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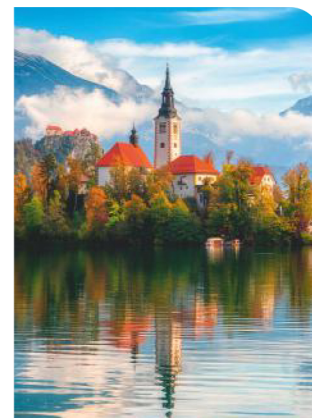
Laura French picks out the adventure highlights from this oft-underrated country

star attraction...



Lake Bled

This pool of iridescent jade in Slovenia's Julian Alps is a hotspot for all things active, with kayaking, climbing, paragliding, hiking, cycling and more set against the spires of its church and castle. Highlights include the four-mile walk or cycle to Vintgar Gorge, where turquoise rapids rush through lush, emerald forest, and the Rikli path, which takes you to the top of Straža hill for panoramic views of the lake.



we love...



Kranjska Gora

Tucked away in Slovenia's northwest corner, this Alpine-feel resort is one of Slovenia's most popular ski spots, topped with aquamarine lakes, verdant forests and timbered chalets. It's also the home of the Planica Nordic Centre - which hosts an annual ski jumping World Cup and is home to more record jumps than anywhere else in the world - while summer brings hiking into the mix, with more than 100 miles of trails criss-crossing the pine-carpeted peaks.

kranjska-gora.si/en



don't miss...



The Soca Valley

Waterfalls, canyons and rocky outcrops abound in this dramatic valley, cut through by the River Soca. Kayaking, canyoning and hiking are all popular pursuits, but whitewater rafting is the real standout, with a six-mile route offered by various operators; Bovec Rafting Team offers one-hour trips from April to October from €55.

bovec-rafting-team.com



book it...



Balkan Holidays offers a week's bed and breakfast at the three-star Hotel Astoria Bled from £571 per person, including a day's bike hire, departing May 4, 2022.

balkanholidays.co.uk

make time for...



Ljubljana

Slovenia's capital is known for its green credentials, with cyclists ambling along the Ljubljanica River, outdoor cafes lining cobbled streets and a historic centre reserved for pedestrians only. But for those wanting to add an extra dose of adventure, suggest a paddleboarding trip along the river; Bananaway offers guided tours from €39, offering active types the chance to take in the city's cobbled streets, castle and Plečnik-built architecture from a different angle.

bananaway.eu



where to stay...



Ramada Resort by Wyndham Kranjska Gora

For those wanting to stay in the heart of the mountains, suggest this family-friendly Ramada outpost, surrounded by forested slopes and home to a big indoor pool, spa, casino, pizzeria and more. Rooms are spacious and the location is excellent, with ski slopes on the doorstep, cycling tracks easily accessible and a golf course close by too. Rates from €145 per night.

wyndhamhotels.com



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