

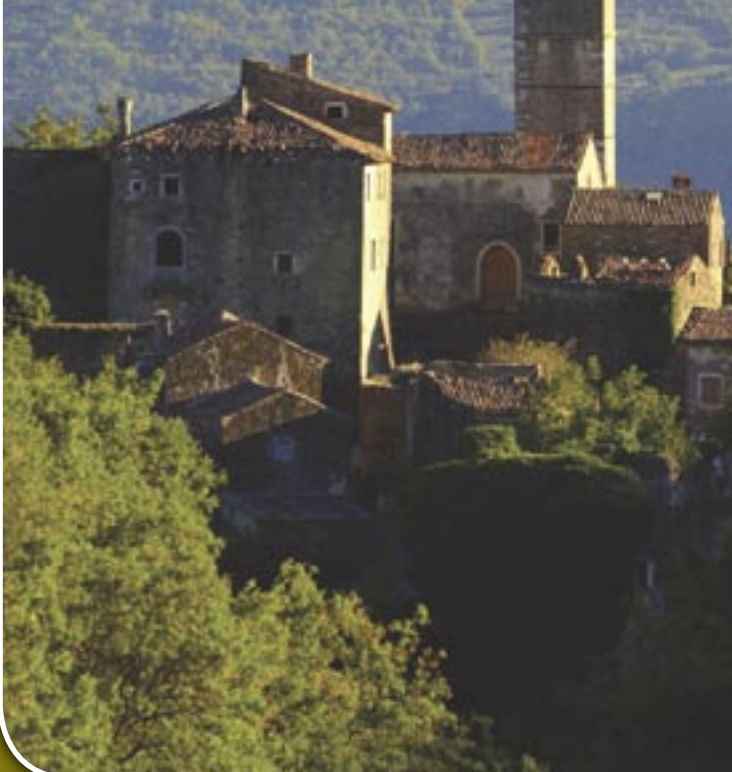
Just *Slovenia...*



THE SLOVENIA SPECIALIST'S NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR 2008

* SLOVENIA * * CROATIA *

AND NOW A TASTE OF CROATIA





* JUST SLOVENIA *
THE SLOVENIA SPECIALISTS

Exciting additions to our programme...

At Just Slovenia we are constantly on the lookout for new and interesting places to stay, sometimes we just happen upon them during our frequent travels to Slovenia and sometimes we hear about places quite literally 'on the grapevine'.

All of the following accommodation can be included in your personalised, tailor-made itinerary.

Call Penny, Janet or Nick for a chat and using our expert knowledge of the regions, accommodation and activities we will put together a holiday to suit you. On the following pages you will find some new places to try including: tourist farms, family run pensions, small boutique hotels and traditional wine cottages.



Tailor-made Holidays

Please note that the itineraries in our brochure are simply suggestions of how to get the most out of your trip to Slovenia. We will be delighted to combine different types of accommodation, areas and durations, in order to find just the right combination for you.

And now we are delighted to announce that you can include the beautiful Istrian region of Croatia in your holiday arrangements.



* WHAT'S NEW IN SLOVENIA *



Tourist Farms – we are always on the lookout to add to our selection of friendly, family run farms offering good food, wine, and wonderful scenery, here are a few more...

* TOURIST FARMS *

Medljan Farm, near Izola

There are two charming, rustic apartments at this friendly farm near the coastal town of Izola run by Tatiana. Both have lovely country views and share the garden and terrace. Tatiana's son runs the adjacent riding school that boasts some beautiful Lipizanner horses, and the Adriatic Sea is only 10 minutes drive away. There are many restaurants in Izola and Piran to try and early risers may find local fishermen selling their catch in Izola. You may also be able to buy salads and fruits from the farm. This is a great location for exploring the coast, the Karst region and even taking a day trip to Venice!



Moj Dom Farm, Jursinci

Surrounded by vineyards the Moj Dom Farm keeps its owners Marta and Simon busy with their high quality white wine production and teaching of traditional cookery (we can arrange cookery lessons and wine tasting). The farm offers comfortable accommodation and the surrounding area has plenty to explore and do. The historical town of Ptuj is very close, as are spa centres for swimming, the Jerusalem wine route and the hilly region of Pohorje for walking and cycling. In October Marta presides over the village festival, a great excuse to eat, drink and dance!



* SLOVENIA VINEYARD COTTAGES *



Traditional Vineyard Cottages – Slovenian families have used these small vineyard cottages for centuries as places to stay while they tend their vines. Now our guests can enjoy their lovely character and unique locations.



