

# LJUBLJANA - GRADO



## TOUR DESCRIPTION

**A scenic and interesting cycling trip from the capital of Slovenia to the historic Italian seaside town of Grado**

**Cycling in Slovenia** starts in its capital and its largest city, **Ljubljana**. Attractive self-guided route meanders through scenic countryside and lovely small villages, passes the world famous **Postojna Caves and Predjamski Castle**. Leads through the **wine-rich Vipava Valley** which seem like cycling in a postcard, and you will absolutely love the beautiful Italian towns of Gradisco d' Isonzo and **Palmanova**. **UNESCO-listed Aquileia** will surely inspire you before you arrive to your final destination, the beautiful coastal town of **Grado in Italy**.

\*Cover Photo: Archive: [www.visitljubljana.com](http://www.visitljubljana.com) **Highlights**

Beautiful city of **Ljubljana**

Take a tour through the »**Queen of Caves**«, Postojna which celebrated its 200th anniversary in April 2018

Don't miss a visit to the interesting **Predjama Castle**

Oldest settlement in Karst region - **Štanjel**

UNESCO-listed **Aquileia** - immense early Roman Empire site

Historic **seaside resort** and port - **Grado, Italy**

## TOUR COURSE

Day 1

Individual arrival to Ljubljana

Discover this hidden gem of Europe. Ljubljana is a city with a green soul (European Green Capital 2016). It has preserved its small-town charm and, at the same time, can offer everything that all large capitals are able to. It has been marked by different historical periods (beautifully seen in its varied architecture), and you will discover many beautiful attractions however one of the main ones, and one not to be missed is, Ljubljana Castle; standing on a hill overlooking the city and its surroundings for about 900 years. (Hotel 3\*). \*Photo: Archive: [www.visitljubljana.com](http://www.visitljubljana.com)



Day 2

Ljubljana - Vrhnika (Approx. 40 Km And 420 Elevation M).

Leaving the capital you will ride through idyllic and quaint villages, cycling on quiet roads, surrounded by fields, green hills and farms. (Hotel 3\*, meals included: breakfast).



Day 3

Vrhnika - Postojna (Approx 45 Km, 750 Elevation M).

Another meandering cycling day which will lead you to Postojna, a place with two world class attractions; Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle. The world famous Queen of the Caves is simply awe-inspiring. Having formed over thousands of years, it has become one of most visited places in Slovenia. (Hotel 4\*, meals included: breakfast). \*Photo: Archive: [www.postojnska-jama.eu](http://www.postojnska-jama.eu)



Day 4

Postojna - Predjama Castle - Divača (approx. 42 km and 600 altitude metres).

First you will cycle to Predjama where you will find one of the most picturesque castles in Slovenia.

Predjama Castle is built into an overhanging rock in front of a karst cave hall that is connected with a cave system underneath the castle. The cycling tour continues on winding and fascinating landscape with great views to Nanos, a beautiful 12 km long and to 6 km wide karst limestone plateau. You will pass small and charming villages and arrive in Divača, your today's destination. (Hotel 3\*, meals included: breakfast). \*Photo of the Predjama castle, Archive:  
[www.postojnska-jama.eu](http://www.postojnska-jama.eu)





Day 5

Divača - Štanjel - Gradisca d'Isonzo (approx. 56 km and 483 altitude metres).

What a scenic day! You are first heading towards picturesque Štanjel. It is one of the oldest settlements in the Karst Region, known for its old village centre. You will enjoy peddaling along tranquil roads, admiring the nature on your way towards the Italian town Gradisca d'Isonzo. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful towns in Italy which was fortified by the Venetians as a bastion against Ottoman raids. Take the time to enjoy the atmospheric square and treat yourselves to a delicious Italian coffee. La dolce vita! (Hotel 4\*, meals included: breakfast). \*Photo of Štanjel: Archive of [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info)





Day 6

Gradisca d'Isonzo - Palmanova - Grado (approx. 45 km and 108 altitude metres).

Your last cycle day is truly glorious. First the cycle path takes you to star-fort citadel of Palmanova. But the highlight of today's cycle is, without doubt, the UNESCO-listed, ancient Roman city of Aquileia, a self-standing masterpiece of sacred art and historical treasure. From Aquileia you'll be heading down the spectacular Adriatic lagoon to the charming island town of Grado. The approach to (Sun Island) Grado is very dramatic. A long causeway crosses the lagoon from the mainland - similar to arriving in Venice, but with a much emptier landscape. You may well be tempted to spend an extra day here just relaxing on its sandy beaches, simply soaking up the lovely views over the sea to Croatia and Slovenia! Do make time to stroll the calli e campielli (lanes and courtyards) of the well-kept historic town. Benvenuti! (Hotel 4\*, meals included: breakfast). \*Photo: Archive: [www.promoturismo.fvg.it](http://www.promoturismo.fvg.it) (Archivio PromoTurismoFVG)







Day 7

Departure or extension. (Meals included: breakfast).

## **Price**

**Price per person (sharing a double room): 990 €**

### **What's included;**

6 overnights with breakfast in hotels 3\* and 4\* with en suite facilities

Maps & gps files for each cycling day tour

Luggage transfers between the hotels

Personal welcome meeting and bike fitting (if you rented bike with SloActive)

Telephone assistance during the trip

Organization and VAT

### **Optional supplements:**

Single accommodation 255 €

Single travel occupancy 190 € (only 1 person on a tour)

Bike rent 100 € (classic trekking bike Scott Sub 30 plus one bike (back) pannier). Bike rent includes Bicycle Repair Tool (puncture kit, spare inner tube, one set of Allen keys, one odometer, pump and one simple lock) - one set for two bikes. Bike rental starts on first cycling day (Day 2) at 8.30 am and ends on Day 6 at 6pm

Electric bike 275 € plus one bike (back) pannier)

Helmet 15 €

Airport transfers on request

### **What's not included;**

Arrival / departure to / from first / last hotel

Flight tickets

Travel insurance

Lunch's, dinners, drinks

Entrance fees

All other expenses that are not mentioned in what's included description

### **Accommodations;**

Mixture of 3\* and 4\* hotels & private guesthouse's with en suite facilities

### **Category:**

Moderate self guided cycling with some climbs

### **Key information;**

Cycling on 95% paved, 5% unpaved roads

### **Dates;**

Daily from 1st April to the end of OctoberBookInquiry