



Lake Bled, Slovenia

PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING & HIKING

Adriatic Villages & Alpine Lakes

Private walks through Croatia, Slovenia and northern Italy

YOUR JOURNEY

9 days / 8 nights

OUR RECOMMENDED TIME

September

Your own party. Your own experienced guide.

THE EXPERIENCE

Coastal villages, alpine lakes and time to enjoy them.

Three countries fit naturally into this beautifully varied private journey. Begin among Istria's coastal towns and hill villages, continue to Slovenia's lakes and river valleys, and finish with the vineyards and historic towns of northern Italy. The walking brings you close to each place without turning every day into a long trek.

Your private guide accompanies the walks and cultural visits, while a dedicated vehicle carries luggage and connects the regions. Expect characterful hotels, regional food, local hosts and time to enjoy the views over a leisurely lunch.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

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| 01 | Explore Rovinj and the island landscapes of Brijuni National Park. | 02 | Walk through Motovun and Groznanj, with a hosted truffle experience. |
| 03 | Visit the UNESCO-listed Skocjan Caves and Ljubljana. | 04 | Enjoy Lake Bled, Vintgar Gorge and the shores of Lake Bohinj. |
| 05 | Follow the Soca Valley and discover Kobarid's history. | 06 | Taste Collio wines and explore Cividale and Palladian Vicenza. |

Fully accompanied, from the first welcome to the final farewell.

All scheduled walks, hikes and cultural visits are led by experienced private guides.

ROUTE, SEASON & WALKING LEVEL

Your journey at a glance.

Zagreb, Croatia → Venice, Italy

OVERNIGHT BASE

NIGHTS

Bale / Istrian coast

2

Motovun

2

Lake Bled

2

Goriska Brda / Collio

2

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

September

Also recommended: May and June.

September offers a lovely balance of warm Adriatic days and comfortable valley walking. May and June bring green countryside and long daylight hours.

WALKING LEVEL

Easy to moderate

Mostly 2–4 hours of walking on village lanes, park paths and gentle trails. Expect cobbles, cave steps and uneven gorge boardwalks. The longer days combine several short walks with private transfers.

THOUGHTFUL CONNECTIONS

The journey begins with a morning pick-up in Zagreb; arrival the previous evening is recommended. Day 9 includes Vicenza before the Venice airport transfer, so choose an evening flight or an additional Venice night. All sightseeing walks remain privately guided.

Daily distances and elevations are approximate planning figures, not a GPS track. They include the scheduled cultural walking as well as trail sections. Walking times exclude meals, visits and vehicle travel unless stated. Your private guide confirms the day's route and pace.

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 01 / 02

DAY 01

From Zagreb to the Istrian coast

Meet your private guide in Zagreb in the morning and travel towards Istria, stopping for lunch en route. After checking into your characterful hotel, enjoy an introductory guided walk through Rovinj's old lanes and waterfront. The compact town is ideal for taking in the Adriatic atmosphere at an easy pace. Return to your Istrian base for a welcome dinner and a personal briefing for the journey ahead.

WALKING (APPROX.)

2–3 km

WALKING TIME

1–1.5 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy

Terrain / elevation: Gentle slopes and cobbles

Overnight Bale / Istrian coast

Connections Morning Zagreb pick-up; drive about 3.5–4 hours

Meals Lunch and dinner

DAY 02

Brijuni island walks and Istrian olive oil

Take the ferry from Fazana to Brijuni National Park with your guide. Follow selected island paths past coastal scenery, historic remains and Mediterranean vegetation, with stops that bring the island's story to life. After lunch, return to the mainland for a hosted introduction to Istrian olive oil. Back in Bale, enjoy a gentle village walk before a regional dinner. Your guide handles the ferry arrangements and the pace throughout.

WALKING (APPROX.)

6–8 km

WALKING TIME

2.5–3 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy

Terrain / elevation: Mostly level paths

Overnight Bale / Istrian coast

Connections Road travel about 1 hour; ferry about 30 minutes each way

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 03



The waterfront and old town of Rovinj, Croatia | Day 3

DAY 03

Coastal paths, a boat outing and Motovun

Walk among the pines and rocky coves of Rovinj’s Golden Cape park before a private boat outing in the Lim coastal inlet. Lunch focuses on the region’s fresh local produce. Continue to Porec for a guided visit to the Euphrasian Basilica complex, celebrated for its mosaics. The day finishes inland at Motovun, where your hotel places you close to the atmospheric lanes of this hilltop town.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
7–8 km	3–4 hours	Easy to moderate

