

Johns Hopkins University WS



Italy, Slovenia & Croatia
August 14th - August 25th, 2014

Tour Inclusions

(A) LOGISTICAL SERVICES

- Round trip flights on regularly scheduled airlines (including departure tax and fuel surcharge allowance)
- 10 nights accommodation in 3/4 star hotels in triple bedded rooms
- Ground transportation as described in a private motor coach
- 12 days service by a Full-Time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager
- 10 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners
- Group travel insurance



(B) SOCCER RELATED SERVICES

- 3 competitive matches against local club teams
- Facilities for 2 training session with the Johns Hopkins U. coaching staff

(C) SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES

- Sightseeing in Portogruaro with Tour Manager assistance
- Guided tour of Pula, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Sightseeing in Rovinj, with Tour Manager assistance
- Guided tour of Trieste, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Admission to the Postojna Caves complex
- Sightseeing (no admission) at Predjama Castle
- Sightseeing in Bled, with Tour Manager assistance
- Guided tour of Ljubljana, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- White-Water Rafting Experience in Slovenia
- Guided tour of Udine, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Guided tour of Venice, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Guided tour of Padua, with a locally licensed Tour Guide

Tour Exclusions

- Lunches
- Beverages (soda) with meals
- Twin / single room upgrades
- Gratuities for Tour Manager
- Attractions not specified above

DAY 1: THURSDAY 14th AUGUST, 2014

- Depart Washington Dulles International Airport at 3:25 p.m. on Lufthansa flight #417 to Frankfurt Rhein-Main International Airport



Piazza Ponterosso in Trieste



DAY 2: FRIDAY 15th AUGUST, 2014

- Arrive in Frankfurt at 5:35 a.m. and transfer to Lufthansa flight #324 to Venice Marco Polo International Airport, departing at 8:15 a.m.
- Arrive in **Venice** at 9:35 a.m. where our full time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager Tina Hiti meets the group to travel northwest along the curve of the Adriatic coast to **Trieste**
- Rarely will you sense the cross-cultural edge present in the air in this immediately engaging Adriatic city. Held on a spit of Italian territory (added in 1918) that lunges along the sea into the Slav world, Trieste oozes the atmosphere of Mittel-europa (Central Europe), of an empire (the Austro-Hungarian) long gone, for which it was the only port
- Free time to have lunch on your own and explore Trieste, then continue around the Adriatic curve through the edge of *Slovenia* and into *Croatia*, en route to **Istria**
- Sometimes called the 'new Tuscany', Istria is a heart-shaped peninsula with a landscape of green rolling hills, drowned valleys and fertile plains. The scenic interior attracts artists and artisans to its hilltop villages, while the rugged and indented coastline is enormously popular with the vacationers from across Europe
- Travel to **Opatija** and **Check in** to the **Hotel Kristall** then transfer to the fields of **FC Opatija** for **practice** with the JHU staff (6:00-7:30)
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



Pula's remarkable amphitheater



Monument in Opatija's harbor



19th Century Rijeka

DAY 3: SATURDAY 16th AUGUST, 2014

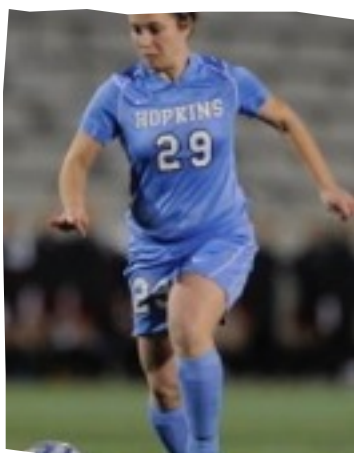
- After breakfast depart for a **guided tour** of nearby historic town of **Pula** - ancient Polensium is a large regional centre with a wealth of Roman ruins to explore. The highlight is a remarkably well preserved Roman amphitheater that dominates the town centre and is often the scene of concerts and shows
- Free time to further explore **Pula** and have lunch, then travel to discover **Rovinj**, possibly Istria's star attraction and one of the last of the true Mediterranean fishing ports
- Later, return to the hotel for dinner this evening

DAY 4: SUNDAY 17th AUGUST, 2014

- Breakfast at the hotel and free time to explore **Opatija** - originally a small fishing village the spectacular seashore originally attracted wealthy Italians in the mid-19th Century and has remained a popular vacation spot for Europeans ever since
- Lunch at the hotel restaurant (1:00 p.m.) then travel to nearby **Rijeka** - the city's collection of 19th century buildings and monuments make it an important local attraction
- Enjoy a guided walking tour with a local guide and free time to discover Rijeka, then transfer this afternoon to the **first friendly game** of the tour against **ZNK Rijeka** (7:30 p.m.)
- Return to Opatija after the game and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the local restaurants, pizzerias etc



