

Best of the Balkans

Trip Map



 Start Location

 End Location

 Over night

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

Day 1 | Arrive Dubrovnik



Arrive in Dubrovnik where you'll get to see 'paradise on earth' - if George Bernard Shaw is to be believed. The famous playwright was a big fan of this medieval fortified city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast. Over the next day you'll uncover the city's unique appeal, but first meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for an included dinner this evening and a glimpse into what lies ahead.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Vis

Day 2 | Dubrovnik Sightseeing and free time



Today, join a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour of the iconic highlights in Dubrovnik. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the city walls. Stroll through elegant courtyards and along limestone streets, admiring the remnants of Dubrovnik's Golden Age. Tonight, there's no better way to enjoy this shimmering coastline than embarking on an optional sunset dinner cruise to a secluded bay for the perfect end to the day.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Vis

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Panoramic Cavtat - Journey along the coast for a relaxing trip to the picturesque village of Cavtat, arriving at the harbour on our own chartered boat. Enjoy a leisurely stroll with our Local Specialist in the quaint old town and take the opportunity to admire the yachts in the marina, visit the beach or walk up to the Racic Mausoleum.

Adult: 44.00 EUR

Dinner at the Olive Mill - A short drive outside Dubrovnik brings us to a quaint village where we'll visit an ancient olive oil mill to learn how olive oil was produced for centuries. Afterwards, we'll take a walk around the grounds, sample homemade grappa and enjoy a meal back at the olive mill.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Day 3 | Dubrovnik - Kotor - Budva



Journey through the spectacular scenery of Montenegro to the Old Town of Kotor, known as Stari Grad. Located beside a beautiful bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen, it's no surprise it's a protected UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your Travel Director will orientate you on this historic town where you'll have time to explore at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Eurostars Queen of Montenegro

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Happy Hour Cruise Along the Budva Riviera - We'll board our private launch in Budva for a relaxing and scenic cruise along the most popular Riviera of Montenegro. Two drinks are served along the way, as we sail around St Nicholas island, whose beaches are called Hawaii by the locals. We'll also pass exclusive resorts on our way to Becici.

Adult: 48.00 EUR

Day 4 | Budva - Sarajevo



Small villages and broad plains line your route south into Bosnia-Herzegovina. Arrive later today in its capital Sarajevo, where a rich religious and multi-cultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Later dinner will be at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Ibis Styles

Day 5 | Sarajevo Sightseeing



Today, centuries of religious history are reflected in Sarajevo's beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches as you'll discover when you join a Local Guide for a guided walking tour. You'll also visit the Old Town, view the largest mosque in the Balkans, and see the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city, standing as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago. Join a local family in their home for tasty traditional cuisine or enjoy a lively encounter in a favourite local restaurant with dinner and entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Styles

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tunnel of Hope - Step back into the turbulent 1990s, to a time when Sarajevo stood resilient under siege. Your Local Guide will give you their personal insight into the Tunnel of Hope, a secret passage that breathed life into the city during the Bosnian War. Discover the incredible story of survival, how citizens endured four years of isolation relying on this tunnel for vital supplies. Your visit to the museum will deepen your understanding, with gripping video presentations, artefacts, and stories that paint a vivid picture of Sarajevo's spirit.

Adult: 39.00 EUR

East Meets West - Discover the best of Sarajevo on a visit to Sarajevo's iconic City Hall, an impressive Austro-Hungarian building that suffered major damage during the civil war and was reopened after restoration in 2014. Our Local Guide will guide you through its stunning interior and share fascinating insights into its history. We then experience the unique cultural blend of Sarajevo while exploring an old merchant house with an intriguing mix of Ottoman and Austrian Imperial architecture.

Adult: 42.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Choice Experiences depending on availability:

Sarajevo Home Hosted Evening - Dive into the heart of Sarajevo's culture with an unforgettable evening. You're not just going out to eat; you're stepping into a local's home, welcomed to share in genuine hospitality and feast on authentic dishes. With just a handful of guests per household, the night promises a warm and intimate setting. This isn't just dinner; it's a memory in the making, sure to be one of the highlights of your travels.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

Traditional Bosnian Dinner with Entertainment - Celebrate with your travel companions during a memorable night in Sarajevo. Head to a renowned local restaurant known for its authentic Bosnian cuisine and vibrant entertainment. Here's to an evening filled with good food, great company, and the lively spirit of Bosnia – the perfect close to a fantastic holiday!

