

Slovenian Genealogy Society International
in conjunction with the
SGS of Slovenia

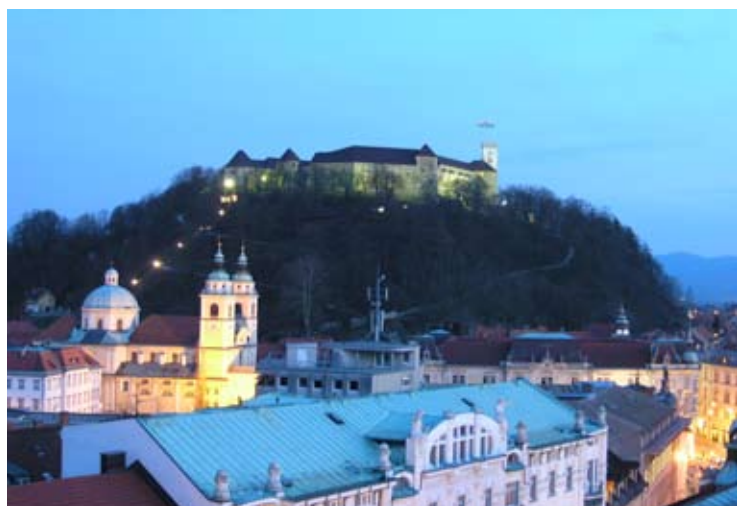


Conference in Portoroz and Ljubljana

September 10 - 19, 2008



*Exploring our Roots
and Vines in Slovenia!*



A 10 - day tour visiting:
Portoroz - Piran - Ljubljana - Maribor



Travel Arrangements by Kollander World Travel

A common goal for many of us is to learn more about our Slovenian heritage. SGSI was created to assist those of Slovenian descent in exploring their ancestral roots and extending the vines of their contemporary families. To help with that research, SGSI, in co-operation with our Slovenian counterpart, is sponsoring this wonderful opportunity to visit our motherland. First, the city of Portoroz, on the Adriatic coast, welcomes us and offers the beauty of the sea, food and wine of the Karst region, and historic connections to Venice. Then, the capital city of Ljubljana becomes the center of our formal genealogical conference, with full access to Archival research facilities, and the focal point for exploring Slovenia. Lastly, a day-trip to Maribor broadens our exposure to the eastern part of the country, as well as to additional archival records. Join us now for fun and enlightenment. For reservations, call Kollander Travel at 1-800-800-5981.



Visit the SGSI website at www.slovenianguenealogy.org to discover all the information and resources available to members.

Conference & Tour Includes:

- ❁ Attendance at SGSI Conference on Genealogy Research in Portoroz, Ljubljana, and Maribor
- ❁ Access to Archival records and training on their use
- ❁ All conference registration materials, credentials, and documentation
- ❁ Private deluxe motorcoach for all sightseeing, local visits and city transfers
- ❁ Expert Tour Director will accompany all group tour activities, accented by expert local guides
- ❁ First-class hotels with excellent central locations
- ❁ Buffet breakfast daily at the hotel
- ❁ Special lunches and dinners at local restaurants
- ❁ Visit to a well-preserved village in the Karst region with local wine & prsuit production/tasting
- ❁ SGSI conference commemorative photo

Tour Cost:

\$1,858*

Tour and SGSI Conference

*per person double occupancy

(+ \$375 for a single room)

Land tour Based on an exchange rate of 1.48\$/Euro, subject to change.

\$795 Airfare

from JFK to Ljubljana round trip

(taxes of apx. \$374 per person not included)

Please call for flights from your preferred departure city

Minimum of 30 travelers at this rate. Send your deposit today to confirm your attendance.

Not included - meals and beverages not shown on the brochure, options offered in advance and by the Tour Director.



Conference Tour Itinerary

Wednesday, September 10

DEPART USA

Travelers from around the country will make their way from local airports to international flights with seats reserved for the SGSI group. Some travelers with 'pre tour plans' will meet us in Europe. Overnight transatlantic flights arrive the next morning in Europe.