A fortified entrance to the Postojna caves



Robba Fountain, Ljubljana

DAY 5: MONDAY 18th AUGUST, 2014

- Check out after breakfast and cross the *Slovenian* border en route to **Bled**
- Pause en route in **Postojna** to visit the remarkable caves - the karst cave at Postojna, one of the largest in the world, is among Slovenia's most popular attractions. A series of caverns, halls and passages some 20.5km long and two million years old, it was hollowed out by the Pivka River, which enters a subterranean tunnel near the cave's entrance.
- Visit the impressive **Predjama Castle** then continue to Bled and **check in** to the [Hotel Savica](#) for a 4 night stay - With its pristine lake, picture-postcard island church, cliff-topping medieval castle and mountain backdrop, Bled is Slovenia's most popular resort
- Settle in to the hotel then transfer to *FC Bled* for **practice** with the JHU staff (7:00-8:30)
- Dinner at *Restaurant Panorama* this evening

DAY 6: TUESDAY 19th AUGUST, 2014

- After breakfast depart for a **guided tour** of the Slovenian capital **Ljubljana**
- With a dazzling hilltop castle as her crown and the emerald-green Ljubljanica River at her feet, Ljubljana is a princess in size but her pint size conceals a wealth of culture, sights, activities and good old-fashioned fun that would be the envy of a city twice her size
- Free time to further explore **Ljubljana** and have lunch on your own, then transfer to the **second friendly game** of the tour against **ZNK Radomlje** (6:00 p.m.)
- After the game enjoy dinner and a social event with today's opponent's, then return to Bled



Rafting on a Slovenian river



Lake Bohinj with Alpine backdrop

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST, 2014

- Breakfast at the hotel then travel enjoy a remarkable experience **white-water rafting** along an Alpine river
- Meet your instructors for a brief lesson and safety briefing, then climb into the rafts and take on the pristine waters in the foothills of the Alps

Note - for those not rafting we have planned an alternative day exploring Bled Castle and taking a boat trip to the Island of Bled with local guide Saso Golub

- Return to Bled for dinner at *Restaurant Panorama* this evening

DAY 8: THURSDAY 21st AUGUST, 2014

- Breakfast at the hotel then depart for a day exploring the beautiful **Slovenian Alps**
- Head firstly to *Triglav National Park* and the glacial *Lake Bohinj*. Enjoy the stunning views from the *Gondola Vogel* (cable car up Vogel Mountain), and then follow a hiking trail through the mountain pass to the *Savica Waterfall*
- Relax at the Waterfall and back at Lake Bohinj with a boat cruise including lunch
- Return to Bled for dinner at *Restaurant Panorama*



Daily Itinerary



Traditional street in Udine

DAY 9: FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST, 2014

- Check out after breakfast and return to *Italy*
- Travel towards **Venice** and **check in** to the [Hotel Apogia Sirio](#) for a 3 night stay
- Settle in to the hotel then transfer to the tour's **third friendly game** against **WS Gordige** (7:00 p.m.)
- After the game enjoy dinner at *Pizzeria Cavarzere* then return to the hotel



DAY 10: SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST, 2014

- Breakfast at the hotel then depart for a **guided tour** of the City of Romance, **Venice**
- Take a private boat to San Marco Square and enjoy a **guided tour** of the city - Built on 117 small islands with some 150 canals and 409 bridges, Venice is one of the world's most popular destinations. Take in all the major sites, including St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs
- Free afternoon for individual sightseeing in Venice - maybe wander the canals and bridges of San Marco Island, or take a water taxi to the wonderful Murano (famous for glass) or Burano (famous for lace) islands
- Return to Mestre for dinner at *Restaurant Bepi Venesian*



Dusk at the Bridge of Sighs



Padua's main square

DAY 11: SUNDAY 24th AUGUST, 2014

- After breakfast take the short journey to enjoy a **guided tour** of **Padua** - Padua was long the academic heartbeat of the powerful Venetian Republic and for this reason was one of the most important medieval and Renaissance cities in Italy. Dante and Copernicus studied here, and Petrarch and Galileo taught here. When you wander the narrow, cobbled, arcaded side streets in the timeless neighborhoods you will be transported back to those earlier times
- Free time to further explore **Padua**
- Farewell dinner at *Restaurant Bepi Venesian*

DAY 12: MONDAY 25th AUGUST, 2014

- Check out after breakfast and depart for Marco Polo International Airport for the return journey to the United States
- Depart Venice at 10:25 a.m. on Lufthansa flight #325 to Frankfurt Rhein-Main International Airport, arriving in Frankfurt at 11:50 a.m.
- Transfer in Frankfurt to Lufthansa flight #418 to Washington Dulles International Airport, departing at 1:10 p.m.
- Arrive in Washington at 3:50 p.m.