



AGENCIJA

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INCOMING TOURIST AGENCY

Brda • Soča Valley • Vipava Valley • Karst and Coastal region • Friuli - Venezia Giulia

WELCOME TO BRDA, THE LAND OF FINE WINES,
DELICIOUS FRUITS, BEAUTIFUL VIEWS
AND RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE



01. WINE AND GASTRONOMY

GONJAČE – ŠMARTNO – DOBROVO – MEDANA

The trip starts at the **LOOKOUT TOWER IN GONJAČE** that fascinates with marvelous views over hilly Brda landscape all the way to **THE ADRIATIC SEA**. A walk through **THE PICTURESQUE VILLAGE OF ŠMARTNO** takes us back into days when the village was an important **MILITARY FORT ON THE AUSTRIAN-VENETIAN BORDER**. Tasting of **HOME CURED HAM AND OTHER LOCAL DELICACIES** with a glass of Rebula wine, the indigenous wine of Goriska Brda area. Visit of the **RENAISSANCE CASTLE IN DOBROVO** with an exhibition of the **WORLD FAMOUS PAINTER ZORAN MUSIC**. The last owner of the castle was **COUNT SILVERIO DE BAGUER**, a Spanish diplomat. A short walk to one of the **LARGEST WINE CELLARS IN SLOVENIA**. Guided tour with **WINE TASTING**.



02. THE LAND OF WHITE CHURCHES AND BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

KOJSKO – ŠMARTNO – GRADNO – VRHOVLJE PRI KOŽBANI – GOLO BRDO

Short walk to the Church of the Holy Cross in Tabor with one of the **OLDEST GOTHIC ALTARS IN SLOVENIA FROM 1515**. We continue towards the **MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF ŠMARTNO** with the majestic Church of St. Martin, where you can find the frescoes painted by Slovene artist Tone Kralj. The village offers spectacular views of the surrounding hills, scattered by villages and white churches. We pass the **OLDEST OLIVE GROVE IN BRDA** and reach the Church of St. George where Stations of the Cross were painted by a world-renowned painter **ZORAN MUŠIČ** and part of the painting is the work of artist **LOJZE SPACAL**. Another attraction are **FRESCOS FROM THE 15TH CENTURY** with the images of angels with various instruments in the Church of Saint Andrew. Lunch on the Tourist Farmstead.



03. PASSING THROUGH THE PEACE PARK TO THE VALLEY OF STREAM KOŽBANJŠČEK

SABOTIN – VEDRIJAN – GRADNO – KRČNIK

The trip starts on the hill of **SABOTIN** (609 m), known for its **MARVELOUS VIEWS** and certainly worth a visit. **MEMORIAL OPEN-AIR PARK** commemorates the First World War, when Sabotin was a scene of fighting between the Austrian – Hungarian and Italian armies. We visit the **SMALL MUSEUM** and explore the **UNDERGROUND SYSTEM OF CAVERNS DUG BY SOLDIERS**. Descending through the hilly landscape we pass the **OLDEST OLIVE GROVE IN BRDA** and **TASTE OLIVE OIL**. We continue to the **WEST OF BRDA**, which have a completely different character. Here we enter the valley of the stream **KOŽBANJŠČEK** and explore its natural treasures: **PICTURESQUE GORGE** and **NATURAL BRIDGE**, which ranks as one of the most beautiful ones in Slovenia. Late lunch with **SEASONAL DISHES**.



01. ALPE ADRIA TRAIL - OVER UNDULATING HILLS OF BRDA TO CORMONS (COLLIO)

DOBROVO – ŠMARTNO – KOZANA – MEDANA – KRMIN

We visit the late **RENAISSANCE CASTLE IN DOBROVO**. We proceed on foot along the valley and climb to the **LOOKOUT TOWER IN GONJAČE**, which offers a unique view over the wine region of Brda. Through the vineyards we reach the **MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF ŠMARTNO**, surrounded by walls with towers. Here you can taste a **HOME CURED HAM AND OTHER HOMEMADE DELICACIES**. We continue towards the village Kozana. Through the vineyards, orchards and olive groves we reach Medana, one of the most famous villages of Brda. Short rest to enjoy the last panoramic views before continuing until **CORMONS**, the heart of the wine region **COLLIO**.
WINE TASTING WITH REFRESHMENT.



