

TSC 2027 Fall Expedition Trip, Slovenia and Istria (Croatia)

Sept 25 – Oct 3, 2027

CLASC est: Full \$5240, Ground \$4235

Single Supp add \$1000 (only 5 singles available for all TSC)



Air round-trip Vienna. 3 nights Ljubljana, 4 nights Portorož

(CLASC includes 1 additional hotel night in Vienna for return flight on Oct 4)

Included: 7 breakfast, 3 lunch, 7 dinner (Beverages are not included.)

All transfers

Pre-trip Option: Vienna, 3 nights, 800 Euro/ \$920 (double)

Post trip Option: Venice, 3 nights, 800 Euro /\$920 (double)

DAY BY DAY PROGRAMME

Day 1 | Vienna – Ljubljana –Sept 26th

Departure from Vienna with our tour guides, heading to Ljubljana, with a stop for lunch at leisure in Graz. (Total drive time 4 hr.) Check-in at your hotel and welcome reception. Dinner and overnight stay at the Grand Plaza Hotel Ljubljana 5*.

Day 2 | Ljubljana

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with our guides for a tour of Ljubljana city center, a true cultural and architectural gem, and enjoy a boat ride along the **Ljubljanica River**. Lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, we will take the panoramic funicular up to the hilltop **Ljubljana Castle**, the symbol of the city, which we will visit.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3 | Vintgar – Lake Bled

After breakfast, departure for Vintgar and visit to the **Vintgar Gorge**. Wooden walkways built along the Radovna River and between two steep mountains will lead us to a beautiful waterfall. Lunch.

In the afternoon, boat excursion aboard a pletna, a traditional **gondola, on Lake Bled**. Landing and exploration of Bled Island, dominated by the majestic Baroque **Church of the Assumption**, which we will visit. Return by pletna.

Arrival at the pier and transfer to the medieval **Bled Castle**, the oldest castle in the country (dating back to 1004), for a guided visit. Built on a cliff, it offers breathtaking panoramic views over the lake. Its museum illustrates the development of the town, its culture, and its inhabitants throughout history.

Return to Ljubljana, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4 | Ljubljana – Postojna – Lipica – Portorož

Check-out. Departure towards Portorož with a stop along the way to visit the **Postojna Caves**. We will begin our exploration of this extraordinary underground world aboard a miniature electric train, before continuing on foot through tunnels, galleries, and karst chambers: a truly magnificent spectacle!

Afterwards, we will continue to Lipica and visit the oldest horse stud farm in Europe, dating back to 1580. This is the home of the **Lipizzaner horse** breed, renowned for its white-grey coat, noble posture, and elegant gait. A guided tour of the **Lipica Stud Farm**, including the stables, will allow us to admire these magnificent horses. Dinner will be served in this legendary setting.

Continuation to Portorož and check-in at the Grand Hotel Portorož 5* / Slovenia 5*.

Day 5 | Istria (Rovinj – Poreč)

Departure to discover the most charming locations in Istria. Visit of **Rovinj**, once a characteristic fishing village and today an important tourist destination. Continue to Poreč, which has been under Venetian domination for more than five centuries from 1267. Guided tour of the town, which developed around the harbor and is protected by the Island of Saint Nicholas. Entrance to the 4th-century **Euphrasian Basilica**, one of the finest examples of Byzantine art

in Istria. Due to its exceptional value, it has been included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Lunch at leisure and free time before returning to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6 | Portorož – Sečovelje – Piran

After breakfast, departure for a boat excursion to visit the **La Fonda fish farm**. Passionate about the sea, this family-run business lovingly raises sea bass with great care and dedication.

Continue with a guided visit to the **Sečovelje Salt Nature Reserve**, preserved in its authentic environment, where traditional salt production techniques dating back to the 14th century will be illustrated. Lunch

Return to Portorož and free time for shopping. In the late afternoon, transfer to Piran. Arrival and guided walking tour of Piran, one of Slovenia's most picturesque medieval towns and a true open-air museum. Dinner at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 7 | Trieste

The last day includes a visit to **Trieste, Italy**. Today we will have the opportunity to discover this fascinating city, known as a "border city" and a unique melting pot of Latin, Slavic, and German cultures, offering a distinct nostalgic Central European atmosphere.

Trieste is renowned for its neoclassical architecture, historic literary cafés, and the stunning Piazza Unità d'Italia, one of the largest sea-facing squares in Europe. Guided city tour followed by lunch at leisure and free time for shopping in the afternoon.

Return to the hotel after lunch. Farewell reception at the hotel.

Day 8 | Departure

After breakfast, departure for Vienna. (5 hr drive)

-- Departure for Venice for the post-tour extension. (2 hr drive)

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