

Overview









TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 11 days

Arrive: Salzburg, AustriaDepart: Trieste, Italy

Lodging: 10 nights charming inns and historic properties

Meals: All meals included except 3 dinners
Activity: Cultural, Hiking & Trekking

Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Moderate hikes, from 1-4 hours daily, on coastal or mountain trails

QUESTIONS?

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike the best sections of the long-distance Alpe Adria Trail through three countries
- Experience WWI history in charming Kobarid, hike through the deep Raggaschlucht Gorge, with its breathtaking waterfalls
- Discover the hidden wine region of Collio, where some of Italy's finest white wines are produced
- Stay in historic castles and palazzos, savor the cuisines and wines of three countries

Introduction



The Alpe Adria Trail carves its way from snow-capped mountains to the sea, starting below Austria's highest peak, crossing Slovenia's Julian Alps, winding into Italy's secluded Collio wine region, then finishing in the ancient Adriatic port of Trieste. We'll hike the best sections of this three-country trail, enjoying the cultures and cuisines of an underthe-radar corner of Europe. Along the way, we'll visit a mountaintop pilgrimage site in the Julian Alps, explore charming Kobarid, stay in a 13th century castle-hotel in the Collio vineyards, hike a coastal trail high above the Adriatic, and enjoy Trieste itself.

TRIP DATES

September 5-15, 2024 June 3-13, 2025 July 3-13, 2025 September 4-14, 2025







Overnight: National Park Lodge Grossglockner

This 4-star hotel is contemporary in style yet has the ambiance of a tradition alpine accommodation, including a bar with an open fireplace, a soothing herbal spa with a sauna and steam bath, and an indoor pool. Breakfast is buffet style, and the lodge's restaurant features regional specialties of the Alpe-Adria region.

Meals: L, D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, 750'

ascent/descent

Driving Time: 3 hours

DAY 1 SALZBURG, AUSTRIA / HEILIGENBLUT

We meet at 9:00 am at the Radisson Blu Hotel Altstadt in the center of Salzburg, then drive south into Austria's mountains to reach the alpine village of Heiligenblut (4,265'), one of the most enchanting spots in the Austrian Alps, surrounded by the bright green meadows and towering peaks of Hohe Tauern National Park. The Gothic 14th century Vincentius church dominates this classic alpine village.

On arrival, we'll take a scenic drive up the Grossglockner High Alpine Road, curving around numerous hairpin turns to reach the Kaiser Franz Josefs-Hohe (7,700'), where we'll take a short walk on the Kaiserstein panoramic way to the Wilhelm Swarovski observation tower. The observation tower, with its powerful telescopes, provides a pretty impressive views of towering Grossglockner (12,461'), Austria's highest peak, a magnet for climbers and the center of Austria's largest national park. We'll have lunch in the restaurant at Kaiser Franz Josefs-Hohe, with its fantastic views, then enjoy an after-lunch walk. This evening we gather for our Welcome Dinner, with overnight at an alpine-style mountain lodge in Heiligenblut.







Overnight: National Park Lodge Grossglockner

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 8.5 miles, 5 hours, 900'

ascent, 2,000' descent **Driving Time:** 15 minutes

DAY 2 HEILIGENBLUT / DÖLLACH / ALPE ADRIA TRAIL / STAGE

We hike Stage 2 of the Alpe Adria Trail today, beginning in Heiligenblut and following a winding path past ancient farm chalets and tumbling streams to the idyllic town of Döllach, nestled in one of the largest nature reserves in Central Europe. The three-country Alpe Adria Trail has 37 stages and begins right here at the foot of Mt. Grossglockner, then contours through Austria's pristine mountains and valleys, across meadows, into forests, and past glistening lakes, eventually entering Slovenia to pass along the emerald-green Soca River and eventually over the mountains to the Adriatic Coast of Italy. Hiking this trail is one of the most delightful ways in the world to enjoy the natural history, cuisine, and culture of three countries on one trip. (Note: today's hike is mostly on the Alpe Adria Trail. Because some of the trail is on asphalt and made mainly for bicycles, we'll take a slightly divergent route along the river at times.)









