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The Best of Croatia –10 days

Zagreb, Opatija, Zadar, Split & Dubrovnik

TOUR BY PRIVATE MOTORCOACH. Quotes on request.

Escorted Tour 10 Days/8 Nights in beautiful Croatia at 4-star Hotels including Buffet Breakfast and Dinner with wine daily and Extensive Sightseeing, Airport Transfers, Professional Escort and All Taxes. 1 free with every 16 paying travelers.



PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

Round-trip Airfare

10 Days/8 Nights in beautiful Croatia (2 Nights Zagreb, 2 Nights Opatija, 1 Night Zadar, 1 Night Split, and 2 Nights Dubrovnik).

Breakfast and Dinner with wine daily: (8 Buffet Breakfasts & 8 Dinners).

Extensive Sightseeing with Local Guides:

Zagreb, Opatija (Plitvice National Park), Istria, Euphrasian Basilica, Rovini, Pula, Zadar, Krka National Park, Sibenik, Trogir, Split, Dubrovnik & Montenegro

Entrance fees to:

Plitvice National Park

Poreč (Euphrasius basilica)

Pula (Amphitheatre)

Krka National Park

Šibenik (Cathedral)

Split (Diocletian's palace, Temple of Jupiter & Cathedral)

Trogir (Cathedral)

Dubrovnik (Franciscan monastery & Cathedral)

Round-trip airport transfers in Croatia

Professional English-speaking Tour Director during the whole stay.

Hostess service

All hotel taxes and service charges

HOTELS USED or similar:

- Zagreb area 2 nights Dubrovnik hotel www.hotel-dubrovnik.hr
- Opatija area 2 nights [Remisens Kristal hotel](#)
- Zadar area 1 night [Falkensteiner Club Funimation hotel](#)
- Split area 1 nights President hotel www.hotelpresident.hr
- Dubrovnik 2 nights Grand hotel Park www.grandhotel-park.hr

ITINERARY:

DAY 1, USA-ZAGREB

Overnight flight to Croatia. Dinner, movie and breakfast on board.

DAY 2, ARRIVAL ZAGREB

Arrival to Zagreb airport.

Transfer to the hotel in Zagreb area.

Welcome Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Zagreb area.

DAY 3, ZAGREB (CITY TOUR)



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel.

Zagreb city sightseeing tour with local guide (duration approx. 2,5 hrs)

Zagreb grew up on two neighbouring hills: Kaptol - the centre of spiritual and religious life of north-western Croatia and Gradec - the commercial centre of skilful tradesmen and craftsmen. Visit the Upper Town with its Gothic Cathedral, the beautiful and ornate St. Catherine's church or the massive St. Mark's church with its famous colour-tiled roof. Continue to the medieval Stone Gate and "Dolac", the open-air market which are a must for all visitors.

Afternoon at leisure. Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Zagreb area.

DAY 4, OPATIJA (PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK)



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer from Zagreb to Plitvice for first UNESCO World Heritage site in our tour (duration approx. 2 hrs). **Visit of the Plitvice National Park with local guide (duration approx. 3hrs)**

Plitvice National Park is one of the most beautiful and best preserved national parks in the country. This is why the entire lakes and surrounding area were

declared a national park in 1949 and are listed on the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites because of its exceptional beauty. It is a valley situated between high forested mountains in which lie, one below another, a string of sixteen beautiful lakes of crystal blue and green waters. Fed by small streams and brooks, they spill into each other in 92 foaming cascades and thundering waterfalls. The Plitvice lakes' scenery will simply delight you regardless whether you are walking the paths and wooden bridges, taking a boat ride or just taking photographs. Free time for lunch on own.

Transfer continues from Plitvice to Opatija (duration approx. 3,5 hrs)

Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Opatija area.

DAY 5, OPATIJA (FULL DAY EXCURSION TO ISTRIA)



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Full day Istria tour excursion with local guide (duration approx. 9 hrs)

Transfer from Opatija to Poreč for second UNESCO World Heritage site in our tour.

Go back in history and visit one of the most significant tourist regions in Croatia and its beautiful towns.

Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica sightseeing with local guide (duration approx. 1,5 hrs)

Euphrasian Basilica or the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of Mary is the episcopal complex, including, apart from the basilica itself, a sacristy, a baptistery and the bell tower of the nearby archbishop's palace, and is one of the best examples of early Byzantine sacral art in the Mediterranean region. The most striking features of the basilica are its mosaics, dating from the 6th century, and which are considered amongst the finest examples of Byzantine art in the world.

Continue to Rovinj – a typical medieval Venetian town, distinctive for its romantic narrow little streets and the imposing church of its patron saint, St. Euphemia.

Free time for lunch on own.

Continue to Pula; – an ancient town with its well-preserved amphitheatre & Rovinj.

Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Opatija area.

