

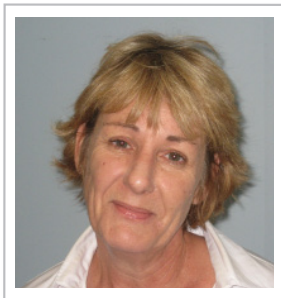


# Hidden Jewels of Austria, Slovenia & Croatia

visiting Vienna, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, Split, Dubrovnik



26 day fully escorted tour  
Departing Tasmania 18 August 2015



Join **Anne Bourke** on this fabulous tour visiting the picturesque areas of Europe, including Austria, Slovenia and Croatia.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

- A seven day cruise from Zadar to Dubrovnik aboard MS Vita. Explore the ports of Sali, Sibenik, Trogir, Split, Bol, Hvar, Korcula and Mljet on this small ship cruise with a maximum of 38 passengers.
- Discover the many impressive sites of Vienna's imperial history, including the Hofburg Palace, Bevedere Palace, St Stephen's Cathedral and the UN buildings.
- Take a day trip to the spectacular Lake Bled, and a boat ride to Bled Castle, perched on the cliff above the lake.
- Immerse yourself in the rich tradition, cultural creativity and beautiful green spaces of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.
- Bask in the breathtaking scenery of Plitvice Lakes National Parks, with it's 16 amazing cascading lakes and head into the largest underground cave system in Europe, Postojna Caves.
- Stop and relax in beautiful wineries.
- Plus so much more!



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## Your itinerary

### TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

#### DEPART TASMANIA

Fly from Hobart or Launceston to Vienna via Melbourne.

### WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

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#### ARRIVE VIENNA

Upon arrival at Vienna we will be transferred to our centrally located hotel. Vienna, capital of Austria, is a city of beauty where one can find excellent museums, fine art collections and world renowned works of art in the city. A natural paradise as half the city is natural parks, gardens and grasslands.

### THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

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#### VIENNA

On our morning sightseeing tour we will visit the Hofburg Palace, once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and view the Belvedere Palace, Prater amusement park, the UN buildings, St. Stephen's Cathedral and other vivid reminders of the city's imperial history. Afternoon is at your leisure.

### FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

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#### VIENNA

Today we travel out of Vienna for a half day sightseeing tour to Schonbrunn Palace - an architectural treasure built to rival Versailles and the former summer residence of Austria's emperors. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

### SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

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#### VIENNA - MARIBOR

This morning we will be transferred to Vienna train station and make our way into Slovenia and the lovely city of Maribor. Upon arrival we will meet our tour director and travel to our hotel. In the late afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Maribor is pleasantly small and surrounded by Pohorje Mountains, wine growing hills and has the river Drava winding it's way through it. Here we will indulge in dinner at a local restaurant.

### SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

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#### MARIBOR - PTUJ - BLEĐ

Today we travel to Ptuj, Slovenia's oldest town, for a sightseeing tour of the city with entrance to Ptuj castle. We then continue to Slovenske Konjice and stop at the winery Zlati Grič for a wine tasting and light lunch. Continue to Bled to our accommodation for the next two nights. Dinner will be enjoyed at our hotel.

### MONDAY 24 AUGUST

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#### BLEĐ

This morning commences with a sightseeing tour of Lake Bled, one of Slovenia's most picturesque sites. With a small, clear blue lake, an island with a small church in the middle and a medieval castle, the setting is simply beautiful. Today's excursion includes a boat ride to the island on the lake on a typical boat named "pletna" as well as a visit to Bled Castle, which dates back to the 11th century and perches on the cliff above the lake. We travel to nearby Bohinj and take the cable car to Mt. Vogel to see breathtaking views of the Bohinj Basin and the periglacial Lake Bohinj. Light lunch in an alpine hut before free time in Bohinj before returning to Bled and our accommodation.

### TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

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#### BLEĐ - LJUBLJANA

Late departure from hotel and we travel to the magnificent medieval town of Radovljica with its numerous museums, galleries and visit the gingerbread hearts workshop. Time for lunch before we continue on to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.

### WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

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#### LJUBLJANA

Day at leisure. Even though Ljubljana is the capital of a state, it is small, pretty and easy to get around and full of surprises. During summer it has a relaxed Mediterranean feel to it and is remarkable for its rich tradition, cultural creativity and numerous green spaces. There will be an optional tour to the Slovenian towns of Piran and Portoroz for those not desiring free time.

### THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

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#### LJUBLJANA - POSTOJNA - PLITVICE

We leave the beautiful city of Ljubljana this morning with our first stop at Postojna Caves, the largest underground cave system in Europe. Aboard the cave train admire the size and splendour of this fascinating underground world. Next we drive to Predjama Castle, a picturesque and mysterious Renaissance Castle, which has been perched in the middle of a vertical 123 metre high cliff for more than 700 years. Later today we continue our journey to Plitvice, where we stay for the next two nights.

### FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

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#### PLITVICE

Full day dedicated to sightseeing tour of the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage

site. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this nature wonder with 16 remarkable cascading lakes. Our local guide will explain how and why the lakes change from an emerald green to an azure blue colour. Return to our hotel.



### SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

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#### EMBARK ON CRUISE

Upon arrival in Zadar we will be transferred to the port for embarkation for our seven-night cruise along the Croatian coast, aboard the beautiful MS "Vita". This a luxury vessel has a maximum capacity of 38 passengers. All cabins have been built by up to date standards, each fully equipped with air conditioning, LCD TV, safe deposit box, ensuites. Welcome dinner this evening.

### SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

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#### ZADAR - SALI

Walking tour of Zadar in the morning. Zadar's historical center is a compact pedestrian zone, perfect to explore on foot and admire the old walls built in 16th century by Venetians as a defence from Turks. We will see 16th century Port Gate where the Venetian lion (symbol of Venice) still guards the entrance. Also see the Square of the 5 Wells, church of St Donat, Roman Forum (1st century BC) and the biggest cathedral in Dalmatia - St. Anastasia Cathedral. Lunch on board as we cruise to Sali for our overnight stay.

### MONDAY 31 AUGUST

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#### SALI - SIBENIK

Morning cruise through the entrance to National Park Kornati which has more than 140 islands with numerous coves and crystal clear waters. Stop for swimming with lunch onboard before we arrive at National Park Krka with it's magnificent karstic beauty and waterfalls, then on to Sibenik for our overnight stay.

### TUESDAY 01 SEPTEMBER

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#### SIBENIK - TROGIR - SPLIT

In the morning we start cruising to Trogir. Lunch on board, and in afternoon we arrive in UNESCO City of Trogir, which is a harmonious stonetown on a small island. Free time in Trogir before we continue onto Split, also a UNESCO city. Walking

tour of the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral.

**WEDNESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER** B,L  
**SPLIT - BOL - HVAR**

Morning departure from Split to Bol said to have the best beach in Croatia for a swim. Golden Horn is a vast, golden pebble beach some 580 yards long. It is quite unique as it changes shape and position depending on the winds. Continue cruising to the island of Hvar with unique cultural and historical heritage. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Hvar, town with the first public theatre in Europe (older than Shakespeare's Theatre in the UK), Franciscan Monastery and many more historic sights. Evening in Hvar is free to explore and dine at one of the many local family owned restaurants

**THURSDAY 03 SEPTEMBER** B,L  
**HVAR - KORCULA - MLJET**

After breakfast departure to Korcula. Early afternoon arrival in the port. Lunch on board. Korcula is the acclaimed birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Walking tour will take us through narrow, cobbled streets and will include visit to the majestic Gothic-Baroque Cathedral of St. Mark. Continue cruising to the island of Mljet to stay overnight.

**FRIDAY 04 SEPTEMBER** B,L  
**MLJET - DUBROVNIK**

Morning tour inside Mljet National Park, where you will enjoy a beautiful walk around the Great and the Small Lake. Lunch on board. Head to Grgich Vinery, center of the famous American wine producer in Trstenik, for wine tasting. In the afternoon arrival to Dubrovnik, the pearl of Adriatic, famous city enlisted as UNESCO's World Heritage. Followed by walking tour of old Dubrovnik including entrances to Rector's Palace and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy.

**SATURDAY 05 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBROVNIK**

This morning we will disembark from the boat and transfer to our hotel. We will have free time to return to the magnificent walled city of Dubrovnik, ride the cable car or just enjoy our gorgeous waterfront hotel.

**SUNDAY 06 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBROVNIK - CILIPi - DUBROVNIK**

This morning we will be collected from our hotel and travel a short distance to Cilipi, a scenic rural village that has retained its



traditions of the past. Folklore is an integral part of life here and we will enjoy the weekly folk dance performance. We have time to stroll among the stalls where local merchants sell hand made keepsakes before return to our hotel early afternoon.

