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Slovenia
Slovenia’s historic capital city, Ljubljana, is the starting point for this journey through one of Europe’s most unspoilt and diverse landscapes. Taking in the Julian Alps and the vast underground caves of Postojna, we meander through flower-filled meadows and along the blue-green shores of Lake Bled. We discover cheese making, bee-keeping and traditional lace, enjoy spectacular waterfalls and gorges, explore ancient castles and breathe Slovenia’s pristine air. A highlight of this Walk is a boat-trip across Lake Bohinj, in the protected waters of Triglav National Park, where we discover the many myths and legends that surround the mystical Bohinj valley.

Wales
After days of varied by always breathtaking scenery on parts of the 186-mile Pembrokeshire coast path we turn inland to the Preseli Hills from where Stonehenge’s mysterious blue stones came and we dine with Gillian Clarke, The National Poet of Wales, whose award-winning works have been inspired by local land and seascapes. The coast path offers great variety from rugged cliff tops to sheltered coves, spacious beaches and lazy estuaries, while the hand of Man is evident in a 5000-year-old New Stone Age cromlech and, in contrast, the national cathedral of Wales in St. Davids.

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The historic Fort Burgwin will be our base as we explore local archaeological sites with Dr. Mike Adler, Executive Director of Fort Burgwin, and Dr. Reid Ferring, Professor of Archaeology at the University of North Texas. Discuss Native American art and rugs with local gallery owner, Ray Trotter, and visit the Harwood Museum with the Curator of Education at the Meadows Museum and University of North Texas alum, Scott Winterrowd. Faculty will lead field trips to sites including Pot Creek Pueblo, ancestral home of the Taos and Picuris pueblos, and a tour of the geology and art-inspiring landscapes of the Upper Río Grande Valley.

Italy
If Tuscany is a legend, Umbria is a little-known medieval fable, its green heart beating in the shadow of its more famous neighbor. Our Walk combines the Tuscan hills, vineyards, and Renaissance cities with a journey through the bucolic landscapes and enchanting lakes of Umbria. We traverse a romantic landscape of mountains, rolling hills, and deep valleys; walking on white roads that dip between hilltop towns, or shady forest tracks. We savor private tastings of Chianti and Sagrantino wine, olive oil, and honey; explore the stories of Siena, Assisi, and Orvieto, discover awe-inspiring frescoes, and visit the hill-top treasures of Cortona and Montefalco.