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## SLOVENIA LAKE BLEĐ & PORTOROZ

12 Sept 2017 - 7 Nights

4\* Kompas Hotel, Bled  
4\* LifeClass Hotel, Portoroz  
£895 per person sharing  
Single supp £160

Upgrade to superior rooms: £140pp in twin or double  
Extend your stay by 4 nights in 4\* hotel in Pula - £245pp  
Please note: Fares are subject to change without notice

*Our first visit to Slovenia on a tour was in 2016 and it was a great success. The accommodation was excellent, as were the meals at the hotel. The spa at the LifeClass hotels was simply jaw-dropping and so too were the spectacular views of the Triglav Mountains and Lake Bled. One week was simply not long enough, so we have decided to return in 2017. We have changed the itinerary to allow a few nights in the stunning Bled area, featuring the lakes and mountains for which Slovenia is noted. We have added new and exciting excursions to give you the maximum benefit from your stay. To cap that off, we are offering a four-night extension in the resort of Pula in Croatia, a city with thousands of years of history, excellent beaches and pretty marinas.*

### Included in holiday cost:

- Return coach from Belfast to Dublin by Aircoach
- Return flights Dublin to Pula with Aer Lingus
- Luxury coach transfers airport to/from hotel
- 3 Nights at 4\* Kompas Hotel, Lake Bled
- 4 Nights at 4\* LifeClass Hotel Complex, Portoroz
- 7 Excellent buffet breakfasts and 6 evening meals
- Half-day excursion to Ljubljana
- Half-day excursion to Trieste
- Half-day excursion to Pula
- 1 Walking excursion to Piran
- Optional excursion programme
- All taxes and local charges
- Reduced price access to spa complex
- Escorted throughout by Alan Couser

### Flight details:

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Dep. Dublin 6.30pm Arr. Pula 10.00pm

Tuesdayday, 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2017

Dep. Pula 10.50pm Arr Dublin 00.40am

Aer Lingus. Baggage allowance 15Kgs checked plus 10Kgs hand luggage

(Extra 5Kgs checked luggage for £20 per person – can be added up to 7 days pre-flight)

### Hotel:

**Hotel Kompas, Bled** is situated on a small hill right in the heart of Bled. Built in original Alpine style, it blends harmoniously with the natural environment, which is characterised by high plateaus and the peaks of the Julian Alps. Its unique location offers visitors unforgettable views across Lake Bled and the castle.

An especially charming feature of the hotel is its terrace, where you can unwind, let yourself be caressed by sunshine and go for a swim within a glazed pool offering a unique lakeside view. The massage pool and saunas ensure perfect relaxation, while there is also a fitness centre and squash court for those wishing to spend an active moment.

Hotel guests are served lavish breakfasts, pampered with delicacies from the self-service buffet in the evenings, and treated attentively by all members of the team during the full duration of their stay with us.

**LifeClass Hotels Portoroz** are a complex of 6 hotels, all of which share many facilities, such as conference, spa, leisure, entertainment. There are 4 of these, which are 4\* and we will have one of those. The actual building will be advised nearer the arrival date but they all feature similar facilities and have similar standards and room size. (Alan Couser's note: I have stayed here before, as have our guests and this has proved to be absolutely fine. There is little difference between the hotels).

The Meduza Beach, privately operated by LifeClass Hotels is the most beautiful and exclusive beach on the Adriatic. "Beach" here means a large grassed area, with a seashore promenade, both equipped with deck-chairs, loungers and umbrellas. Meduza boasts top-quality services. The pavement made of white Istrian stone blends with the blue colours of the sea and the fresh image of the well-tended green lawns. In the shade of the Life on the Beach Bar, guests can choose from selected daily fresh summer salads and snacks, fresh fruit, a great selection of ice-creams as well as various refreshments and fine beverages. The beach is situated close to the hotels, just along the promenade in the centre of Portoroz and boasts an exceptionally beautiful location in the Bay of Piran..

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Breakfast and Dinner are buffet style and have always been of a good standard. Tea, coffee and table-water are included in the cost of your holiday. The spa facilities at LifeClass Hotels are unequalled in Portoroz and rate amongst the very best in all of Slovenia and Europe. Residents of the hotel receive excellent discounts on entrance and treatment charges. We highly recommend this spa as a great way to relax and unwind during your holiday.

