



THE HIDDEN BEAUTIES OF CROATIA & SLOVENIA

SEP 30 - OCT 10, 2024



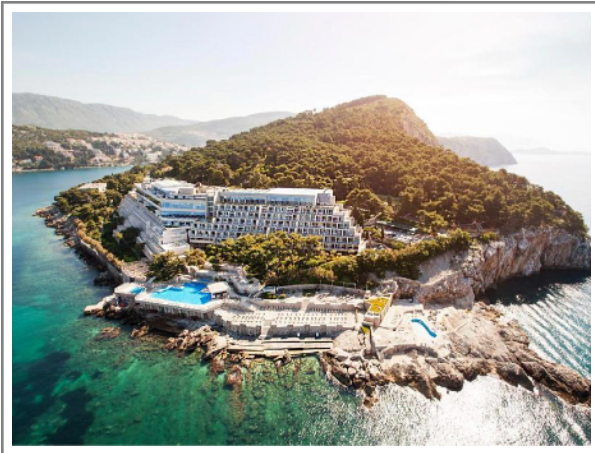
Take Me to Europe 2024 Group Tour

Discover stunning landscapes, taste gourmet delights and experience the top sights on this memorable trip that has been thoughtfully designed just for us. Come see why this area is rapidly growing in popularity. It has much to show off! Looking forward to our next travel adventure to Croatia & Slovenia.

Martha Norman

The Hidden Beauties of Croatia & Slovenia Tour Itinerary

ACCOMMODATIONS



DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Oct 1-3 (two nights)

Superior Sea View Rooms

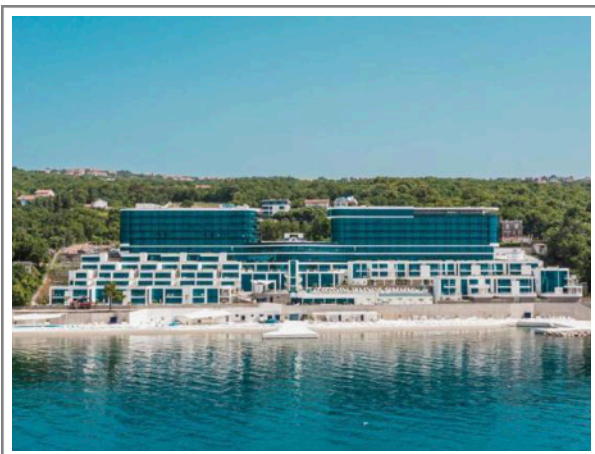


SPLIT, CROATIA

Cornaro Hotel

Oct 3-5 (two nights)

Superior Rooms



OPATIJA, CROATIA

Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta

Oct 5-6 (one night)

Superior Sea View Rooms



PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA

Kempinski Palace Portoroz

Oct 6- 8 (two nights)

Superior Rooms



LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Grand Hotel Union

Oct 8-10 (two nights)

Grand Deluxe Rooms

BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED EACH MORNING AT OUR TOUR HOTELS

Tour Itinerary

Monday, Sep 30

Departure day from the US for an overnight flight to Dubrovnik. To be arranged by tour participant.

Tuesday, Oct 1



Upon arrival into Dubrovnik Airport, please make your own way to the hotel.

Check in at [Dubrovnik Palace Hotel](#)

Welcome Reception- Bites and Drinks (Time Forthcoming - Late Afternoon)

Wednesday, Oct 2

Breakfast in our hotel

Dubrovnik Walking Tour

This morning is reserved for exploring and enjoying the Pearl of Adriatic - the old town Dubrovnik. The great George Bernard Shaw wrote, "Those who seek paradise on Earth must come to Dubrovnik!" Like many others, he was overjoyed by the beauty and rich history of this old town which is now under UNESCO protection. Its glorious walls, with their fortresses and bastions, offer a unique walk with view of the magical Elafiti Islands.



