

**SOUTHERN SKY
ADVENTURES**
AFRICA...IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

BASKETBALL TOUR OF SLOVENIA & CROATIA

14 Days | 13 Nights

Ljubljana | Kranjska Gora | Nova Gorica | Zadar | Sibenik | Split | Zagreb



This trip will combine the best of both worlds, from a basketball and a tourist point of view.

Slovenia offers a huge amount of sightseeing opportunity, but the fact that is mind-blowing, is that a country with a population of only 2 million people, is producing world class sportsmen and teams. Among them there are also Goran Dragič and Luka Dončić #MVP of the NBA.

On this tour you will receive insights and background information on how these kinds of players were developed in Slovenia and Croatia. You will have the opportunity to speak to and learn from the experts of Slovenian and Croatian basketball, who had a huge impact on basketball in the Balkans. The most important thing is that you will be able to learn about the mindset, development, training procedure, tactics and methods of Slovenian basketball players and their national team, which has achieved a few stunning successes over the past few years – European Champions and 4th place in the Tokyo Olympics.

Besides the basketball part of the trip, you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy both Slovenia and Croatia for the culture-rich countries that they are. You will get to explore major tourist attractions in Slovenia, such as Ljubljana, Bled Lake, Postojna Cave, Soča river and in Croatia; Split, Zadar, Kornati national park, Plitvice lakes, Zagreb. If you are traveling at the right time, we can also organize some friendly games against the local national teams, clubs or universities, while traveling across Slovenia and Croatia.



HIGHLIGHTS

Walking tour of the
charming old city center
of Ljubljana

The Queen of the
Underground World –
Postojna Cave

Visit the iconic Bled Lake

Soča river activities

Boat ride on Croatian
coast

Exploring Zadar

Plitvice lakes

Dražen Petrovič museum

Bunch of team building
activities

Basketball training camp
in one of the Slovenian
“Olympic centrums”

Lectures with the
specialists on Balkan
basketball

Training course with the
coaches of former or
current Slovenian and
Croatian national team



DAY 1 : SLOVENIA - LJUBLJANA

Meet and greet your guide at the airport.

From here we head directly to the hotel, where we will have some time to freshen up before we explore the city center of Ljubljana.

The old city center has a unique architectural appearance, particularly due to its mixture of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture with masterful creations by the 20th century architect, Jože Plečnik.

Welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2 : LJUBLJANA

After breakfast we will continue our journey across Ljubljana. The funicular will take us to the Castle of Ljubljana situated above the town. Time to admire the magnificent view which, on a sunny day, stretches all the way to the Alps. We will take some free time for lunch and to explore Ljubljana on our own afterwards.

In the afternoon we are going to visit the playground of Luka Dončić and its newly renovated basketball court.

Possible 3x3 game, or three-point shoot-out, to begin our basketball chapter in Slovenia.

Dinner and overnight in Ljubljana.





DAY 3 : KRANJSKA GORA

After Breakfast we will drive to the Olympic sport centrum - Kranjska Gora.

This is one of the places where the Slovenian national basketball team and clubs from all over Europe hold their training camps.

Accommodation, lunch, time to rest and then – action. Our Basketball training camp begins with an afternoon training session.

While you are staying in Kranjska Gora, you will be able to sleep, eat, train and relax the same as the Slovenian national team.



DAY 4 : KRANJSKA GORA

Full day of training camp.

Training in the morning.

Training or lecture from one of the Slovenian Basketball experts in the afternoon on various topics:

- Physical preparation
- Tactical preparation
- Pre-game training process
- Injury prevention
- Attack / Defense methods
- Game analysis and more





DAY 5 : KRANJSKA GORA

Basketball & non-basketball activities in the area

Including:

- A walk to nearby Lake Jasna
- Paddle boating
- Exploring the area by bicycle



DAY 6 : KRANJSKA GORA – PLANICA VALLEY

Basketball training in the morning.

After lunch we will visit the nearby Planica valley that is famous for one of the world's biggest ski jumps.

We recommend doing the zip-line from the top of the ski jump as a group activity.

Afterwards we can visit a sprig of the Sava river, the biggest Slovenian river, or you can take some time to relax next to Lake Jasna.

Dinner and overnight at Lake Jasna.





DAY 7 : KRANJSKA GORA

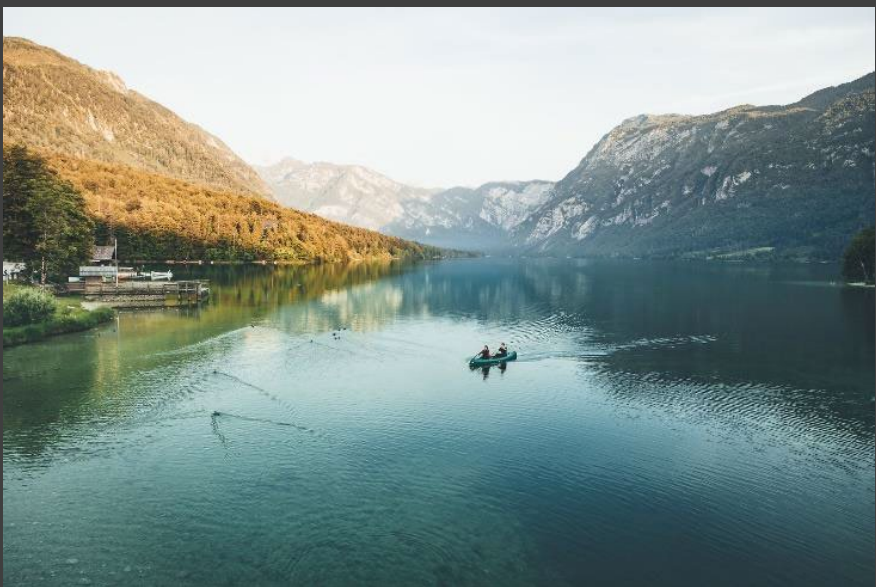
Possible training or lecture in the morning.