Thursday, September 11

ARRIVAL in SLOVENIA

After landing in Europe, most travelers will transfer to Adria Airways, Slovenia's flagship airline for their final leg. Upon arrival to Ljubljana (or Trieste airport), you will be met and transferred to your hotel in seaside Portoroz. A welcome reception will be followed by dinner at your hotel overlooking the bay. *D*

Friday September 12

PORTOROŽ

After breakfast, the conference will begin with orientations and training sessions on Archival records and their usage. Sessions will continue in the afternoon. Afterwards, your Tour Director will lead you on a walk through the picturesque streets of the town of Koper. Then, you will embark on a cruise that will bring you along the Slovenian coast, making a stop in Piran, one of the most beautiful and well-preserved towns in Slovenia. During the cruise, you will dine on a local fresh fish dinner as you pass along the ancient coastline. The boat will return you to Portoroz for a restful overnight at your hotel. *B, D*

Saturday, September 13

Enjoy a free day to choose your path and particular interest. We have arranged a choice of two unique, optional, tours to nearby areas key to Slovenian history and heritage.

A. ISTRIA - A full-day tour along and through the Istrian peninsula includes stops in Porec, Rovinj, and Pula. Ilyrians settled here more than 6,000 years ago, followed by Romans, and then the Slavic migrations within the last thousand years. Pula's Roman amphitheater is in excellent condition. The incredibly well-preserved towns showcase a living history still on display.

B. GORISKA BRDA and TRIESTE - A guided tour featuring the hilly border region between Italy and Slovenia. We stop in Smartno and visit Dobrovo wine cellars with snacks at local homes. Then we travel into current Italy and the town of Trieste, which was a Slovenian city prior to WWII. We'll visit its Slovenian community and an olive oil producer to view the process and to taste samples of the local varieties.

We are planning to rendezvous and join in a musical evening with a well-known performer and have dinner at a local gostilna in the Portoroz area (optional). **B**

Sunday, September 14

to LJUBLJANA

Checkout early from your hotel and, optionally, attend Sunday morning mass at the Koper cathedral. Then you depart for Ljubljana, passing through the ancient Slovenian Karst region. Your first stop will be at a 'prosciutto' factory to view the steps involved in creating this typical local product. Be sure to



sample the results, accompanied by a glass of the local red wine. Next up is a visit to a well-preserved ethnographic village and small town with a chance to stroll the old streets. We will continue

on to Ljubljana in time to check in at our hotel then enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

Monday, September 15

LJUBLJANA

Full-day conference at the hotel, with opening remarks and ceremonies. Open access to national archives for personal research. We will also attempt to arrange guided visits to towns and villages of personal interest. There will be assistance available to interpret Archival records and help with research. **B**

Tuesday, September 16

LJUBLJANA

Full-day conference, similar to previous day. In the evening, we will be transferred by motorcoach for a banquet celebration at Dvor Jezersek in central Ljubljana. **B, D**

Wednesday, September 17

LJUBLJANA

Full-day access to Archives for research, similar to previous day. Evening is open. **B**

PORTOROZ

Thursday, September 18

MARIBOR

For those wishing to continue research, full-day access to Archives in Ljubljana. For others, we will be journeying to Maribor, the second biggest city in Slovenia. It presents a different character than Ljubljana and Alpine regions of the country. Situated on the banks of the Drava River, in the hilly countryside among the vineyards, Maribor is influenced by its proximity to Hungary and Croatia. Upon arriving, you will have the opportunity to visit the Maribor Archives. The city tour will also visit the famous underground wine cellar to taste the excellent wines from the region. We will then return to our Ljubljana hotel for your overnight stay. **B**



Friday, September 19

DEPART TO USA

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to the Ljubljana airport for your flight home. Travelers may wish to extend their stay with our optional three-day trip exploring Alpine Slovenia and a stay at Lake Bled (See the box below). **B**

Lake Bled and Bohinj The Alpine Heritage of Slovenia

4 day / 3 night
Guided Extension
Tour Cost: \$795pp



Friday, September 19

The beauty of the Julian Alps and the northern regions of Slovenia await those taking this guided extension. We stop in Skofja Loka and have lunch in a typical 'Gorenjsko homestead'. Dinner will be served tonight at your hotel at Lake Bled. **B,L,D**

Saturday, September 20

Learn the history of Lake Bled and the region, starting with the 11th century castle on the hill. We'll visit the tiny island church by classic wooden boat, or 'pletnje'. The rugged majesty of the Alps is on display from the top of Mt. Vogel whose cable car climbs over 5,000 feet above Lake Bohinj. Overnight at Lake Bled. **B,L**

Sunday, September 21

Enjoy a day in the alpine air and explore Lake Bled on foot or with local cabs. Tonight we have a dinner celebration of traditional Slovenian cooking in the Lectar restaurant in the medieval town of Radovljica. **B, D**

Monday, September 22

Early breakfast and transfer to nearby Ljubljana Airport for your return flights home! **B**

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE June 30, 2008.

