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Exclusive Private trip Feel sLOVEnia in 9 days

Exclusive Program for Douglas Harman

Client:	Douglas Harman
Departure from:	Venice
Destination:	Slovenia
Period:	Dec 5 - Dec 13, 2019
Duration:	8 nights / 9 days
No. of persons:	2
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PROGRAM SUGGESTION:

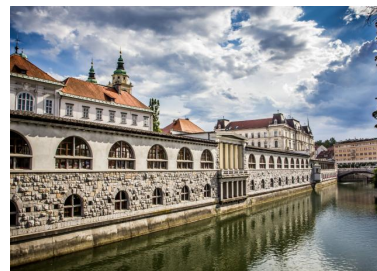
Welcome to Slovenia: Ljubljana, the capital		DAY 1: Thursday, December 5 Ljubljana	OVERNIGHT
Included: - Private transfer to Ljubljana		Private transfer from Venice your hotel in Ljubljana. Check in the hotel and at leisure.	LJUBLJANA / Dec 5 - Dec 10 BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL SLON 4*
Ljubljana, the capital		DAY 2: Friday, December 6 Ljubljana	
Included: - Breakfast - Guided tour of Ljubljana (up to 3 hrs)		<p>Guided tour of Ljubljana: Walk through the medieval Old Town and see the main attractions such as the Triple Bridge, St. Nicholas Cathedral, and more. When arrive to Dragon Bridge, we ascend to the top of the hill by cable car where mighty Ljubljana Castle stands. Rest of the day explore the medieval Old Town on the banks of Ljubljanica River, visit the city's bustling central market and discover boutique shops and charming restaurants.</p> <p>In the afternoon you may visit some of the museums and galleries of Ljubljana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- National Gallery and Gallery of Modern art- Technical Museum Bistra: Particularly notable are a collection of limousines owned by the late president of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito. <p>Tip of the day - additional options in Ljubljana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- LJUBLJANA CASTLE: Visit Ljubljana Castle with remarkable view on entire city of Ljubljana and Alpine mountains and have a great meal in Strelec restaurant on the top of the castle.- WINE TASTING IN OLD PART OF LJUBLJANA in 300-year old wine cellar: - Taste 7 finest Slovenian wines from different wine regions, delicious appetizers, presented by wine expert, Certificate for becoming an ambassador of Slovenian wines, Souvenir. You want to try?- UNIQUE EXPERIENCE - CREATE YOUR OWN SLOVENIAN SOUVENIR: Do you know majolika, traditional ceramics, used for wine? There are two studios which you can create it. In the Atelier for shaping and painting of Slovenian Ceramics, called APOK in the center of Ljubljana or in House of Ceramics in Kamnik. Everything will be spiced up with special care and unforgettable surprise.- DINNING IN BEST RESTAURANTS OF LJUBLJANA AND SURROUNDING:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mana Restaurant with Slow Food experience	





- The Strelec restaurant, located on Ljubljana Castle Hill, offers an experience of authentic historical ambience coupled with top-quality Slovenian cuisine combining the best of the past and present.
- Cubo Restaurant as part of Cubo Hotel
- Forever memorable: Gostilna Skaručna - crazy, fantastic, memorable, fusion of crazy chef and Slavik cuisine.
- J&B Restaurant and AS Restaurant
- Figovec with traditional Slovenian food

- **BOAT RIDE + WINE TASTING ON THE RIVER:** Enjoy in style while you drive by boat through main river of Ljubljana while enjoy in wine tasting of selected top Slovenian wines.



DAY 3: Saturday, December 7

Ljubljana - Novo mesto - Dolenjska area - Otočec

Included:

- Breakfast
- Day trip to Dolenjska

Day trip to Dolenjska, visit Novo Mesto and Castle Otočec: Morning drive to Dolenjska area in Southeastern part of Slovenia. First, visit of Novo Mesto (New City) with interesting medieval Cathedral of St. Nicholas on the top of the hill, which shape reveals interesting and rich historical story of Novo Mesto. Novo Mesto is absolutely not as new as the name implicates, so we stroll through the old part of the city and walk to Krka River. Continue to Castle Otocec and short stop for enjoying in nature, you can have lunch here. Then visit famous wine producer from this area for a wine tasting. Return to Ljubljana in the afternoon.

