



LOVELY Ljubljana



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Ljubljana is the capital of Slovenia and is located between Vienna and Croatia. Ljubljana is quirky and was a wonderful surprise of sweet unexpected charm. The town itself is a cyclist's delight. Bikes are the main way to travel in the small alley ways, town square and along the river's edge. The Triple Bridge is the city's oldest stone bridge- actually three bridges in one –and is located in the heart of everything connecting Town Hall and Preseren Square. The famous arch of this bridge has Romanesque balusters and is an iconic structure. Once you've seen it, you know you are in Ljubljana. Of course there's the famous Dragon Bridge that is adorned with the city's mascot, fiery green dragons on all four ends. River cruises float slowly by lovely old buildings, riverside cafes and local markets. They have a white storybook train that takes tourists up to the Ljubljana Castle for panoramic views of the whole city. Outside café's line the river's edge and almost every promenade is filled with even more street café's....the umbrella canopies literally touch one another. This is definitely a place that wants you to sit down and relax. The city's biggest attraction is probably its ambiance. Just strolling and exploring the interesting mix of cozy old charm with the cosmopolitan influences of the new. Located only a mile or two away from the hills of Italy, you can find caves, castles, waterfalls and a picturesque countryside. While traveling south towards Croatia, we took an inland trip to the Lipica Stud Farm. Here one can see the training of these pure white horses which are known world wide for their noble gait and regal beauty. Years and years of breeding have created this talented beauty and masterpiece of nature. Within a short drive outside the city are also the massive Postojna Caves. The impressive cave system is the largest in this region and a tram takes visitors inside on a cold and deep two mile journey into its unique

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and colorful chambers. Not far from the caves is the dramatic Predjama Castle. Built



in the 13 th century, this medieval fortification is an architectural masterpiece. The story book structure literally comes out from the cliff side of a stone mountain. It was owned by a local robber baron in the 14 th century which gave it a Robin Hood legend.