

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SLOVENIAN WINE



Styria is known for its white wine, for the Pohorje Plateau and for pumpkin seed oil. The incentive program starts in Maribor, the second largest Slovenian city, which grows the oldest vine in the world. Following an oldtimer drive through rolling hills planted with vineyards, the guests can enjoy a wide selection of outdoor activities on the Pohorje Plateau. They are then invited on an authentic Panamanian experience with the opportunity to taste premium wines grown in the wine region of Styria. This incentive program is thus your beginner's guide to Slovenian wine.









PROGRAMME DAY 1

EVENING	MEET AND GREAT, TRANSFER TO MARIBOR
ACCOMMODATION	HOTEL HABAKUK 5*



ARRIVAL TO MARIBOR AIRPORT

The Adria Airways service from London Southend Airport to Maribor will operate on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from June through until October 2015.

LONDON - MARIBOR		
1 2 - 4	20:10	23:05
MARIBOR - LONDON		
1 2 - 4	18:20	19:25

Another option to visit Slovenia is to fly to the capital city of Ljubljana. Adria Airways offers direct flights from London Gatwick to Ljubljana on Wednesday and Sunday. EasyJet flights are available daily from London Stansted to Ljubljana airport.



MARIBOR

Maribor is the second largest Slovenian city, nestled in the embrace of the green Pohorje Mountains on one side and the picturesque wine-growing hills on the other. The city is located by the Drava River and in its centre grows the oldest – over 450 years old – vine in the world.

The city has one of the best-equipped convention hotels in the country. Other important advantages of Maribor are its top quality cultural programmes, authentic cuisine and wine as well as a wide selection of activities in unspoiled nature.









HABAKUK HOTEL 5*

Habakuk Hotel is a luxury hotel situated in the beautiful natural environment at the Pohorje foothills, only a short drive from Maribor. There are 137 elegant and comfortably furnished rooms with a total of 277 beds.

The Habakuk Congress Centre is equipped with the most technologically up-dated equipment to carry out all kinds of congresses, conferences and seminars.

Besides enjoying in hotel pools, saunas and fitness studio, hotel guests can also have relaxing massages at the Beauty Spa Centre.

Distance from Maribor Airport: 20 minutes













PROGRAMME DAY 2

MORNING	SEIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MARIBOR
LUNCH	"THE THREE PONDS" RESTAURANT
AFTERNOON	OLD TIMER TOUR THROUGH THE VINEYARDS
DINNER	ROZMARIN RESTAURANT



SEIGHTSEEING TOUR OF MARIBOR

Maribor and its Old Town captivate the guests with cultural-historical sights and the warm hospitality of the locals. Among Maribor's main attractions are wonderful city squares with notable buildings, Lent with the oldest grape vine in the world and the City Park with three ponds.







LUNCH AT "THE THREE PONDS"

With a tradition of 300 years and a beautiful wine cellar, restaurant »The Three Ponds« is situated in the magnificent surrounding of Maribor's park. The restaurant, also named 'Klicek', is the oldest inn in Maribor and operates continuously since the year 1825. Their menu is based on traditional Slovenian and regional recipes with a touch of modernity in the preparation and presentation of dishes. Accompanying the dishes is a selection of Slovenian wines with an emphasis on regional wine producers.







OLDTIMER TOUR THROUGH VINEYARDS

For a memorable ride through Slovenia, we invite you on an oldtimer rally through the Stryian vineyards. The oldtimers are privately-owned by individual collectors. All are well-maintained and carefully checked out by a team of vintage car specialists.

Before departure, the guests receive a roadbook guiding them from Maribor first to the medieval city of Ptuj. The oldest city in Slovenia, Ptuj is today a city of wine cellars and thermal springs. The roadbook then guides the guests along Slovenian wine routs, passing Ormož to the hart of Jeruzalem wine hills.















DINNER & WINE TASTING AT ROZMARIN RESTAURANT

Rozmarin or Rosmary in English, is a new chic Slovenian restaurant in the city centre of Maribor. Expanding in 3 levels Rozmarin has a restaurant with a show kitchen, vine cellar, vine bar, a cafe and a bar extending to the street. In its modern, urban ambient the guest can enjoy the culinary delights of fresh, seasonal and light Mediterranean food with a Styrian touch.

In Rozmarin's wine cellar the guests can indulge in wines from the best Slovenian wine producers and wine cellars from all viniferous regions of Slovenia.













PROGRAMME DAY 3

MORNING	ADRENALINE TIME: ALTITUDE POLYGON
LUNCH	PICNIC IN NATURE
AFTERNOON	ADVENTURE TIME: MONSTER ROLLERS
DINNER	DVERI PAX WINE CELLAR



ADRENALINE TIME ON POHORJE

The Pohorje Hills is a world of extensive forests, hidden lakes, wild gorges, waterfalls and wonderful plains. It offers a wide array of activities for guests to pump their adrenaline. On the Altitude Polygon Pohorje the participants can test themselves climbing the pillar of courage, walking along gangways and a steel cable, climbing over tires and hanging nets. Pillar of courage is an 8 meters high pillar. The guest climb up, stand on the top and without any kind of help around, then just jump and let yourself go!

When using the giant swing, the team lifts the first participant 8 meters high off the ground, from where on the giant swing swings the one over with a wonderful view of Maribor.









PICNIC IN NATURE

In the countryside, overlooking the city of Maribor, the guests are invited for an exclusive picnic. The guests are offered a picnic gear together with a refreshing and delicious snack. The guests can treat themselves with traditional Slovenian dishes as well as those of the Pohorje region.





ADRENALINE TIME ON POHORJE

Monster roller represents a special scooter, adapted for adrenaline rides on forest terraine.

The guests are invited to put on a helmet, protective clothing and experience a daring downhill run from the top of Pohorje to the valley below!







DVERI PAX WINE CELLAR

Dveri Pax renovated the 200—year—old building of Jarenina Manor to open one of most modern wine cellars in Slovenia. Wines were already being produced in the castle cellar of Jarenina Manor by the Benedictines as early as 1139. Today the wonderfully arched Jarenina Manor offers a comfortable surrounding for wine-tasting events for up to 80 guests.

The Dveri Pax wines reflect the outstanding vineyard locations, experience and growing procedure harmonized with time and nature. On offer are Riesling, Pinot Gris, Yellow Muscat, Traminer, Sauvignon, Chardonnay etc.













PROGRAMME DAY 4

MORNING	TIMBER RAFTING TRIP ON THE DRAVA RIVER
LUNCH	FLORJAN RESTAURANT
AFTERNOON	DEPARTURE TO AIRPORT



TIMBER RAFTING TRIP

In old times the Drava was the main transport link and rafters docked here when they transported timber from the forests of Pohorje and Kozjak all the way down to Osijek and Belgrade. The guests can get the genuine feel of the past by going on a safe tour on the Drava river with exact replicas of old timber rafts. The program includes a presentation of river Drava timber rafting in past times, rafter's Baptism of one of the guests, rafter's snack and coffee.







FLORJAN RESTAURANT

Florjan Restaurant was home to the first large bakery in Maribor as well as the first lamp in this part of the continent. Today this stylish place has an open front and an enclosed back terrace and a large minimalist restaurant in between. It serves rather inspired Slovenian dishes, intertwined with Mediterranean cuisine and a touch of Styria.

After lunch departure to airport.









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