
GEEO ITINERARY

Slovenia and Croatia 4/4/2027

Day 1: Ljubljana Arrive in Ljubljana at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and then set off on a short orientation walk on the way to an optional group dinner.

Arrive in Ljubljana any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The nearest airport is **Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU)**.

Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, you might choose to join the group for dinner before a short orientation walk.

Joining Instructions

Shuttle Bus: The [Nomago Shuttle](#) or [GoOpti](#) offers shared transfers to the city center starting at just €12.

Public Bus: Bus No. 28 runs from the airport to Ljubljana Bus Station (next to the train station). Takes about 50 minutes.

Taxi/Ride-Share: Available outside the terminal. A taxi to the hotel takes about 30 minutes and costs around €30-€40.

If you are arriving at Ljubljana Railway Station (e.g., from Germany or Austria), the hotel is about a 12-minute walk from the station. Exit toward Miklošičeva Road, then follow Metelkova Street to the hotel. Alternatively, taxis are available outside the station and should cost about €5-10.

Day 2: Ljubljana Explore Ljubljana's food scene on a guided walking tour. Visit a farmers market, gourmet shops, and local diners with a light lunch included. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore, visit Ljubljana Castle, or relax at a café.

Head into the city center this morning for a deep dive into the Slovenian capital's food scene on a guided walking tour. Joined by an expert local guide, we will visit a local farmer's market, gourmet shops, and local diners as you sample Slovenian cuisine and enjoy a light lunch. Try a variety of soups, tapas, charcuterie, and street food.

The rest of the afternoon and evening are free to continue exploring the city. Visit the Ljubljana Castle or relax at a nearby cafe.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 3: Ljubljana/Portorož After breakfast, depart Ljubljana for the Adriatic coast, stopping in Piran for an orientation walk and free time to explore. Continue to Portorož for a guided walk before checking into the hotel.

Depart Ljubljana after breakfast and head towards the Adriatic Coast, making a stop in the resort city of Piran along the way. Get oriented with your tour leader on arrival, and then enjoy some free time to

explore the waterfront and iconic long pier, main square, and streets lined with gorgeous Venetian architecture.

Choose from a wide variety of local restaurants and cafes for a bite to eat before continuing that afternoon to the glitz and glamour of Portorož and its shining casinos and seaside resorts. Go for a walk around town with your tour leader before checking into the hotel for the evening.

Approximate travel time: 2-2.5 hrs

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4: Portorož Take a day trip to Trieste in Italy for a tour of its medieval and neoclassical architecture. Enjoy the city's famous coffee and visit Miramare Castle before returning to Slovenia for a wine tasting.

Take a day trip into Italy today and cross the border to the city of Trieste. Explore this historic town on your own and see some of the beautiful architecture, framed by a medieval old city and a neoclassical new city.

Your tour leader will accompany you to a local cafe, where you'll enjoy a stop for a classic Italian coffee tasting. Then, visit the nearby Miramare Castle, a beautiful 19th century building with a lush park area and amazing views over the sea.

Back in Slovenia, stop for an included lunch with wine tasting at a winery before returning to Portorož in the evening.

Approximate travel time: 3.5 hrs (with stops) by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 5: Portorož/Lake Bohinj Head inland to explore Postojna Cave with an expert guide. After lunch in town, continue to Lake Bled for a scenic walk with your tour leader. End the day in the Lake Bohinj area and check into the hotel.

This morning, travel inland from the coast and make a stop at Postojna Cave to explore the fascinating network of subterranean tunnels and caverns with an expert guide. Enter the two-million-year-old caves aboard a mini-train, and learn about why this is one of Slovenia's most popular attractions. Walk with your guide and see stalactites, stalagmites, and other rock formations that make up the 13-mile-long system of underground caves.

After time in town for lunch, continue north to Lake Bled and take a leisurely walk around the lake with your tour leader. Take in the views and enjoy the incredible scenery before ending the day in the nearby Lake Bohinj area, where you will check into the hotel for the evening.

Approximate travel time: 3.5-4 hrs (with stops) by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6: Lake Bohinj Begin with an orientation walk to explore options for the day. Enjoy free time at Lake Bohinj for swimming, boating, hiking, biking, or ziplining. In the evening, join an optional farewell dinner.