1. Because airline space is limited at special group rates, we urge your deposit of U.S.D. \$350 per person as soon as possible. After all airline group space is gone, fares are subject to increase. Minimum of 25 passengers will be needed to operate this tour at the advertised price. Prices are subject to change if the Euro varies by more than 3% at time of final payment.

2. Baggage Allowance: Free airline baggage allowance is two bags per person in addition to a carry-on piece. However, the tour operator has requested that there be a limit of 1 large suitcase at 50 pounds per person due to space restrictions aboard the motorcoach and airlines weight allowances. **NO RESPONSIBILITY IS INCURRED FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO BAGGAGE OR ANY OF THE PASSENGER'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS. TRAVEL BAGGAGE INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED AND AVAILABLE THROUGH KOLLANDER TRAVEL.**

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4. Tour Price Excludes: Airport Departure Taxes, customs user fees, passports, all visa fees, optional tours, telephone, telex, fax and telegram charges, excess baggage charges, sundry tips, laundry, beverages and food not on the regular table d'hôte menu (these items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, or restaurant), portage at U.S./Canada airports and all other items of a personal nature. Service charges at hotels and restaurants are prepaid. Travel Insurance is not included.

5. Refund and Unused or Amended Tour Arrangements: Unused hotel accommodations, tour features or services are non-refundable, nor exchangeable for other accommodations, services or features. Should there be any reason to change features of the tour for the group, any additional expenses will be charged to the tour members. If a change becomes necessary for any reason, hotels substituted will be the equivalent of those shown. Single room available at a supplemental charge.

6. Cancellation Penalties: If you cancel your reservation, your right to receive a refund is limited as set forth in the following schedules. All requests for refunds must be sent to us in writing. Charges for cancellation of the tour will be assessed by the participating airlines, tour operators, and hotels as follows:

After deposit.....	U.S. \$100.00 per person
90-61 days prior to departure	U.S. \$200 per person, plus entire cost of airline ticket. (Airline ticket is non-refundable)
60-45 days prior to departure	U.S. \$400 per person, plus air fare
44-30 days prior to departure.....	U.S. \$500 per person, plus air fare
29 days or less prior to departure	100% Penalty and No Refund.

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8. Air Fare Facts: Air fares quoted in this brochure are subject to change without notice and are based on fares in effect at the time of printing. Late bookings can be accepted at slightly higher fares. Should there be an announced increase (by the airline) in the air fare, Kollander World Travel will contact passengers who will then be given the opportunity to pay for the air fare in full and be ticketed to avoid the increase. Airline surcharges and fees if increased will be passed on to the client.

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10. Responsibility Clause: Kollander World Travel, Cleveland, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") is responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodations. The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees or servants of or joint ventures with the Company. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Company are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and to the laws of the countries in which services are supplied. If the services included on the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Company, the Company will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expenses will be payable by tour participants and any resulting savings will be refunded by the Company to tour participants. The Company reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Company deems it necessary to the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time. If the Company cancels a tour, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid to the Company by the tour participant. The tour participant agrees that neither the Company nor SGSI shall be liable for any damages, loss (including personal injury, death and property loss) or expenses occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person. No person, other than an authorized representative of the Company by a document in writing, is authorized to vary any term or condition in this brochure, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions. Based on an exchange rate of 1.47USD/Euro. Price subject to change should the currency fluctuate more than 3% by full payment date.

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Deposit of \$350.00 per person is due April 6th, 2008; and full payment is due June 30, 2008. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions applicable to this tour package. **PASSPORT REQUIRED. (please include a photocopy of your passport with deposit if possible - thank you!)** Your personal and/or bank check welcome.

Name as it appears on your passport: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Work/Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: [] Double, [] Twin, [] Single I will be sharing with: _____

My City of Departure is: _____

Please advise of any special requests here: _____

Emergency contact & phone #: _____

[] Yes, I am interested in purchasing Travel Insurance. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!** To cover pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased at the time of deposit. **(Insurance once purchased is non-refundable.) \$235.00 per person in a double room. (subject to change)** [] I decline the insurance