

## TASTE OF SLOVENIA: A Real Food Experience 5-12 JUNE, 2011

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### DAY 1 – SUNDAY, 5 JUNE

- Morning /afternoon arrivals to Ljubljana Airport
- Transfer to Bled,
- Accommodation at Triglav Hotel, 4\*
- 19.00 – visit Bled Castle, welcome reception with local brandies, wines and mineral water.
- 20.00 – transfer by bus, dinner at »1905 Restaurant«, Triglav Hotel, guest of honor, Mr. Janez Fajfar, mayor of Bled.
- Overnight TRIGLAV HOTEL, 4\* / (D)

### DAY 2 – MONDAY, 6 JUNE

- 9.15 – depart by bus to Radovljica
- 9.30 – visit to Apiculture Museum with guided tour
- 11.00 – visit to Honey Bread Museum at Gostilna Lectar
- 12.15 – return by bus to Bled, time at leisure, stroll along the Lake, sample a Kremsnita and coffee at a lakeside cafe.
- 13.15 – lunch (optional)
- 14.00 – depart to Lake Bohinj, a natural Alpine glacial lake, and Bohinj villages.
- 14.30 – visit local farm, cheese tasting of local indigenous cheeses like "Mohant"
- 16.00 – stop in Studor, a picturesque Bohinj village
- 16.15 – visit to dairy museum in Stara Fuzina
- 17.15 – visit Bohinj Sirarna (Cheese Producers) in Srednja vas, sample the indigenous cheese "Bohinski sir, " and other local dairy products
- 18.45 – visit Drago Kotnik in Cesnjice, a beekeeper who makes honey products and sparkling wine from honey; honey tasting, cakes, and wine tasting, local music

- 19.30 – dinner at "Gostilna Francka pri Hrvatu" in Srednja vas, featuring local cuisine
- Return to Bled
- Overnight TRIGLAV HOTEL, 4\* / (B,D)

### DAY 3 – TUESDAY, 7 JUNE

- 9.00 – depart to Postojna
- 10.30 – visit Predjama castle
- 12.00 – depart to the Goriska Brda region of Slovenia
- 13.15 – wine and brandy tasting at Stekar Winery with fingerfood lunch
- 15.00 – sparkling wine tasting at Bjana Winery
- 16.30 – accommodation
- 18.30 – visit to estate cellar and wine tasting at Movia Winery with Ales Kristancic, »Magician of Movia« and Founder of »Slow Food Slovenia«
- 20.00 – dinner at Movia Winery with Ales and Vesna Kristancic
- Overnight KOZANA BOUTIQUE HOTEL, 3\* / (B, L,D)

### DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE

- 8.30 – depart to Štanjel
- 9.30 – arrive Štanjel, short visit of the town
- 10.45 – Prosciutto and charcuterie tasting, accompanied by Teran wine at Boris Lisjak Winery in Dutovlje
- 12.15 – depart to Goce
- 13.00 – Slow Food lunch at Cejkotova domacija
- 16.15 – depart to Lipica
- 17.00 – visit the stud farm, home of the Lippizaner Stallions
- 18.30 – depart to the Adriatic Coast
- 19.15 – accommodation in Piran
- 20.00 – dinner on own at local Fish Cantina
- Overnight TARTINI HOTEL, 3\* / (B,L)

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#### DAY 5 - THURSDAY, 9 JUNE

- 10.30 – visit to Secovlje Salt pans and Museum, guided tour
- 12.00 – meet Irena Fonda and visit Fonda Fish Farm on the Piran Bay- sea bass
- 13.30 – lunch at Casa del Sal featuring Fonda sea bass
- 15.00 - depart to Smarje
- 15.30 – olive and wine tasting at Santomas Estate. Guided tour
- 17.30 – depart to Ljubljana
- 19.00 – accommodation at boutique Antiq Hotel
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight ANTIO HOTEL, 4\*/ (B,L)

#### DAY 6 - FRIDAY, 10 JUNE

- 09.30 – depart to Cerknica/Snežnik
- 10.15 – visit to Cerknica Lake with tour
- 11.15 - visit to Sneznik Caste and Dornouse Museum
- 13.00 – lunch at Mlakar Guesthouse, local specialtes
- 14.30 – depart to Kocevje
- 15.30 – arrive to Anton Fabjan's biodynamic apiary (a tour, a tasting, a talk and walk, explanation of apitherapy - Endovital products made with honey)
- 18.30 – depart to Ljubljana
- 19.30 – arrive to Ljubljana
- Dinner on own
- Overnight ANTIO HOTEL, 4\*/ (B,L)