Overnight: Hotel Nevada

Set in the countryside and surrounded by a beautiful garden, this 60-room hotel has been run by the same family for generations. Guest rooms are spacious and offer lovely views of the mountains (there is a ski lift just nearby), and a bar, pizzeria, lounge, and reading rooms are available for guests. The staff goes out of their way to be attentive and welcoming.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 3 miles, 900' ascent, 1,500'

descent

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

DAY 3 HEILIGENBLUT / ALPE ADRIA TRAIL / LANDSKRON CASTLE / TARVISIO, ITALY

En route to Tarvisio today, we stop at the village of Flattach for a short hike up a trail to Raggashlutcht, a series of spectacular waterfalls in a narrow gorge and one of Austria's natural monuments. The hike brings us along a wooden boardwalk and through a narrow canyon as we enjoy the sights and sounds of the raging water. An hour's drive brings us to stunning Landskron Castle. With lunch on the castle's terrace, we'll have spectacular 360-degree views of the nearby vineyards and slopes, with a hike down to our vehicle after lunch and a drive to the Italian mountain town of Tarvisio.





Overnight: Hotel Nevada Meals: B, L Hiking Details: 6 miles, 4 hours, 700' ascent, 1,000' descent

DAY 4 TARVISIO / MONTE DI LUSSARI / FUSINE LAKES / TARVISIO

A ten-minute drive brings us to the Malborghetto cable car, which we ride up the mountain to the Monte Di Lussari sanctuary. Dating to the second half of the 14th century, this sanctuary has long been the destination of pilgrims and it's also now a popular spot for hikers. From here, we'll have sweeping views into Slovenia, Italy, and Austria, across the narrow Valbruna Valley, and over surrounding mountains including stalwart Mt. Mangart (8,789') and the ragged peak of Jôf di Montasio—some of the highest and most magnificent peaks in the Julian Alps. We'll enjoy a two-mile walk for scenic vistas, and then head to the stunning Fusine Lakes that lie below Mt. Mangart. These two glacial lakes are in a limestone amphitheater where spruce forests give way to the steep, wild ridge of the Picco di Mezzodi del Monte Mangart, just a stone's throw from the borders of Austria and Slovenia. We relax with a lakeside lunch, then take an afternoon walk on serene forested trails before returning to Tarvisio. Dinner this evening is on your own; there are many options in Tarvisio, featuring either Italian pastas or Austrian and Slovenian meat and fish dishes.









Overnight: Hotel Hvala

This family-run hotel is set in the heart of the Soca Valley in the history-filled town of Kobarid. Guest rooms are simple but nicely furnished and the staff is very welcoming. The hotel's restaurant specializes in fish and seafood.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 6 miles, 3 hours, 650'

ascent, 1,800' descent **Driving Time:** 1.5 hours

DAY 5 MONTASIO PLATEAU / HIKING ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD / KOBARID, SLOVENIA / KOBARID HISTORICAL TRAIL

This morning, we make a panoramic drive through the mountains to the ski resort of Sella Nevea, where we drive further up through pine-scented forests to the Montasio Plateau, an apron of lush alpine meadows supported by a sheer wall of mountains. Across the canyon, another dramatic wall of mountains rises—this is truly a place that gives one the feeling of hiking at the top of the world! The cows grazing in these mountain pastures produce the milk for the famous local Montasio cheese, whose recipe was first recorded in the year 1200 AD. Our hike takes us up to a high mountain pass below Sella Nevea (3,921'), the second highest peak in the Austrian Alps. At lunch in an alpine refuge, we can sample the local cheeses. In the late afternoon, we drive to Slovenia's historic Kobarid, set in a stunning valley traversed by the jade-green waters of the Soca River. This strategically located town was the center of the infamous Isonzo Front during World War I and was the setting for Hemingway's novel *A Farewell to Arms*.