Adult: 68.00 EUR

Day 6 | Sarajevo - Mostar



Today, you'll head to Mostar, joining a Local Guide for an exploration of this historic multicultural city that witnessed an impressive resurrection after the Bosnian War. Part of its restoration can be seen in the traditional reconstruction of its medieval 'Stari Most', an Ottoman-style bridge. You'll delve into a tragic time not long ago when Catholic Croats, Muslim Bosniaks and Orthodox Serbs fought for supremacy amidst the colourful cobbled streets overlooking the Neretva River. You'll have time to explore the city on your own or perhaps join a Local Guide for a visit to Blagaj, famous for its natural spring and one of the most mystical cultural and historical villages in the country.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: HA Mostar

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Mystical Blagaj - Head off with your Local Guide to explore the stunning Old Tsar vineyards and fruit-laden valleys on your way to Blagaj. This town isn't just known for its postcard-perfect views but also for the Buna River's natural spring—a spot shrouded in mystery and steeped in history. Dive into the past with a visit to an immaculately kept 17th-century Ottoman House. It's not just any museum visit; it's a chance to live the history, sip on authentic Bosnian coffee, and enjoy a guided tour of the surroundings.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

Day 7 | Mostar - Split



Sit back, relax and watch the stunning scenery as you are bound for Split, where modern façades reveal glimpses of an ancient Roman past. On arrival in Split, a Local Specialist takes you behind the city walls to this harbour town's heart, the 4-century Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, followed by a leisurely walking tour through the historic Old Town. See how Gothic, Roman and Renaissance structures merge seamlessly across the cityscape. Admire Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the 7-century Cathedral of Saint Domnius as you explore its maze of narrow alleys. You'll have an evening to discover the Dalmatian capital on your terms or join an Optional Experience in a traditional konoba for a Dalmatian dinner and live music.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Split INN by President

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Traditional Konoba Dinner - Dive into the heart of it with an authentic taste of Dalmatian life. Dinner in a cosy stone 'konoba' is where it's at - the ultimate spot to savour the region's culinary delights. Choose from an array of fresh seafood or succulent meats, paired with fine Dalmatian wines. And with live tunes setting the scene, your Croatian Adriatic adventure just got a traditional twist you'll never forget.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Day 8 | Split Your Way



Today is free for you to explore Split as you choose. If you're after more sightseeing, you could choose to spend the rest of your day by joining a Choice Experience to one of the glittering Dalmatian islands. Or perhaps indulge in some of the local vintages which have justifiably earned the islands their reputation as a celebrated wine centre for centuries.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Split INN by President

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Choice Experiences depending on availability:

Jewel of the Adriatic - Hop on board for a day trip to Hvar, the jewel of the Croatian islands. Kick things off with a scenic boat ride from Split, then hit the charming streets of Hvar Old Town with your Local Guide. After, you've got free time to relax at a seaside eatery or catch breathtaking views from the Venetian fortress. Wrap up with a cruise back across the Adriatic to Split.

*Sometimes the weather or ferry schedules like to mix things up. If that happens, we may swap Hvar for Brac or offer a Choice Experience to Sibenik and Krka instead. Either way, you'll still soak up the best of the coast!

**Please note that this is a full-day experience.

Adult: 108.00 EUR

* Hvar may be substituted for Brac or an alternative optional to Sibenik and Krka, due to ferry timetables and in the case of inclement weather.

Krka Waterfalls and Sibenik - You'll discover UNESCO-listed treasures, including St Jacob's Cathedral in the historic town of Šibenik, before travelling into the Croatian countryside to gaze over the Krka River as it tumbles 242 metres seaward. Your Local Guide will bring this postcard-like scenery to life, as flourishing native flora and fauna surround seven tranquil and pristine waterfalls on this visit to one of Croatia's most popular national parks.

*Note: The Krka Waterfalls & Šibenik Choice Experience operates only in shoulder season when Jewel of the Adriatic is not running, so please be aware that only one of these experiences will be available per departure.

**Note that this is a full-day experience.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

Day 9 | Depart Split



You've explored medieval monuments, witnessed the revival of war-torn cities and relaxed on the sun-kissed shores of the Adriatic. The allure of the Balkans will linger long after you've said goodbye to your travel companions.

Meals: Breakfast

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