This special tour which starts from the Arcimon Tower, along the northern outer wall up to Fort Minčeta and the outstandingly presented foundry site, continues along the outer wall up to Fort Bokar - where a museum of Dubrovnik artillery will be established - and ends at the Na Andriji archaeological locality. A true cultural delicacy!

Later as you stroll, get an insider's view of the history of Dubrovnik, from the 11th century when a sea channel, in what is now Stari Grad, was filled in. Learn also about the other landmarks such as Fort Revelin and Fort Lovrijenac, the only fort that belongs to the city walls but is physically separated from them.

Free Afternoon at Leisure

Overnight in the Hotel

Thursday, Oct 3

Breakfast in our hotel

Private Transfer to Ston

Private Walking Tour of Ston

Ston in southern Dalmatia is by and large known for three things - its very well preserved town walls, its salt works, and its mussels.

The walls of Ston were built in 1333 when Ston became a part of the Republic of Dubrovnik. Their purpose was to defend the Republic and the peninsula. Originally 22, 965 feet, they consist of several parts; the Ston city walls, the Mali Ston city walls and the Big wall with its three forts. The walls were last used in the 19th century for defense of the city and salt pans, and today they are a priceless monument of immense architectural and cultural value.



In the small coast town of Ston, we will discover a quaint bay famous for the original European delicacy - succulent oysters! Enjoy a private oyster farm tour with a local farmer who will take us for a boat ride around the bay. Learn how the oysters are grown and taste them fresh from the sea! Then, on his private island, under the shade of pine trees, he will make us a special treat: mussels *alla buzzara*. Relax and savour this traditional Dalmatian dish prepared with nothing but olive oil and local herbs, all topped with homemade wine. *There will be other food options if you are not up to trying the oysters!*

Private Transfer to Split

Check in at [Cornaro Hotel](#)

Free Time at Leisure

Overnight in the Hotel

Friday, Oct 4

Breakfast in our hotel

The Best of Split Private Walking Tour



The unique 1700-years-old town of Split features a living monument of the Diocletian's Palace, included in the UNESCO's World Heritage list. A walk with our guide reveals the layers of history on every step and every magnificent landmark. The majestic square of Peristil rises above the mysterious substructures of the Palace; pretty Venetian *palazzi* encircle lively squares, while the colorful green market and a relaxing waterfront promenade create a cozy living room for the locals.

Free Time at Leisure

Overnight in the Hotel

Saturday Oct 5

Breakfast in our hotel

Private Transfer to Zadar

Zadar Private Walking Tour

Zadar is an ancient, partially walled old town full of beautiful historical architecture and excellent museums. The city holds a grandiose 9th-century church of St. Donatus, and an unbelievable contemporary work of art in the form of Sea organ, which allows visitors to enjoy the music the sea waves create when hitting the shore.

Group Lunch Included



Transfer to Opatija

Check in at [Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta](#)

This will be just an overnight stop to get us to our next destination but you will enjoy the decorative gardens and a scenic waterfront location. We will arrive late afternoon so you will be at leisure for dinner on your own and then we will be off the next morning.

Overnight in the Hotel

Sunday Oct 6

Breakfast in our hotel

Private Transfer to Rovinj



Olive Oil Tasting with Snacks

Olive oil production in Istria has a long manufacturing tradition which is run by autonomous olive makers. In fact, at the international exhibitions, Istrian olive oils are often awarded as being one of the best oils in the entire world. Therefore, if we're visiting Istria, we must take a tour of the Olive Oil roads and learn all the details concerning Istrian oil makers, olive growers, cellars and small taverns.

The Best of Rovinj Old Town Walking Tour

Rovinj is a town situated on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula, in Istria region. Together with town Poreč it is a tourist center of Istria, and among the top destinations on the Croatian coast. Once a harbor and fishermen's village, the picturesque city of Rovinj has less than 15.000 habitants but offers a unique combination of traditional and modern that attracts numerous visitors every year.



