

INSIGHT VACATIONS






The Art of Travelling in Style

COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA





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Day 1 | Welcome to Zagreb



Your Croatian adventure begins in the Capital, Zagreb. Relax and settle in or perhaps head for the romantic chestnut-lined Stross Promenade for your first views over the city. Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine.

Meals: Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

Day 2 | Zagreb's Twin Towns



Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Take a walk and see the art Pavilion, the academy of Sciences and Art and pass Zrinjevac Park. We then board the city's funicular to St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower, take a walk back down through the Stone gate and back to the Square. The afternoon is at leisure. Relax and enjoy your hotel's amenities or perhaps take an Optional Experience to the Zagorje region to learn about the local traditions and visit the house of Marshall Tito?

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Croatian Countryside Experience - Journey through the beautiful rolling countryside of the Zagorje region with our Local Expert to the charming village of Kumrovec. We'll visit the simple peasant house of the late Marshal Tito for a local perspective into this region's complicated and bloody history. The surrounding properties have been restored to represent the village life of 100 years ago. Later, we'll enjoy a farm-to-table meal with drinks in a picturesque restaurant much favoured by the locals. Magnificent views of the rolling, vine-clad hills and Veliki Tabor Castle come as a bonus!

Adult: 71.00 EUR

Day 3 | Postojna Caves and on to Belle-Epoque Opatija



Venture into Slovenia to visit the world-famous Postojna Caves. Step aboard the cave train and descend into a subterranean world of stunning stalactites, stalagmites, columns and curtains. Marvel at the five-metre tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel is in the Belle Époque seaside resort town of Opatija, nestled at the foot of Mount Učka. Take time to stroll by the luxurious villas along the tree-lined seafront promenade.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Grand Hotel Adriatic / Remisens Premium Heritage Hotel Imperial

Day 4 | Discover the Jewels of Istria



Cross the heart-shaped peninsula to explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula, scene of brutal gladiatorial battles in Roman times. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. Wander through the cobbled streets lined with tempting shops, pastel-coloured bars and sidewalk cafes.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Hotel Adriatic / Remisens Premium Heritage Hotel Imperial

Day 5 | Pristine Plitvice National Park



Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - journey past sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

Day 6 | The Dalmatian Coast to Split



The green forests of Plitvice Lakes National Park give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Walk through the Roman Ruins and market to see the sea organ of Zadar. Witness the dramatic change in landscape, as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd century B.C. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. In the evening, don't miss the opportunity of dinner in a traditional konoba.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel President Solin, Split.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Konoba Dinner - For the authentic Dalmatian cuisine experience, dinner in a traditional 'konoba', is a must. Friendly staff serve a variety of seafood or meat, accompanied by good local wine and entertaining Dalmatian musicians. A night to make you fall in love with the tastes and flavours of the Adriatic.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 7 | Island Hopping to Hvar



The Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here, and today it forms the heart of the Old Town of Split. With your Local Expert, explore the 1,700 year-old palace cellars and learn the story of the infamous emperor. Continue through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Dujе's- originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Your island-hopping adventure begins here. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar, famed for being the sunniest island in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.

Day 8 | Exploring the Island of Hvar



Enjoy a full day at leisure, as you explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. Perhaps stroll around seaside Stari Grad, known for being one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site? Maybe visit the local museum with its impressive collection of archeological finds dating back to Greek antiquity or enjoy fresh seafood at a local restaurant? You could even see the glitz and glamour of Hvar Town with its yacht-lined marinas, famous for being the trendy playground of the rich and famous.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Highlights of Hvar and Lunch - Gaze at the fields of lavender as we journey with our Local Expert to Stari Grad— one of the oldest towns in Europe and a UNESCO-Protected World Heritage Site. Visit the 16th century castle of the Croatian renaissance poet Petar Hektorović, built to defend against the Turks and the most famous building in Stari Grad. Then, relax with a locally-produced wine, while enjoying a home-cooked meal of island specialties.