#### DAY 7 - SATURDAY, 11 JUNE

- 9.00 – sightseeing and tasting in Ljubljana's Central Open Air Market with Janez Bogataj, PhD, expert in traditional foods, continuing with a guided tour of the city
- 11.30 - depart to Velika planina, through Kamnik to Kamniska Bistrica
- ascend to plateau with cable car to the Shepard's Village, demonstration of cheese making, visit museum, view cows on Alpine pasture; lunch
- 15.30 – descend to the valley, return to Ljubljana, on the way visit Mercator or Leclerc hipermarket, time at leisure for shopping
- 18.30 – depart to Dvor Jezersek, accommodation
- 19.30 – dinner at Dvor Jezersek – Taste of Slovenia (guests will participate in baking bread and receive it as a gift before they leave)
- Overnight DVOR JEZERŠEK, 3\* / (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8, - SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

Morning departure to the Ljubljana Airport

## TASTE OF SLOVENIA, INCLUDES:

All transportation, including to and from airport

All lodging in 3\* & 4\* boutique hotels:

- 2 nights /BB, DBL rooms – Triglav Hotel Bled, 4\*
- 1 night /BB, DBL rooms – Kozana Hotel Brda, 3\*
- 1 night /BB, DBL rooms – Tartini Hotel Piran, 3\*
- 2 nights / BB, DBL rooms, Antiq Hotel Ljubljana, 4\*
- 1 night/ BB, DBL rooms, Dvor Jezersek Hotel Brnik, 3\*

Entrance fees to all events

Welcome reception

All breakfasts

5 lunches (including Slow Food)

4 dinners, (including Slow Food)

12 tastings

2 musical events

cheese making demonstrations

## VISITING:

Wineries

Ecological olive oil groves and production

Biodynamic and Alpine apiary

Prosciutto production

Traditional sea salt works

Piran Bay - Fonda sea bass fish and mussel farm

Alpine farm

Alpine pastures

Local artisanal raw milk cheese producers

Museums

Castles

## The towns, villages, and cities:

Stanjel, Piran, Lipica, Ljubljana, Bled, Bohinj, Dutovlje, Goce, Dobrovo, Predjama Castle, Sneznik Castle, Srednja vas, Studor, Cerknica, Smarje, Kozarisce, Velika Planina, Radovljica, Stara Fuzina, Kocevje

**Presentations** by local experts, and Janez Bogataj, PhD (traditional foods and ethnology), Janko Bozic, PhD (Apiary Science), Ales Kristancic, winemaker, "Magician of Movia," Irena Fonda, PhD (Biology), founder of Fonda Sea Bass.

**Wineries:** Stekar, Bjana, Movia, Santomas, Boris Lisjak

**Charcuterie:** Boris Lisjak

**Brandies, fruit products:** Stekar

**Olive groves:** Santomas

**Slow Food:** Lunch at Cejkotova Domacija in Goce, and dinner at Movia in Ceglo.

## Museums:

Apiculture Museum

Sea Salt Museum

Honey Bread

Cerknica

Dormouse Museum

Velika planina museum

Dairy Making Museum

## Demonstrations:

Cheese making demonstration out on pasture

Cheese making at sirarna (cheese producers)

## LJUBLJANA, THE CAPITAL OF SLOVENIA



**Tour and tastings** in Ljubljana Central Open Air Market; host- Janez Bogataj, PhD. Author of Taste Slovenia, The Food and Cooking of Slovenia, Wines of Slovenia and many more.

**City/town Tours:** Ljubljana, Stanjel, Piran, Cerknica and environs

**Castle Tours:** Bled Castle, Sneznik Castle, Predjama,

**Cheese tasting** of indigenous raw milk cheeses, clabbered milk and other specialties\ at a local farm, artisanal production milk, Ljubljana Market Mohant, Bohinj.

Tastings of floral, fir, acacia, lime, and chestnut honey; and of sparkling wine made from honey.

### NOT INLCUDED:

Air fares  
Beverages

### PRICE:

\$ 2.400,00 per person on double room basis.  
\$ 300,00 supplement for single use.

### BOOKING, PAYMENTS AND TERMS:

To secure the booking a \$500,00 non-refundable deposit is to be paid by April 15, 2011. The balance is due no later than May 15, 2011. Please contact Sylvia Onusic, at [sponusic128@yahoo.com](mailto:sponusic128@yahoo.com) for details on payment. The tour is secured by min. 15 persons. For Terms & Conditions please see <http://www.unique-slovenia.si/si/pomembno/terms-and-conditions/28>.