

QUINTET OF COUNTRIES: FAMED QUARTERS AND STUNNING LAKES

14 days from Zagreb to Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, Plitvice Lakes, Opatija, Postojna, Bled, Trieste and Venice

Vacation Highlights:

- ◆ Arrival transfer from Zagreb airport to the hotel
- ◆ 14 day/13-night guided tour featuring:
 - Centrally Located First Class hotels:
 - 2 nights in Zagreb
 - 1 night in Sarajevo
 - 3 nights in Dubrovnik
 - 1 night in Split
 - 2 nights in Plitvice
 - 2 nights in Bled
 - 2 nights in Venice
 - Buffet breakfast daily
 - A welcome reception in Zagreb (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
 - 2 Dinners in Plitvice
 - A farewell dinner in Venice (coffee or tea included)
- ◆ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ◆ Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- ◆ Professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides
- ◆ Admission included where indicated in bold letters
- ◆ Luggage handling at the hotels
- ◆ Whisper technology enhanced touring
- ◆ Departure transfer from Venice to Venice airport or continue on to join Kompas' "Quintessential Italian Trio" tour

Tour Spotlights:

- ◆ Zagreb, Croatia's cultural center with a rich history and 18th and 19th century Austro-Hungarian architecture
- ◆ Sarajevo which has many stories to tell
- ◆ Mostar with its 16th-century Ottoman bridge
- ◆ Dubrovnik, the Jewel of the Adriatic
- ◆ Kotor's Old Town
- ◆ Split's Diocletian's Palace
- ◆ Plitvice Lakes National Park
- ◆ Bled, a striking lake with a castle
- ◆ Ljubljana, one of Europe's greenest capitals, a prehistoric history, scenic bridges and a rich arts scene
- ◆ Postojna Caves, part of Slovenia's natural wonders
- ◆ Venice, a fabled city with palazzos, bridges, masks, churches, canals and gondolas

Special Features:

- ◆ Visit of a local artisan in Dubrovnik
- ◆ A boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks in the Bay of Kotor
- ◆ Olive oil tasting in Split

Hotels:

- ◆ **Zagreb:** Sheraton (F) or similar
- ◆ **Sarajevo:** Europe (F) or similar
- ◆ **Dubrovnik:** Lacroma (F)/ Argosy (F) / Lapad (F) or similar
- ◆ **Split:** Atrium (F) or similar
- ◆ **Plitvice:** Jezero (F) or similar
- ◆ **Bled:** Park (F) / Rikli Balance (F) or similar
- ◆ **Venice:** Bonvecchiati (F) or similar

Itinerary:

Day 1, arrive in Zagreb, Monday

Welcome to Zagreb! You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Then the day is at leisure to get settled in or begin exploring on your own. Later, gather for a welcome reception with your traveling companions and your tour director. **(WR)**

Day 2, in Zagreb, Tuesday

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, the Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town. **(B)**

Optional tour: Kumrovec with dinner

Day 3, Zagreb to Sarajevo, Wednesday

We journey south, out of Croatia to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. After checking in at the hotel, there is free time. **(B)**

Day 4, to Dubrovnik, Thursday

Sarajevo has been influenced by a number of cultures and civilizations during its long history. On our city tour we visit the Turkish bazaar "**Bas Carsija**," **Husref Bay's Mosque**, the Olympic Stadium, and **Gavrilo Princip Museum**. Then, we continue our trip through the mountains and along the gorge of the Neretva River to Mostar. Here, view the remains of the Turkish quarter and the reconstructed 16th-century stone bridge. Finally, we travel to Dubrovnik, with its picturesque setting on the stunning Adriatic coast. **(B)**

Day 5, in Dubrovnik, Friday

After breakfast, we take a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik". We see the **Rector's Palace**, the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. We will also see the Dominican Monastery and the Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. Next, we visit a **local artisan** to learn about the traditional craftsmanship that still thrives here today. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Optional tour: Home-hosted dinner

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Day 6, in Dubrovnik: Excursion to Montenegro, Saturday

We travel to the Republic of Montenegro, more specifically to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Here, we enjoy a **boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks**, one of two islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet; a museum is attached to the Church. While we return to the coast, we stop in Perast, an old and charming coastal town. Afterward, we visit the city of **Kotor** before returning to Dubrovnik. The evening is free to enjoy on your own. **(B)**

Optional tour: Home-hosted dinner

Day 7, to Split, Sunday

Today, we travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. There, we enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Palace of Roman Emperor **Diocletian**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, we see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. After the tour, we enjoy some **olive oil tasting**. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 8, to Plitvice Lakes, Monday

After breakfast, we head to Trogir, a center of artistic activities in Croatia. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then, we turn inland and journey to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Tonight, dinner is served at our hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 9, in Plitvice Lakes, Tuesday

We have a full day to enjoy spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready as we walk around several of the lower lakes. The breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation is second to none. Dinner is served at our hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 10, to Bled, Wednesday

We return to the coast and stop at the beautiful bay of Kvarner and its popular resort Opatija. An orientation tour of Opatija shows off the highlights of this former Imperial resort city. Afterward, we drive across the border into Slovenia and to the **Postojna Caves**, one of the largest caves in Europe. We tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, we continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. **(B)**

Day 11, in Bled: Excursion to Ljubljana, Thursday

An Alpine lake surrounded by high peaks, Bled was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. Our sightseeing tour features the charming town and the lakeshore, and a visit of the imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. In the afternoon, there is an excursion to Ljubljana. Here, in the capital city of Slovenia, our tour takes in views of the open-air Central Market, the Baroque Town Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges, and the Parliament. We return to Bled to overnight. **(B)**

Optional tour: Traditional dinner at the Country Inn

Day 12, to Venice, Friday

We leave Rovinj and drive south to Trieste in Italy for an orientation tour and a visit to **Miramare Castle** and its lovely park. The castle was built by the Habsburg monarchy on a cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea. After our visit, we continue to the romantic city of Venice. **(B)**

Optional tour: Pub crawl "Venetian style"

Day 13, in Venice, Saturday

We begin our exploration of Venice at St. Mark's Square, for a walking tour including visits of the **St. Mark's Basilica** and the **Doge's Palace** and enjoying views of the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs. During our tour we stop for a **tasting of the typical venetian aperitif** called Spritz. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice on your own. In the evening, gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for our farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Optional tour: Gondola serenade

Day 14, depart Venice, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Venice airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can continue your journey and join Kompas' "Quintessential Italian Trio" Tour. **(B)**

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Quintet of Countries: Famed Quarters and Stunning Lakes (K808)		
departure dates	\$ pp double occupancy	\$ single supplement
12-Apr-21	\$3.280	\$1.120
7-Jun-21	\$3.750	\$1.350
5-Jul-21	\$3.750	\$1.350
30-Aug-21	\$3.750	\$1.350
13-Sep-21	\$3.750	\$1.350
1-Nov-21	\$3.750	\$1.350

Rates are gross, per person, in US dollars