

BEAR OBSERVATION IN SLOVENIA HOLIDAYS IN THE LAND OF THE BEAR

The Centre for the Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage was founded with the purpose of developing alternative possibilities of the coexistence of the human with nature and of the environmentally-friendly presence in nature. The principal goal is sustainable development of non-invasive exploitation of nature.

What are we going to do?

In the five days, we will get acquainted with the surroundings of valley Loška dolina with emphasis on getting to know its natural and cultural heritage.

Bear monitoring is a unique experience, however there is no guarantee in nature that our observations and tracking will be successful.

We observe bears from cosy and safe observation posts at feeding points. We will set out to an observation post late in the afternoon or early in the morning, accompanied by an experienced guide, with an all-terrain vehicle. In addition to observing bears, we will also get to know the bear's habitat and visit a non-inhabited bear lair. You can also decide to spend the whole night observing, whereby you will be able to see also other forest animals (deer, wild boar, fox, or even badger).

Within the frame of holidays we also offer visits to the remains of the cultural heritage and local ethnological sites. We can also see the remains of pre-historic forts, Claustra Alpium Iuliarum (the system of the Roman blocking wall), the remains of a medieval division land register, the castle Snežnik, and the ruins of castle Loški grad. We will also take you along the path of fortification system called the Alpine wall or "Vallo Alpino".

If the weather conditions are right (snow), it is possible to take a panoramic tour of the surroundings on snow sleigh.

Programme 1: BEAR

(from 15 April to 1 July and from 1 August to 15 October)

- 4 overnight stays with full board
- 5 times waiting for the bear
- 3 times setting a photo trap
- a short nature photography course and a course of photo trap setting
- a visit of an empty bear lair
- tracking of the bear with the help of telemetry (in cooperation with the Biotechnical Faculty)
- a light half-day hiking trip to the virgin forest in the area of Snežnik woodland or a visit to the army remains from the 1930s (army bunkers on the former Rapallo border)

Programme 2: WOLF and OTTER (from 1 December to 15 March)

- 4 overnight stays with full board
- 3 times waiting at a feeding point with the help infra red lighting and night vision monocular
- 5 times setting a photo trap
- a course of nature photography and movement and of photo trap setting
- a visit of an empty bear lair
- tracking of the wolf and otter
- a light half-day hiking trip to the virgin forest

Programme 3: HOLIDAYS IN THE LAND OF THE BEAR (from 1 June to 15 August)

- 4 overnight stays with full board
- 3 times tracking for the bear
- 3 times setting a photo trap
- a course of nature photography and movement and of photo trap setting
- a visit of an empty bear lair
- a light half-day hiking trip to the virgin forest

Bear observation is intended for groups of up to 8 people (in two separate groups). During the guided bear observation and visit to a bear lair, the use of navigation devices is forbidden. It is possible to rent GPS devices with a local cartography basis and more interesting points and paths entered for other hiking or biking trips. Your car will remain parked at the guesthouse Gostišče Mlakar. We will set out on the guided observation tour with an all-terrain vehicle.

The programme is carried out by guesthouse Gostišče Mlakar and the Centre for the Conservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage.

Additional offer:

Upon prior arrangement it is also possible to
visit the cave Križna jama
visit the castle Snežnik
take a panoramic balloon flight
rent a bike or a canoe
go fishing in Obrh