Private Transfer to Portorož

Check in at [Kempinski Palace Hotel Portorož](#)

Overnight in the Hotel

Monday Oct 7

Breakfast in our hotel

Visit of Sečovlje Sea Salt Pans

Sečovlje Salina Nature Park is marked with the centuries-old tradition of salt-making; from the Middle Ages till today it has created a unique salina landscape. Owing to its specific architectural and historical features as well as to the exceptional diversity of plants and animals (such as 270 species of birds), the 650 ha large area of once thriving salt-pans is today protected as a cultural monument and nature park. Salt is still produced traditionally, with classical salt-pan methods and tools, which is the reason why salt has retained its very special taste and exceptional characteristics.



Private Transfer to Piran

The Best of Piran Old Town Walking Tour



Our guide will start the tour at the entry of Piran Old Town. We will have a short walk by the sea first, where we can stop at any time to breathe in the sea breeze and fully embrace the Mediterranean spirit. We will continue our exploration towards the center of Piran, with the open Tartini Square as the town's core. Lastly, I suggest you wander the old streets, because nothing beats getting lost in beautiful places.

Private Transfer to our Hotel

Overnight in the Hotel

Tuesday Oct 8

Breakfast in our hotel

Visit Predjama Castle with Private Guide



The Predjama Castle reigns over the surrounding area, perched high up in a vertical cliff, 9 km from the Postojna Cave, in the idyllic village of Predjama. It is an interesting and romantic sight throughout the year: in the spring and the summer its surroundings are abundant with blossoms and flowers, in the autumn it is clad in the colors of surrounding forests and it is at its most enchanting in the winter when the surrounding area is covered in snow. It was referred to in writing for the first time in 1202.

Visit Postojna Cave with Private Guide

Postojna Cave is a fantastic web of tunnels, passages, galleries and halls. One of the most famous caves in the world, and one of the largest karst cave systems on earth, it is also Slovenia's greatest tourist attraction.

The temperature in Postojna cave is a constant 48°F with high humidity, so you can easily get cold. Warm and comfortable clothes and walking shoes are advised. Although there can be some dripping in the cave, the walking paths are not slippery.



Private Transfer to Ljubljana

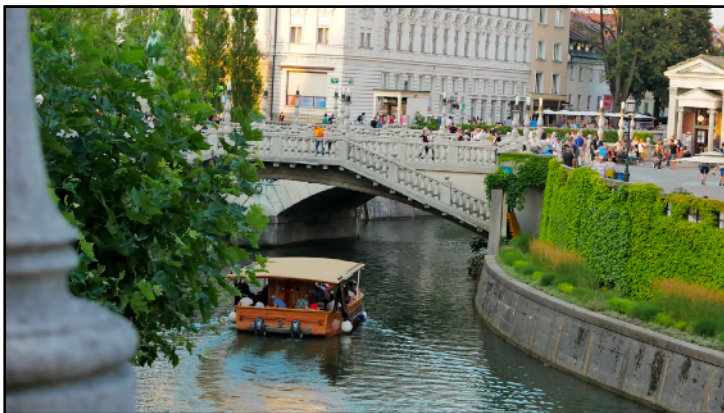
The Best of Ljubljana Old Town Walk



During our tour, we will see most of Ljubljana's main attractions. I just love this town! Our guide will explain to us Ljubljana's history and show us some of the nicest corners of Slovenia's capital: The Town Hall, a walking tour of Plečnik's architectural masterpieces, Križanke open-air theatre, the Napoleon monument, Central Food market, Prešeren Square, Congress Square, the Triple Bridge and the Dragon Bridge.

The old city centre of Ljubljana is remarkable for its unique architecture designed by Baroque and Art Nouveau masters and, above all, the architect Jože Plečnik.

Private Boat Ride on Ljubljanica River



No trip to Ljubljana is complete without taking a water-based tour, and the handmade wooden boat operated by the young team at Laker Craft is definitely the most inviting of all the crafts plying the waters of Ljubljanica river. A ride lasts just under an hour and covers the majority of the old town's major sights from a unique vantage point. The 10m flat-bottomed vessel is constructed of solid larch and oak wood and can host up to 50 people at a time.

