

# ***CROATIA, BOSNIA & SLOVENIA TOUR***



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## Croatia, Bosnia & Slovenia Escorted Tour & Flights

Duration: 15 days

Departs: 2022 & 2023 select dates

Stay: 13 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted coach tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: CBSGA15M

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# 15 Days Best of Croatia, Bosnia & Slovenia Tour

## About the holiday

Medieval Europe comes to life on this special escorted tour of Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia!

Start in the vibrant city of Zagreb in Croatia and travel through Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Slovenia to complete the exciting tour in Venice, Italy. Discover the splendid architecture of Sarajevo and explore the rugged Adriatic coast. Visit Old Dubrovnik and walk the cobbled streets of Split's old town. Spend time in the natural wonderland of Plitvice Lakes and the stunning seaside town of Opatija.

Explore caves, castles, cathedrals and more, as your expert guides share their local knowledge and help you discover more about each destination. You'll be amazed by what you'll see and experience in Europe on this incredible two-week journey!

## Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of first class and deluxe hotels while on tour

Tour Zagreb, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Bled, Venice & more

Travel with an English-speaking tour guide to make the most of your trip

Flights are included from Australia to complete the top value holiday!

## Travel dates

2022 - 19, 21, 23, 28, 30 September; 05, 07 October

2023 - Wednesdays & Fridays from 14 April to 06 October

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times of the year.*

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## Escorted tour includes:

- Return economy class flights to Zagreb & from Venice
- Fly from Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth or Sydney (ask for other cities)
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 13 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Zagreb
  - 1 night Sarajevo
  - 3 nights Dubrovnik
  - 1 night Split
  - 2 nights Plitvice Lakes
  - 2 nights Bled
  - 2 nights Venice
- Hotel portorage
- 21 meals: 13 breakfasts, 8 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

## Package excludes:

International flights - please ask us for the latest airfare specials

Airport transfers - can be pre-booked on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities - prices listed are a guide & based on pre-booking

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers, paid on last day of tour

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.***

***Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

## Experiences on tour & special highlights:

- View Zagreb's monumental Cathedral with its soaring twin spires in bustling Kaptol Square
- Tour Sarajevo, a beautiful city with splendid architecture and a complex history
- Visit Old Dubrovnik, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Excursion to Montenegro, a Mediterranean jewel nestled on the rugged Adriatic coast
- Walk the cobbled streets of Split's Old Town to the 4th century Palace of Diocletian
- Visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, a natural wonderland flanked by thundering waterfalls
- Travel along the striking Bay of Kvarner to the stunning seaside resort of Opatija
- Visit the Postojna Caves in Slovenia, the largest and the most visited show cave in Europe
- Tour Ljubljana, with its unique blend of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture
- In Bled, visit the 11th century castle perched on a steep cliff high above the lake
- Visit Miramare Castle on the peak of a rocky promontory in the Gulf of Trieste
- Walking tour of Venice includes the magnificent Golden Basilica of San Marco

## Itinerary:

### **DAY 1, Depart for Croatia**

Fly to Croatia

### **DAY 2, Arrive in Zagreb**

Welcome to Zagreb, a medieval European city with a wealth of historic monuments. Tonight, at approximately 7 PM, attend an orientation with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers on the fascinating journey that awaits you, followed by a Welcome Dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 5 PM, or earlier if possible.

**Overnight:** Zagreb

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 3, Zagreb's Upper and Lower City Tour**

Begin the day in busy Kaptol Square in Upper Town, dominated by the monumental Zagreb Cathedral, with its soaring twin spires. Then, head into Zagreb's medieval Upper Town with its cobblestone streets and red-tile-roofed buildings. Walk along Kravi Most, to St. Mark's Church with its brightly coloured roof and the 17th century Jesuit Church of St. Catherine.

After a stop at the Parliament building, free time to explore the winding streets of the Old Town and Ban Jelacic, the main square. Or take a leisurely stroll along Ilica Street, packed with restaurants, trendy cafes and a vibrant shopping scene.

