohinj – Ljubljana
- Day9:** Ljubljana, flight home

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Ljubljana

Dobrodošli! Welcome to Slovenia!

We will pick you up from the airport and take 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 to get accustomed to the bike. Before dinner we'll go through the itinerary and 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 – Sezana

From Jeruzalem you head south through wine growing region of Haloze and into Kozjansko, one of the remotest areas in Slovenia. It is a 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. From famous Cerknisko lake you'll follow the underground river to Rakov Skocjan, a 2.5km gorge full of caves, hollows, springs and two famous natural bridges. Stay overnight in Sezana.

Day 4: Rest day Sezana

Today riding is optional as you again stay in Sezana for the night. In the morning you can visit Predjama Castle. Situated in the gaping mouth of a cavern halfway up a 130 meter cliff this medieval castle has one of the most dramatic settings anywhere and was once home of Erazem Lueger, the Slovenian equivalent of Robin Hood. Next you 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. You might want to visit famous Postojna cave instead, into which you take a train. In the afternoon you can ride to Piran, Slovenia's most picturesque coast town.

Day 5: Sezana - Bovec

Today you will enter the valley of Soca river, famous for its deep, almost unreal, turquoise color. During the WWI, this area of peace and tranquility was the site of the infamous Isonzo Front. You'll ride past Kobarid, Tolmin and many little villages. This scenic route is nice and twisty through beautiful forests, excellent for motorcyclists.

You'll have a chance to descend into the underground world of the world's second largest mercury mine in Idrija,

stroll through the picturesque Pasica gorge with its hidden WWII Franja hospital and visit Tolmin river-beds which with 60m in height and only a few meters wide make an astonishing view. You end today's ride in Bovec, the gateway to Julian Alps and Triglav National Park.

Day 6: 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 Kluž fortress on the way. Stay overnight in Bovec.

Day 7: Bovec – Bohinj

In the morning you navigate one of the nicest roads in Slovenia through Trenta valley, climb up Vrsic Pass (1.611m) with a spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and then descend to Kranjska Gora and Planica where World Cup Slalom and Ski Jumping World Championships are held every year. You'll ride to Bohinj via Pokljuka Plateau through lush green forests and meadows. Reflected in the still waters of the gorgeous Bohinj lake are the imposing peaks of the Julian Alps which flank the peaceful village and conjure up some truly fantastic views. You stay overnight in Bohinj, which itself is a scattering of small hamlets with hotels and houses dispersed along the water's densely wooded southern shores.

Day 8: Bohinj – Ljubljana

You'll spend the morning in Bohinj and its surroundings. Hike to Savica, magnificent 60m waterfall cutting deep into a gorge and one of the most impressive sights in Julian Alps. Dive into clear green lake or take a cable car to Vogel ski station some 1.000m above the lake. You then ride to Bled, 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. You continue the ride on twisty road passing attractive historical towns of Radovljica and Kropa to arrive to the hotel in Ljubljana.

Day 9: Ljubljana, 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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SLOVENIA TOUR (self-guided) 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	1.130	1.350	1.610
BMW F 650 GS Honda CBF 1000	1.170	1.430	1.690
BMW F 800 GS	1.260	1.550	1.820
BMW R 1200 GS BMW R 1200 R Yamaha FJR 1300	1.350	1.670	1.930
BMW R 1200 RT	1.460	1.840	2.100
Your Own Motorcycle	910	1.100	1.340

Group discounts available.

The 9 day Slovenia Tour includes:

- Late model motorcycle with lockable hard luggage and/or tank bags plus a Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance.
- 8 nights accommodation in quality 3*** or 4**** hotels or on very nice Bed & Breakfasts; each room with private facilities.
- 8 complete buffet breakfasts in the hotel and 1 dinner.
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure.
- Highlighted maps of the region
- Extensive tour booklet.

Not included in the tour price:

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