



Itinerary

Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast featuring Dubrovnik, Dalmatian Coast, Istrian Peninsula and Lake Bled

Aug 29, 2019 - Sep 9, 2019

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Join us and explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic. This is a "must see" region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

Day 2: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins



Your tour begins in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner this evening.

Hotel

Valamar Lacroma Resort
Dubrovnik

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 84°
Low 70°
Rain 6"

Day 3: Dubrovnik



Join a local guide on a tour of "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites, from Rector's Palace to the City Walls. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbor for a cruise* with magnificent views of the medieval city walls before visiting nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks -OR- receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place (this choice gives you more leisure time to explore the city). This evening, travel to Cilipi in the culturally-rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed for dinner at a family-owned local restaurant. Visit with the family and learn about life in the Croatian heartland as you sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors.

Hotel

Valamar Lacroma Resort
Dubrovnik

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 84°
Low 70°
Rain 6"

Day 4: Dubrovnik



Spend today at leisure. Relax or independently explore the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, you may choose to purchase our optional excursion to Montenegro; if so, leave in the morning to cross the border to Montenegro's Bay of Kotor, or "the Boka." Once known as Europe's southernmost fjord, it is actually a ria (a long, narrow inlet). Your guide will introduce you to the history of the region and share stories of the many cultures and empires that have left their mark here.

Hotel

Valamar Lacroma Resort
Dubrovnik

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 77°
Low 64°
Rain 3"

Day 5: Dubrovnik - Split



Savor stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside, where you'll have time to taste some of the local specialties and perhaps take a walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also, see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter.

Hotel

Atrium Hotel
Split

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 77°
Low 64°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Split - Plitvice Lakes



Enjoy a morning at leisure in Split. This afternoon, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site.

Hotel

The Lyra Hotel Plitvice
Plitvice

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 75°
Low 62°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Plitvice Lakes - Opatija



Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes, travel this afternoon to the seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs.

Hotel

Grand Hotel Palace Opatija
Opatija

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 75°
Low 59°
Rain 4"

Day 8: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula - Opatija



Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula.

Hotel

Grand Hotel Palace Opatija
Opatija

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 75°
Low 59°
Rain 4"

Day 9: Ljubljana, Slovenia



Travel into picturesque Slovenia, to Ljubljana, a capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Take in the spectacular scenery on the drive, and upon your arrival, an afternoon at leisure lets you relax and explore the city.

Hotel

Hotel Lev
Ljubljana

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 69°
Low 49°

Day 10: Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana



This morning, meet a local expert who introduces you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After free time for lunch, drive a short distance to tranquil Lake Bled, and experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the center. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace.

Hotel

Hotel Lev
Ljubljana

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 69°
Low 49°

Day 11: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia



Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. After free time this afternoon for independent exploration, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at a popular local restaurant.

Hotel

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
Zagreb

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 55°
Rain 3"

Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close this morning in Zagreb.