

# WELCOME TO BEYOND UNIQUENESS HOMES AND DESTINATION EXPERIENCES

# The Istrian Peninsula (Slovenia, Croatia, Italy) 11 Days – 10 Nights

Dear traveler,

It is with great pleasure to present you the below Beyond Uniqueness travel itinerary. You will embark on a memorable journey exploring the Istrian Peninsula and surroundings by private transfers and qualified local guides who know every little corner and history of the places. We are beyond exited to have you traveling with us and trust you will be able to bring back life enriching memories.

### Arrival/Departure:

Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) or International Airport Zagreb (ZAG)

# 2 nights in Ljubljana (Slovenia)

### Included excursions and activities:

- Historic palace accommodation in the center of Ljubljana (breakfast included)
- Visit of Ljubljana castle with champagne cheers from the viewing tower
- City walk of old town Ljubljana and panoramic boat cruise on Ljubljanica river
- Private guide and transportation available 24hrs

**Optional:** Any extra excursions and activities can be arranged at an extra cost.







### Morning

Private transfer from the airport to the Slovenian capital Ljubljana for check-in to the hotel.

#### **Afternoon**

Meet in the lobby to start a short walk through the city to reach Ljubljana Castle. A local castle guide will await you there and bring you on a special journey through history topped with a glass of sparkling wine with spectacular view and return by funicular ride.

### **Evening**

Free evening to relax in the hotel or continue exploring the city with your private guide.

# Day 2

#### Morning

Meet in the lobby to start the day exploring the hidden places of beautiful Ljubljana by walk with your local private guide. Stop at the market and enjoy different city views by taking a panoramic boat cruise along the Ljubljanica river.

#### Afternoon

Free time to explore Ljubljana on your own, shopping and enjoy the city vibe. Your private guide will be available for recommendations and guidance.







# 2 nights in Bled (Slovenia)

- Romantic lake view accommodation at the waterfront (breakfast included)
- Bled castle visit and boat transfer to Bled island
- Traditional Slovenian Potica cake baking workshop
- Panoramic nature drive to lake Bohinj
- Visit of world-famous Postojna caves and Predjama castle
- Private guide and transportation available 24hrs

**Optional:** Any extra excursions and activities can be arranged at an extra cost.

### Day 3

#### Morning

Meet in the lobby to start a memorable journey to romantic lake Bled. Enjoy the beautiful scenery on the one-hour drive while your private guide will tell you stories of what to expect in this scenic place surrounded by mountains and pure nature. On arrival we will have our first stop at the Bled castle overlooking the lake which includes an inside visit. There is also the printing works shop with a working replica of a printing press from Gutenberg's time.

#### Afternoon

After the break we will meet to take the traditional boat ride to Bled island where something very special is waiting for you: the traditional Slovenian Potica cake baking workshop. You will witness a real demonstration of the preparation and baking of Slovenian Potica cake. You will take the Potica cake out of the brick oven and taste different types of potica. You will also have the possibility of buying various Slovenian handmade artistic products and craftwork.

#### **Evening**

Check-in to the hotel and free time to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery around the lake.









Lake Bled, Slovenia

### Morning

Panoramic nature drive to lake Bohinj, the biggest alpine lake in Slovenia. Bohinj abounds in unique natural beauties and spectacular landscapes. Enjoy a gentle stroll along the shore of Lake Bohinj or take more time and hike around the whole lake. Discover hidden waterfalls and gorges along the way and get energized by the lush green nature you will be immerged in.

#### Afternoon

Possibility to take the cable car from lake Bohinj up to mount Vogel (1533m) and enjoy the spectacular views of the lake and the mountains around it. You can also decide to go back to Bled and relax in the thermal Spa back in the hotel or do whatever you feel and like doing for the rest of the day.

#### **Evening**

Free time to relax and enjoy the evening in Bled.







#### Morning

Check-out from the hotel to continue your journey by private transfer to Postojna Cave Park. Visit of to the spectacular and unique Predjama Castle and the world-famous Postojna Caves with your private guide who will bring you on a memorable journey under the Earth's surface.

#### Afternoon

After lunch break start the journey by private transfer to Rovinj (Croatia), the pearl of the Istrian Peninsula. The travel time is approx. 1h45min.

### **Evening**

On arrival check-in will be done one by one in your medieval apartments in the old town of Rovinj. Welcome drink and a short briefing about Rovinj will be done by the guide.

