

# Slovenian Family Adventure - Julian Alps

Trip Code: FAS

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Centre-based at a hotel with pool in Kranjska Gora
- Rock climbing, high ropes and mountain biking
- Waterfalls, lake walks and the summer toboggan
- An active family holiday with downtime, including time in Bled

#### AT A GLANCE

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**

- 5 days multi-activity
- Join at Ljubljana

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# Introduction

This amazing family adventure holiday in Slovenia is based in Kranjska Gora, at the foot of the Julian Alps and minutes away from the Austrian and Italian borders. Formerly part of Yugoslavia, Slovenia has much more in common with its Alpine neighbours than Eastern Europe. Based at a comfortable hotel, with a swimming pool, we spend the week enjoying a variety of activities. On our first full day we hike up to the Martulk Waterfall, taking lunch in a mountain hut en route. Then, after mountain biking by the Italian lakes, we return to Kranjska Gora in time for a fun descent of the summer toboggan. No visit to Slovenia would be complete without a visit to Bled and its picturesque lake, where we manage to get our adrenaline fix at the 'high ropes' park! After a day to rest and enjoy the scenery, or experiment with other activities in Kranjska Gora, we drive over the Julian Alps via the dramatic Vrsic Pass. After lunch in the pretty town of Bovec, there's an optional rafting trip on the Soca River. A chance to try out some easy rock climbing and an afternoon spent walking to Jasna Lake, conclude this fantastic family adventure in Slovenia. This is a family adventure holiday with the ideal mix of activities and free time.

# Is this holiday for you?

#### Suitable for children from 8 yrs old

This family holiday in Slovenia has been designed specifically for families and includes a range of activities. The itinerary contains a couple of days with easy walking of up to 5 hours, a morning of easy mountain biking, swimming in local outdoor pools and lakes, optional rafting and mini-golf and lessons in rock climbing. The biking is principally downhill or on the level. It is not strenuous or technically difficult and it is suitable for a range of skills including the first time off-road biker. The rock climbing and rafting are each pitched at introductory level and there will be specialist instructors to assist with these activities. Appropriate safety equipment is provided for all activities. Some time within the itinerary is scheduled for optional activities and sightseeing tours of the nearby stunning gorges and passes.

# **Itinerary**

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# **Holiday Information**

#### What's Included

- A professional English speaking Slovenian guide
- Single group transfers from/to Ljubjana to Kranjska Gora on Days 1 and 8
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- Hotel accommodation as described
- Meals as per the Meal Plan
- Qualified instructors for all activities
- All specialist/safety equipment for all activities
- 3 summer toboggan rides per person and all activities as described in the itinerary

#### What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Airport transfers (other than the single group transfer in each direction)
- Soca River Rafting
- Meals as per the Meal Plan
- Activities which are described as optional in the itinerary
- Miscellaneous expenses drinks and souvenirs etc

## **Joining Arrangements & Transfers**

#### TRAVEL TO YOUR DESTINATION

If flying from the UK there are low cost airlines available to the start and from the end of your holiday.

To benefit from full financial protection, ease your holiday planning, and avoid dealing with airlines, we can book scheduled flights from the UK as part of a flight inclusive package. Scheduled flights are usually more expensive that low cost alternatives, however potentially less stressful if your flight is cancelled or delayed. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

The group will meet at the hotel in Kranjska Gora.

A single transfer from Ljubljana Airport to the group hotel is provided in the early evening of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, there will be a single transfer to Ljubljana for flights departing in the evening.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a group or on public transport saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

#### Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners are included in the holiday price. 4 lunches and 2 dinners will need to be purchased. 1 dinner will be in Bled and the other can be taken at the pizza restaurant just a 5-10min walk over the new river bridge. Meals are around €10 per person.

#### Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as <u>Water-to-Go</u>, which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

Breakfasts are continental style and usually consist of bread with a selection of meats, cheeses, fruit, and sometimes eggs. Tea, coffee and fruit juice. A picnic/packed lunch or lunch at a local establishment are available. A variety of local and international dishes are served for dinner at the hotel restaurant. Please inform KE in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

## **Special Diets**

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

#### **Accommodation**

During this trip the group will spend 7 nights in a comfortable family-friendly hotel near to Kranjska Gora, in the hamlet of Gozd Martuljek. The hotel has stunning views of the mountains. The hotel is set in it's own grounds away from the road and has a small indoor pool. It is in walking distance (20-30 minutes along a safe walking path) to Kranjska Gora, but a free, hourly shuttle bus is provided as well.

There are two sections at the hotel, one with 3-star rooms and the other with 4-star rooms. As standard, we stay in the 3-star en-suite rooms, which are twin or a family quadruple room (for families of 3 or 4) with bunk beds.

It is possible to upgrade to the 4-star rooms. These bigger rooms are twin/double, have a balcony and are interlinking. The additional cost is £275 per person (adult or child) to upgrade to 4star. Limited 4-star rooms are available and the prices are subject to change. Please ensure you request this at time of booking.

# **Group Leader & Support Staff**

The group will be accompanied by a local English-speaking professional guide throughout the trip. There will be additional specialist instructors during the rock climbing and rafting sessions.

