

11 Days/10 Nights

Departs Apr. - Oct. (exact dates vary each year)



Croatian Highlights: Zagreb, Opatija, Split, Hvar, Korčula & Dubrovnik

From north to south, here's an exciting whirlwind tour of Croatia that blends cultural activities, along with the eye-catching Adriatic coast, and postcard perfect Istrian hill towns. Tours include the amazing Plitvice Lakes National Park, with its cascading waterfalls and the historic capital, Zagreb. You'll explore the former Roman citadel of Split with Diocletian's famous palace, then marvel at the UNESCO World Heritage city of Dubrovnik, boasting the largest and best preserved city walls in Europe. For some serenity, you'll find two famous sun drenched island destinations: Hvar and Korčula, both blessed with transparent sapphire waters.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1 Night Zagreb
- 2 Nights Opatija

- 1 Night Split
- 2 Nights Hvar

- 1 Night Korčula
- 3 Nights Dubrovnik

INCLUSIONS

- Private Arrival Transfer in Zagreb
- Boat Tickets (Ferries, Catamarans, etc)
- Entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park

- City Tours of Zagreb, Hvar, Split and Dubrovnik
- Full-Day Istrian Peninsula Tour
- All Ground Transportation Between Cities

- Private Departure Transfer in Dubrovnik
- All Breakfasts and Other Meals Stated in Itinerary



ARRIVE ZAGREB:

After arriving in Zagreb airport or rail station, meet your driver for a private transfer to your centrally located hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure for relaxing or sightseeing independently. Dinner will be on your own this evening.

(Accommodations, Zagreb)



OPATIJA:

After breakfast meet your guide at the appointed location for a tour of Croatia's capital city. Along the way, your guide will provide interesting tidbits, like how the city got its name, and where to buy the best products, as well as suggesting restaurants. On this tour, you'll have the opportunity to see the fortified Upper Town, the city historical center. Marvel at monuments from the Stone Gate to the multi-colored roof of St. Mark's Church, the Cathedral, Croatian National Theater and the University. Later in the afternoon, enjoy the scenic ride to Opatija, the seaside resort town gracing the shores of Kvarner Bay. Once a fashionable resort in the 19th century, today it is known for its beautiful promenade, superb cuisine and numerous spas.

(Breakfast, Zagreb; Accommodations, Opatija)



OPATIJA:

Today you'll have an exciting full-day tour of the Istrian peninsula. Sitting like a gateway, Opatija is an ideal starting point for a day of discovering Croatia's largest peninsula. It offers numerous coastal towns, but behind the beaches, the wooded interior produces high-quality wine, olive oil, ham and truffles, all of which have contributed to Istria's growing reputation as a gourmet destination. In Pula, marvel at the multitude of ancient Roman buildings, including Pula Arena, one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres. You'll visit the charming seaside resort Rovinj, and wander through the old town with its narrow winding streets. Mystical Motovun, a high-perched walled town, is famous not only for its history, but also vineyards and truffles. You'll quickly become aware of a strong influence of Italian culture, as the street names are often written in Croatian and Italian. After this rewarding tour, you'll return to Opatija.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Opatija)



SPLIT:

After breakfast, your first visit of the day takes you to Croatia's most popular natural gem, the Plitvice Lakes. A guided walk around the wooden pathways unveils an amazing world of 16 cascading lakes interlaced with over 90 stunning waterfalls, bound to mesmerize you in any season. Continuing the drive to Split, take a break in Trogir, UNESCO-listed World Heritage site. Here, you will find a bundle of narrow streets which twist and bend between houses, palaces and churches. The heritage of Trogir is rooted in the Greek and Roman times and showcases some of the finest architectural works in Croatia, including the incredibly intricate portal of its Cathedral, the Town Loggia and the Cipiko palace. After the tour, you'll make the short drive to Split, and dinner will be on your own this evening.

(Breakfast, Opatija; Accommodations, Split)



HVAR:

After breakfast at the hotel, set out on a late morning walking tour of Split. Dalmatia's largest coastal town bustles and buzzes, as it grows more popular among travelers for its easy-going spirit, creative food and shopping scene, and remarkable heritage. Learn about the Diocletian's Palace, once the Roman Emperor's retirement estate and today a lively city center housing 3,000 people! Later in the day, enjoy a ferry or catamaran ride from Split to the neighboring island (and town) of Hvar. It's the sunniest spot in the country, considered the most luxurious beach destination, and frequented by Hollywood stars. After checking into your hotel, dinner will be on your own this evening.

