

Kat's Great Adventures

Slovenia - Hiking Juliana Trail Northwest Hiking Tour 2023

Self-Guided Tour

8 Days / 7 Nights



This fabulous hiking tour takes you on a trek around the northwestern section of the Julian Alps. Mountain lovers will be enthralled by the stunning alpine scenery, and history lovers will enjoy learning about major events that took place here in the First and Second World War. Trails will take you along mountain ridges, meadows and valley floors, slowly moving from east to west. Walk highlights include a walk through the stunning Tolmin gorge and deep canyons with thundering rapids. Listen to the sound of the mighty Boka Waterfall and swim in crystal clear alpine lakes. Not to miss a visit to the WW1 fortifications at the Isonzo front.

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Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Tolmin

If you arrive in Tolmin by train, you can take local transport from Most na Soči; the hotel is also close to the bus station. We suggest you check-in to the hotel early afternoon, then you'll have time to visit the stunning Tolmin Gorge, where the great Dante often searched for inspiration. Additionally, you can walk to the tombs of German soldiers who fell here during the decisive Battle of Kobarid in 1917.



Day 2: Tolmin - Kobarid 16 km + 125 m - 75 m

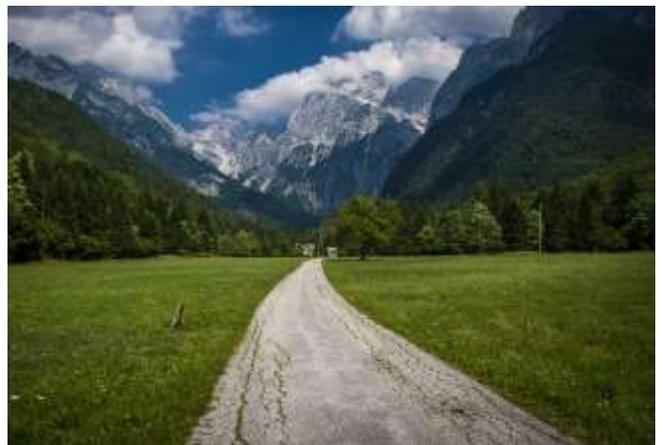
Let's get on the road! The first stage of the Juliana Trail to Kobarid runs along the left bank of the Soča, a beautiful turquoise river that thunders through the valley. The walk follows the river for a large part of the way, leading off sometimes through the woods at the foot of the mighty Krn massif. In the small church in Vrsno, you'll find a homage to the memory of Slovene poet Simon Gregorčič, who foresaw the WWI tragedy in this beautiful valley. By evening we will reach the historic town of Kobarid. There will be enough time to visit the famous museum of the First World War or to walk to the Italian ossuary above the city.

Day 3: Kobarid - Bovec 20.2 km + 412 m -198 m

Today's hike takes you through the narrow gorge of the Soča. The first stop is at the majestic Kozjak Waterfall, which cascades 15 metres down into a beautiful emerald pool inside a stony chamber. The trail then slowly ascends towards the course of the river past Trnovo to Srpénica. As you meander along the Soča near Žaga, it is worth moving away from the route and climbing to a lookout point under the mighty Boka waterfall, the largest-volume waterfall in Slovenia. At the highest water level of the Kanin abysses, Boka certainly deserves the title "Slovenian Niagara". Across the former front line of the First World War, you will reach the idyllic alpine town of Bovec.

Day 4: Bovec - Log Pod Mangartom 11.3 km + 340 m - 151 m

Today you leave Bovec and Soča and head west. In the Kluže gorge, you can admire the mighty Austrian fortress which blocked the road towards the interior of Austria. Part of the Juliana Trail also leads through the fort. Following the goat paths, over streams and torrents, the trail continues upstream until reaching your ultimate destination, the idyllic village Log pod Mangartom.



Day 5: Log Pod Mangartom - Tarvisio 20.6 km + 767 m - 659 m

The first part of the day starts with a slightly more demanding hike. From Log the trail ascends through the mountain village of

Strmec to the Predil pass. The effort will be rewarded with magnificent views of Mt. Mangart and Mt. Jerebica. Here you will cross the border into Italy, and the main part of the day can be spent at Lake Raibl. The nearby town of the same name was once a mining town, used by the Counts of Celje used to dig lead ore in the nearby Raibl Mines. Today though, you can enjoy a nice cappuccino in an almost extinct village. Rio Fredo River leads to Tarvisio, where you will spend the night.

Day 6: Tarvisio - Kranjska Gora 19 km + 181 m - 123 m

After breakfast, the hike begins with a stroll along the route of the former railway back towards Slovenia. Leaving Italy, the view is dominated by Four Finger Mountain. When you re-enter Slovenia, the mighty Mt. Mangart will once again greet you. The village of Rateče is famous for its good inns, where you can refresh yourself before visiting Zelenci, the source of the Sava River. You will stay overnight in Kranjska Gora.



Day 7: Kranjska Gora - Mojstrana - Bled 16.6 km - 233 m - 403 m

The last day of the walk offers a million dollar view from the start. From Srednji vrh, the panorama of the Špik mountain group is shown in all its broad beauty! After descending into the valley, follow the cycling and hiking trail of the former Jesenice - Tarvisio railway all the way to Mojstrana. From here the route will take you to the famous resort, Bled. Bled is situated on the shore of a beautiful glacial lake. View its magical island church and cliff-top castle at sunrise or sunset to see why it has earned a place as one of Slovenia's most popular attractions. Take a stroll around the lake and hike up to Mala Osojnica viewpoint at the western end for an excellent view from above.