DAY 4: Sunday, December 8

Ljubljana - Maribor

Included:

- Breakfast
- Day trip to Stajerska region

Day trip to Štajerska region, visit Ptuj and Maribor: Head to Štajerska area, well-known wine region. Our first stop will be medieval Ptuj, also the oldest Slovenian town. Visit to the oldest Slovenian wine cellar with wine tasting and Ptuj castle. Afterwards, visit to the workshop where famous kurent masks for a big annual carnival are produced. You will just love this presentation; we are positive about that. Continue to Maribor, second biggest Slovenian town. Maribor, which lies on the banks of Drava River and surrounded by vineyards and ski resort, is mostly known for the oldest vine in the world, it is about 450 years old and it still bears grapes.

Bled, pearl of Slovenia

DAY 5: Monday, December 9

Ljubljana - Bled

Included:

- Breakfast

Drive to famous Bled. **Visit Bled Lake with island in the middle of the lake** and Bled Castle. The

- Private transfer to Bled
- Guided tour of Bled
- Entrance fee to Bled Castle

castle stands on a rock approximately 100 yards above the lake with wonderful views of the town, lake and surrounding countryside. The castle museum has a large collection of armor and weapons from the 16th to 18th centuries.

After castle visit, time to try **worldwide known cream cake**. Return back to Ljubljana.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Tip of the day - OPTIONALLY:

- BEEKEEPING AMBROZIC IN VICINITY OF BLED: One of most successful Slovenian beekeeper with many awards is also special in way that he caught a swarm of bees on snow white honey combs. Get involved in this special story and try their great honey.

- RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS ON BLED:

- RESTAURANT 1906 (Hotel Triglav Bled); recreating traditional Slovenian dishes with love and respect & keeping the good name, tradition and quality.

- SOVA: Chefs Knego and Branko cook from the heart, each course represents their passion for food and their desire to provide guests with a menu of exceptional quality.

- BLED CASTLE RESTAURANT: Local and regional dishes are made in contemporary and sophisticated way with an aim to preserve the gastronomical heritage of Upper Carniola region and Slovenia.

- BABJI ZOB 'Old hag's tooth': Serving a range of Slovenian specialties, beautiful prepared and presented, with grilled fish and meat taking centre stage.

- HIKE ABOVE BLED LAKE, easy-hiking option: Hike to the top of Ojstrica with remarkable view to Bled Lake and its surrounding (approx. 20min hike).



Postojna Caves & Slow food experience

Included:

- Breakfast
- Entrance Fee to Postojna Caves and Predjama Castle
- Slow food menu with wine pairing in Cejkotova home

DAY 6: Tuesday, December 10

Portoroz, Postojna Caves, Portoroz

Postojna Caves & Predjama Castle: Head towards Karst region, the land of numerous natural phenomena and limestone. Visit world-famous attraction, biggest and most beautiful cave in the world, the Postojna caves, and fascinating attraction of Slovenia - Predjama Castle, the castle which is literally built into the rock.

Continue to authentic picturesque **Štanjel**, typical Karst village and walk through narrow streets of this remarkable and unique place with **extraordinary architecture** and Ferrari Garden.

OVERNIGHT

PORTOROZ / Dec 10 - Dec 13

KEMPINSKI PALACE

PORTOROZ 5*

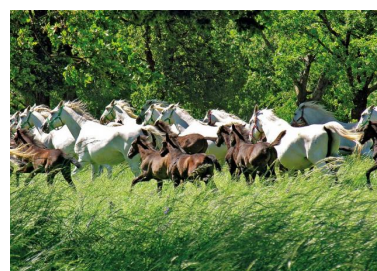
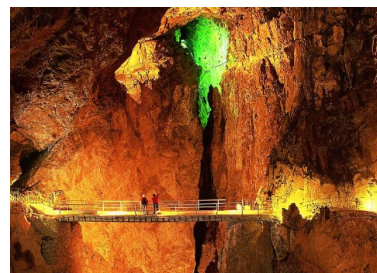
Continue to fantastic village Goče, which is **fully protected as the cultural monument** and well renowned as the most basement village in the world and also the whole village.