#### Altitude

This holiday does not involve any significant ascent to altitude and we would not expect any altitude issues with this trip.

## **Spending Money**

Approximately €300-400 per family (2 adults & 2 children) should be allowed for tips, soft drinks, snacks, non-included meals and miscellaneous expenses. Alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and optional activities are additional so you may wish to budget for these. There will be the opportunity to change money into Euros on arrival at the airport, and cash can be withdrawn from ATM's in Kranjska Gora and Bled. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency.

#### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Please note that these prices are correct at time of writing, but are subject to change without warning. All prices are in Euros. Optional activities taken outside the KE holiday are at your own risk.

- Entrance to Aqua pool in Kranjska Gora: €10-15 per person
- Bike hire in Kranjska Gora (day 5): €10-15 per day, per person
- Additional summer toboggan rides: €8 adult, €6.5 child per ride
- Rafting: €50 per person (adult & child the same)
- Postojna Cave visit: €250 for mini-van/bus for excursion, max 8 people. Entry fees not included
- Day trip to Ljubljana: €200 for mini-van/bus for day trip, max 8 people

## **Guidance on Tipping**

We suggest you give a tip to your guide if you are satisfied with their services. This is probably best done as a group pooling something around €10 per family member.

# **Baggage Allowance**

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

# **Group Size & Holiday Status**

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

# **General Information**

### **Passport & Visas**

#### **Europe**

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

#### The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel.

#### **Health & Vaccinations**

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

#### **Vaccinations**

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations.

#### GHIC / Medical cover

UK residents should carry a free Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This entitles you to state provided medical treatment when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland. This is not a substitute for medical travel insurance which is vital when travelling overseas.

## Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

### Climate

From May to October the weather is generally very good, with mainly clear and sunny days. We can expect daytime temperatures in Kranjska Gora to be around 20°C in May and October and rather warmer than this in July and August, at 25°C. As with any mountain area there is the risk of some poor weather, with rain and wind.

#### **Travel Aware**

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '<u>Travel Aware</u>' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at <u>travelaware.campaign.gov.uk</u> and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: <u>www.travel.state.gov</u> for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

# Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

# FAQ's about our family holidays

We welcome all family dynamics and we will try to accommodate you in the roomings of your choice. The only stipulation for joining a family group holiday is that 1 party member is 17yrs or under, and they are accompanied by an adult. An average group size is around 10 members in total. Further general information and FAQ's are available here: KE Family Adventure Holidays general information.

### **Private Groups Information**

# Make this KE family holiday your own!

- Choose your own departure date
- Travel on this holiday with just your family and friends
- Tailor your holiday by adding extra days for relaxation or upgrade your hotels

If our standard dates do not fit with your school holidays or you wish to travel with just your family or with your family and friends, we will be pleased to set up a private departure for any of our family holidays.

Depending on what you are looking for we can look at tweaking the itinerary to allow you some extra relaxation time or upgrading the hotels. Our personal service means you'll be fully involved as we make the arrangements for your perfect family adventure holiday.

## Independence with Security

Travelling as a KE private family group allows you more flexibility and choice, but still with the peace of mind that everything is pre-planned and arranged for you and your family and friends by a reputable adventure travel company.

To take your first step to an amazing adventure with your family and friends complete the private group enquiry form, or call our **Sales Experts on: 017687 73966** 

#### **Travel Insurance**

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our <u>Travel Insurance</u> page for further information and to get a quote.

# **Equipment Information**

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Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

## You should bring the following items:

- Hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes
- Sandals
- Lightweight walking trousers / shorts / skirt
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirt with collar (for sun protection)
- Socks & Underwear
- Lightweight waterproof jacket & overtrousers
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat
- Warm hat, gloves, warm leggings (not needed mid-summer)
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 25-30 litres (depending on how much of the kids' stuff you want to carry)
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Insect repellent
- Water bottles (approx 2 litres per person) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Torch and batteries

Basic First Aid Kit. Including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium),

painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

# The following items are optional:

- Pen-knife (note: always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Camera
- Goggles for the kids
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

#### Notes:

All specialist equipment required for the activities on this holiday are provided.

#### Cotswold Outdoor

Many of the equipment items listed above are available from <u>Cotswold Outdoor</u> - our 'Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive a 12.5% discount with Cotswold Outdoor, Snow+Rock and Runners Need. The discount code can be downloaded from your MyKE account and you can use this code at the checkout, either in store or online.

## **Land Only Information**

Please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Flights and other transport to your destination should not be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

## **Land Only Information**

We sell this holiday on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The holiday starts at the hotel in Kranjska Gora and a transfer is provided from Ljubljana Airport.

## Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

# Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Ljubljana. Outbound flights will usually depart from the UK in the afternoon, in the early evening. Return flights will depart Ljubljana in the evening of the last day.

# Why Choose KE

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A best-selling family holiday for over 10 years, ticking all the boxes for active families with a perfect base for the week. This holiday represents fantastic value and be looked after by your awesome guides!

Please Note This document was downloaded on 31/03/2025 and the trip is subject to change