DAY 6, ZADAR (SIGHTSEEING OF ZADAR)



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer from Opatija to Zadar (duration approx. 4 hrs)

Zadar sightseeing tour with local guide (approx. duration 1,5 hrs)

The Zadar peninsula still preserves very old network of narrow and charming city streets, as well as a Roman forum dating back to the first century AD. The pre-Romanesque Church of St. Donat dates back to the ninth century, and it is certainly Zadar's most famous spot. The town is fortified with medieval walls, distinguished for their pretty and impressive ports – entries in the city all dating back to the sixteenth century. Even Alfred Hitchcock was impressed and supposedly said that the sunset here is more beautiful than in California. Countless buildings and monuments attest to the rich intellectual and cultural heritage of the city. At the end of the Western Quay is Zadar's newest feature, the Sea Organ. This unusual organ is powered by the wind and the sea. When the sea pushes air through the whistles, a series of melancholy chords are played, with the sound emerging through the perforated stone stairs. Next to the Sea Organ is the Sun Salutation also designed by Nikola Basic. This circle of glass collects the sun's rays by day, stores the energy, and emits it as a flickering light show after dark. Extra energy is used to power the lights along the waterfront. Free time for personal exploring. Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Zadar area.

DAY 7, SPLIT (SIGHTSEEING OF KRKA NATIONAL PARK, SIBENIK & TROGIR)



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer from Zadar to Krka National Park (duration approx. 1h)

Visit to Krka National Park with local guide (duration approx. 2hrs)

Surrounded by steep-sided canyons, along which runs the wide and plain rocky

area, Krka surprises and enchants visitors with the force and blue colour of its waters, the noise of its cascades, the freshness of its scent, the numerous perennial - though not always visible springs, its rude existence and legends. In summer, it waters thirsty surroundings, supplies coolness to the weary passenger, gives life to fish, plants and birds. The Krka National Park is 12 km far from Sibenik and covers 142.2 sq km of which 25.6 sq km is under water. In a wonderful natural setting, water forms beautiful waterfalls which cascade over 17 natural barriers and precipitate 45 meters.

After visiting the national park, transfer to Sibenik for third UNESCO World Heritage site in our tour. Free time for lunch.

Sibenik sightseeing with local guide (duration approx. 1,5 hr)

The Cathedral of St James in Sibenik (1431-1535), bears witness to the considerable exchanges in the field of monumental arts between Northern Italy, Dalmatia and Tuscany in the 15th and 16th centuries. The three architects who succeeded one another in the construction of the Cathedral - Francesco di Giacomo, Georgius Mathei Dalmaticus and Niccolò di Giovanni Fiorentino- developed a structure built entirely from stone and using unique construction techniques for the vaulting and the dome of the Cathedral. The form and the decorative elements of the Cathedral, such as a remarkable frieze decorated with 71 sculptured faces of men, women, and children, also illustrate the successful fusion of Gothic and Renaissance art. Transfer continues from Sibenik to Split via Trogir (Duration approx. 2 hrs)

Historic City of Trogir sightseeing with local guide (duration approx. 1 hr)

Trogir is a remarkable example of urban continuity. The orthogonal street plan of this island settlement dates back to the Hellenistic period and it was embellished by successive rulers with many fine public and domestic buildings and fortifications. It's beautiful Romanesque churches are complemented by the outstanding Renaissance and Baroque buildings from the Venetian period.

Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Split area.

DAY 8, SIGHTSEEING OF SPLIT & DUBROVNIK



Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning - fourth UNESCO World Heritage site in our tour:

Historical complex of Split sightseeing tour with local guide (duration approx. 2

hrs). *The old town of Split is built on and around the spectacular Roman Palace erected by the Roman Emperor Diocletian (UNESCO World Heritage Site) in the 4th century. The walking tour starts with a visit to the cellars of the Palace that are still very well*

preserved. The cellars offer a good view at how the life in the Palace was organized. Other sites such as the Golden Gate, the Silver Gate, the Peristyle Square etc. will be seen from the outside. Afternoon transfer to Dubrovnik. (duration approx. 4 h)

Old city of Dubrovnik sightseeing tour with local guide (duration approx. 2 hrs) «... Those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik» (George Bernard Shaw). The Old City of Dubrovnik in whole is UNESCO World Heritage Site. This tour will reveal the finest sites of the old walled City. The tour includes visits to the Franciscan Monastery and the Cathedral with its famous Treasury. Our guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the Old Town introducing you to the history and culture of this magnificent city. Other buildings will be viewed along the way. Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Dubrovnik area.

DAY 9, DUBROVNIK (FULL DAY EXCURSION TO MONTENEGRO)



Breakfast at the hotel

Full day excursion to Montenegro; (Duration approx. 10 hrs)

Passing through the Dubrovnik Riviera, we arrive to the Bay of Kotor, one of the southernmost portions of the Adriatic Coastline. Driving through the bay, we pass the town of Risan to reach the first destination – the town of Kotor with the stop for sightseeing of its most important historical and cultural monuments. We then continue to Budva for lunch in a local restaurant and free time to explore the city. **Passports are required.** Farewell Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel in Dubrovnik area.

DAY 10, DUBROVNIK-USA

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Dubrovnik airport to board our return flight home, arriving later today.