Start the day with an orientation walk with your tour leader to get acquainted with the area and all of the optional activities to choose from. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the picturesque Lake Bohinj area. Options on the water include swimming or a boat ride, and other outdoor activities include hiking, biking, or ziplining. Regroup in the evening for an optional final dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Lake Bohinj/Zagreb Travel by train from Slovenia to Croatia and settle into Zagreb, with an orientation walk through the historic city center and free time to explore.

Drive back to Ljubljana this morning and then depart Slovenia by train travel for Croatia's capital, Zagreb.

Upon arrival, check into the hotel and enjoy some time to relax. Later, set out on an orientation walk through the city's historic center, taking in its Austro-Hungarian architecture, lively squares, and layers of cultural influence. Along the way, keep an eye out for Zagreb's vibrant street art scene, which offers a more contemporary lens on the city. The remainder of the day is free to explore at your own pace—perhaps visiting a museum, relaxing at a café, or continuing to wander the atmospheric Upper Town, before an optional group dinner in the evening.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by private vehicle, 2.5 hrs by train

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8: Zagreb/Plitvička Jezera Leave the capital and travel into the countryside to explore the waterfalls, lakes, and forested trails of Plitvice Lakes National Park.

Depart Zagreb and journey south into the Croatian countryside to Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of the country's most celebrated natural sites. Spend the day exploring this UNESCO World Heritage Site full of cascading waterfalls, terraced lakes, and forested trails. Follow wooden walkways that wind over and alongside the water, offering ever-changing perspectives on this remarkable karst environment.

Continue to the hotel in the evening, check in, and relax before a delicious included dinner.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 9: Plitvička Jezera/Šibenik Journey to the coast with a guided food and wine walking tour of Zadar and a visit to the waterfalls of Krka National Park, before arriving in Šibenik.

Depart the hotel after breakfast and drive to Zadar on the Adriatic coast.

In Zadar, enjoy a guided food experience that highlights regional specialties and the influence of Mediterranean flavors. Set out on a walking tour of the historic center, beginning along the waterfront near the Sea Organ and continuing through layers of history that include Roman ruins, medieval churches, and Venetian-era defenses. Along the way, your local guide will share insights into the city's past, daily life, and regional traditions. The experience culminates in a hidden wine garden tucked inside a 16th-century structure, where you'll sample a variety of traditional Dalmatian dishes paired with three local wines.

Continue onward to Krka National Park, where a series of cascading waterfalls and river channels create a lush and dynamic landscape. Walk along wooden pathways that wind through the park, offering close-up views of the falls and surrounding ecosystems. The terrain is a mix of compact dirt and paved sections, with an elevation change of approximately 330 feet.

By evening, arrive in Šibenik, a historic coastal town known for its stone architecture and relaxed

atmosphere.

Approximate travel time: 4 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 10: Šibenik Enjoy a free day to explore Šibenik at your own pace, from its historic fortifications and car-free old town to its pebble beach and local food scene.

Today is yours to spend as you like in Šibenik, a stunning stone city along the Dalmatian coast known for its maze of winding alleys and rich history. Wander the car-free historic core, or climb up to one of the city's historic fortifications for panoramic views over the Adriatic Sea.

We recommend a visit to Šibenik's two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Cathedral of St. James and St. Nicholas Fortress. When you are ready for a break, Banj Beach offers a smooth pebble shoreline just steps from the old town, and Šibenik's food scene has plenty of delicious options to sample.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11: Šibenik/Makarska Travel south with a stop in Split to explore Diocletian's Palace, before continuing to Makarska.

Depart Šibenik and travel south along the Adriatic coast to the port city of Split.

Join your tour leader for an orientation walk of Split to get your bearings and to see some of the main sites. Split, a stunning walled city, is best known for the splendid palace erected by the Roman emperor Diocletian. Diocletian's Palace was originally built as a retirement residence in the 4th century. Today, the palace is not a static monument but a living part of the city—its courtyards, alleyways, and stone walls are filled with shops, homes, and cafés.

