

WALK OF PEACE 2024

**One week of hiking alongside the Isonzo front (WW I)
Discovering history and its heritage
together with participants from Europe**

May 25 to June 2nd, 2024

From Kobarid (SLO) to Triest (IT)

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JOIN US ON THE WALK OF PEACE

More than a century after World War I, the Walk of Peace links more than 300 monuments into a unique, over 500 kilometres-long trail from the Alps to the Adriatic. Places, once marked by the horrors of war, stand today as memorials and reminders, and with the Walk of Peace, they are spreading the message of peace, collaboration and friendship among nations.

The German War Graves Commission (GWGC/Volksbund) and the Foundation of the Walk of Peace in Slovenia invite history teachers, historians, youth workers and interested people from 27 to 55 years of age from Europe to discover parts of the trail in an international group in May 2024.

You will get the opportunity to discuss the heritage of WW I and the importance of remembrance nowadays, to network and to enjoy community and intercultural dialogue. The organizers will explain their activities in the fields of historic and peace education and preservation of memorials.



THE PROGRAMME

You can expect one week of alpine hiking, visits of (outdoor) museums, memorials and natural sights as well as time for group activities and discussions.

Here are our ideas - the programme is still subject to changes:

We will start our journey in Kobarid, Slovenia, on May 25. In Kobarid Museum, we will dive into our historic topic, the battles of the Isonzo between 1915 and 1917, and their influence on landscape and people. Afterwards we will discover the surroundings of Kobarid. From Kobarid, we will hike on the Walk of Peace in the direction of Tolmin on two days.

After a day for spontaneous group activities like rafting on the Soca River, one day will be dedicated to Tolmin and to the memorials and historic sites close to the city. On May 31st, we will head southwards in the direction of Trieste. We will walk alongside the Adriatic coast on the final stage of the Walk of Peace and spend one day in Trieste before our departure on June 2nd.

Most of our walks and visits of historic sites will be accompanied by guides who inform us about the historic backgrounds. Two group leaders from GWGC will take care about the organization and the participants' well-being.

LOGISTICS

Arrival in Kobarid on May 25th and departure from Triest on June 2nd are to be organized by yourself.

If you can share a car, you're welcome to do.

Please inform us about it.

We will try to organise carpooling together.

On site, pick-ups will bring us either from our accommodation to our starting points or back from our tours to the accommodation.

HIKING

We will hike almost every day for several hours. The stages around Kobarid are alpine. You have to be surefooted and possess the physical condition for walks of several hours.

Adequate hiking gear (especially boots and poles) are requested. You need a rucksack for food, drinks and appropriate clothing.

All physical activities are on your own risk.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We will stay in hostels in shared bedrooms with breakfast. Hostels offer self-supply facilities. Lunch and dinner have to be prepared either independently, or we'll go to local restaurants.

If you prefer to sleep in a single room, you can book in local accommodations yourself. If so, please get in touch with us beforehand!

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is 490,-€. The fee includes accommodation and breakfast, guided tours as well as transports on the spot. Additional meals and travel to Kobarid and from Triest are not included. Rafting is not included either.

For participants **from CEE countries**, we are happy to offer a state-aided participation fee of 160,-€ per person.

SUBSCRIPTION

**Please apply online on the website of Volksbund.
Deadline for application is March 15, 2024.**

If you need more information, don't hesitate to contact the organizer:

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