### **Park Plaza Hotel Medulin (10km from Pula)**

A quiet 4\* property ext to Chapel of St. Mary Formoza, The Cathedral of Pula and The Town Hall. Rated by Tripadvisor as the best hotel in the area, the Park Plaza Belvedere Medulin Hotel is just a few steps away from the idyllic public beach. Medulin town centre within a 20-minute walk from the property and the city of Pula just 10-12 minutes by taxi. There is also a local bus service.

The list of facilities is extensive: Indoor and outdoor pools, sauna and jacuzzi, health club and spa, bars and restaurants, tennis, cycling and watersports.

All non-smoking rooms are equipped with ironing facilities, a laptop-size safe, climate control, a living area and free Wi-Fi. All of the rooms have a magnificent view over the sea. The rooms feature modern-style décor and family bathrooms with bath sheets, a hairdryer and bathrobes. Guests will enjoy international dishes served at the air-conditioned restaurant. Lobby and A Pool bar is available on site.

4 night stay      - standard rooms £245pp  
                         - superior rooms £260pp  
                         - seaview rooms £275pp

### **Excursions:**

Three excursion are included within the cost of the holiday.

### **Ljubljana**

The first is (by private car or minibus) to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. One of Europe's "newest" capitals. Ljubljana is a picturesque, small city, easily traversed on foot. Along the river Ljubljanica many tavernas and restaurants vie for trade. offering very reasonably priced lunches and drinks. The daily market is a huge draw, offering a great range of food-stuffs, clothes and souvenirs. A trip on the funicular cable-car will bring you up to the city's castle, which dominates the entire area, offering splendid view of the Slovenian Alps and the city below. (Castle and funicular are extra but only cost a few Euro)

### **Trieste**

Situated just a few miles from Portoroz is the historic city of Trieste in Italy. Tucked inside the Slovenian border, this frontier city simply bristles with life. Various owned or occupied by the Romans, Habsburgs, Mussolini's regime, Germans and Allied Forces, it only finally returned to Italy in 1954. A jumble of architectural styles, magnificent neoclassical buildings line the Piazza Unita d'Italia and the Canal Grande. The superb Museo Revoltella, housing stunning works of art and adorned by grand chandeliers and intricate marquetry is surrounded by top Viennese-style

coffee shops; Illy has its HQ here. You will not fail to be impressed.

### **Piran**

This is a walking tour along the coast to the pretty little town of Piran. Made wealthy by its salt flats and its great location, Piran resembles Venice, or at least its buildings do. Stroll along the harbour, climb up to the ramparts, enjoy a seafood lunch at one of the many locandas which line the coast or just sit in the square and watch the world go by. (There is also an alternative to travel by bus for those not able to walk the 8km return trip)

## **Optional Excursions**

### **Lake Bohinj with cable-car ride into the Triglav Mountains, part of the stunning Slovenian Alps.**

**£65pp (Limited to just 16 people - so book early)**

This journey is by private car, enabling us to get right into the heart of the mountains. After an early departure from the hotel, we drive for about thirty minutes to Ukanc on the shores of Lake Bohinj. We then travel by cable-car up to 1523 metres above sea-level (approx 5000 ft), where there is an opportunity for a short walk of approximately one mile. Before returning to the valley below, call in for a light lunch of mountain stew with bread and apple pie (included in the cost). Then it's back to the hotel just in time for a swim or a sauna before your evening meal.

*Numbers on this tour are strictly limited. Please call urgently to secure your place. 07808 366930.*

### **Visit to Postojna Caves.      £60pp approx**

Explore the world famous Postojna Cave, located in the Karst region, only 50-minutes drive from Koper. Enter the mysterious, more than 20 km long Karst cave system, with its great underground galleries and halls. Magnificent cavernous halls with impressive sculptures as well as their colors will take your breath away. A part of the visit is made on an electric train and a part of it as a guided walking tour. The visit of the cave lasts approx. 1 ½ hour. The temperature in the cave is around 10°C/50°F. Walking shoes and jackets are recommended.

Continue on for a beautiful photo stop and some free time at Predjama Castle. Perched high up in the cliff, this castle dates back to the 16th century, but evidence indicates that this steep and imposing cliff has been fortified since at least the 13th century. Following your time at the castle you'll return back to Portoroz, where your tour concludes.

*Note: This tour is operated by a local company and costs for 2017 are not yet available.*

### **Various Walking Tours and other local trips.**

During your stay, your host Alan will offer various walks, from dead easy to more challenging. There may be some small costs involved if buses and/or trains are required. The resort offers a number of other opportunities, such as boat trips, excursions to the Lipica Stud Farm, famous for the beautiful Lipizaner Ponies, tours into Croatia and Italy. All of these can be booked locally.