



Opatija

## YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ Door to door pick up
- ✓ Return short sea ferry / shuttle crossings
- ✓ Minimum three star accommodation on all overnights
- ✓ 1 overnights half board in Northern Germany
- ✓ 1 overnights half board in the Salzburg area Austria
- ✓ 2 nights half board in Lake Bled
- ✓ 4 nights buffet dinner and breakfast in Opatija
- ✓ 1 overnights half board on Lake Garda
- ✓ 1 overnights half board in the Metz area
- ✓ Walking guided tour of Ljubljana
- ✓ Entry to the Postojna caves
- ✓ Excursion to the Island of Krk
- ✓ Boat trip from Punat to Kosijun
- ✓ Cheese, ham and wine tasting in Vrbnik
- ✓ Guided tour of Rovinj
- ✓ Guided tour of Pula, including a visit to the Amphitheatre

Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

### Hotel Astoria Lake Bled ★★ ★ EEE

The Astoria Hotel is situated near the centre of Bled and only 300 metres away from the lake. All spacious bedrooms are equipped with hairdryer, satellite television, direct dial telephone, safe, minibar and air conditioning. The hotel has a restaurant, lounge, lifts to all floors and a terrace café and bar with castle views. [www.hotelastoria-bleed.com](http://www.hotelastoria-bleed.com)

### Grand Hotel Opatija ★★ ★ ★ EEE

The beautifully restored Grand Hotel enjoys a superb location near the town centre and promenade. All spacious well furnished en-suite bedrooms have hairdryer, satellite television, mini-bar and safety deposit box. The hotel has elegant public areas, restaurant, bar and lift to all floors. Leisure facilities include a lovely spa and indoor swimming pool. [www.milenijhoteli.hr](http://www.milenijhoteli.hr)

### Departure Dates

Tuesday	6th July	11 days	£869	
Sunday	26th Sept	11 days	£869	
Single room supplement £136				



# Slovenia & Croatia

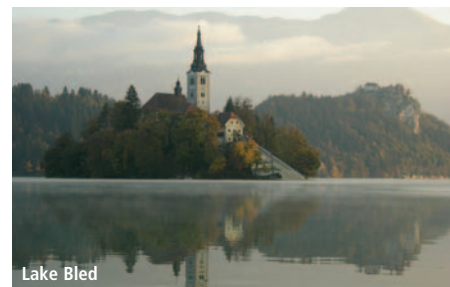
11 DAY TOURS



Croatia is home to some of the most magnificent coastal scenery in Europe. Istria is a large peninsula with secluded beaches, historic cities, ancient remains and unspoiled countryside. Its landscape and architecture make it comparable with Tuscany and Provence, and the two resorts of Porec and Rovinj have a strong Venetian character. With a good four star hotel in the wonderful resort of Opatija, the combination of a friendly welcome plus ancient history add up to make it a holiday to remember.

### ITINERARY

- Day 1** Travel to Dover for the short sea / shuttle crossing to Calais continuing to our overnight half board accommodation in northern Germany.
- Day 2** We travel through Germany into Austria and our second overnight half board accommodation in the Salzburg area.
- Day 3** Enjoy the stunning alpine scenery as we travel through Carinthia and into Slovenia arriving at our 2 night's half board accommodation on Lake Bled with time to relax before dinner.
- Day 4** A day at leisure in Bled. Relax and explore this delightful resort with its many souvenir shops, cafes and bars. Lake Bled lies in the foothills of the Julian Alps and enjoys a magical mountain setting. There is a little white church on an enchanting island in the centre of the lake and a castle dominating the north shore from the top of a sheer cliff face. You can enjoy a stroll around the lake or take a boat trip to the island in a traditional 'pletna' boat. On the island, moss-covered stone stairways lead up to the Church of the Assumption with its 16th-century bell of wishes.
- Day 5** We depart after breakfast and travel to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. This beautiful compact city is situated on the river Ljubljanica that divides the city centre below the castle hill. We include a short walking tour taking in the major sights of the old part of Ljubljana. We continue to the famous Postojna Caves where an electric train takes you deep into the caves for your 1 hour, guided walk amongst its magnificent creations of nature. We complete our journey into Croatia arriving at our 4 night's half board accommodation in time for dinner.
- Day 6** A day at leisure in Opatija to relax and explore your new surroundings. This elegant and charming resort overlooking the gulf of Kvarner has colourful public gardens, elegant villas, a long promenade and a variety of chic shops, bars, cafes and restaurants.
- Day 7** A full day discovering the historical and cultural heritage of the Istrian Peninsula. We visit Porec with its old quarter and magnificent basilica famed for its beautiful gold mosaics before continuing to Rovinj; one of the most 'photogenic' towns in the



Lake Bled

Mediterranean, once a fishing town, today is a tourist resort and has a welcoming feel with narrow streets and pavement cafes. We finally arrive in Pula, once a key centre for the Roman Empire and a busy port. Pula has many surviving ancient Roman buildings including the sixth largest amphitheatre in the world, the Temple of Roma and Augustus. We include guided tours of Rovinj and Pula.

- Day 8** Today we have a full day tour to the Island of Krk. connected to the mainland by, what was once, the biggest cement bridge in the world. The Island roundtrip begins with a visit to the town of Krk and its old quarter full of narrow streets, churches and towers. Our next stop is Punat from where one goes via boat to the small isle of Kosijun to visit the ethnographic museum and the Franciscan monastery. After Punat we continue to the famous, small town Vrbnik, situated high on the cliffs above the sea. Vrbnik is the hometown of well-known white wine Zlahtina and we include a wine tasting.
- Day 9** Sadly its time to leave Opatija and travel via Trieste to our overnight's half board accommodation on the shores of Lake Garda.
- Day 10** Enjoy the scenery as we travel to our overnight's half board accommodation in the Metz area of France.
- Day 11** After breakfast we continue our journey to Calais and complete the journey home. Adequate comfort and refreshment stops will be taken en route.