



Croatian Rhapsody

Charming Mediterranean Experience

9 day tour of Croatia from Zagreb to Dubrovnik



Small group tours

This tour is ideal for the more independent traveler to combine with other tours in Europe.

Recommended for food and wine lovers!

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Itinerary: B - breakfast; L - lunch; D - dinner; T – tasting

DAY 1 ZAGREB (D) Individual or group arrival in Zagreb, transfer to the hotel (driving time 20 to 45 min). Welcome drink and group get together.

DAY 2 ZAGREB – OPATIJA (B,D) After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb with an English speaking guide. In the fortified, medieval Upper Town, you will visit St. Mark's church, with its multicolor tiled roof, Parliament, the government palace, and many fine old buildings. After the sightseeing we proceed to Opatija (driving time 2:30h), situated on the picturesque Kvarner Bay, which used to be the favorite spa resort of the Habsburgs and the European aristocracy including famous personalities such as Mahler, Chekhov and Isadora Duncan. Dinner and overnight in Opatija.

DAY 3 ISTRIA EXCURSION (B,T) Today it's time to get to know the Istrian peninsula and visit the 2000 year old roman Colosseum located in Pula. Afterwards we will relax in Rovinj, perhaps the most beautiful city in Istria and the inspiration of many artists. Time at leisure in Rovinj and departure towards Livade for a sample of one the Istrian tastiest treasures, the truffle. Overnight in Opatija. (departure at 9:00h, return around 18:00h)

DAY 4 OPATIJA – PLITVICE LAKES (B,D) The most beautiful and oldest national park in Croatia under UNESCO protection – consisted of 16 lakes connected by magnificent waterfalls. The park is located in Lika mountain region and visited mostly on foot – however the entrance includes a boat ride across the Emerald Green Lake "Kozjak" and a train ride back to the main entrance. The visit of the park grounds takes approx. 3 hours. Dinner at the hotel restaurant and overnight in Plitvice area. (Driving time approx.. 3:00h)

DAY 5 PLITVICE LAKES – ZADAR – SPLIT (B,T) After breakfast at the hotel, we drive down from the mountain region of Lika via the coast towards the city of Zadar. The historic town of Zadar is rich in cultural and historical monuments. Here you can see The Roman forum dated to the 1st century AD, the church of St. Donatus dated to the 9th century AD. Of special interest are the famous Zadar Sea Organs, one of a kind in the world. From Zadar we continue to the Bibich Winery for a gourmet experience that is more than a simple wine tasting. The winery burnt to the ground during the war is now producing rewarded wines and exporting 80% of their production to USA & Scandinavia. We will taste the Dalmatian Debit white wine and Cuvee of Shiraz & Merlot, accompanied with delicious Croatian style Tapas. Departure towards Split for overnight. (total driving time 4 to 5h)

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DAY 6 SPLIT & TROGIR Sightseeing (B,L) Today's Split is the handiwork of seventeen centuries of men and women building and remodeling, adding, tearing down and touching up, so that 18th century houses intersect with ancient Roman walls and fourth century chambers house twentieth century apartments. At the core of this sprawling cityscape is the palace the Emperor Diocletian built for his golden years at the turn of the fourth century. Today's lunch will be the traditional Dalmatian dish – Pašticada which we will taste at the Tragos restaurant in Trogir. The town of Trogir, a UNESCO site, has a fascinating 2300 years of continuous urban tradition. Its rich culture was created under the influence of old Greeks, Romans, and Venetians. Trogir has a high concentration of palaces, churches, and towers, as well as a fortresses on a small island. Sometimes referred to as the floating museum town.



DAY 7 SPLIT – STON – DUBROVNIK (B,T) On our way to Dubrovnik we will stop near the town of Ston, where we visit a local winery and taste the famous “Plavac Mali” wine, a very close relative to the Zinfandel. In this winery the traditional wine making business has been passed on for generations, offering a unique story everyone wants to hear. The wine tasting includes a wine presentation on all the specifics of the wine-making process, wine tasting and snack. Arrival in Dubrovnik and overnight. (driving time 5 hours)



DAY 8 DUBROVNIK (B,D) Completed in the thirteen century, the old city Dubrovnik has remained basically unchanged since. Its medieval ramparts encircle the city which pedestrians can enter through one of two gates - either way, they cross a stone bridge under the watchful gaze of the city's patron Saint Blaise (Vlaho), to find themselves joining the evening promenade down the broad, stone-paved avenue known as Stradun. After the sightseeing free time to explore the city on your own. Overnight in Dubrovnik

DAY 9 DUBROVNIK (B) After Breakfast end of the roundtrip. Individual transfers to the airport are included, or a choice of optional excursions, cruises and hotel stay.

PERIOD	Mar 20-28	Apr 17-25	May 01-09	May 15-23	May 29-Jun 06	Jun 12-20	Aug 28-Sep 05
IN DBL ROOM	1260	1350	1520	1520	1580	1580	1625
IN SGL ROOM	1540	1670	1920	1920	2010	2010	2085

PERIOD	Sep 04-12	Sep 11-19	Sep 18-26	Sep 25-Oct 03	Oct 09-17	Oct 30-Nov 07
IN DBL ROOM	1625	1625	1625	1535	1440	1380
IN SGL ROOM	2085	2085	2085	1955	1800	1685

Price includes:

- All transfers as per itinerary in modern motor-coach / van with A/C as well as local airport transfers on Day 1 and Day 9
- Qualified and licensed tour manager during the entire trip
- Welcome drink and info meeting on Day 1
- 8 x BB in **** Hotels
- 4 x dinner in hotel restaurants
- 4 x high quality gastronomical experiences in wineries and local restaurants as per itinerary (Truffle tasting / Bibich winery / restaurant Tragos / Pelješac winery)
- Local guides in Zagreb, Zadar, Dubrovnik, Trogir, Split
- Entrances: Pula Colosseum, Diocletian Palace Split, Franciscan monastery in Dubrovnik, Plitvice lakes
- Porterage & city taxes

Example Hotels:

- Zagreb: Hotel Dubrovnik, Hotel Park 45, Hotel Academia or similar
- Opatija: Remisens Hotel Admiral, Remisens Hotel Palace, Remisens Hotel Imperial or similar
- Plitvice: Hotel Degenija, Hotel 16 lakes or similar
- Split: Hotel Cornaro, Hotel Luxe, Hotel Corner or similar
- Dubrovnik: Hotel Kompas, Hotel Lapad or similar

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