

## BLEED - THE JEWEL OF ALPINE SLOVENIA

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The eternal allure of Bled lies in its magical lake, a shimmering body of crystal-clear water embraced by a necklace of snow-capped Alpine peaks. Atop the lake reigns Slovenia's only island, crowned by a 15th-century chapel safely guarding its wishing bell, while high above it broods a mighty medieval castle.

Visitors to Bled are inspired by its mild climate, fresh air, plentiful sunshine, clean water and tranquil serenity and charmed by the time-honoured 'pletna' boats that slowly glide across the lake. Horse-drawn carriages add to the town's traditional flair, while the delicious cream cakes have also passed into Bled folklore, having been baked here since 1953, when the original recipe was invented.

Bled and its surrounding area, much of which falls within the Triglav National Park, ensure plentiful opportunities for spending an active day in the great outdoors, including golf on one of the most beautiful courses in Europe, white-water rafting, cycling and hiking.

Recently, Bled's ambitious and cosmopolitan chefs, who like to give new interpretations to the typical traditional dishes of the area, have managed to establish themselves among the very best in the country, thus adding to the pleasures of visiting Slovenia's Alpine pearl.

The classic picture of Slovenia, Bled Lake sets itself apart from others alike by owning the only island in Slovenia, in the middle of its waters. This unique feature of Bled has become a symbol of love, as many couples choose it as their wedding venue to celebrate their love story ...

## THE BLED CASTLE

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The history of the castle reaches back to 1004 when the German Emperor Henry II gave his estate at Bled to Bishop Albuin of Brixen. At that time, only a Romanesque tower protected by walls stood in the place of the present day castle. The first castle was built in approximately 1011 but the Bishops of Brixen never resided there. This is precisely why the castle has no luxurious halls as the greater emphasis was placed on the defence system.