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SLOVENIA FOR EVERY SEASON

IF SLOVENIA DOESN'T IMMEDIATELY SPRING TO MIND WHEN YOU'RE THINKING INCENTIVES, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE MISSING. THIS SMALL COUNTRY IS A GREAT DESTINATION FOR TEAM-BUILDING, EXTREME SPORTS AND UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES – AT ANY TIME OF YEAR

Slovenia has already proved itself on the international meetings circuit and shown itself to be extraordinarily well organised. But you may not have realised how diverse it is when it comes to keeping delegates occupied. From the Alps to the Adriatic, it's full of diversity and delightful, unspoilt places. And if their names aren't too familiar, why not take a closer look at the map and see what they have to offer? Another look will show you Slovenia isn't too far away. Midway between Venice and Vienna, it's easily accessible from all over Europe. Miha Kovacic, director of the Slovenian Convention

Bureau, tirelessly promotes the country to meetings and incentive buyers. "There's no point trying to compete with our much larger neighbours in the mass leisure tourism market - we are simply too small for that," he says. "But the beauty of the country is that it is small and compact and therefore rather exclusive!" Within an hour or two of Ljubljana airport, you can be up in the mountains or underground in caves, on a beautiful lake or winding river, floating through the air in a balloon or paraglider or following a wine route through the hills, on the golf course, on hor-

seback, in a 4x4 jeep or on a sailing boat, or taking the waters in one of Slovenia's fine health resorts. And that's only in the spring or summer. The snow in winter provides a whole new dimension in adventure and activities. This fun-focused infrastructure is supported by good hotels and a plethora of unusual venues in the form of castles and manors, efficient transportation and wonderful wine and gastronomy. Of the SCB's 50 members, eight are incentive houses. Here's a sample of their programmes.



UNDER THE EARTH AND ON THE SEA
Bus ride from Ljubljana to Portorož on the coast. On the way, stop at Postojna Cave, a mysterious underground world, 20 km long and shaped by water. At Portorož, cast off from the pier for a trip on Piran Bay past a mussel plantation and the Strunjan Cliffs. The crew give fishing lessons to the accompaniment of a guitar. Fish picnic lunch on board.

THE ONLY UNDERGROUND CHURCH IN SLOVENIA
A visit to the Cave of St Socerb and a unique church in a holy water basin cut into the stalactites. Records from the 17th century say the altar was richly ornamented and made of multi-coloured marble. Later,

dine mediaeval-style with knights and a court jester at Socerb Castle, eating out of wooden bowls but with no utensils.

HIGH CHALLENGE ROPES COURSE
At Ljubelj and Lake Bohinj, the obstacle course is built on wooden pillars up to 14 metres above the ground. Exciting hanging bridges vary in degrees of difficulty: Pamper pole, wild wooosey, flea jump, team beam, rock jump and the giant swing are just a few more of the thrills.

ALPINETROPHY
At Hotel Pod Voglom, the only one in Bohinj with a private lake beach, choose from climbing, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, mountain or scenic biking, archery, rafting and flying fox.

ADRIATIC REGATTA
Sailing out of Izola or Portorož, match racing, time challenges and mini races on J24 yachts.

FUN ON THE SALT PANS
On the salt pans of Sečovlje, teams participate in salt production with the help of local experts, play games,