

# Lacemaking Tour

to the Beauty Spots on Europe's Exquisite Face  
Slovenia & Croatia

13-29 MAY 2019



## If you love lace...

Lace in all its forms has long been a magnet to many people. In the past, lacemaking has always conjured up visions of delicate threads which have become antique objects of great beauty, evoking romantic destinations and the sign of a person's great wealth. Nowadays, you can visit areas of the world where handmade lace is still made – unique places of spectacular beauty - without it costing you a king's ransom.

Our tours of Slovenia and Croatia will transport you to another world – the world of lacemaking. In Venice we visit the island of Burano before continuing to the lacemaking town in Slovenia where the famous Idrija tape lace is made and to other places whose history has been defined by lace.

For those who love the beauty of nature at its very best, there is Lake Bled with its exquisite little island, Bohinj Lake in its stunning alpine setting and Postojna Caves in their limestone magnificence. Nearby is Predjama Castle which is built in the mouth of a cave! You will also visit Piran, perched neatly on the Adriatic coast, Radovljica with its medieval streetscape, Maribor in the Slovenian wine country and the relaxed capital city of Ljubljana with its lovely architecture and fabled history of Jason and the Argonauts.

You can also join our optional tour to Croatia which includes visits to Dubrovnik's famous medieval old town and the historic city of Split where the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace, the lacemaking island of Hvar on the Dalmatian Coast as well as the beautiful lavender and lace island of Korcula. Two UNESCO World Heritage sites, Kotor Bay in Montenegro and Plitvice Lakes in Croatia, will also be explored, making this a wonderful extension to your Slovenian tour.

If you love lace ... and making lace, as well as spectacular scenery and medieval gems, then you should come with us on these wonderful tours to the beauty spots on Europe's exquisite face.



**ROBYN COCKS**  
Tour Leader &  
Lacemaking Judge

Robyn's passion for lace stems from her love of working with threads

of many kinds. She learnt to knit, crochet, embroider and dress-make whilst very young. Throughout her life she has learnt to make lace using many methods. For a long time, Robyn has been making tatted lace and in recent years has begun learning bobbin lace, concentrating on Torchon lace, as well as braid or Russian lace. She teaches tating and has also judged lace at the Royal Easter Show for the last two years.

During her time as a member of the NSW Tatters' Guild, Robyn has served as librarian, teacher, mentor and contributor to their magazine. A number of patterns have been developed by Robyn and she loves to pass on her knowledge to beginners. She has taught many new tatters and watched them go on to win major competitions with their work. Whilst working as a lace steward at metropolitan shows, Robyn gained insights into judging lace which she is keen to pass on to the next generation of lace-makers through her mentoring skills.

A second passion in her life is travel which she does with her husband every year, travelling extensively throughout Europe.

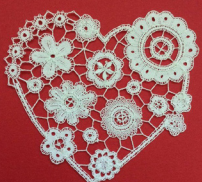


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## Slovenia Tour Program

Day 1: Arrive Venice – hotel transfer - walking tour and visit to lace shop

Day 2: Visit to the islands of Murano and Burano

Day 3: Venice to Idrija in Slovenia – visit to underground Mercury Mine

Day 4: Idrija – Visits to Miners house & Idrija Castle – lacemaking workshop

Day 5: Idrija to Bled via Zelezniki – museum of ironworking & lacework

Day 6: Tour of Bled – pletna boat to Maria Island – cable car to Mt Vogel

Day 7: Radovljica – bee museum – to Ljubljana – afternoon walking tour

Day 8: Maribor city tour – Ptuj wine cellar tour – return to Ljubljana

Day 9: Postojna Caves tour – Predjama Castle – Lipica Stud Farm - Piran

Day 10: Transfer from Piran to Venice or join the Croatia tour



## Croatia Tour Program

Day 1: Piran to Plitvice National Park – tour of the lakes

Day 2: Transfer to Split – city tour & Diocletian's Castle

Day 3: Ferry to Hvar island – Benedictine Monastery – agave lace exhibition

Day 4: Transfer to Dubrovnik – walking city tour

Day 5: Visit and tour of Korcula island – visit to Ston

Day 6: Day tour to Montenegro

Day 7: Transfer to Dubrovnik airport for onward flights



## Tour inclusions:

- Accommodation at selected hotels, taxes included
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival transfer and departure transfers
- Touring in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- English speaking expert local guides
- Entrance fees as listed in the tour program
- Porterage at hotels
- Farewell dinner

**Register Your Interest Now**  
– tour details and cost to be advised May 2018