Afterwards we will head towards the western part of Slovenia to Lake Bled, which is one of the top attractions in Slovenia. We will take a stroll on the banks of Lake Bled and walk up to the ancient Bled Castle. The castle houses a museum with a printing workshop where the reconstructed Gutenberg's wooden printing press is displayed. The courtyard offers a majestic view of the lake and the surroundings. You can also enjoy tasting "kremšnita", the famous Bled cake.

Afterwards we will continue towards lake Bohinj. On our way we will stop for lunch and enjoy a typical Slovenian stew.

In the afternoon we are going to have a group activity on the biggest lake in Slovenia. We can go kayaking, take a hike to a nearby waterfall or take a cable car ride into the mountains and enjoy the incredible views.

In the evening we return to Kranjska Gora where we will enjoy dinner and overnight in the hotel.





DAY 8 : NOVA GORICA

Early breakfast before our morning drive over the Vršič pass (approx. 1,500m above sea level) and along the Soča Valley.

We will take a short hike to the spring of the Soča River or to the Kozjak waterfall.

We will stop in Kobarid, where we can hear all about World War I and the famous battle at the Isonzo Front - "Soška fronta".

We will visit "Od planine do Planike" dairy museum where the presentation of the history of cheese-making is followed by an unforgettable tasting of locally produced cheeses and milk products, including sourmilk with honey.

Later we can either drive to visit the Tolmin Gorge, where beautiful nature and water create magical colors and forms, or we can have an easy rafting group activity (which we strongly suggest).

Afterwards we will continue towards Nova Gorica, where we will have dinner and overnight.



DAY 9 : POSTOJNA CAVES

After breakfast we depart to the famous Postojna Cave - the only cave in the world that, for the last 140 years, offers a unique and adventurous cave-train ride which will take us into the cave, under spectacular underground arches that are embellished with chandelier look-alike stalactites, and through a beautiful subterranean world full of playful limestone sculptures.

We can also visit Predjama castle nearby, which is uniquely positioned in the cliffs comfortably nestled in its own cave.

In the evening we will arrive in Zadar - Croatia for dinner and overnight stay.



DAY 10 : ZADAR - ŠIBENIK

After breakfast we will explore the coastal city of Zadar - the capital of Byzantine Dalmatia, which boasts many different architectural aspects from the Roman times onwards.

We stroll through the Old City and see some major sights: Church of St. Donatus, Bishop's Palace and remains of the town square. Free time for individual sightseeing and shopping.

Afterwards we will depart towards Šibenik – the crib of Dražen Petrović. We will visit a basketball court, where Dražen was practicing every day when he was a child. The same basket still stands there today, reminding the local kids, that everything is possible if you put effort into it.

*Possible basketball seminar- training session or friendly game with the local team.

Overnight and dinner in the area.



DAY 11 : KONATI ISLANDS

After breakfast we will take a full-day boat cruise to the Kornati Islands National Park.

We will also try traditionally prepared Croatian seafood and everybody will get the opportunity to take a swim in the Adriatic Sea.

We will return from the sea in the afternoon for some free time to explore Šibenik at our own leisure.

Overnight in Šibenik.



DAY 12 : SPLIT

After Breakfast we head off to the coastal town of Split.

We visit the enormous Diocletian's Palace, which is the core central part of Split city. This is not just a mere monument to gaze at, but what makes it more interesting is that it is a living, breathing space riddled with café's, bakeries, bookshops and anything else you could think of.

We will take some free time to explore the city on our own.

In the afternoon, we will start with the basketball course with one of the Croatian basketball experts from the area.





DAY 13 : PLITVICE LAKES

After breakfast we continue towards Croatia's first national park – the Plitvice National Park.

The Park was established in 1949 and covers 296.85 square kilometers of breath-taking natural splendor.

It is the largest of eight national parks in Croatia.

The Park was added to the UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, due to its “outstanding natural beauty and undisturbed production of travertine (tufa) through chemical and biological action”.

The Park represents a phenomenon of *karst hydrology*, which is characterized by substantial groundwater/surface-water connections.

Late lunch/Early dinner in the local restaurant.

Travel to Zagreb for our last night's accommodation.



DAY 14 : END OF ITINERARY

After breakfast we take a tour of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.

We start our tour at the Ban Jelačić Square, and head to the Upper Town for a taste of Old Zagreb. We'll see the Cathedral, the City Museum, the Dolac Market, the Stone Gate, the Gallery of Naive Art and St Mark's Church.

We will also visit the Dažen Petrovič museum and memorial centrum followed by some free time.

In the afternoon we head towards Zagreb Airport where we say our farewells.