Overnight: Hotel Hvala

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 7 miles, 4 hours, 1,500'

ascent/1,000' descent **Driving Time:** 15 minutes

DAY 6 KOBARID / KOBARID HISTORICAL TRAIL

Kobarid has the same historic significance to Italians as Verdun does to the French or Somme to the British. The town's two-mile Kobarid Historical Trail leads to various bridges, monuments, and fortifications along the river. Above the town is the Italian Charnel House, opened in 1938, with Mussolini in attendance, to house the remains of 7,000 Italian soldiers. We begin our day with a visit to this memorial of those terrible times, then hike to Tonovcov Grad, an archaeological site dating to the 4th and 6th centuries. We'll explore the remains of this ancient hilltop settlement, then continue up a historic forest trail along the Soca River to the old Italian line of defense and the 50-foot Kozjak waterfall, concealed in a cave, before continuing to the village of Dreznica. After lunch, we visit Kobarid's award-winning museum, set in a lovely Baroque house. The museum offers a gripping presentation of World War I as it was fought in the nearby Krn mountain range on the legendary Soca Front. It won Europe's top museum award and beautifully captures the human story of this tiny village as it was swept up by the forces of history.





Overnight: Castello di Spessa

This 12th century castle is perched on a small hill amid rolling vineyards and the Castello Di Spessa golf course. Rooms are Venetian style with 18th century furnishings and modern amenities. We love the quiet gardens and patios that overlook the countryside. A full breakfast is served daily in the castle's cozy Count Ludwig Kitchen.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Time: 5 miles, 3 hours, 700' ascent/

descent

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 7 ALPE ADRIA TRAIL / CIVIDALE DEL FRIULI, ITALY / CASTELLO DI SPESSA

This morning we'll visit the Italian town of Cividale del Friuli, set in the foothills of the eastern Alps. Founded by Julius Caesar, it was once the capital of the mighty Lombard Kingdom and is now a quiet town renowned for its medieval center. We'll then head to the Slovenian Brda, a region dominated by oak trees located at the meeting point of three cultures: Slavic, Romanesque, and Germanic. We'll reach the village of Gonjace to first climb 144 steps up a modern tower where we can admire views over the entire Slovenian wine area. You'll see rolling hills and vineyards of the Collio along with pastures and cherry trees. The locals here—"Brike" for women and "Brici" for men—are characterized by their hospitality with their food and wine specialties, and the cultivation of ancient vines has been favored for many years. In recent years, native vines such as Ribolla have gained importance in the area. We'll walk to the village of Smartno for lunch and then continue on Stage 31 on the Alpe Adria Trail, which takes us through the vineyards and forest. Our hotel tonight and tomorrow night is the 13th century Castello di Spessa (Casanova stayed here!). We're welcomed with a drink in the castle's spectacular wine cellar, and enjoy dinner in its renowned restaurant.







Overnight: Castello di Spessa Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 7.5 miles, 4 hours, 800' ascent/descent

Driving Time: 30 minutes

DAY 8 THE HIGH VINEYARDS TRAIL / CASTELLO DI SPESSA

After breakfast in the castle kitchen, we set off right through the vineyards, hiking across the undulating countryside mainly along the Alpe Adria as we follow the Sentiero delle Vigne Alte, or Path of the High Vines, which leads us to our lunch spot beneath a leafy arbor at a typical Friulian osteria. We return to the castle in the afternoon for a wine tasting and some time at leisure to enjoy the grounds. Dinner tonight will be in one of the charming taverns where we can try local wines alongside seasonal cuisine.









Overnight: Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta

The Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta sits in the heart of Trieste, steps away from the magnificent Piazza Unita d'Italia, with views out to the Adriadic. Guest rooms in this family-owned historic building are decorated with classic antiques and feature modern amenities. The hotel also has two restaurants: Harry's Bistro and Michelinstarred Harry's Piccolo. If you have time, check out the hotel's subterranean pool and spa. You have your choice of baths and saunas from Turkish to infrared, or you might choose to swim beneath mosaics and colored lighting.