Slow food menu with wine pairing in Cejkotova home: Visit fantastic village Goče, known as the most basement village in the world. Slow food menu at Cejkotova home which is hidden in the narrow streets of the village, which is protected as a monument of the cultural heritage. Here, Davorin and his wife Jelka will prepare you delicious meal and take you to a wine cellar with such mystic atmosphere will be just perfect conclusion of a day.

Tip of the day - more options in the area for this day:

- WINE BAR & WINE SHOP OR BEER TASTING FALADUR IN VIPAVA VALLEY: Enjoy great local food by renowned Slovenian chef who will prepare you delicious menu with top wines from the area of Vipava Valley to Slovenian Tuscany.

- LIPICA STUD FARM: Enjoy a relaxing walk in the grounds of the Lipica Stud Farm - Get to know the cradle of the Lipizzaner horses - one of the oldest stud farms in the world with a tradition dating back to 1580!



**Slovenian Coast -
Truffle hunting**

DAY 7: Wednesday, December 11
Goriska Brda - Piran - Portoroz

Included:

- Breakfast
- Truffle hunting, tasting of truffles
- Guided tour of Piran

Great experience in traditional Istrian village of Abitanti. **Real truffle hunting with truffle tasting: Truffle is a king in the culinary.** Slovenian Istria boast with numerous spots where this precious specialty is growing. Now you have a chance to take a look in the world of professional truffle hunter Dejan and his dog. Real truffle hunting and truffle tasting at the end can be really special refreshment of your tour.

Continue to **Piran**, the pearl of the Adriatic Sea, with strong Venetian influence and unusually open square to the sea. Here, we can visit the Maritime museum or ascend on the top of the hill where St. George's cathedral overlooks Piran with one of the best panoramic views to all Slovenian coast. Time to **explore it by our guide** and enjoy in one of the restaurants and bars while drinking coffee.

DAY 8: Thursday, December 12
Portoroz - Piran

Included:

- Breakfast

This day will be dedicated to explore western part of Slovenia, known for production of fruit and

- Day trip to Goriska Brda

wine.

Continue drive to Nova Gorica where the last members of the Bourbons, the French royal family, are buried in a crypt beneath the church. Near the church there is a garden of bourbon roses, the second biggest collection of bourbon roses in Europe.

Goriska Brda, known as Slovene Tuscany, is famous for its top quality wines and world-awarded olive oil. Both we will have chance to try by ourselves. Visit Smartno, center of cultural life in wider area of this part of Slovenia.

If we have time, possibility to drive to the top of the hill of Sabotin with fascinating view, where you can still walk through tunnels and where one of most devastating battles in WWI took place.



BYE BYE Slovenia

DAY 9: Friday, December 13
Portoroz

Included:
- Breakfast

Private transfer from Portoroz to Venice or Ljubljana for your flight back home.

Tip of the day - on the way you can stop and visit one of the above:

WINE TASTING IN BORDON WINERY: the family tradition with rich story. Ivan Bordon was the first private winemaker from the Slovene Istria to introduce his own wine brands. Now his son Boris continues striving for perfection and producing top quality wines, highly recognized and award-winning both at home and abroad. The old mill, which you can see when visiting and tasting our selection of wines and delicious homemade plate of cold meat, bears witness of the rich history of the Bordon farm.



Price

Per person

Package price per person:

2,780.00 EUR

* Exchange rate on 9 September 2019



Inclusions & Exclusions specific to your tour

Inclusions:

- 8x accommodation in rooms with breakfast as stated above.
- Transportation, guides and entrance fees as per left-column side in the itinerary.
- Organization
- VAT

Exclusions:

- All international air travel and associated costs.
- All meals except breakfast unless stated otherwise in the itinerary.
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- City/tourist taxes are payable on the spot at each accommodation upon check-out.
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance).
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above.

