

## FABULOUS DANCING HOLIDAY IN LAKE BLED, SLOVENIA ORGANISED BY HOLIDAY AND DANCE

By David and Norma Morton from West Yorkshire

We have just returned from a fabulous weeks holiday in Lake Bled, Slovenia with Philip Wylie and Christine, staying at Hotel Lovec, a beautiful 4 star hotel. The hotel was spotless with an excellent breakfast and evening buffet and the staff were very friendly. It seems as though everyone in Slovenia speaks English and all the signs are in English as well.

The Panarama Ballroom was very spacious with a stunning lake view. Christine provided a good selection of music to suit all tastes and Philip was available to help with individual couples problems in a room adjoining the ballroom. The workshop each evening consisted of figures in Waltz, Quickstep, and Tango with Foxtrot moves to improve floorcraft. The group, which consisted of couples from Great Britain, Cyprus, Belgium and Hungary found these workshops very helpful and suited to mixed abilities.

We have been on holidays to the Italian Lakes and expected this one to be similar, however it exceeded all expectations as it was so beautiful. The lake was 6km to walk around and the paths and boardwalk made it very easy with lots of places to sit and take in the scenery. There was a "dotto" train, a horse-drawn carriage or bikes to hire as alternative ways to see the lake. The Slovenian Pletnas take you across the lake to the island. They are flat boats with a man with large oars, a bit similar to a gondola. There are also plenty of excursions to see more of Slovenia.

Bled had restaurants, bars and cafes and the resort attracted couples and families, with a very safe feel to it. Overall, it is the best dancing holiday that we have been on and I hope that others will try it for themselves.

By Malcolm & KayWeallans

Just imagine this:- dancing in a ballroom overlooking a lake with hills all around and even a church on an island in the lake. There was a castle at the top of a cliff overlooking the lake as well. It sounds idyllic, but it is what we found on the recent Holiday and Dance trip to Bled, Slovenia.

We had booked this holiday as we enjoy walking in the mountains and also dancing but hadn't expected such a fairytale location. We did have reservations as we hadn't been on a package holiday for some years and this had been arranged in conjunction with Inghams, but the travel arrangements went very smoothly. We flew from Stansted with Easyjet, again with some concerns, but as it turned out the flights were on time, and the only hiccup in our travel plans came at security where there was some unexplained difficulty with my hand-baggage.

The hotel was also ideal for a holiday with a very relaxed atmosphere and a lot of variety in food options. Philip and Christine ran the dancing every night and really worked hard to ensure that everybody came away from the week with some new dance moves and having improved their dancing. Philip was even found giving one couple personal help on the landing of the hotel that we stayed in. Christine kept the music going and we don't think we danced to the same piece of music twice.

During the days we walked in and around the lake, and used the local buses to visit other areas, including visiting another lake, a very deep gorge, and the fairytale castle on a high cliff.

And during the week we made friends with many new dancers from different areas in the UK, and even from Cyprus and Hungary. All in all a very enjoyable experience. It's good news that there will be another one next year.