**MONDAY 07 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBROVNIK - MONTENEGRO - DUBROVNIK**

Today we cross the border to Montenegro. Enroute we admire the picturesque coast driving along the Bay of Kotor, and stop at the charming coastal towns of Risan and Perast. Upon arrival at Kotor we enjoy a sightseeing walking tour of the town, one of the best-preserved medieval towns on the Adriatic Coast. Surrounded by dramatic purple mountains, stone walls and the deepest blue water, this town is truly magnificent. Time to explore prior to our return journey to our hotel with a stopover in the coastal town of Budva, with time to wander around Budva Old Town.

**TUESDAY 08 SEPTEMBER** B,D  
**DUBROVNIK - ROME**

Mid-morning transfer for our short-flight to Rome. Upon arrival we check into our Rome airport hotel, which offers a courtesy coach to and from Rome for those who wish to explore.

**WEDNESDAY 09 SEPTEMBER** B  
**ROME - DUBAI**

Check in at Rome airport this morning for our flight to Dubai, where we will be transferred to our hotel for the next two nights.

**THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBAI**

The morning is at your leisure. This afternoon we enjoy a Dubai City Tour, driving past modern palaces sprawled along the coast, we stop at the incredible Jumereirah mosque. We continue our journey by Abra (water taxi) and cross the creek to the modern metropolis before discovering the gold and spice souks.

**FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBAI**

No visit to Dubai is complete without visiting one of the amazing shopping centres. The Dubai Mall boasts 1200 shops, an Aquarium and Underwater Zoo - even if shopping is of no interest, this mall is definitely worth a look. You will have the opportunity to visit the current tallest building in the world, Burj Khalifa.

**SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER** B  
**DUBAI - MELBOURNE**

**SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**  
**ARRIVE HOME IN HOBART OR LAUNCESTON VIA MELBOURNE**

## TOUR PRICE

**Twin Share \$11,800\*** ex Tasmania per person

**Single \$15,800\*** (Limited availability)

While this pricing is current as of September 2014, fluctuating fuel surcharges, currency exchange rates and taxes may result in an increased cost. Available business and mixed class airfare upgrades available. Price on application.

## INCLUDED\* IN THE TOUR COST

- Economy class airfare ex Hobart with taxes
- 26 days of private touring
- Services and experience of personal escort
- Expert local guides
- Private small coach
- Unique, carefully designed itinerary
- 25 nights in beautiful hand picked accommodation
- Breakfast served daily, 9 lunches and 7 evening dinners.
- All entrance charges

## NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- Meals other than mentioned
- Camera/video entrance fees
- Passport and passport photos
- Local airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Laundry, telephone calls, drinks, and other expenditure of a personal nature
- Any services other than mentioned
- Gratuities on non-inclusive arrangements
- Travel Insurance



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TOUR PAYMENTS** A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. The balance of payment is due not later than 1st May 2015.

**CANCELLATIONS** Cancellations fees apply. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date 1st May 2015. Loss of deposit. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation. If flight changes, including flight cancellations, are requested, revision fees or airline cancellation fees will apply. Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

**REVISION FEES** A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Back-Roads Touring Co., Tempo Holidays, Azamara Cruises, designated airline and all other operators and carriers. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

**PARTICIPATION** For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

**TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

**SMOKING** Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

**PRICE GUARANTEE** Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE** Portage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Airport portage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11") and weight not exceeding 20kg (44 lbs) or less if your air carrier has stricter weight/dimension limitations. We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

**DINING** A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE** Airport taxes which are payable directly at the airport: passports; visas and vaccinations, tips to local city guides or staff; laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol beverages and food not on the regular table d'hote menu (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel or restaurant); optional excursions; travel insurance, excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

**HOLIDAYS** During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

**SAFETY** Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** Passengers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to; cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). We recommend passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs is the sole responsibility of passengers.

**TOUR ESCORT** The inclusion of an Andrew Jones Travel tour escort is subject to minimum passenger numbers. A substitute tour escort may be used without notice if unforeseen circumstances arise.

\* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share. Price is correct at time of publication 18 June 2014 but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, surcharges and currency. Airfare included is based on a group airfare and all passengers will need to fly on these flights, dates and destination only. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Licence No TAS103.

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