Payments, conditions, insurance:

- Terms and conditions are part of this program and are available on **this link**.
- We usually take 30% deposit of final amount if not agreed differently. **30 days prior to your arrival** we charge the rest of the amount.
- At the moment no hotels have been booked yet!
- Payments: wire transfer or by credit cards with no additional surcharge, except for the Amex Credit Card (3,5 % surcharge on whole amount).

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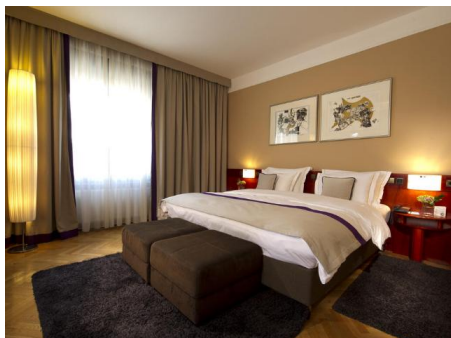
- Above mentioned are expected prices.
- Variations are possible, complying to client's expectations.
- No reservations have been made for any venue/location/service until client's confirmation.
- According to the present law the rates include VAT.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

LJUBLJANA: BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL SLON 4*

<https://www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Ljubljana/BEST-WESTERN-PREMIER-Hotel-Slon>

Booking.com review (2017-03-03): 8.6/10



Set in the heart of Ljubljana, the Best Western Premier Hotel Slon offers bright and colourful rooms, a spa area, an elegant restaurant and a well-known pastry shop. An extensive buffet breakfast with Italian Espresso Coffee is served in the stylish breakfast room.

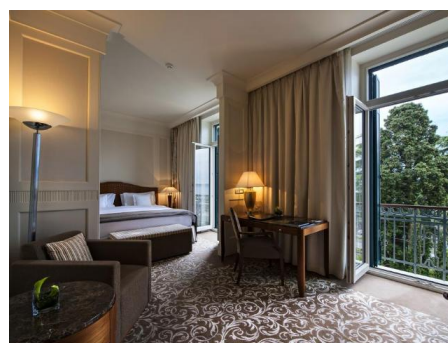
The 4-star superior rooms feature lavishly decorated interiors and luxurious bed linen. Each room is air conditioned and fitted with modern amenities.

The hotel's Spa & Fitness features a state-of-the-art fitness centre open 24/7, equipped with Technogym machines providing all the latest cardiovascular and weight training facilities, as well as relaxing saunas with tropical rain showers. A choice of 9 different Thai massage treatments at the hotel's Thai Massage & Spa offers a chance to unwind and relax.

PORTOROZ: KEMPINSKI PALACE PORTOROZ 5*

<https://www.kempinski.com/en/istria/palace-portoroz/>

Booking.com review (2017-03-03): 9.2/10



This property is 2 minutes walk from the beach. Nestled in a heritage-protected landscaped park in the centre of Portorož, the luxurious Hotel Kempinski Palace features seawater swimming pools, a vast state-of-the-art spa and wellness area, various restaurants and bars as well as views of the Adriatic Sea. Free WiFi access is available in all areas.

All tastefully decorated air-conditioned rooms and suites in this 5-star superior property 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, a bidet, a hairdryer and free toiletries. For your comfort, bathrobes and slippers are provided as well. All units also feature either a full or a French balcony with views of the Adriatic Sea or the park.



Private itinerary for Douglas Harman

Guests can relax and unwind in the Rose Spa that spreads over 1,500 m² and features heated seawater swimming pools, hot tubs, steam baths, saunas and various beauty treatments. Guests of the Hotel Kempinski Palace also have access to the exclusive Meduza Beach, located just 150 m away from the property and available at a surcharge.

2 à-la-carte restaurants provide contemporary interpretations of local and Mediterranean cuisine, while the various bars and lounges located throughout the property serve signature cocktails, champagne, fine pastries and an array of other light refreshment options. The rich breakfast buffet is served in the impressive Crystal Hall.

The Portorož Marina is 2 km away, while the Ljubljana Airport is at a distance of 140 km. Pula Airport can be reached in 90 km, while Venice Marco Polo Airport is 190 km away. Secure private parking is provided on site at a surcharge.