

SEAC 2012: HALF DAY EXCURSION TO BLED



Bled and its surroundings is a great example of how over the millennia people have used to learn and recognize its environment in relation to natural resources and living conditions and how these facts managed to influence the development of cultural achievements. The museum exhibition is set in 14 rooms of the former living quarters of the castle. It was prepared by the National Museum of Slovenia in cooperation with several other Slovenian museums and private collectors.

The thousand year old castle is not just an outstanding exhibition space, with a remarkable view over the beautiful tiny island with a famous pilgrimage church in the middle of the lake, but is also a historical monument and central point in space and time, as they are intertwined and documented high above the corner of Lake Bled. Together with the exhibition of the national heritage and values, it encourages and challenges both the locals and all visitors of Bled, being also the most famous and most visited tourist destination in Slovenia.



PROGRAMME:

• **9:00 to 9:30**

arrival of participants in Bled - Bled Castle and welcome speech by mayor Janez Fajfar
tour of the castle (Janko Rozic MSc, Architect)

• **11:00 to 13:00**

ride to the Bled island with pletna boats, tour of the island and the church, return

• **13:00 to 15:00**

lunch at the restaurant Triglav

• **16:00**

arrival to Ljubljana

PROGRAMME OF THE CASTLE VISIT

The exhibition presents original artefacts (a total of ca. 400) and complementary objects of the former inhabitants of the castle, reconstructed images, models and a multimedia Bled relief model of the surrounding area. Our guide will be the architect of the layout and co-author of the museum exhibition, a great connoisseur of Bled castle and its countryside. He will be able to reveal us hidden links between the architecture of the castle and the natural and cultural features in the vicinity. Virtual impressions of the exhibition illustrate several topics, e.g. the traces of the Bohinj glacier and the historical development of the castle building. Short documentaries with a rich pictorial material and original images witness the ancient heritage of Bled and its castle.

