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## **Country Walkers Announces New 2016 Offerings**

*New Flight + Tour Combos, Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions, and Expanded Encore Benefits, plus itineraries to Slovenia and France*

WATERBURY, VT – July 7, 2015 – [Country Walkers](#), the leading provider of premium active and experiential travel, unveils new 2016 Guided Walking Adventures bringing guests to enticing destinations across the globe. Members of Country Walkers Encore Loyalty Program can exclusively travel to the undiscovered pearl of Central Europe, Slovenia, as well as the blossoming lavender fields of Provence, France. Country Walkers also now offers Flight + Tour Combos on all international walking adventures as well as Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions to myriad destinations such as Barcelona, Paris, Tokyo and Florence.

Like all Country Walkers adventures, the new trips include well-crafted itineraries, exceptional accommodations, local culinary specialties, outstanding local guides and invigorating walks at an ideal pace through places of natural beauty and cultural wonder.

Highlights of the new Country Walkers tours include:

### **New 2016 Encore-Only Adventures and Guided Itineraries**

[Slovenia: Julian Alps to the Adriatic](#): Slovenia's magnificent natural beauty and warm, friendly culture will captivate travelers. Soak up the beautiful scenery of Kamniška Bistrica while walking among the pine-shingle huts of local shepherds. Float in a *pletna* boat across Lake Bled. Tour traditional salt flats in Sečovlje Nature Park and enjoy a wine tasting at a family-run winery in the hilltop town of Medana. Feel refreshed by the droplets bouncing off of the "hidden" waterfall of Kozjak before traveling to the wine growing region of Goriska Brda where innovative vintners use the ancient method of aging wine in *qvevri*, large earthenware vessels lined with beeswax and buried underground. *This exclusive new tour will launch with an Encore-Only Departure on August 24, 2016 and then be open to all guests for subsequent departure dates.*

[France: Lavender in Provence](#): Travelers will experience the allure of Provence by spending time in Sault admiring the beauty of the lavender fields in full bloom and visiting a working lavender distillery. In Vaison, explore the outdoor markets, sampling local specialties ranging from truffles and lavender honey to olive tapenades before picnicking at Mont Serein among the larch trees and wild flowers with a grand view of the snow-capped Alps. Stroll through the paths of Saint Michel l'Observatoire lined with aromatic herbs on the way to a family's goat farm to taste their fresh cheeses still wrapped in chestnut leaves. *This trip will have two departure dates in 2016 on June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

### **New Flight + Tour Combos & Tour Extensions**

In 2016 Country Walkers will add Flight + Tour Combos for all international 2016 Guided Walking Adventures. These packages make it easy to reserve the entire trip—including attractively priced airfare, pre- and post- tour accommodations, and overseas transfers—with just one phone call. Also, Country Walkers will launch new Pre- and Post-Tour Extensions for many guided itineraries which is available to travelers who reserve a Flight + Tour Combo. These extensions include visits to Milan, Bangkok, Lima, Rome and countless other historic cities.

#### **Expanded Benefits for Encore Members**

Past Country Walkers guests may now apply their 5% Encore and 5% Early Booking Savings to the entire cost of their adventure, including Flight + Tour Combos, Single Supplements, and Tour Extensions.

For more information on how to book a Country Walkers vacation or to receive a catalog, visit [www.countrywalkers.com](http://www.countrywalkers.com) or call 800-464-9255. To book a Country Walkers adventure, use the promo code PRESS.

#### **About Country Walkers**

For over 35 years, Country Walkers ([www.countrywalkers.com](http://www.countrywalkers.com)) has provided active, experiential, and stunning travel experiences on five continents. Based in Waterbury, Vermont, their unique adventures and insider access bring the beating heart of a destination to life with well-crafted itineraries for Guided Adventures, Self-Guided Walking Adventures, Safaris, and Private vacations. All trips highlight superb cuisine, fine, authentic accommodations, and immersive cultural and natural experiences.

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