After time to wander and take in the unique setting in Split, continue along the coast to Makarska, dramatically situated between the Adriatic Sea and the rugged Biokovo mountain range. Check into the hotel and enjoy a free evening.

Approximate travel time: 2-3 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12: Makarska Enjoy a free day on the Dalmatian coast, with options to relax, explore nearby islands, or take in the surrounding mountains and beaches.

Enjoy a full free day in Makarska, offering the flexibility to shape your experience. You might choose to relax along the town's beaches, explore the promenade lined with cafés and restaurants, or take an optional excursion to nearby islands such as Brač.

For those interested in more active pursuits, the surrounding landscape offers opportunities for hiking with sweeping coastal views. This pause in the itinerary provides a chance to recharge while taking in the natural beauty of the Dalmatian coast.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13: Makarska/Dubrovnik Travel to Dubrovnik with a stop in Ston for an

oyster farm visit and walk along its historic defensive walls.

Continue south along one of the Adriatic's most scenic stretches, stopping near Ston for a hands-on look at local food production. Visit a family-run oyster farm in the sheltered waters of Mali Ston Bay, where you'll learn about traditional aquaculture methods and sample fresh oysters harvested on-site. Stop at a rustic restaurant to taste some fresh oysters and have lunch with wine, everything sourced from local products of the region.

Afterwards, explore the town of Ston, known for its extensive medieval defensive walls—often compared to a smaller version of the Great Wall—built to protect the region's valuable salt works. Ston was an important military fort of the Ragusan Republic, and the defensive walls are world-famous. Originally more than 4.3 miles long, it was the second largest in the world after the Great Wall of China, and now up to 3.4 miles of it can still be explored. The wall rewards those who choose to climb it with incredible views of the town and the surrounding mountains. (Cost to climb up on the wall is about 10 Euros.)

Arrive in Dubrovnik later in the day, where the walled Old Town rises above the sea in striking fashion. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 14: Dubrovnik Discover Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town on a guided tour and learn about both its maritime history and modern sustainability efforts.

Begin the day with a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its preservation and beauty. Walk along limestone streets polished by centuries of foot traffic, passing historic landmarks, churches, and fortified walls that reflect the city's long maritime history. In addition to exploring its past, you'll gain insight into present-day challenges through a visit to a local community initiative focused on recycling and environmental sustainability.

Check out the environmentally-focused Maritimo Recycling, which turns plastic waste from the Adriatic Sea into useful products like fishing lures, sunglasses, and jewelry. The proceeds from the 3-D printed products fund future sea cleanups.

The afternoon is free to continue discovering Dubrovnik—whether by walking the city walls for panoramic views, kayaking along the coastline, or simply soaking in the atmosphere of this iconic Adriatic city.

Regroup in the evening for an optional final dinner out on the town.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15: Dubrovnik Depart Dubrovnik at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The program ends in Dubrovnik, and the nearest airport is **Dubrovnik Ruđer Bošković Airport (DBV)**, also referred to as Čilipi Airport. If you wish to extend your stay in Dubrovnik, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Where you'll stay

The hotels listed below reflect the properties expected to be used for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. Participants will receive a program voucher before departure that includes the confirmed start and end hotels.

Day 1 Ljubljana (Apr 4): B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park

Day 2 Ljubljana (Apr 5): B&B Hotel Ljubljana Park

Day 3 Portorož (Apr 6): LifeClass Portoroz

Day 4 Portorož (Apr 7): LifeClass Portoroz

Day 5 Lake Bohinj (Apr 8): Hotel Jezero

Day 6 Lake Bohinj (Apr 9): Hotel Jezero

Day 7 Zagreb (Apr 10): Hotel Central Zagreb

Day 8 Plitvice Lakes National Park (Apr 11): Big House Hotel Plitvička Jezera

Day 9 Šibenik (Apr 12): Hotel Jadran Šibenik

Day 10 Šibenik (Apr 13): Hotel Jadran Šibenik

Day 11 Makarska (Apr 14): Hotel Biokovo Makarska

Day 12 Makarska (Apr 15): Hotel Biokovo Makarska

Day 13 Dubrovnik (Apr 16): Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik

Day 14 Dubrovnik (Apr 17): Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik

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