

Aritours, ApiRoutes invite you for

## Honey experience

Dates: 16.7., 23.7., 13.8., 20.8., 10.9.

Duration: 9.-17.h

Beekeeping is part of the fabric of Slovenian culture, because it is one of the oldest and most traditional rural activities. Beekeeping in Slovenia is a way of life. Friendly beekeepers throughout Slovenia will be happy to open the doors of their bee farms, where you can get to know our Carniolan bee and the secrets of how it lives, as well as learn why the products of Slovenian beekeepers achieve such high quality. More than 10.000 apiaries beautifully decorated with wooden beehive front panels all around the country are unique to Slovenia.



### Day 01 Ljubljana – Exhibiton »Save the Bees« – Museum of Apiculture – Visit to a beekeeper along with honey & bee products tasting– Lake Bled – Ljubljana

**Meeting point: Ljubljana Castle.** We start the day with **guided tour to exhibition »Save the Bees«** at Ljubljana Castle. Due to its biodiversity and various forms of outreach to the public within the process of beekeeping, Slovenia still remains a »green oasis«, recognized worldwide as a country of excellent beekeepers. Showcased in the first part of our exhibition is the classification of bees and their prevalence on Earth, the biology of a honeybee, her life cycle and her phenomenal importance for the existence of the human race. The second part of our exhibition is dedicated to the Slovenian beekeeping as an economic activity and its produce. The most well-known Slovenian bee products include honey, beeswax, royal jelly, pollen, propolis and bee venom. Honey and beeswax have been parts of our people's lives for centuries, and today the bee products are used in traditional handicraft and especially in cuisine - for example for homemade honey liqueurs as well as for medical purposes (apitherapy). The third part of our exhibition unveils the richness of heritage, reflected in professional and belletristic literature, cultural landscape, material and immaterial heritage and contemporary art. Therefore, the Carniolan Honey Bee was and remains a precious companion of Slovenian culture.

Drive to Radovljica and **visit to Museum of Apiculture**, where Slovenia's entire beekeeping heritage is presented with a special emphasis on the 18th and 19th centuries. The museum has approximately 600 original hive fronts; the motifs painted in oil present the lives and beliefs of people from that time. **Optional: Museum of Lect** where you can see how famous LECT (gingerbread) hearts are being produced and painted. Free time for lunch.

Drive to magnificent lake Bled - one of Europe's most beautiful Alpine resorts in Europe. **Visit to a beekeeper & forester.** Introduction to his activities, explanation of effects followed by a tasting of his products. **Optional: Workshop on Beehive front panel painting.** Free time to enjoy the walk around the **lake Bled** or **Optional: boat ride** with the traditional wooden boat "pletna" to the small island on the Lake of Bled where you can ring the bell at the Church of the Assumption for good luck. Return to Ljubljana, meeting place at Ljubljana Castle.

## Package price:

\*The price is calculated in April 2016.

**39 EUR** (40 - 49 persons)

**49 EUR** (30 - 39 persons)

**59 EUR** (20 - 29 persons)

### The price includes:

- ✓ Admission to the exhibition »Save the bees«, visit to a beekeeper and tasting of honey products, museum of Apiculture,
- ✓ Licensed professional guide in Slovenian & English language,
- ✓ Bus transport and insurance,
- ✓ Organization, assistance and tax.

### Not included in the price:

- ✓ Lunches (supplement app. 15 EUR/meal)
- ✓ Entrance to the Gingerbread Museum (supplement 1,5 EUR)
- ✓ Workshop on painting beehive panels ( 5 EUR / person)
- ✓ Boat ride with **pletna** to the Bled island,
- ✓ drinks,
- ✓ Assurance in case of sickness before departure
- ✓ Everything not listed in "Included"

*\* Final price depends on the number of passengers, on the confirmed date, hotels and services.*

**Bookings and information at the agency Aritours, ApiRoutes on  
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***We wish you pleassent Honey Excursion!***