Meals: B, L

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, 700

ascent, 500' descent **Driving Time:** 2 hours

DAY 9 TRIESTE / THE RILKE TRAIL / DUINO CASTLE

From a beautiful spot beginning in Trieste's Bay of Sistiana on the Adriatic Coast, we set off for a hike along the clifftop Rilke Trail up to the historic castle at Duino. The castle is where the beloved poet Rainer Maria Rilke stayed one fateful summer 1912, when he began writing the Duino Elegies, his exquisite collection of mystical poems. We see the same steep white cliffs, rugged coastline, and unspoiled woodland that inspired Rilke, visit the castle terrace where he wrote, and savor a fresh fish lunch at a local café right by the castle, followed by a walk along an old Roman-built road that connected the city of Aquileia to Trieste. This afternoon, we'll head to an osmiza (family-run farmstead) to enjoy wines and local foods including sausages, olives, and cheese right on the premises of the farmers and vintners who produce them. Overnight at Trieste's Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta, a historic property whose dining room and terrace give us front row seats to the grand piazza.



Overnight: Grand Hotel Duchi d'Aosta Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 2.5 miles, 1.5 hours

DAY 10 TRIESTE / NAPOLEON WAY

We'll take a private guided walking tour of this off-the-beaten-track city, the foremost seaport for the great Hapsburg Empire, and get a glimpse into its magnificent history at the grand Piazza della Repubblica, one of the world's largest and most beautiful seafront piazzas. Flanked on three sides by the city's grand palazzi—spectacular Hapsburg-era palaces—the piazza opens right onto the Adriatic. We'll also set out on a short (20 minute) drive above the city to Villa Opicina to hike the "Napoleon Way," with its fresh coastal air and gorgeous views over the Bay of Trieste. The afternoon is at leisure and tonight we gather for our Farewell Dinner.

Meals: B

DAY 11 DEPART

Depart for homeward bound flights or other travels in Europe.



TRIP COST

Prices are per person, double occupancy 2024

\$6,395 (12-15 members) \$6,895 (5-11 members)

Single supplement: \$945

2025

\$6,695 (12-15 members)

\$7,295 (9-11 members)

\$7,895 (5-8 members)

Single supplement: \$865

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To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No Charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in charming mountain hotels and historic properties
- All meals included except 2 dinners as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- · All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Suggested Airport: Salzburg Airport (SZG) **Suggested Date & Time:** Anytime before Day 1

Meeting Place & Time: You will meet your Trip Leader on Day 1 at 9:00 am in the lobby of the Radisson Blu Hotel Altstadt in the center of Salzburg. You can book directly at www.radissonhotels.com

We will be departing Salzburg immediately after meeting. If you haven't visited Salzburg before, we recommend you arrive a couple days early to explore on your own. If you prefer more luxurious accommodation in Salzburg, we recommend either the <u>Hotel Sacher</u> or <u>Hotel Goldener</u> Hirsch.

DEPARTURE

Date & Time: Day 11, anytime

Suggested Airport: Trieste Airport (TRS)

The hotel reception can arrange a taxi for you to the train station or airport.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Salzburg/Trieste. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found at www.exitotravel.com. Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary.

The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US. Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

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GIANLUCA CANALICCHIO

Gianluca Canalicchio was born and raised in Rome, where his parents moved in 1960 from Umbria, when they left their life of hard work on their farm in search of new opportunities. He has a degree in accounting, and loves dancing, singing opera, and cooking. Gianluca is a devoted follower of the Italian food channel, Gambero Rosso, and friend to many noted chefs. "My cooking teacher is my mother, whose love for cooking always amazed me. I opened a pizza restaurant in Rome and a restaurant in San Francisco, but the problem is I prefer to be a client, not a chef!" Gianluca also loves sports and has competed in triathlon races for many years. Another passion of his is history, which he says "is essential for our times: not understanding the past makes us see the present in a distorted way." When guiding, Gianluca loves taking people to his favorite off-the-beaten-path places and introducing them to local people.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated a **Level 3+, Moderate**, according to our trip grading system. You will need to be comfortable hiking 9 miles in a day and hiking on uneven surfaces including downhill over loose scree. Trail conditions, weather, and the group's level of fitness can affect hiking times and pacing.

Average Hiking Day

- 3 hours
- 5 miles
- 1,000 feet gain/loss

Challenge Day

• Day 2:8.5 miles, 5 hours, ascent 900 feet, descent 2,000 feet

TERRAIN

The trails traverse a variety of terrains, from mountain trails to rolling hills to coastal tracks—all of which have rocky steps and uneven surfaces that may become muddy and unstable in bad weather. The trip starts with some steep hikes in the Austrian Alps and Friulian Dolomites, then continues onto hilly vineyard trails, and ends with mostly level coastal walks.