Terrain / elevation: Gentle coastal slopes; village steps

Overnight Motovun

Connections Private road travel about 1.5 hours; boat outing about 1 hour

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 04



The hilltop town of Motovun, Croatia | Day 4

DAY 04

Truffles, artists and hilltop lanes

Join a local truffle host for a guided woodland experience and learn how this prized ingredient shapes Istrian cooking. Continue on gentle country paths before lunch. In Groznjan, visit the small streets and artisan spaces that give the village its creative character. Return to Motovun for an accompanied walk through its elevated old town and enjoy the views across the countryside before dinner.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
8–10 km	3–4 hours	Easy to moderate

Terrain / elevation: About +250 m / –250 m across several walks

Overnight Motovun

Connections Local private transfers, about 1 hour

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 05 / 06

DAY 05

Skocjan Caves and Ljubljana

Cross into Slovenia and enter the remarkable underground landscape of Skocjan Caves on the park's guided visitor route. Your private guide accompanies your party, alongside the required cave guide. After lunch, continue to Ljubljana for an unhurried walking introduction to the riverside centre, bridges and market area. A final transfer brings you to Lake Bled, where you settle in for two nights and dine close to the water.

WALKING (APPROX.)

6–7 km

WALKING TIME

3–4 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Moderate

Terrain / elevation: Numerous cave steps; city walking

Overnight Lake Bled

Connections Private road travel, about 3.5–4 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 06

Bled, Vintgar and Lake Bohinj

Begin with the lakeside setting of Bled, then visit Vintgar Gorge using the booked visitor route and its designated return connection. Your guide manages the entry timing and keeps the walk comfortable. After lunch, continue to Lake Bohinj for a quieter stretch of shoreline and forest walking beneath the Julian Alps. Return to Bled for dinner and a relaxed evening at your hotel.

WALKING (APPROX.)

8–10 km

WALKING TIME

3–4 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy to moderate

Terrain / elevation: Boardwalks, steps and short forest slopes

Overnight Lake Bled

Connections Private local transfers, about 1.5 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 07



The Soca River landscape, Slovenia | Day 7

DAY 07

Across Vrsic into the Soca Valley

Drive across the Vrsic Pass, pausing at mountain viewpoints before descending towards the Soca Valley. Follow an accessible riverside trail with your private guide, enjoying the changing colour of the water and the surrounding mountain scenery. After lunch, visit Kobarid’s museum for an introduction to the First World War in this region. Continue south to a comfortable country property in the Brda–Collio wine region.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
6–7 km	2.5–3 hours	Easy to moderate

Terrain / elevation: Gentle river paths and short slopes

Overnight Goriska Brda / Collio

Connections Scenic private road travel, about 3.5–4 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 08 / 09

DAY 08

Cividale and the vineyard countryside

Cross into Italy for a guided visit to Cividale del Friuli and its Lombard heritage. Walk through the historic centre and across the river before lunch. The afternoon combines a gentle vineyard-country walk with a hosted winery visit in Collio. Learn how this border landscape influences its food and wines, then return to your country retreat for a celebratory dinner featuring regional specialities.

WALKING (APPROX.)

5–6 km

WALKING TIME

2.5–3 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy to moderate

Terrain / elevation: About +250 m / –250 m on country paths

Overnight Goriska Brda / Collio

Connections Private local touring, about 1–1.5 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 09

Vicenza and a farewell in Venice

Travel towards Vicenza for a final guided walk among its elegant streets and Palladian landmarks. Enjoy lunch before continuing to Venice Marco Polo airport. The day is designed around an evening flight, allowing the cultural visit to feel unhurried. If you prefer to stay in Venice, a private transfer into the city and an extra night can be arranged as an extension to this nine-day journey.

WALKING (APPROX.)

3 km

WALKING TIME

1.5 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy

Terrain / elevation: Paved historic streets

Overnight Departure

Connections Private road travel, about 3.5–4 hours; evening departure

Meals Breakfast and lunch

THE MIDASIA ROUTES DIFFERENCE

Your private journey, cared for.

Every scheduled walk, hike and cultural visit is accompanied. Your guide handles the route and timing, with specialist mountain or local site guides where needed. Private means your own travelling party, with the arrangements shaped around your interests and walking ability.

YOUR STAYS

Small boutique hotels, restored historic properties and a vineyard or castle-style country retreat. Rooms are selected for comfort and character, with private bathrooms.

YOUR ARRANGEMENT INCLUDES

Private guides and personal arrival assistance; the stated accommodation and meals; private road transfers; listed regional flights, trains, ferries and cable cars; scheduled visits, entrance fees and activities; luggage handling and trail refreshments.

ARRANGED SEPARATELY

International flights to the starting city and home from the finishing city; travel and medical insurance; passport-dependent visa fees unless specified in your proposal; personal shopping, laundry, alcoholic drinks and discretionary gratuities.

We confirm the named hotels, room arrangements and operating details in your personal proposal. Park visits, scheduled transport and public heritage sites may be shared with other visitors; your party remains accompanied by its private guide.

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