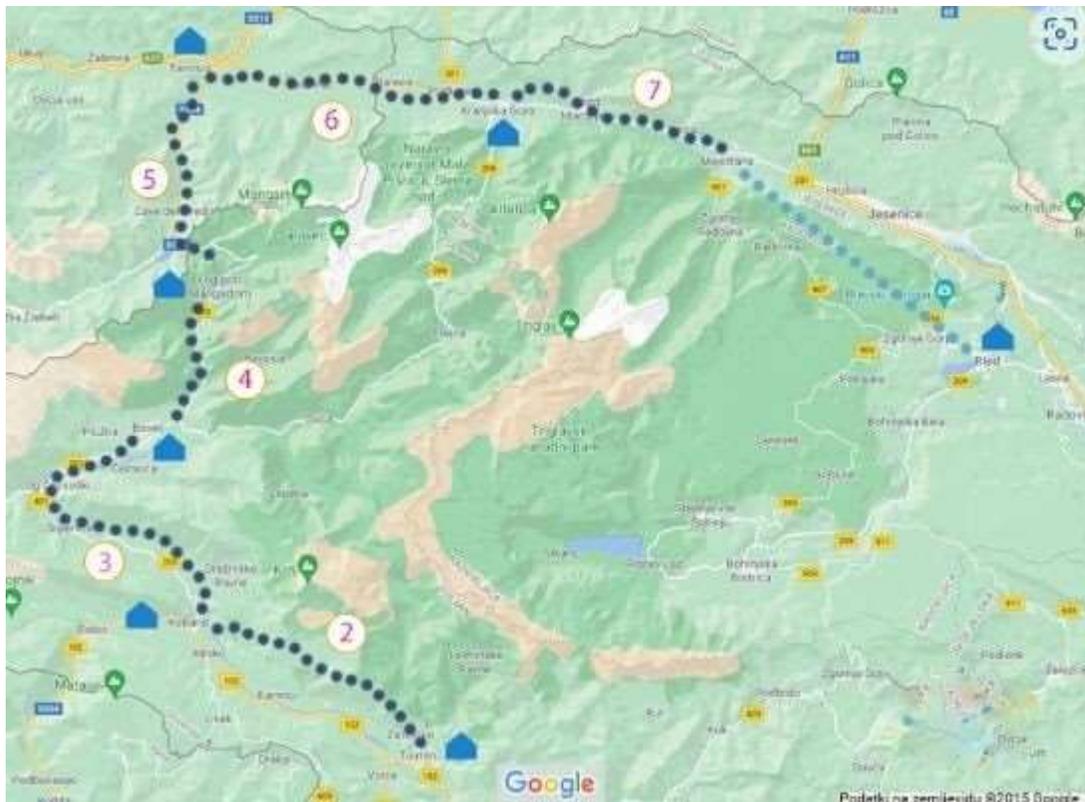
At the end of the hiking day, we will collect you in Mojstrana and bring you to Bled. It is possible to follow the original Juliana Trail route to Bled. However, this part leads through the industrial city, Jesenice and its urbanized surroundings leaving little to enjoy.

Day 8: Departure

After breakfast your tour ends.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Tour Profile: Medium. More challenging with some long walking days and often a longer trip duration. Tough underfoot in places with changing terrain, some prolonged climbs and steep hills, these walks are designed for experienced walkers looking for a challenge. The average sum of all daily ascents is between 400 m and 800 meters.

Distance: 104 km

Travel Dates: Daily departures from April 29 to October 7, 2023
Low Season: April 29 – May 19 and September 23 – October 7, 2023
High Season: May 20 – September 22, 2023

Price per person:

Double Occupancy B&B Low Season	€ 810.00
Double Occupancy B&B High Season	€ 870.00
Single Supplement	€ 250.00
Printed information package in English including route notes and corresponding maps delivered upon arrival	€ 30.00
Extra Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Double Occupancy	€ 105.00
Extra Nights 4* Hotel in Bled Single Occupancy	€ 170.00
Transfer Ljubljana Airport - Tolmin 1 - 3 persons	€ 140.00
Transfer Ljubljana Airport - Tolmin 4 - 8 persons	€ 160.00
Transfer Bled - Ljubljana Airport 1 - 3 persons	€ 75.00
Transfer Bled - Ljubljana Airport 4 - 8 persons	€ 105.00
Transfer Bled - Ljubljana City 1 - 3 persons	€ 100.00
Transfer Bled - Ljubljana City 4 - 8 persons	€ 140.00

Included:

- Seven nights' accommodation in 3* hotels and 2* guesthouses in a two bed room with WC and shower, on a bed & breakfast basis
- Luggage transfer between overnight addresses (one piece maximum 20 kg per person). Every additional piece 10 EUR, payable on the spot
- Transfer on day 7
- Comprehensive information pack including detailed route description and corresponding maps in electronic form
- GPS data
- Local tourist and other taxes
- Welcome meeting upon arrival
- Backup service (hotline) during the walk

Not Included:

- Entrance fees
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Drinks with meals

