

Dalmatian Drive

10 Days / 9 Nights

Recommended Vacation Package RVP

Departs April thru October

(Note: Itinerary can be planned in either order)



St. Mary's, Bled

The Old Town of Dubrovnik, Diocletian's Palace in Split, Postojna, site of one of Europe's largest caves, the resort towns of Bled and Markaska are a few of the highlights of your *Avanti Dalmatian Drive RVP*. The highlight just might be Plitvice Lakes National Park (*Plitvička jezera*) with its lakes and waterfalls, but of course, this is for you to decide.

Your 9-night Dalmatian Self-drive RVP includes

- 1 night hotel in Zagreb or Ljubljana
- 2 nights hotel Plitvice Lakes
- 3 nights hotel Dubrovnik
- Dubrovnik & Dalmatian Coast Book
- Daily breakfast
- 2 nights hotel Bled
- 1 night hotel Split
- 10-day economy manual car rental
- Michelin Croatia and Slovenia map
- Hotel taxes and service charges

Like this package, but don't want to drive? You can book this tour with private driving guide. Request rates from Avanti Destinations.

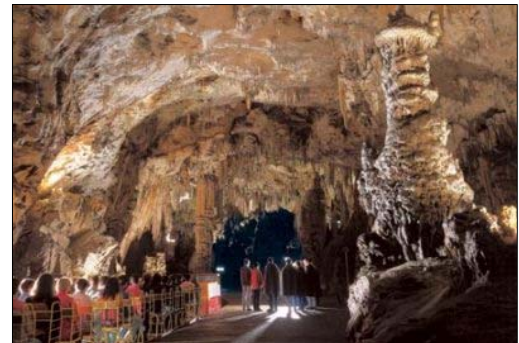
~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Day 1 ~ Your choice of Zagreb or Ljubljana: Arrive in either city and pick up your rental car at either airport then spend the day visiting the open-air markets of Ljubljana or the historic town of Zagreb. (Accommodations in either Zagreb or Ljubljana.)

Day 2 ~ To Bled: You're on your way to Bled, a town with a history going back thousands of years. Bled is known for the Church of St Mary situated on an island in a lake. Originally a site of Slavic worship of Ziva, a goddess of love and fertility, the church of St Mary is a beautiful destination for a day trip. (Breakfast Zagreb or Ljubljana; accommodation Bled)

Day 3 ~ Bled: On your own to explore this charming and historical city. (Breakfast, accommodation Bled)

Day 4 ~ Bled to Plitvice Lakes: As you make your way to Plitvice Lakes National Park, stop in Postojna, site of one of Europe's largest caves. (Breakfast Bled; Accommodations Plitvice National Park)



Postojna Cave is 12 miles of passages and chambers visited by 31 million people in the last 188 years. A guided train tour lasts an hour and a half. Bring a sweater as the temperature in the cave is a constant 46° F.



Day 5 ~ Plitvice: The breathtaking scenery of Plitvice Lakes National Park, home of the springs of the Korana River is a dense forest of beech, fir and spruce. Thousands of years of water flowing over limestone and chalk bedrock have created "travertine barriers", or natural dams, creating 16 lakes with caves and waterfalls. The park is home to many rare bird species as well as bears, wolves and other animal species. Note: Trains and electric boats are available locally to explore the park (not included). (Breakfast & accommodations Plitvice National Park)

Day 6 ~ Plitvice to Split: The largest city on the Adriatic Coast, seaside delight Split has been under Roman, Venetian, Austrian, French, Italian and Yugoslav control. Sites such as Diocletian's Palace and Mausoleum, the Grgur Ninski Statue and the Cathedral and Bell Tower of St. Domnius justify its position as a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site¹. The city's coves offer several lovely beaches, including central Bacvice, and there is an abundance of restaurants and wine cellars to discover and enjoy. (Breakfast Plitvice; accommodation, Split)



Day 7 ~ Split to Dubrovnik: Start your day in Split before departing for your drive to Dubrovnik. We recommend a stop in **Makarska** on the “Croatian Riviera” about 23 miles south of Split and 87 miles north of Dubrovnik. Located on a horseshoe-shaped bay, this charming town, population 14,000, is noted for a palm-fringed promenade lined with fashionable cafés, bars and boutiques overlooking a harbor where pleasure craft moor. *(Breakfast Split; accommodations Dubrovnik)*

Day 8 ~ Dubrovnik: Combines a remarkable history with modern convenience in a truly incomparable setting. For a complete experience, consider adding a day tour (all with hotel pick-up). *(Breakfast & accommodations, Dubrovnik)*

- **Dubrovnik Panorama + City Tour:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, April - October in a.m., lasts four hours.
- **Medjugorje Full-day Tour:** Wednesdays & Saturdays, May 17 - October, lasts eight hours.
- **Mostar Full-day Tour:** Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, June 3 - October, lasts eight hours
- **Montenegro Full-day Tour:** Mondays and Wednesdays, April 10 - October, lasts eight hours.
- **Korcula Full-day Tour:** By boat May 9 - September 30, by motor coach May 6 - October, lasts eight hours.



Day 9 ~ Dubrovnik: Select from one of the optional tours listed above, or spend the day relaxing by the pool or exploring Old Town. *(Breakfast & accommodations, Dubrovnik)*

Day 10 ~ Dubrovnik to home, or continue on with another Avanti Destinations experience: *(Breakfast) (Optional private transfer from your hotel to Dubrovnik Airport is available.)*

Visit Zadar en route to Split



*In recent years the ancient city of **Zadar** has undergone a revival with new cafes and bars, plus museums and churches restored.*

Dalmatian Drive RVP Driving Information

| City to City: | Miles | Approximate Drive Time |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Ljubljana to Bled..... | 34.1 | :45 to :60 |
| Zagreb to Bled..... | 124.0 | 2:30 |
| Bled to Plitvice..... | 243.5 | 4:55 |
| Plitvice to Split..... | 185.4 | 4:00 |
| Split to Dubrovnik | 131.4 | 4:00 |

Visit Trogir near Split



***Trogir** is one of the oldest cities on the Croatian Adriatic coast,. Having been Greek, Roman and independent, Trogir is filled with the ancient monuments and architecture of a rich, eventful 2,300 year history.*

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent.

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1. **UNESCO**, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, works to identify, protect and preserve world cultural and natural heritage through an international treaty adopted in 1972.