

# Circle Dance Holiday in Slovenia

with Vesna & Marijan Rudel

27<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018



*Above: the chalets at Terme Zreče and the adjacent lake.*

An opportunity to explore beautiful nature of Slovenia as well as enjoy a passion for music and circle dance with the support of delightful local hosts, Vesna and Marijan Rudel who many circle dancers will know from Dance Camp Wales. More information at: [www.mandalamusic19.net](http://www.mandalamusic19.net). Vesna and Marijan are experienced and talented Circle Dance Musicians and choreographers who invite us to join them on a week of exploration of their local area near their home town of Velenje.



The week will be one of fun and relaxation intertwined with learning a variety of beautiful dances with opportunities to learn also some local songs. The plan is to dance mostly traditional circle dances, dances choreographed by Vesna & Marijan and some sacred and other dances. Dances for around 2 hours daily. Dances led in English are mostly simple so that anybody could join. We will dance outside in the grounds or while we are on excursions or, if it rains, inside hotel.

**Cost for those sharing a twin or double bedroom in the chalets - about 500 Euros includes:** accommodation for 7 nights in comfortable wooden chalets, tours to the mountains (the Slovenian Alps are stunning). with a guide for 2 whole days (lunch and supper for 2 days included), entrance fee to nature parks in the mountains, taxi to and from the agreed flights Ljubljana-Zreče and back and dancing and music programme – including meeting and dancing with local folklore groups, performance by Vesna & Marijan & option to learn some songs. Total cost will vary with choice of room sharing and exchange rates (hard to predict rates for Sept 2018). **Option** en suite hotel rooms (most of us chose chalets last year -we dance near the chalets unless weather is bad). Transfers to and from airport, and excursions into the mountains **A small number of places for those not participating in the workshops - discount 65 Euro** will be available. Supplement for a single room will be small if sleeping on a bed settee in the living room. Chalets are either 1 or 2 bed roomed with bed settee in the living room so can sleep up to 4 or 6. If you have not made your own sharing arrangements, I will allocate chalets to meet your needs immediately before we leave, when I be sure of final numbers.

**Cost excludes flights & travel insurance and meals.** Option to buy **meals** at 3 nearby places (**8 Euros-16 Euros per meal**) or to self-cater (you can buy and prepare your own food from a larger supermarket on arrival or from 3 fairly well-stocked smaller supermarkets).

**Suggested flight:** Cheap and at good times to a quiet airport (Venice was very busy last year & a long journey). London **Stansted to Ljubljana with Easyjet** cost under £70 return (Jan 2018) and leaves the UK at 1pm, arriving back to the UK at 6pm.If you wish to use another flight you might want to travel earlier on the way out and later on the way back to benefit from the transfers.

## **How to Book the Slovenian Circle Dance Holiday**

Via the form on our web site [www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk/bookings](http://www.holidays-with-heart.co.uk/bookings) Don't be confused by the fact the other holidays in the list are in Morocco. Vesna knows we organise holidays & so she asked if I'd use our database & skills to coordinate this holiday for her.

### **Once we confirm availability please:**

**1) pay your deposit of £25 per person to secure your place.** Please send cheques **payable to Holidays with Heart** to Jane Bayley, Estuary View House, Cwmins, St Dogmaels, Wales, SA43 3HF

**2) Book your flights** We will inform you when the group is fully recruited (in Sept) and then will be able to finalized room allocations and thus provide details of the sum due in Euros in Slovenia.

We look forward to dancing and singing together. Jane, who is organizing the holiday, will be coming to Slovenia again and will ensure that everything runs smoothly.

**Accommodation** Based in Terme Zreče, a spa resort in the mountains, just 1.5 hours' drive from Ljubljana airport. Price includes free use of on-site thermal water pools (30-36 degrees Celsius) & 30% discount on sauna. Sleeping in wooden chalets in a beautiful wooden setting near a lake. WiFi

**Flight** Inexpensive flights with Easyjet; London Stansted to Ljubljana at good times and low cost (only £65 return on 12/1/18); leaves the UK at 1300, arriving at 1500 (our time) and gets back to the UK at 6pm. Minibus to meet us for the 90 minute road transfer from Ljubljana airport (a quiet airport). Cost will be higher if you book flights late – last year many of us bought flights for under £70. They were over 3 x that later.

**Excursions** For further information about the region please visit [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info)

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**Secure your place.** and tell us which direct flight you prefer (Bristol- Venice [www.easyjet.co.uk](http://www.easyjet.co.uk) (or London Stansted – Ljubljana [www.easyjet.co.uk](http://www.easyjet.co.uk) or Manchester – Ljubljana [www.adria.si/en](http://www.adria.si/en) (Manchester flights more expensive). There are also possibilities from Aberdeen, Newcastle and Glasgow [www.adria.si/en](http://www.adria.si/en) but not necessarily on Wednesday, the chosen day to start & end for cheap flights and when flights go from the other 3 airports) and if you prefer to share a bedroom with anyone. The Venice option will include a short tour of Venice -we think for some of you the Bristol option might be most convenient.

Please make your booking via the form on our web site

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Name  
email address  
your phone number  
select the holiday from the how many participants you'd like to book  
preferred airport of departure (Bristol or Stansted or Manchester)  
any room sharing preference (single, twin or double beds)

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- 2) **Book your flights** Once group minimum recruited we will inform you. **Please do NOT book flights until we confirm you can!** We will tell you once we have 12 dancers. Then you must

book the agreed flights if you wish to share transfer vehicles on arrival and departure:  
London Stansted - Ljubjana flights at [www.easyjet.co.uk](http://www.easyjet.co.uk)

- 3) **We will book accommodation** We will put you in touch with people who might share chalets and then you can book your chalets. Vesna has already reserved enough chalets.
  
- 4) **On arrival** You will pay Vesna & Marijan's fee on arrival for the dancing and the cost of the minibus on arrival and departure (Vesna books this). We will specify the cost once we know how many are sharing transport from each of the arrival airports. **If you have any queries please email Jane about arrangements [jane@holidays-with-heart.co.uk](mailto:jane@holidays-with-heart.co.uk) or Vesna [vesna.rudel@gmail.com](mailto:vesna.rudel@gmail.com) about Slovenia & the dancing.** Email always the best method of contact