Adult: 71.00 EUR

Day 9 | On the Trail of Marco Polo to Korčula



Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula, known for its grace, history and rich culture. The perfect place for relaxing, the island is filled with quiet coves and small beaches that dot the south coastline. This evening, dinner will be in the old town.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hotel Liburna, Korcula.

Day 10 | Captivating Korčula



In the morning, join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Marvel at spectacular views of the mainland as you stroll towards the main square of Korčula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. Hear about local legends and history from your Local Expert, stopping by the Town Museum, the Bishop's Palace with its treasury collection and the Town Hall. Visit the ruins of the house where according to local legend Marco Polo was born.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to enjoy the narrow streets, beautiful churches and magnificent palaces of this charming medieval town.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel Liburna, Korcula.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Scenic Drive and Koboba Belin - Enjoy a scenic drive with our Local Expert as we pass the rustic villages and towns of Korcula. We'll enjoy picturesque views past vineyards and the island's coastline as we make our way to the heart of the oldest settlement on the island. Finally, we're welcomed in traditional style before dining on home-made fare in our atmospheric family-run venue, built by a father and his sons in their own home! Dobar Tek!

Adult: 62.00 EUR

Best of Korcula - Enjoy a scenic coastal cruise with our Local Expert as we pass the old port town of Korcula for superb photo opportunities. We'll continue past the island of Badija, known for its Franciscan monastery & stone quarries. Landing in Lumbarda, we'll enjoy picturesque views over the vineyards as we make our way to the heart of the oldest settlement on the island. Finally, we're welcomed in traditional style before dining on home-made fare in our atmospheric family-run venue, built by a father and his sons in their own home! Dobar Tek!

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Day 11 | Dubrovnik, Pearl of the Adriatic



Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied by a glass of wine.

Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, 'paradise on Earth' according to George Bernard Shaw. Join a walking exploration of the city, guided by a Local Expert. Get a glimpse into local life, as you explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the Old Town. Walk past Onofrio's Fountain, see the Old Jewish Quarter and the synagogue, and marvel at the grandeur of the cathedral and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. With the rest of the day at your leisure, perhaps enjoy the luxuries of the five-star Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, your home for the next three nights.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ancient Olive Press & Agro-Tourism Experience - Visit a household in a little village above Dubrovnik. Part of the property includes an antique olive oil press, which formerly served the needs of the entire village. Learn about olive oil production the old-fashioned way and about our hosts: how they live and what they grow in their garden, before enjoying a homemade meal with a drink. A perfect way to get to know the locals and their lifestyle!

Adult: 64.00 EUR

Day 12 | Optional Montenegro Experience



Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, travelling along the coast to the pretty port town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A photographer's dream, capture one of the most beautiful parts of the bay and learn about some of the compelling history of this area. Return to Dubrovnik and enjoy an evening at your leisure. Perhaps start at a trendy wine bar, followed by dinner at a romantic sidewalk cafe?

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Excursion to Kotor, Montenegro - We'll drive South along the coast with our Local Expert into Montenegro and the pretty town of Kotor, situated on the Adriatic's only fjord, listed with UNESCO world heritage sites. Visit one of the most beautiful parts of the bay, and learn some of the compelling history of the area.

Adult: 59.00 EUR

Day 13 | Dubrovnik at Leisure



Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Relax by the pool, shop in the markets or perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat, one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia. This evening, should weather permit, you're invited to embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Start your Celebration Dinner with the national favourite drink, a glass of grappa. Savour authentic flavours of local specialities washed down with locally produced wine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cavtat Excursion - The road to Cavtat overlooks the steep coast of the Adriatic sea and presents several opportunities for postcard perfect views. Continue to Cavtat, one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia - a Mecca for the rich and famous who come every year to moor their yachts at the entrance of Cavtat Bay.

Adult: 26.00 EUR

Day 14 | Depart Dubrovnik

Your travels draw to a close after breakfast.

Meals: Breakfast