Matjazeva Cottage, Otocec

Located near the Krka River, this charming 150 year old house for 2 people has been lovingly restored and refurbished with authentic furniture including an original kitchen range, baker's oven and cellar where guests can pick up a bottle of the local rosé Cvček wine, seasonal fruits or salamis. A lovely modern addition is a sauna just off the bedroom! The owner Matjaz proudly promotes the heritage of the region and will gladly suggest places to visit, including: Kostanjevica na Krki, the Krka River Valley, Croatia, the Smarjeske spa resort and wonderful heritage trails through the Dolenjska and Bela Krajina area which you can do by car, walking or bike.

Rataj Cottage, Trska gora

This traditional vineyard cottage is situated amongst the Rataj family vineyards overlooking the Krka River Valley and its elevated position gives wonderful views of the surrounding countryside. Comfortably furnished with an open plan style it is an ideal hideaway for 2 people. There is plenty of outdoor space with a balcony upstairs and an outside seating area with BBQ. This is a great base to explore the Krka River Valley, the beautiful Bela Krajina region, and the many monasteries, spa resorts and wine routes of east Slovenia. A tasting of the owners Cvček wines can be arranged in the cellar below the house.





* HOTELS, PENSIONS & GUESTHOUSES *



Hotels, Pensions and Guesthouses – We are always looking for new and friendly places to be able to offer our guests and here are a few more we have found on our travels...

Hotel Bohinj, Lake Bohinj

This hotel is set in a quiet position just a short stroll from the shores of beautiful Lake Bohinj and is surrounded by the stunning alpine scenery of the Triglav National Park. The rooms are modern, very spacious and most have a balcony. There is a small restaurant serving breakfast and buffet-style evening meals, a sauna and an outdoor terrace perfect for a summer's evening drink. There are lots of activities to do in the area including; walking, kayaking, cycling, horse-riding, skiing in the winter, fishing during the season, as well as just enjoying the scenery.

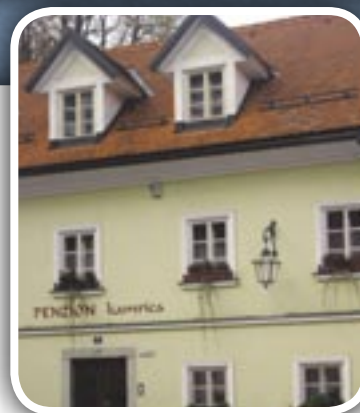


Pension Mayer, Lake Bled

This former farmhouse just above Bled town and the lake has become a beautifully crafted hotel with rustic charm as well as an excellent wine cellar and a restaurant with an enviable reputation – their mushroom soup is to die for! Your friendly host, Dietmar, will make you very welcome and, although the rooms are smallish, they are very comfortable. A five-minute walk will bring you to the lake-side gardens, restaurants and cafes of Bled town. There is plenty to explore around Lake Bled including the cliff-top castle, the island and church, or you can take a ride on a traditional Pletna boat.

Pension Kamrica, Kamnik

This friendly pension overlooks a small square in the medieval town of Kamnik, just north of Ljubljana. The rooms are a little old fashioned but comfortable. There is a seating area outside in the square where you can sit and enjoy a drink. The owner, Andreja, makes lovely breakfast pancakes! Kamnik is a quiet town with a few restaurants and cafes, but a wander around the cobbled streets and churches is well worth it. In the distance you can see the impressive Kamnik Alps. Close by is the Terme Snovik spa and the beautiful mountain plateau of Velika Planina with its traditional shepherds huts, amazing flora and fauna and lovely walks.



