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## **Unforgettable holiday experiences can be found at Slovenian tourist farms**

Try something different this summer and stay in any of the two hundred tourist farms spread across the Slovenian countryside.

Staying at a tourist farm gives travellers a real insight into the customs and traditions of Slovenian life, plus a chance to get closer to the country's nature and landscapes.

Tourist farms are genuine working farms that welcome help from their guests - including children. Some jobs which guests can get involved in include fruit picking, egg collecting, mushroom picking, grape harvesting and animal feeding.

As well as traditional bed and breakfast accommodation, evening meals are also available. These are usually traditional homemade Slovene dishes that are produced from fresh organic ingredients, grown on the farm's land.

Being based in the Slovenian countryside offers the perfect opportunity for holidaymakers to make the most of Slovenia's outdoor activities – for example hiking in the Julian Alps; rowing on Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj; white-water rafting and kayaking on the Soca River; or horse riding and mountain biking in the Triglav National Park.

With over 7,000km of marked mountain trails in Slovenia which vary in difficulty and length, there are also options for everyone from gentle walkers to serious hikers.

With a wide and varied mix of tourist farms, visitors will find something to suit all tastes and needs. For example:

The Hlebec tourist farm in the hamlet of Kog, in northeastern Slovenia close to the Croatian border, is the perfect base for travellers wanting to explore the eastern wine routes. The farm is owned by the Hlebec family, who cultivate 20,000 vintage vines to produce Renski, Laski Rizling, Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines. There are seven bedrooms and guests are served traditional meals specially selected to complement the different wines.

Travellers in search of an active break in Slovenia's mountains and national parks might like the Pr'Gorjup Farm near Lake Bohinj. The farm is located on a wooded mountain plateau and boasts panoramic views across the valley. The farm has four guest bedrooms and offers home grown produce including traditional Bohinj meats and cheeses. The Pr'Gorjup Farm is within easy reach of excellent hiking and mountain biking trails, horse riding and canoeing on Lake Bohinj.

Tourist farms can be booked directly, or via a tour operator. A list of tour operators can be found at [www.slovenia.info/en/Foreign-Travel-Agents](http://www.slovenia.info/en/Foreign-Travel-Agents)

For more information about Slovenia and the tourist farms visit [www.slovenia.info](http://www.slovenia.info) or call 020 7928 6108.

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