# 4 nights in Rovinj (Croatia)

# Included excursions and activities:

- Medieval old town apartment accommodation in the center of Rovinj (breakfast included)
- Private guided historical walking tour of the old town of Rovinj
- Day trip to the Venetian medieval hilltop towns of the Istrian hinterland
- Exclusive truffle hunting experience with truffle lunch at a local family owned business
- Awarded Istrian extra virgin olive oil tasting and degustation of local products and wines
- Visit to a local brandy distillery and degustation of brandies, gins and jam varieties
- Panoramic boat cruise of Rovinj archipelago with snacks and champagne cheers at sunset
- Visit of the coastal town of Piran (Slovenia) on the way to Venice
- Private guide and transportation available 24hrs

**Optional:** Any extra excursions and activities can be arranged at an extra cost.







### Morning

Meet at the main square next to the city fountain for a historical walking tour through the narrow streets of Rovinj which was ruled by the Republic of Venice till the end of the 18th century. Explore the winding cobbled streets of the most populous town in medieval Istria and admire the skyline of Rovinj with the blue waters of the Adriatic in the background.

#### Afternoon

Meet at the peer for a spectacular panoramic boat cruise of the Rovinj archipelago with snacks and champagne cheers at sunset and the possibility to spot some dolphins.

### **Evening**

Free time to relax and enjoy the medieval old town atmosphere of Rovinj.



Rovinj, the pearl of the Adriatic Sea







### Morning

Meet at the main square next to the city fountain for a full day excursion to the Istrian Hilltop towns where you will have a unique Truffle Hunting experience with a local Istrian family in the woods with their lovely truffle dogs. Traditional homemade truffle lunch will be prepared for you where you will taste the local supreme delicacies.

#### Afternoon

After lunch we will explore the medieval hilltop town of Buzet and visit a local brandy distillery to taste some more local delicacies and try their exquisite brandy varieties.

### **Evening**

Transfer back to Rovinj and free time to relax and enjoy the medieval old town atmosphere.



Truffle hunting with dogs







#### Morning

Meet at the main square next to the city fountain for another full day excursion to the medieval hilltop towns in the Istrian hinterland exploring Motovun, Groznjan and Hum, the smallest town in the world. Your local guide will tell you all the stories and history behind these unique places.

#### Afternoon

After lunch in a typical Istrian tavern you will have the opportunity to taste some of the best olive oils in the world.

### **Evening**

Transfer back to Rovinj and free time to relax and enjoy the medieval old town atmosphere.



Medieval Hilltop Town Motovun, Istria

# Day 9

### Morning

Leave Rovinj to go to Venice (Italy). On the way there we will make a half day stop in the charming Venetian coastal town of Piran (Slovenia) where you will have a private walking tour and the opportunity to have lunch. You will see all main attractions, hear how people live here and how







strong Venetian influence is still present in this beautiful medieval town. From the top of the hill where the church of St. George stands you will have a great panoramic view of the town and you will be able to see Slovenia, Croatia and Italy at the same time.

#### Afternoon

Continue the journey to Venice and arrive by private boat to the hotel.

#### **Evening**

Free evening to relax or have an evening stroll around the old town of Venice, all walking distance from the hotel.

# 2 nights in Venice (Italy)

#### Included excursions and activities:

- Historic Venetian Palace accommodation (breakfast included)
- Private guided city tour of Venice and Burano island
- Private gondola ride on the canals of Venice
- Glass blowing in Murano experience
- Private guide and transportation available 24hrs

**Optional:** Any extra excursions and activities can be arranged at an extra cost.









#### Morning

Meet in the lobby to start the day exploring by walk the hidden places, canals and squares of Venice with your private guide. We will take the public vaporetto ride to Murano later in the morning where you will have the opportunity to visit a furnace with the famous glassblowing demonstration and the colorful island of Burano.

#### Afternoon

After lunch continue exploring Venice with your private guide and enjoy a private Gondola ride through some hidden and narrow canals.

# **Evening**

Free time to relax or shop in the boutique venues and enjoy the stunning water city on your own.

# **Day 11**

### Morning

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before meeting in the lobby to drive to the airport (depending on time of departure additional activities can be included).

# **Price**

Starting from **2370 Euro (\*)** per person, includes historic apartment accommodation, private transportation, private excursions, private local guide.

(\*) Costs for this tour can vary depending how many people are in your party.