(Breakfast, Split; Accommodations, Hvar)



HVAR:

The island of Hvar is known for its purple lavender fields, copious olive oil production, and potent red wines from steep vineyards. In your morning walking tour, you'll explore the island's prime gem and its most trendy destination, the town of Hvar. Some of the sites include the city square (the largest in Dalmatia), the historic Arsenal with its recently discovered ancient Roman ruins below, the oldest public theater in Europe dating back to 1612, and Hvar cathedral. Along the tour, you'll discover that the heritage of Hvar extends far beyond the popular party scene! Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore on your own. A few of the beaches are just a short walk from town, or climb through a pine forest to Tvrdada Fortica (Hvar Fort) for incredible views.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Hvar)



KORČULA:

Enjoy a breakfast at the hotel and some free time on your own. You can choose to relax or stroll through the bustling squares of town. One can hire a taxi to explore outside Hvar, to visit the bridges of Vrboška, the vineyards of Ivan Dolac, or the historic seaside town of Stari Grad (11 miles). In the afternoon, bid farewell to Hvar and hop aboard your boat to take you to the neighboring island of Korčula. Arrive in time for dinner and your overnight stay.

(Breakfast Hvar; Accommodations, Korčula)



DUBROVNIK:

You'll know Korčula was a Venetian stronghold as soon as you lay your eyes on the many lion statues which lurk at you from the town's facades and gates. It is also claimed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo (although strongly disputed by Italy). Stroll the narrow, curved streets, marvel at beautiful churches and magnificent palaces in one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the Mediterranean. Early in the afternoon, you'll cruise to Dubrovnik, the UNESCO Heritage site which once successfully replaced the Venetian Republic. After checking into your hotel, dinner will be on your own this evening.

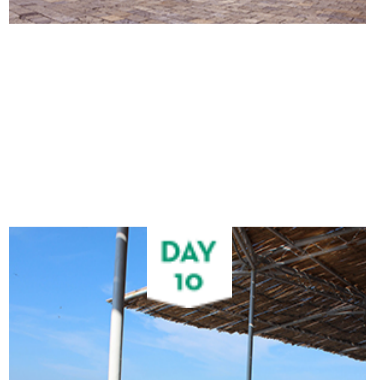
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DUBROVNIK:

After breakfast, meet your guide for a walking tour of Dubrovnik. Your guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the Old Town, introducing you to the history and culture of this magnificent city, along with the main sights like the Orlando Column, St. Blaise church, the Cathedral, Sponza Palace and many others. It is no surprise that Dubrovnik's walled city is riddled with filming locations used in the "Game of Thrones".

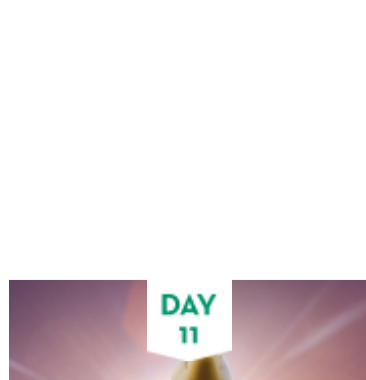
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DUBROVNIK:

A marvelous city like Dubrovnik can only be surrounded by marvelous attractions. And today is at your leisure to explore independently, whether you are up for just relaxing, or perhaps venturing out to explore the islands nearby. Locals would suggest Lokrum Island as an easy trip from the Old Town Harbor. Promising a day of heavenly serenity, Lokrum envelops you in thick green forests of oak, pine and laurel, to be shared with the island's only permanent inhabitants: peacocks and bunnies. A little further away, the Elaphite Archipelago packs sandy beaches, remarkable heritage, fun hiking trails and good food into a day excursion. To cap the end of your stay, stop at the famed Buza Bar, where you can linger over a cold drink while enjoying stunning sunsets, and a panoramic view of the Adriatic. Known as "the hole in the wall", it's considered to be one of the most beautiful bars in Dubrovnik, due to its position on the cliffs right above the sea.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Dubrovnik)



DEPART DUBROVNIK:

After breakfast, meet your driver for a private transfer to Dubrovnik airport, and onward to your next Avanti Destination!

(Breakfast, Dubrovnik)

*** Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change*