Funicular ride to Ljubljana Castle

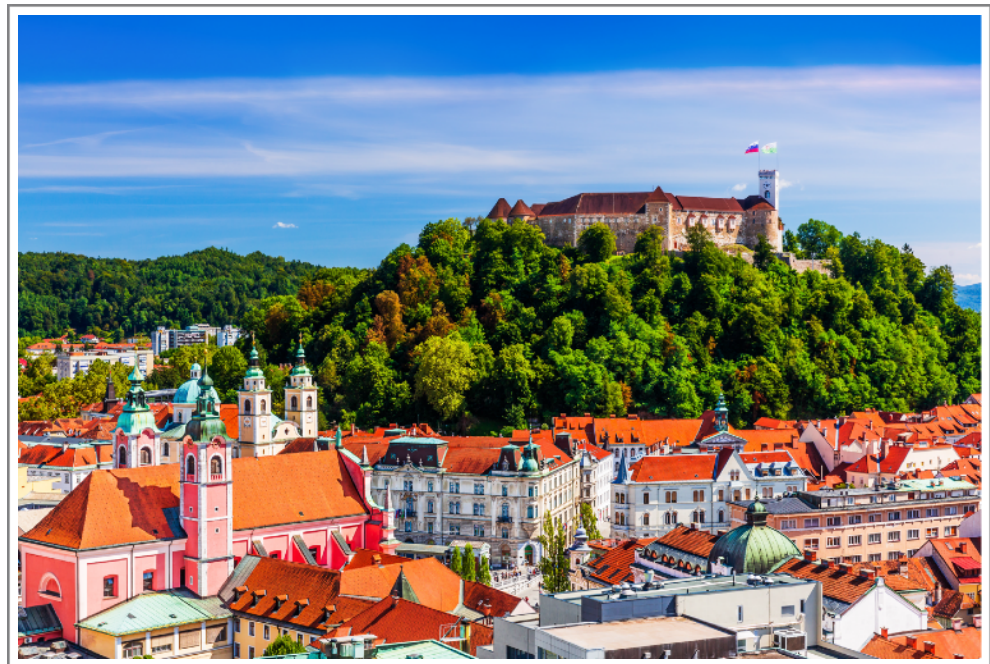


The idea, the desire and the need to build a funicular railway to connect the Ljubljana Castle with the old town centre date back more than a century.

The modern and unobtrusively designed funicular, which complements the traditional cultural identity of the Ljubljana Castle, is popular with both domestic and foreign visitors. It is particularly attractive during fine weather, when it offers spectacular views of the city, and it is indispensable as a fast and comfortable connection with the old town centre.

Visit to Ljubljana Castle

Ljubljana's most prominent landmark is Ljubljana Castle, which has undergone numerous changes over its rich and dynamic history. In the company of a guide, we can take a virtual tour called Virtual Castle, visit the Outlook Tower and the castle's prison, and can view the exhibition Slovenian History. Our guide will also take us around



other parts of the castle and show us an early 19th century well with a wooden treadwheel crane for hoisting water, which is still operational today. This is a wonderful opportunity for photo enthusiasts, as it offers magnificent panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.

Overnight in the [Hotel Grand Union](#)

Wednesday Oct 9

Breakfast in our hotel

Private Transfer to Lake Bled

Taste the Famous Bled Cream Cake

The original Bled cream cake is a recognizable feature of Bled that you simply must try when you come here. Despite the recipe being 60 years old, this sweet treat remains eternally fresh and youthful in its flavor. More than 12 million pieces of this dessert have been sold in Lake Bled so far.



Private "Pletna" Boat Ride to Bled Island

Take a trip across the lake in the traditional Pletna boat and breathe in the atmosphere. We will experience a private boat ride to the island of Bled. What is a "Pletna" boat? It is a traditional boat made by the locals which is only known for Bled. The origins of the Pletna boat go back to 1590. The Pletna boat is a wooden flat-bottom boat with a pointed bow and the stern widened with a step to enable passengers to enter.

