

Williams GeoAdventures

Dolo-Slovo Rocks! Exclusive for NWGS and Friends!
Ten Days in Late June-Early July, 2019 - \$3,980

Ten amazing days! The trip visits three of the most remarkable regions of Northeastern Italy and Slovenia; the Julian Alps, Lake Bled, and the Škocjan Caves of Slovenia, the Trieste/Carso (Karst) area, and the enchanting Dolomite Mountains. The trip begins and ends in Venice.

Julian Alps - The Julian Alps are renowned for their scenic beauty, Slovenian culture, and gastronomic specialties. We will also visit the World Heritage Site at the unforgettable Škocjan caves in Slovenia.

Trieste & Carso Area - Trieste has the beauty of the azure Adriatic Sea. In this corner of Italy is the classical beauty of the Mediterranean landscape, tempered by the first hints of the Slavonic worlds, as well as the Alps, which provide an almost magical backdrop to the area. The long-standing Austrian-Hungarian presence can still be felt in the air here, and has left many traces in the landscape, in the cuisine, and in the local customs.

The Carso is in fact one cultural and geographical entity, even though it now belongs to two different countries. It is a region known far and wide for its geological features—so important that they even gave their name to a whole series of geological phenomena (defined precisely as “karstic”).

Dolomite Mountains - The Dolomites capture the imagination for their stunning peaks seemingly coming out of the dark green of spruce forests. The name “Dolomites”, almost speaks for itself as a synonym for “magical mountains”, with remarkable geology, charming towns, and delectable fresh local food and wine, handpicked by our fabulous local guide Maximiliano Calligola. The Dolomite Mountains are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will experience many of the serial properties of the Dolomite World Heritage Site during our stay, including Tre Cime and Bletterbach gorge.

The trip includes a series of highlights from all three regions. The majestic peaks of the Dolomites, with the immense views they offer, and the incredible experience of walking on what was once the bed of an ocean, will be complemented by the monumental caves we will see in the Carso and Slovenia. We will walk on historical trails, taking in the grandeur of nature as well as the cultural, artistic, historical and gastronomic plenty that these regions offer. We are talking some memorable meals, folks—and did we mention the wines? Spouses of geologists will also find this trip entrancing because of the unique combination of scenery, culture, food, and personal experience with the locales.

This trip is designed specifically for the interests and expertise of NWGS members. Massimiliano Calligola (Max), botanist and naturalist extraordinaire, is co-leading. Max is an Italian registered Nature Guide with a passion for his native Italy, who lives in both the UK and the Dolomites. Check out his amazing blog (www.italy-tours-in-nature.com).

The 10-day trip is \$3,980 and includes accommodations, transportation by private coach, attraction admissions, two expert English speaking geologist and naturalist co-leaders, field guide, 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 6 dinners. The single supplement cost is \$900. It does not include airfare to Venice. Deposits of \$800 by October 1, 2018, with the balance of \$3,180 due April 1, 2019. The hikes range from easy to moderate.

Thank you for the opportunity to create this trip for the NWGS. We will make this a fabulous trip for you. This will be a marvelous geologic adventure! Shoot me an email or give me a call with any questions.



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