01. THE EMERALD VALLEY OF THE SOCA RIVER WITH THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE KOLOVRAT

KOBARID – KOLOVRAT – BRDA

In Kobarid we visit the **MUSEUM OF THE WW1**, which illustrates some events from the **ISONZO FRONT**. We drive to the ridge of **KOLOVRAT** (1243m), renowned for its panoramic views. There we visit the **OUTDOOR MUSEUM**, where used to be the third line of the Italian defense. Descend towards Brda on bike. In Vrhovlje village we enter the wine region of Brda and are presented by the **SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE HILLY LANDSCAPE**. We climb to the **OUTLOOK TOWER** and continue to the nearby **VILLAGE OF ŠMARTNO**, which ranks as one of the **MOST BEAUTIFUL CULTURAL MONUMENTS** in Slovenia. **LOCAL DELICACIES LUNCH WITH A GLASS OF REBULA WINE**, the indigenous wine of Goriska Brda.



01. TRIESTE, THE CAPITAL OF COFFEE

DUINO – TRIESTE – SISTIANA – RILKE TRAIL

We reach the city of Trieste, **THE MAIN PORT OF THE AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE**. After visiting the Basilica of San Giusto we follow the path along the ancient monuments, which takes us into the heart of the old town. We pass the **ROMAN THEATRE** to reach the **PIAZZA UNITÀ**. The main square faces the Adriatic Sea and is **ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SQUARES IN EUROPE**. Surrounded by magnificent palaces we have a taste of the original **TRIESTE COFFEE** in one of the oldest coffee shops. We continue by **TRAMWAY** uphill to reach the Karst Plateau. We stop at the local winemaker's cellar. **TASTING OF INDIGENOUS WINE VARIETIES**, such as Vitovska and Teran. We continue to Sistiana and have a walk along the **RILKE TRAIL**, following the top of the cliff and enjoying a scenic **VIEW OF THE GULF OF TRIESTE**.



02. CIVIDALE DEL FRIULI, THE ANCIENT LOMBARD TOWN

CIVIDALE DEL FRIULI – CASTELMONTE – COLLI ORIENTALI

We cross the **DEVIL'S BRIDGE**, one of the symbols of Cividale del Friuli, and reach the center of Cividale, former **ROMAN FORUM**. We visit the famous **LOMBARD TEMPLE FROM THE 8TH CENTURY**, listed on the World Heritage List of **UNESCO**. In the Christian museum we admire the **PEARLS OF THE LOMBARD SCULPTURE**. Then we descend into the **CELTIC UNDERWORLD**, unexplainable mysterious place built in the rocky bank of the river Natisone. On the **PAUL DEACON SQUARE** we admire beautiful painted facades of houses and proceed for the **SANCTUARY CASTELMONTE**, the oldest of the Friuli. **TASTING OF THE "SCHIOPETTINO"**, LOCAL WINE.

VISIT ALSO VENICE (UNESCO), AQUILEIA (UNESCO), GRADO, ...



03. MYSTERIOUS KARST

PLISKOVICA – PLISKA TRAIL – ŠTANJEL

In Pliskovica on Karst Plateau we visit **MORE THAN 400 YEARS OLD KARST HOMESTEAD**. The local guide takes us along Pliska trail, where we learn about **LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE KARST**, AS WELL AS **NATURAL AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS OF THE KARST**. We visit the **STONECUTTER**, who still maintains the tradition of stone processing. We stop on the tourist farmstead where we taste some **TYPICAL KARST DELICACIES WITH A GLASS OF TERAN WINE**, the indigenous wine of this area. We also visit the **PEARL OF THE KARST STONE VILLAGES, ŠTANJEL** village. Visit of the gallery of the world famous artist **LOJZE SPACAL** and Ferrari gardens.

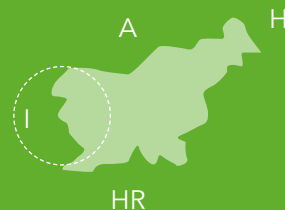
VISIT ALSO LJUBLJANA, PIRAN, BLED, BOVEC, ...

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