The Pletna boat is operated by the Pletna oarsman. This profession is highly respected as it cannot be performed just by anyone. The title of the Pletna oarsman was handed down from generation to generation. This is a must-try.

Visit Bled Island, the Church, the Wishing Bell and the Tower - Bled Island



The most recognizable symbol of the lake is this island and the Church of the Assumption with its long and diverse history. What is more, the lush greenery also hides other interesting island buildings, like the bell-tower, the church, the chaplain's house, the provost's house and some mysterious legends. If you're lucky, you might witness a wedding on this island. And as far as the wishing bell goes... well, superstitious or not, make a wish and ring away!

Visit to Bled Castle - Bled Castle

The mighty Bled Castle offers the finest views of Bled island, the town of Bled and the wider countryside of Upper Carniola region. We will have our included lunch at the Bled Castle.

Farewell Lunch

Overnight in the Hotel



Thursday Oct 10

Breakfast in our hotel

The hotel reception will be available to arrange a taxi for you to the Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU)- to be paid by tour participant. Please arrive in ample time before your flight departure.

Terms and Conditions

Tour Price: 4205€ per person in a shared room

These are land only prices. You will be responsible to purchase your airline ticket.

Choose a multi destination ticket option departing the USA on **Monday, Sep 30, 2024** for an overnight flight and arrive into **Dubrovnik (DBV)** on **Tuesday, Oct 1**. Book your returning flight on **Thursday, Oct 10, 2024** from **Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU)**.

Please feel free to send your proposed flight schedule for review to martha@takemetoeurope.com before purchase if you have any questions. Flight recommendations can be provided upon request.

The Hidden Beauties of Croatia & Slovenia Tour Includes:

- Hotel accommodations including breakfast, all service charges, taxes and tips
- Food: welcome reception with finger food and drinks, 3 lunches, olive oil tasting with snacks, Bled cake
- Hotel porters in & out who handle your luggage
- Private English speaking certified guide for the tour
- All transportation as mentioned in the program by private motor coach with air-conditioning, toilet, including tolls, taxes, parking fees, driver's expenses
- Sightseeing as per stated itinerary along with entrance fees
- All tips to hotel staff, guide and driver
- Whisper Headsets

Not included in Tour Price:

- Airfare. This is a land only tour price. Tour participants are responsible to purchase airline tickets.
- Meals that are not stated as included in the itinerary.
- Any activities such as shopping, admissions, concerts, or museum visits not included in the above list of covered expenses.
- Any charges incurred for special individual services or incidentals will be paid by the tour participant to the hotel.
- Any transportation for the activities the client might choose during leisure time and not specifically included in the tour.

Why not set a US dollar price now? Due to the possible fluctuation of the dollar between now and when the payment is due, the tour price must be set with the Euro. A statement will be mailed to you 10 days in advance of each payment due with estimated current exchange rate in US dollars.

Deposit and Payment Deadlines

- **A deposit of \$800 per person** is required to hold space for the tour.

This will be applied to the full price of the tour. **The tour will be filled in the order the deposit and registration forms are received.**

- A signed copy of the **Terms and Conditions Form** (next to last page of this document)
- **Application Form**- last page of this document

Payment can be made by check payable to:

Take Me To Europe
3103 Poplar Place
Sugar Land, TX 77479

or Zelle - martha@takemetoeurope.com (EASIEST)

Please note that you have the option to pay by credit card with Pay Pal but there will be an additional 3% charge as the price quoted for the tour is a cash only price.

After the deposit is made, your remaining balance will be divided into two payments:

- First payment due by March 30, 2024**
- Second payment due by June 30, 2024**

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- *From time of deposit until 101 days prior to departure date: a \$175 penalty will be charge for cancellation.
- *Cancellations 100-71 days prior to departure date: 25% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC
- *Cancellations 70-46 days prior to departure date: 50% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC
- *Cancellations 45-16 days prior to departure date: 75% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe, LLC
- *Cancellations 15 days or less before departure date or no-show: 100% of package rate retained by Take Me to Europe
- *No refunds will be made to tour participants for unused package services once travel arrangements begin.
- *If Take Me to Europe, LLC for any reason whatsoever cancels the trip, all partial and/or full payments will be refunded in full without any further obligation on their part.