GETTING IN SHAPE

We strongly urge you to train for your trip, as your enjoyment will be highly dependent on your level of fitness. The best training for a hike is to hike, especially over hills or rough terrain. Next best are running, swimming, bicycling, or other cardiovascular exercises. Stair-climbing machines are excellent preparation for hiking uphill. Your feet should also be well prepared—make sure your hiking boots are sturdy, comfortable, and thoroughly broken-in.

WEATHER

The weather in early summer and fall is generally clear and pleasant. At the times that our trips are scheduled, we tend to miss the humidity, making hiking conditions very comfortable. Expect a mix of sun and partly cloudy days, with a less than 30% chance of precipitation. Rain showers can occur at any time, so a rain jacket is advised. Our hiking adventure explores three distinct regions: the mountain realms of the Austrian Alps, the Friulian Dolomites in Kobarid, Slovenia, and Tarvisio, Italy's hill country of the Collio, and finally down to the Adriatic Coast at Trieste. In the mountainous region of Austria and around Kobarid and Tarvisio, temperatures should be in the mid 60°Fs during the day to the low 40°Fs at night. In the Collio, it can be cool, with temperatures ranging from the low 60°Fs during the day to the high 40°Fs at night. Along the Adriatic Coast, expect temperatures ranging from the mid 70°Fs during the day to the low 60°Fs at night.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We spend several nights in mountain hotels (in Heiligenblut, Austria, and in Kobarid, Slovenia, and Tarvisio, Italy). The remaining nights are in historic buildings, palazzi, or castles, where the rooms are not always of uniform or international size. Our leaders do their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip. Single rooms can be requested but are not always available, due to the limited space in the hotels. If you prefer a single room, please make your request as early as possible.

What to Expect

CUISINE

Meals will be taken at the hotels where we are staying or at restaurants in nearby towns. Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION

Our support vehicle will transport the group's luggage, so you only need to carry a daypack (rain gear, sweater, camera, water bottle, etc.). Trip members are always free to skip a day's hike and travel to the next destination in the support vehicle (or remain at the hotel if we are not transferring that day).

	Н	DRIVING DETAILS					
DAY	MILES	HOURS	ELEV. GAIN/LOSS	HOURS			
1	5 miles	3 hours	750' ascent / descent	3 hours			
2	8.5 miles	5 hours	900' ascent / 2,000' descent	15 mins			
3	3 miles	2 hours	900' ascent / 1,500' descent	2.5 hours			
4	6 miles	4 hours	700' ascent / 1,000' descent				
5	6 miles	3 hours	650' ascent / 1,800' descent	1.5 hours			
6	7 miles	4 hours	1,500' ascent / 1,000' descent	15 mins			
7	5 miles	3 hours	700' ascent / descent	1.5 hours			
8	7.5 miles	4 hours	800' ascent / descent	30 mins			
9	5 miles	3 hours	700' ascent / 500' descent	2 hours			
10	2.5 miles	1.5 hours	Minimal				

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC	
Tarvisio	33/21	37/22	45/28	52/34	62/42	68/48	72/51	71/51	64/45	54/38	41/30	33/22	
Kobarid	50/40	49/39	52/42	56/47	63/55	70/61	75/66	75/66	69/60	64/55	57/47	52/42	
Trieste	47/38	48/39	54/43	61/50	71/59	76/63	82/69	83/70	76/64	65/55	55/46	49/39	
RAINFALL - INCHES													
Tarvisio	2.8	2.6	3.7	5.3	4.9	6.1	5.5	4.7	5.5	6.1	5.1	3.5	
Kobarid	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.9	6.3	6.0	5.0	4.6	6.4	8.1	8.6	5.1	
Trieste	2.4	2.2	2.6	3.3	3.3	3.9	2.4	3.3	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.5	

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

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REFERENCES

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ABOUT NEW TRIPS

This is a new adventure and one that we are particularly excited about offering. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

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