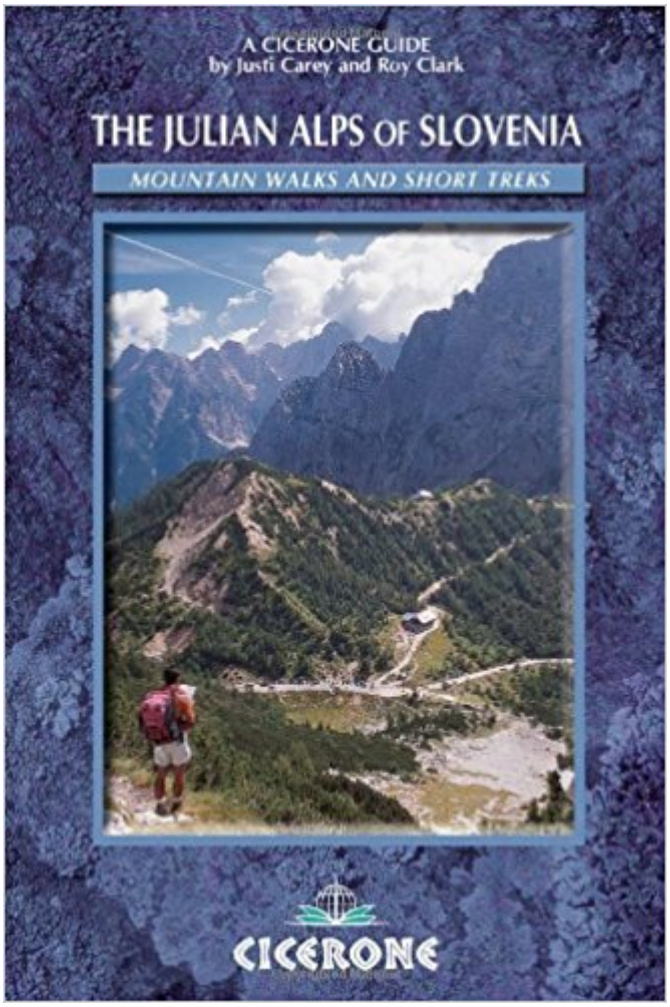
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The Julian Alps Of Slovenia: Mountain Walks And Short Treks (Cicerone Guides)



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Synopsis

This book contains around 50 walks which bring the best of the Julian Alps to the English-speaking walker. The walks are based around five bases - Kranjska Gora, Bovec, Kobarid, Bled and Bohinj - all of which have a range of accommodation and public transport facilities. There is something here for everyone - from easy valley walks and rougher forest trails to high mountain protected routes, some of which require Alpine mountaineering experience. Several possibilities for multi-day walks are included. The Julian Alps are situated in the small independent republic of Slovenia, at the south-eastern end of the Alpine chain. Their highest peak, Triglav, at 2864m, may be smaller than some of the better-known western giants, but what they lack in stature they make up for in interest and accessibility. The dramatic limestone peaks drop steeply through forests to flower meadows, and will give you a feast for the eyes no matter which direction you turn.

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There is currently an absence of good walks information available from Triglav National Park offices and website, (which are set up for school groups and novice walkers only). This guidebook fills in most gaps. The only weakness in the guidebook is that the directions are sometimes excessive for walks that are well marked, the included diagrams/maps are diagramatic only and poor and the maps recommended are not the best available now (May/June 2013). I suggest the excellent Karto Grafija 1:40,000 tourist guide and map for Gorenjska which describes and covers most of the cycling and hiking routes (as well as driving). Also suggest the Planiska Karta 1:25,000 Bohinjsko jezero map for Lake Bohinj area; both of which we purchased in Bled or Lake Bohinj tourist information offices.Most walks are in or around the only national park in Slovenia; the Triglav National Park. The best walks are what Justi Carey indicates, we loved Mt Sleme (short excellent value walk for the views), Mt Sija with ridge traverse to Mt Vogel (cable car assisted saved time but we found the ski field tracks confusing) and Debela pec (long walk but we loved the excellent views of Mt Triglav and valleys surrounding it plus grass meadow at top, but park as close as can on bike track/gravel road to shorten the walk).We met a number of visitors in Slovenia using this book as a hard copy although we had a Kindle reader copy on our tablet.We are bush walkers from Tasmania, Australia and we just loved Slovenia!

We liked:The book covers 5 different regions of the Julian Alps and has well described treks with at various difficulty levels (from easy walks to demanding treks, from short 3 hour treks to 2 day treks) in each of the region (Kranjska Gora, Bohinj, Bovec, Bled, Kobarid). Treks are easy to follow and to understand. We have used it as a refference to decide where we want to go and were not following all the tracks exactly as they were written down, but the information in a book was detailed enough for orientation. Of course it can allways be better, our first impression was that this books is "4 stars", but after buying the similar book from Cicerone for High Tatras - we decided that the book by Justin Carey on Julian Alps is much more easy to use as reference material, without making huge research and planning on your own.To improve in next version of the book:Not every description of the track includes a map and all the maps are just for reference, not for real use. When the map for a trek is not available the book suggests "look at the map in Route no. 1", which is ok if you have hard copy of the book and is a nuisance in Kindle version. When author mentions local names or huts, he could provide internet links to those places for further digging, or include address/gps coordinates.

Absolutely fantastic book! Everywhere we hiked in Slovenia, people had this particular book, even in the hotels. Probably the best book on hiking in Slovenia on the market.

This is my second copy of the book. I wore the first one out on numerous trips to Slovenia. I'm headed back in a month and couldn't get anywhere without it!

Nice, concise review of several hikes at different levels in the area.

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Totally awesome book!

This is one of those books that you pass on to others. I was in slovenia, near Lake Bled at a hostel when I picked up this book from a pile in the hallway. This book really changed my whole outlook on Slovenia. I hiked 4 of the tours, one in Bled and three out of Kranjski Gora, the town along the Austrian border to the north. Amazing sites were hidden just off the roads and I never would have known about them. The instructions took you along country roads, through mountains passes, all with limited maps, but very specific instructions- right down to "Don't turn by the grocery store, continue on the left." Very accessible and the hikes varied from 2 - 8 hours with most that I chose moderate, and a few steep climbs. The Sleme hike was one of a kind moutain top meadow. Truly amazing mountain scenery without mountaineering gear needed. I passed it on to some retired teachers in Ljubljana who were heading north. It sits at a hostel in Kranjski Gora today. Great guide.

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