Safety and Responsibility

Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Take Me to Europe, LLC, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, subway, bus or other means of transportation; the forces of nature; political unrest; and accident or illness in areas without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Take Me to Europe, LLC will not be liable regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care rendered. It is understood that Take Me to Europe, LLC will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

Please note that handicapped facilities do not always exist in Europe therefore **passengers must be able to negotiate steps and be able to walk several miles each touring day without assistance or difficulty.**

It is each tour participant's responsibility to obtain the required travel documents. U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport for travel outside the US. **The U.S. State Department requires that your passport be valid 6 months from the date of your return.** Also recommended is registration with the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

Verify with your health insurance provider of coverage available while abroad. Take Me to Europe, LLC strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance that will provide a peace of mind with your travel investment.

Take Me to Europe, LLC is responsible to you in making arrangements for the services offered in the package itinerary. The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing package services are independent contractors and are not principals, agents, employees, partners, or joint ventures of Take Me to Europe, LLC. The tour participant agrees that Take Me to Europe, LLC shall not be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss) or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing package services, or any insurer or insurance administrator or any other person.

If the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of Take Me to Europe, LLC, Take Me to Europe, LLC will arrange for the provisions of comparable services, when possible.

Concerning: Travel Insurance

Travel insurance packages vary and are available to suit your comfort level from basic to comprehensive coverage. While some might just want additional medical coverage others may want to add cancellation and/or interruption insurance in the case you should need to return or delay your trip because of a medical need or other covered reasons.

The easiest way to decide what plan you may need for your trip is to talk directly to the travel insurance company. Of course, you may decide to take the risk of not purchasing a policy at all - that is your call to make.

You are strongly encouraged to check your current health plan to see what is covered overseas in case a medical need should arise. Most travel insurance companies have a very affordable "medical benefits only" policy. This would not, however, cover your tour cost if cancellation penalties exist.

Hopefully by talking directly with a company representative, you will be better able to make a decision concerning travel insurance that works best for you. Since **Take Me to Europe** does not sell travel insurance or gain any compensation from Travel Guard, you are welcome to explore other travel insurance companies.

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this Tour

Signature of Participant #1 _____

Signature of Participant #2 _____

Date of Contract _____

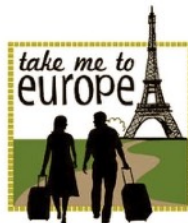
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Application Form – Please print clearly

Client Name: _____ 2) _____
Last Name First Name Last Name First Name

3) _____ 4) _____
Last Name First Name Last Name First Name

Address: _____
Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Type of Sale: Tour Name (_____) **Sale Amount:** _____

Travel Dates: ____/____/____ **Travel Dates:** ____/____/____ **Form of Payment:** _____
Departure Return

Travel Verification: (Signature REQUIRED)

I, _____, have reviewed the dates, times, and reservations made on my behalf by *Take Me to Europe, LLC* and I agree that they are correct and accurate. I understand that *Take Me to Europe, LLC* is not responsible for any cancellation, errors or omissions on my behalf or on the behalf of vendors providing travel services as a result of this reservation.

Date: ____/____/____ Client Signature: _____

Trip Insurance Notification: (Signature REQUIRED)

Trip insurance is strongly recommended by *Take Me to Europe, LLC* to protect clients from certain situations that could cause this trip to be cancelled, interrupted, and/or delayed resulting in a loss of time and monies.

I will not purchase trip insurance. I understand that *Take Me to Europe, LLC* has no protection coverage for tour participants included in the tour price to protect itself or tour participants themselves, and the tour members intentionally assume the many risks inherent in international travel.

