

## TRIP START DATES

### 2023

**APR** | 15, 17, 22, 24, 29

**MAY** | 01, 06, 08, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

**JUN** | 03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26

**JUL** | 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

**AUG** | 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, 31

**SEP** | 02, 04, 09, 11, 14, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

**OCT** | 02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21

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## ^ COUNTRY ROADS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: **BALANCED**

**14 DAYS**

**2 COUNTRIES**

**20 MEALS**

**18 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES**

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

## MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Plitvice Lakes National Park:** Choose to 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.

## INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Ston:** Meet a local oyster farmer and learn about the cultivation of oysters, before enjoying a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish and local wine.

## AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb • Celebration Dinner with wine and grappa in Dubrovnik.

## TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by funicular in Zagreb • Cruise through the islands to Hvar and Korčula, across the scenic bay of Mali Ston and in the bay of Dubrovnik.

Visit Postojna Caves • Pula Arena • Diocletian's Palace in Split. • Zadar.

City tours of Zagreb, Opatija, Split, Korčula and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

*"The sea-to-table experience is always a big hit with guests. You'll enjoy meeting Tomislav or Daniel, who teach you about oyster farming."* – Irina, Travel Director



DUBROVNIK



PLITVICE LAKES

A #MAKETRAVELMATTER EXPERIENCE



**DAY 1 WELCOME TO ZAGREB**

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00.

*Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine.* (DW)

**Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.**

**DAY 2 ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS**

**Relaxed Start.** Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad.(B)

**DAY 3 POSTOJNA CAVES AND RIJEKA**

At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the five-metre tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel will be located in Rijeka. (B) (DW)

**Hotel Bonavia Plava Laguna, Rijeka.**

**DAY 4 DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA**

Explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. (B)

**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. (B) (DW)

**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. (B)

**Hotel President Solin, Split.**

**DAY 7 ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR**

**Relaxed Start.** In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the Old Town. A Local Expert will lead you 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.

Continue your venture underground, to explore the cellars. 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. (B) (DW)

**Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.**

**DAY 8 EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR**

**Relaxed Start.** Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. (B)

**DAY 9 On the Trail of Marco Polo to Korčula**

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula.

*This evening, dinner will be at the hotel.* (B) (DW)

**Hotel Liburna, Korčula.**

**DAY 10 CAPTIVATING KORČULA**

**Relaxed Start.** Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korčula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. (B)

**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 with a glass of wine.

Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, to meet your Local Expert. Explore the Old Town, passing Onofrio's Fountain, the Old Jewish Quarter, the cathedral and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B) (MT)

**Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.**

**DAY 12 OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE**

**Relaxed Start.** Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, travelling to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a photographer's dream. (B)

**DAY 13 DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE**

**Relaxed Start.** Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat?








This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic.

*Start your Celebration Dinner with a glass of grappa, before savouring authentic flavours of local specialties washed down with locally produced wine.* (B) (DW)

**DAY 14 DEPART DUBROVNIK**

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)

**KEY**

-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  1 Central Hotels + Nights
-  2 Scenic Hotels + Nights
-  ● Place Visited
-  ○ Optional Place Visited
-  Cruise

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



**INSIGHT EXPERIENCE** Visit a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvesting of oysters. *(Photo by @skinnylynnny, Day 11, Dubrovnik)*



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.