

FROM THE ALPS TO THE ADRIATIC ITALY - SLOVENIA - CROATIA

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS



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(5) Portorož • (2) Venice



TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS/DELUXE ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: City tour of Porec, Farm visit and truffle hunting, Tour of Bled and Ljubljana, Schnapps tasting, Tour of Trieste and Miramar Castle, and Half day tour of Venice. Optional tours available
- **CULTURAL DISCOVERY SERIES** - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a farm visit with truffle hunting and Schnapps tasting
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Venice
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Extended stay in one location • Luxury Kempinski Palace Hotel • Enchanting Adriatic coastline • Famous resort town of Portorož • Picturesque Piran • Historic town of Porec • Euphrasius Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Tuscan-like landscape of Istria • Truffle hunting in Istria • Famous amphitheater of Pula • Rovinj, a quintessential fishing village • Glamorous Lipizzaner Stallions • Fairy-tale Alpine town of Bled • Striking monuments of Ljubljana • Majestic Castello di Miramare in Trieste • The magic and intricate beauty of Venice • St. Mark's Basilica • Doge's Palace • Bridge of Sighs • Verona and its pretty palazzi • Lake Garda • Sirmione

OPTIONAL VENICE EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION** - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Lake Garda, Sirmione, and Verona
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
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Kempinski Palace Portorož – Your Deluxe Historic Hotel

The most prestigious hotel on Slovenia's 25-mile coastline, this beautiful ex-Palace hotel, situated in the center of the popular resort town of Portorož, maintains much of its former regal grandeur, featuring superb food and wonderful views of the Adriatic Sea. Built in 1908, it was favored by the European aristocracy who wintered here in the comfort and seclusion of parks and gardens. Nestled 2 minutes' walk from the beach and in a heritage-protected landscaped park in the center of Portorož, the deluxe Kempinski Palace Hotel features a large indoor-outdoor saltwater swimming pool, a vast state-of-the-art spa and wellness area, various restaurants and bars, and free Wi-Fi access throughout the property. All tastefully decorated air-conditioned rooms include a seating area with a sofa and are equipped with a flat-screen cable TV, a minibar and a safe. Private bathrooms feature a bathtub, bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer and free toiletries.

Day 1 Depart USA Embark on your overnight international flight to Venice, Italy. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 Arrive Venice/Portorož Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your Aventura World Tour Director and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Experience Slovenia and the azure of the Mediterranean and Alpine peaks all in a country the size of West Virginia. Welcome to Portorož and Kempinski Palace Portorož, once one of the most important resorts for the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, and currently one of the finest hotels between Venice and Dubrovnik. This afternoon you have the opportunity to relax, maybe take a stroll along the seafront before a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 Portorož - Porec and Truffle Hunting Tour Today after breakfast at the hotel, leave Portorož for a tour to the Istrian peninsula in Croatia. Spend the morning exploring the historic old town of Porec, where Roman architectural layout beautifully blends with Venetian gothic palazzos. Visit St. Euphrasius Basilica, a 6th century Byzantine Church and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue your tour by exploring Istria's countryside, its huge tracts of vineyards and olive groves, a region that is becoming a center for gastronomic delights, including the locally venerated truffle. As part of our Cultural Discovery Series, you visit a family farm for truffle hunting with a master and his dog, and then enjoy our truffle based light lunch at the family farm. (B,L)

Day 4 Portorož This morning you have a free day to explore Portorož and its surroundings or head to Piran and the Lipizzaner stallions on an optional tour. Piran is one of the most photogenic towns in the Mediterranean, influenced by the Venetian Republic this lovely town draws inevitable comparison with Venice, only here there are no canals. You then continue to Lipica Stud Farm, home of the glamorous Lipizzaner horses. The Stud Farm was established in 1580 by Charles II of Austria, and since then has been breeding the finest horses for Haute Ecole riding, many of which were used at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. (B)

Day 5 Portorož - Tour to Bled and Ljubljana Today, after breakfast, continue your travel adventure traction...discovering the storybook alpine village of Bled, Slovenia's most visited. Acclaimed as one of Europe's most beautiful mountain resorts, the village features a picture-perfect castle surrounded by snow-capped peaks, overlooking a glittering lake in a tranquil valley – it's a setting that seems to be etched straight out of a blissful fairytale. On a guided tour you will discover the magic of Bled, from its enchanting castle and charming cottages, to its amazing coastal splendors. Then, let us take you to a delicious schnapps tasting on the farm near Bled – Cultural Discovery Series. Try up to eight tasteful liqueurs combined with a home-made fare from the kitchen. We continue to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. Take-in the splendid ambiance as you visit the city's many sights, including the Three Bridges and the Central open-air market, Parliament, Robba's Fountain, and the Baroque town hall. Overnight in Portorož. (B)

Day 6 Portorož This morning you have a free day to shop for local goods or depart for a full day optional tour to Pula and Rovinj in Croatia. Start with a visit to Pula, home to some of the best Roman ruins in Europe, including an amphitheater from the 1st century AD and Pula's old town known for the elegant buildings dating from its centuries spent under the Venetian and Austro-Hungarian rule. Continue to Rovinj, the quintessential fishing village, and one of the most photographed towns in Croatia. From the air, its location on a promontory makes it look like a fairy-tale village suspended on a pillow of the bright blue sea. Your walking tour includes a visit to the old town, a protected monument, and one of Istria's most visited sites. Return to hotel for overnight. (B)

Day 7 Portorož - Trieste and Miramar Castle Tour/Venice Today you depart Portorož and drive to Trieste, a handsome city whose history is more tied to Vienna than to Venice. Following your walking tour of the historic center, we visit the majestic Castello di Miramare built by Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Hapsburg for his beautiful wife, Charlotte of Belgium in 1860. He wanted a residence far away from the Habsburg Court, on a cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea. Then we continue to Venice, our home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 8 Venice - City Tour Explore the romantic City of Canals on a guided tour through classically elegant Venice. With more than 400 bridges, your exploration will visit the must-see sights including St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Shop the handmade glass shops before trying on a mask in the masquerade shops that dot the streets under the majestic architecture of this inspired place. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 9 Venice to USA or extend your stay with an optional Venice extension After breakfast transfer to the Venice Marco Polo Airport for your return flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL VENICE EXTENSION

Day 9 Venice - Tour to Garda, Sirmione and Verona Today you will gaze upon the largest lake in all of Italy, Lake Garda. The lake, located between Brescia and Verona, is surrounded by mountains formed by glaciers from the last Ice Age. On a full-day excursion, you will explore the ancient town of Sirmione, located on the South end of the lake, home to the popular Virgilio and Catullo Spa Complexes. Further along, tour Verona, where Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers' tormented relationship Romeo and Juliet is set. Verona enchants with its picturesque cobblestone streets, dozens of churches and world-renowned Arena Di Verona, the Roman Empire's third largest amphitheater where opera performances are still performed to this day. (B)

Day 10 Venice After breakfast enjoy a full free day to explore the unearthly city of water and stone that rises like a vision from the waters of the lagoon. Meet the local inhabitant's, cruise the city's waterways and became part of Venice. See the ornate palaces that line the Grand Canal, have a coffee in St. Mark's Square, relax the day is yours. (B)

Day 11 Venice to USA After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner
Hotel and Itinerary are subject to change.



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