

# Soča Valley & Goriška Brda & Idrija 4-day tour



Visit Slovenian Tuscany, the valley of the emerald river and Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## ITINERARY



### 1/4 DAY: Soča Valley

The route will first lead us towards Kranjska Gora and the Vrščič pass.

Followed by a descent into the picturesque alpine valley of Trenta and a visit to the Great Soča Gorge, which for many is one of the most beautiful natural sights of the Soča River.

Followed by a drive to Mt. Mangart and the Mangart saddle, which offers a beautiful view of the Triglav National Park.

From the Mangart saddle we will head towards the Boka Waterfall, a 106-meter waterfall near the town of Bovec.

After the tour, we will head towards Bovec, where we will have a longer lunch break or visit the city on our own.

Next is a drive through the picturesque valley of the Soča River to Kobarid, where we will first visit the Kobarid Museum, which is primarily dedicated to World War I and the Soča Front, one of the largest battle scenes in the mountainous region.

Followed by a departure towards the ridge of the Kolovrat hill, where the border between Austria-Hungary and Italy took place during the First World War and is arranged into one of the most beautiful open-air cross-border museums. At the defensive positions of Kolovrat, we will meet a costumed soldier who will show us a labyrinth of caverns and a network of trenches built by the Italian army as a system of defensive lines.

Then we will head towards the Memorial Church of the Holy Spirit, one of the most beautiful monuments of the First World War on the territory of Slovenia, with the sign of European cultural heritage.

The tour is followed by dinner at the Franko House in Kobarid, where the world-famous Ana Roš cooks. The restaurant is closely associated with communities of gatherers, mushroom pickers, shepherds, cheesemakers, hunters and fishermen. The restaurant is located in an area rich in trout, venison, forest fruits and wild plants, which they include in their dishes on a daily basis.

### 2/4 DAY: Goriška Brda

Arrival in Gonjače in the early morning, where we will climb the lookout tower, from where there is a beautiful view of Goriška Brda dotted with olive groves, orchards and vineyards.

Goriška Brda is the land of many good wines, so we will visit Gredič, where we will get to know winemaking and excellent Brda wines.

Full of impressions, good mood and a little hungry, we will go to lunch at the Belica homestead in Medana, where we will taste excellent Karst prosciutto, cured meat products and wines and home-made Brda dishes, and we can also visit their shop with local products.

Since we have consumed quite a few calories, and we will have a few more, we will head towards Nebl, and from there we will walk up to the natural bridge Krčnik.

We will drive to Sabotin (609 m) in the Peace Park. During the First World War, this was one of the scenes of fierce battles along the Isonzo Front: ditches and underground tunnels carved into living rock by soldiers. Visitors today can enjoy the beautiful view from one hill to another and the silence.

The trip will make us a little tired, so it is right to delight our palates for the highlight of the day with a dinner in Dobrovo Castle with a selected selection of wines and Brda dishes.

### 3/4 DAY Goriška Brda

Breakfast is followed by a visit to the medieval town of Šmartno, from where there is a beautiful view of the Brda landscape.

In Šmartno we will visit Nono Luiso, where they are engaged in olive growing (olive oil tasting) and winemaking. In addition, we will get acquainted with natural cosmetics made from olive oil and try our hand at preparing cosmetics (workshop).

Full of impressions, good mood and a little hungry, we will go for lunch to Gostilna Marica, where we will taste excellent Karst prosciutto, cured meat products and wines, as well as home-made Brda dishes.

As part of the Cherry Festival, we will go to an outdoor extempore exhibition, where we will see an exhibition of local and international artists and see a permanent exhibition of works by Zoran Mušič in Dobrovo Castle.

The tour is followed by a one-hour break to visit the stalls and venues of your choice as part of the Cherry Festival.

Goriška Brda is the land of many good wines, so we will visit the Brda Cellar, where we will see an exhibition of cherries and winemaking and viticulture as part of the Cherry Festival.

After a tiring day, we will pamper our palates for dinner at the Štekar House, where they will taste certified organic wines, and at the end we will delight you with top culinary pampering in the form of a delicious dinner.

### 4/4 DAY: Idrija

Arrival in Idrija in the early morning. Discovering the technical heritage under the protection of UNESCO will begin with a visit to a water bike called Idrija kamšt, which is famous as the largest preserved bike of its kind in Europe.

Following is a guided tour of Antonijev rov, where we will get acquainted with the mining tradition and get to know the working environment of the Idrija knap.

After visiting the underground, we will breathe fresh air, as we will have a pleasant and easy walk with a visit to the water channel called rake, which was used to drain excess water from the mine.

Pleasantly tired and hungry, we will have lunch at the Mlinar Inn, where we will try traditional Idrija žlikrofi, zeljševka, ocvirkovca and other traditional local delicacies.

After lunch, we will take a look at how the world-famous Idrija lace is made at the Idrija Lace School, where you will also be able to try your hand at making lace.

In the authentic mining ambience – in the building of the Frančiška shaft – we will see 29 machines and devices that represent valuable examples of the technical heritage of the Idrija Mercury Mine.

The final dinner in Kenda's mansion follows, where traditional Idrija dishes are complemented by a noble selection of top wines.

We will return to Ljubljana in the late evening.

<b>Tour start</b>	8:00 departure from the main bus station in Ljubljana.
<b>End of tour (approximately)</b>	22:00
<b>Luggage</b>	You are limited to 14kg of luggage per person. This should be one luggage case, similar to an airplane bag (approximately 55 cm x 45 cm x 25 cm / 22in x 17in x 10in) and a small bag for personal items in the cabin.
<b>Important information</b>	Pack waterproof clothing and hiking boots.
<b>Included</b>	Transport in a 9-seater combined vehicle. Air conditioning standard. Guidance and services of an English-speaking combined vehicle guide.
<b>Supplements</b>	Admissions