



A PRIVATE, HISTORICAL  
AND CULTURAL SHORE  
PROGRAM IN SLOVENIA



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*THIS IS JUST A SUGGESTED DAILY TOURING SCHEDULE. SIGHTSEEING MAY BE CHANGED TO REFLECT YOUR EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES, AS WELL AS YOUR SPECIFIC INTERESTS.*

# WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

## **Our Knowledge & Experience**

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys for 27 years. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

## **Hand-Selected Guides**

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

## **Authentic & Extraordinary Experiences**

Our Extraordinary Experiences are different, unusual, and not something easily googled. We also know how important it is to remain authentic. Going beyond the obvious is becoming increasingly important to our guests, and we focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance both head and heart. We also recognize that the obvious sights are still popular, and we make every effort to skip lines whenever possible, therefore maximizing time in each destination.

## **Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned**

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and offer smooth and effortless touring in each destination. Our planning is detailed, and we think of everything, including restaurant reservations. You will also have complete peace of mind on the ground with 24-hour local support.

## **Quality Vehicles**

We use late-model luxury vehicles, often Mercedes, Audi, BMW, or Volkswagen, depending on the size of the vehicle you need. The only exception to this is in some Central Asian countries that use vehicles predominantly from Japan.

# OPTION 1



## SKOCJAN & LJUBLJANA

This morning, after your ship arrives in the port of Koper, you will meet your guide and driver for the full-day exploration of Slovenia's highlights.

Today you will enjoy a private tour of Skocjan Cave. This cave system was formed by the Reka River and has been on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites since 1986. You will begin your guided tour at the Visitors' Center and walk to the man-made entry into the Globocak Collapse Doline. From there your guide will take you through the Silent Cave (Tiha jama), the massive cave where the Reka river flows and the Tominc Cave (Tominceva jama), before accessing the surface again. The little hike to the waterfall once you exit the caves is not to be missed! *Please note that the temperature inside the cave is around 50 degrees. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.*

Afterwards, you will continue to Ljubljana, known to be one of the smallest and most charming European capitals, whose name means "the beloved." The city combines facilities and efficiency of a metropolis and the relaxed ambiance of a small town. Its young and vibrant pulse lures one to wander around the cobblestone streets with numerous cafes, galleries, parks and green areas. You will explore the city center with your guide, starting from the Baroque Town Hall building, to the Town Square with the famous Fountain of the Tree Rivers and the funicular ride which will take you to the top of Castle Hill. Back in the Old Town, you will continue across the Dragon Bridge - an Art Nouveau masterpiece adorned with dragons and the symbol of Ljubljana, and stroll alongside the Ljubljanica River to the centrally located and bustling Preseren Square.

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### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (10 Hours)



## OPTION 2

### SKOCJAN & BLED

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Later continue for a visit of the charming Alpine lake towns of Bled and Bohinj. We suggest a walk around the lake and a traditional boat ride to the Baroque Church of the Assumption, which stands in the middle of an islet. Some hundred steps lead from the island's dock to the church.

On your way to Bohinj, you may want to enjoy a truly unique experience, a visit to one of the beekeepers in Slovenia. Beekeeping is one of the country's oldest traditional professions and honey is a real trademark of Slovenia. During your visit, the beekeeper will tell you about their bees, the history and process in the region, and will introduce you to the different varieties of honey.

Afterward, you will proceed to the beautiful Bohinj region, which is divided into the Upper and Lower Bohinj Valley. There are twenty-four typical Alpine villages in these two valleys. In the Upper Valley by the lake Bohinj, you may decide to visit the gothic St. John the Baptist Church, which has well-preserved frescoes from the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries. The journey continues with a cable car ride to the mountain Vogel (5.000 ft), from where there is a wonderful view of the lake and the surrounding parts of the Julian Alps.

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#### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (10 Hours)

## OPTION 3



## LIPICA, SKOCJAN & PIRAN

This morning, after your ship arrives in the port of Koper, you will meet your guide and driver for the full-day exploration of Slovenia's highlights.

Your first stop will be the village of Lipica located near the Italian border and surrounded by small pine forests and vineyards. You will be invited to visit the world-famous stud farm and riding school of the Lipizzaner horses, the gracious "four-legged aristocrats". The stud farm was founded in 1580 by the Austrian Archduke Charles in order to provide horses for the Habsburg army and the court in Vienna and nowadays proudly continues the 400-years-old tradition of breeding and training the famed white horses. The regal Lipizzaner stallions were made famous by the Spanish Riding School in the Vienna's Hofburg Palace. You will tour the Lipizzaner stables and may enjoy an unforgettable performance of the classical "high school" of dressage riding.

Afterwards, continue to the unique Skocjan Cave. This cave system was formed by the Reka River and has been on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites since 1986. You will begin your guided tour at the Visitors' Center and walk to the man-made entry into the Globocak Collapse Doline. From there your guide will take you through the Silent Cave (Tiha jama), the massive cave where the Reka river flows and the Tominc Cave (Tominceva jama), before accessing the surface again. The little hike to the waterfall once you exit the caves is not to be missed! *Please note that the temperature inside the cave is around 50 degrees. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.*

Alternatively, you might want to visit the scenic Predjama Castle – a true masterpiece of medieval architecture. The castle was built under a natural rock arch high up a limestone cliff overlooking the valley. The first castle was actually a small fortress deep inside the cave to make it more inaccessible and easily defended. Over the centuries, the original Gothic castle was redesigned and reshaped many times, gradually moving away from the cave. The present castle was thus called Predjama, meaning 'in front of the cave'.

On your way back, your guide and driver will take you to the small and charming town of Piran – a true open-air museum of medieval architecture and culture and one of Slovenia's main tourist attractions. It is believed that the town's name comes from the Greek word 'pyr' meaning 'fire' after the fires illuminating the entrance to the harbor to assist the passing ships.

Similar to Koper, Piran too became part of the mighty Venetian Republic in the 10<sup>th</sup> century and most of the town's elaborate and beautiful buildings come from this period.

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### EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (8 Hours)

# WHAT IS INCLUDED



## Cost of the Program:

Number of Travelers	Option 1 - Per Person Price	Option 2 - Per Person Price	Option 3 - Per Person Price
2	\$1,150	\$1,250	\$1,275
4	\$625	\$725	\$675
6	\$425	\$525	\$475

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish or Portuguese-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

## Meals

No meals included. Your final documents will include our top recommendations. *Your guides will recommend restaurants that fit your exact needs daily.*

## Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

## Transportation

In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Evening transportation is not included unless specifically noted in your itinerary. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

## Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

## Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

## Shore Tour Documents

Shore tour documents are electronic and are emailed approximately two weeks prior to travel. These include all the emergency contact details you will need. You have your choice of receiving these via PDF or via the AXUS app.

## Exeter International Travel Information

### SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal for full or half-day sightseeing programs as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, your driver and guide are at your disposal, so you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

### OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

### GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Your final documents will include suggestions.

### DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

## Booking Conditions

### PAYMENTS

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 25% of the total program cost before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. **No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.** Availability and pricing are subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

### CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received fewer than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or fewer days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost

## REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

## INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

## PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2020. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. **Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.**

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.  
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