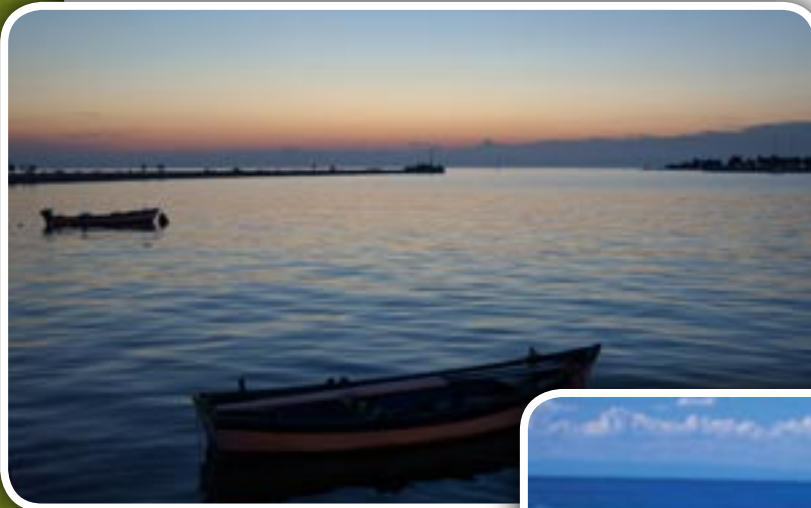


* A TASTE OF CROATIA *

ISTRIA, CROATIA



Whilst exploring the Istrian region of northern Croatia this year we found some delightful small hotels that we feel would be a perfect addition to any of our Slovenia holidays. Istria is very easy to reach from Slovenia as there are no restrictions on car travel between the two countries. To give you an idea of driving distances the journey from Ljubljana to Rovinj would take about 2.5 hours.



Motovun

This pretty hilltop medieval village with ancient cobbled streets and geraniums tumbling from window sills is a little gem. There are a handful of art galleries and tiny truffle shops – after all Istria boasts of being one of the best truffles regions in Europe! Frescos decorate many of the buildings and at the top of the hill you are rewarded with magnificent views of the surrounding countryside and vineyards. The annual Motovun Film Festival at the end of July draws quite a crowd including the occasional famous face. Some sights to explore in the area include; the city of Pazin described in Jules Verne's book "Mathias Sandorf" and Buzet the 'City of Truffles'.



Rovinj

With two busy harbours, a lively café atmosphere and lots of restaurants, the old town of Rovinj is a great place to stay for a few days of "people watching". Along the narrow cobbled streets you can explore the many art galleries and craft shops or you can sit in one of the large open squares and watch the local fishermen landing their catch. Water taxis take you out to the many offshore islands and the locals will tell you the best places to swim. Places to explore include; the cultural sights of Pula and the Brijuni Islands National Park – a nature-lovers paradise!

Novigrad

Lying on a limestone peninsular and actually an island until the 18th century, Novigrad has a fascinating history documented since 599AD and examples of its historical architecture can still be seen. This small and friendly town has an interesting harbour, a good selection of restaurants and cafes, a picturesque promenade around the city walls and although there are no beaches there are lots of places to swim. To the north of the main town is a pretty park area shaded with pine trees; there is also a lido area here with tennis courts, pizzeria, deckchairs and parasols. Places of interest nearby include; Limski Gorge – a protected landscape and underwater reserve and the Istrian thermal springs in the valley of River Mirna.





* ISTRIA, CROATIA *

Hotel Kastel, Motovun

The Erik family runs this delightful and friendly hotel. Perched on the top of the wonderfully picturesque medieval village of Motovun, it offers a tranquil retreat and beautiful views of the Istrian countryside. There are 28 comfortable ensuite rooms, a restaurant serving delicious regional wines and seasonal dishes (including the region's famous black and white truffles) and on warm summer nights you can choose to eat on the terrace under the trees. The attractive gardens also offer a peaceful place to sit and relax. Parking is at the bottom of the hill and hotel staff will come and collect you and your luggage.

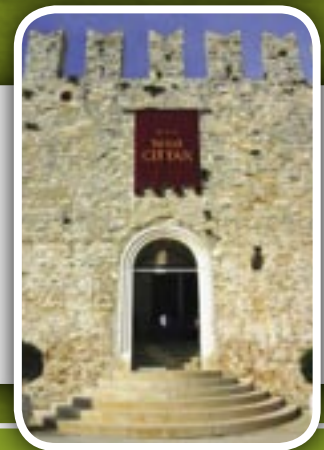


Hotel Villa Angelo D'Oro, Rovinj

This charming hotel is situated on one of the narrow cobbled streets of the old town. This former Bishop's Chamber has been lovingly restored and is now one of the most delightful hotels in Rovinj in our opinion. Each of the 24 rooms is different and all are furnished with elegant antique furniture and artwork. All rooms are ensuite with air-conditioning and some have sea views. The walled garden is a perfect place to enjoy a leisurely meal or a drink and the restaurant offers a choice of Mediterranean and Istrian dishes. Do bear in mind that there is no lift and some of the stairs are a little steep. The hotel staff will help guests with car parking on arrival.

Hotel Cittar, Novigrad

This small and friendly hotel is located just behind the medieval town walls, which contribute to its dramatic appearance. The harbour and bathing areas are just metres away, as are a good selection of restaurants, bars and shops. All 14 ensuite rooms are well equipped and have air-conditioning. The restaurant offers a good selection of fresh seafood and Istrian dishes. The owners of this hotel also have a tennis centre and lido across the bay in a pretty park area.



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