



## IDRIJA

### 3 days sample program for women



#### Day 1

Arrival and check in at Hotel Jožef, a boutique, modern and functionally equipped four-star hotel just a step away from unspoiled nature. In the afternoon we will accompany you through the city centre to introduce you to the story of the origin and the development of Slovenia's oldest mining town Idrija. You will find out where the tub maker was soaking his tubs and collected mercury for the first time, where the Dog Countess was roaming the paths and more. Sightseeing will be followed by dinner at restaurant in Hotel Kendov Manor. The Kenda Manor is a haven of peace and tranquillity! Upon crossing the threshold of this magnificent manor, time loses importance. Extraordinary tranquillity of the manor together with the mysterious scent of the past, great works of art, beautiful hand-made Idrija laces, careful attention to the smallest detail, sheer excellence of the Kenda Manor cuisine accompanied by an exquisite selection of wines and soft music tunes will fill you with unforgettable warmth. Overnight.

#### Day 2

After breakfast, we will visit Lace school Idrija, which houses lace exhibition and we will have the chance to make our own Idrija lace. For lunch at Gostišče Barbara we will be served with aperitif, soup and of course Idrija's finest, "Idrijski žlikrofi" – typical Idrija dish. After lunch, we will explore the Idrija Municipal Museum at the Castle Gewerkenegg, which is one of the rare castles in Slovenia that never had a feudal function and mainly served the needs of the mine. In the museum, you can visit the exhibition about the 500-year history of the mercury mine and town, an extensive geological collection and a lace exhibition with a special exhibit – a 6m<sup>2</sup> large lace tablecloth intended as a present to Jovanka Broz, Tito's wife. Afterwards we will visit the Idrija lace studio. Idrija is the oldest and the most important lacemaking center in Slovenia, having preserved this domestic craft for more than three hundred years. In the afternoon, we will enjoy honey tasting at the bee house. The Idrija Municipal Apiary is an exceptional example of a skillfully crafted, executed and painted apiary. Dinner at the restaurant Gostilna Škafar and overnight at Hotel Jožef.

#### Day 3

After breakfast we depart to **Vojsko plateau** for guided tour around wetlands in the **Gačnik stream valley** and **Gačnik gorge**. Through the valley of Gačnik your attention might be attracted to the numerous special swamp plants and unusually shaped bare, sandy hills. From here there's just a short way to the beautiful Brdar waterfall, which is the highest lying waterfall in the Gačnik ravine. This will be followed by **workshop preparing "idrijski žlikrofi,"** a national dish of Slovenia, made from dough with a potato filling and a characteristic shape. In view of their traditional process of elaboration and recipe, in 2002 the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food granted idrijski žlikrofi traditional product status. After **lunch** at the ecological farm Naš Raj, we proceed to the **Na kupčku estate** in a village Čekovnik near Idrija. You will be able to **enjoy relaxing massage** (Kneipp garden, natural wellness) or sport activities in the surrounding nature. Farewell.

**Net price for tour operators: 239 EUR per person / group of minimum 12 persons**

#### • The price includes:

- Local bus transfers in Idrija
- English speaking local guides
- 2 BBs (bed and breakfast) at Hotel Jožef
- 2 lunches
- 2 dinners
- Wellness activities Workshops, tastings, sightseeing and entrance fees according to the program
- Organisation

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