Date: ____/____/____ Client Signature: _____

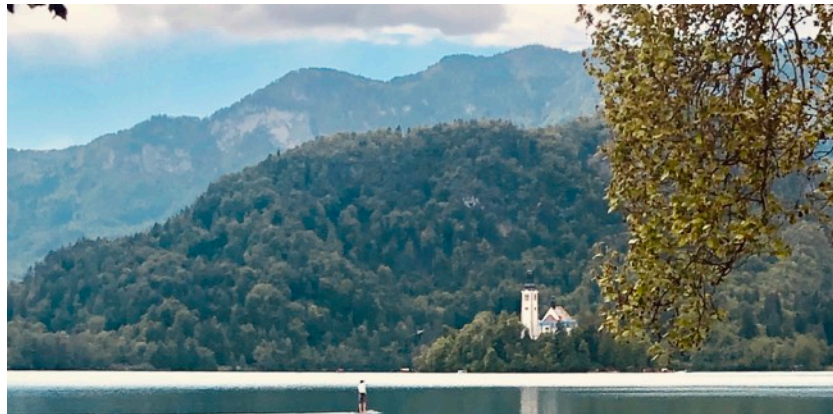
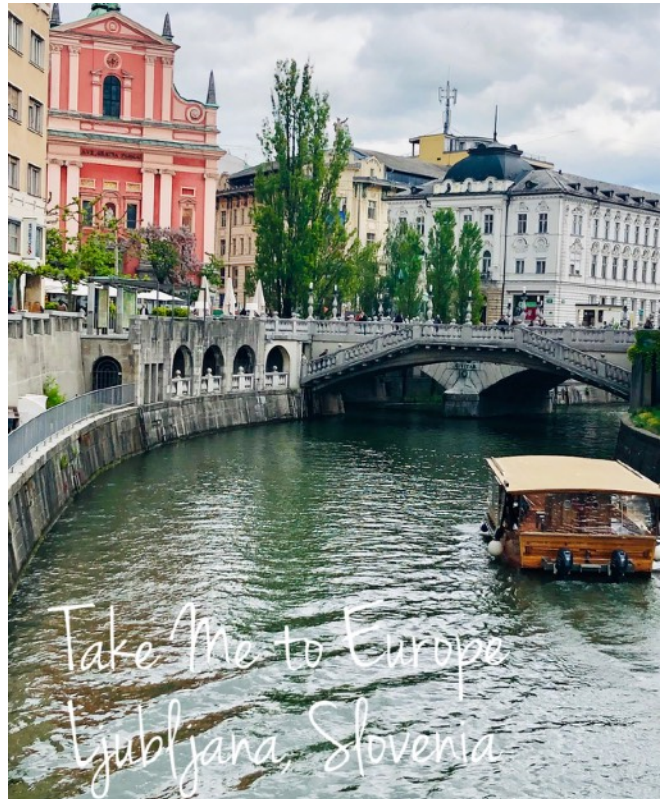
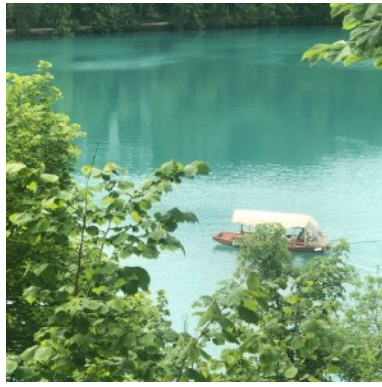
I will secure trip insurance. I understand that *Take Me to Europe, LLC* is not liable for any act or omission of any insurer or insurance administrator from which you purchase trip insurance.

Date: ____/____/____ Client Signature: _____

Cancellation Penalties: (Signature REQUIRED)

I understand the cancellation/amendment policies of the travel program that I have purchased. In addition, I understand that *Take Me to Europe, LLC* will assess a cancellation fee as a result of any changes/cancellation of this transaction as stated per the Terms and Conditions Agreement Form. I agree to pay all charges, fees, or penalties, and hereby hold *Take Me to Europe, LLC* free of any claims made as a result of the changes/cancellation of this travel reservation.

Date: ____/____/____ Client Signature: _____



SOME PHOTOS FROM MY SLOVENIA TRIP