The *optional* tour to Kumrovec starts in the early afternoon with a scenic drive to Kumrovec, the birthplace of the late Marshal Tito. Visit the Ethnological Museum's restored village houses from the turn of the 19th century. Later, follow a winding road through the Zagorje Hills to a charming farm restaurant for a dinner of local specialties and wine, plus stunning views of Veliki Tabor Castle

**Optional:** Kumrovec & Dinner

**Overnight:** Zagreb

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 4, Travel to Sarajevo**

Today, travel from Zagreb to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Overnight:** Sarajevo

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Picturesque Sarajevo, Arrive in Dubrovnik**

Morning tour of Sarajevo, a beautiful city with a complex history. Arrive at the picturesque Turkish Bazaar (Bascarsija), an ancient trading place with artisan workshops. View many examples of splendid Ottoman architecture around the city centre. The city is truly a "living history museum", where mosques built by the Ottomans sit alongside buildings created by the Austro-Hungarians. On to the Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque, the most important Islamic structure in the country, one of the world's finest examples of Ottoman architecture. View the now neglected stadium from the 1984 Winter Olympic Games and visit the Gavriilo Princip Museum, dedicated to Archduke Ferdinand. On your walk, look for the poignant Sarajevo Roses, flower-shaped memorials in the pavement filled with red cement, which are one of the few reminders left of the war. En route to Mostar, a medieval town in northern Herzegovina, enjoy panoramic vistas. Here, view the compelling reconstructed Stari Most Bridge, a staunch symbol of freedom on the Neretva River. End the day in the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik, lovingly named the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 6, Walking Tour of Dubrovnik**

Take a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik on foot. This magnificent Old Town with its treasure of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque churches, monasteries and palaces is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and view the monumental Sponza Palace, one of the most beautiful palaces in the city, preserved in its original form. Under the City Bell Tower on Luza Square, view Orlando's Column, dedicated to the legendary knight that saved the city in the 9th century.

Then on to view the Dominican Monastery and visit the Franciscan Monastery and its 14th century pharmacy, one of the oldest still-functioning pharmacies in Europe. Tonight, perhaps attend the *optional* Traditional Croatian Dinner. Take a short drive from Dubrovnik through the Croatian countryside to a lovely homestead, where you will be welcomed with tasty samplings such as local cheese and Dalmatian prosciutto. Take in the lush surroundings while savouring a traditional meal consisting of time-honoured dishes, carefully prepared with fresh farm ingredients

**Optional:** Cruise & Dinner

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 7, Excursion to Montenegro**

Today's excursion takes you on a scenic drive across the Croatian border to Montenegro, a Mediterranean jewel with its crystal clear lakes. Head to the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Enjoy a boat ride that takes you to Our Lady Of The Rocks Church, nestled on an islet off the coast of Perast. View the Roman Catholic Church, the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Later, visit the dramatically beautiful town of Kotor, butted up against the steep limestone cliffs of Mt Lovcen, with its imposing network of fortifications. Afterward, return to Dubrovnik. Tonight, be sure to marvel at the spectacular sunset as you walk along Dubrovnik's cobbled streets and see the glowing buildings and the fortifications accented against the night sky

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 8, Travel to Split, Split City Tour**

Depart Dubrovnik and travel north along the dramatic Adriatic coast to the UNESCO protected the seaside town of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Upon arrival, a walking tour along the cobbled streets of the Old Town features the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace, a precious example of Roman architecture, is one of the largest and best preserved in the world. See the remains of the Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. Spend the remainder of the day discovering the town independently, or taking a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade. In the evening, dinner together

**Overnight:** Split

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Sightseeing En Route to Plitvice Lakes**

Travel north to historic Trogir, founded by the Greeks in 400 BC. Here, admire the three-apsed 13th century Venetian Cathedral of St. Lovro, one of the finest architectural works in Croatia, and the stunning Cipiko Palace. A centre of artistic activities, scholars came from around the world to Trogir to study and paint.

Continue inland towards Plitvice Lakes National Park, a wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes, flanked by thundering waterfalls and a huge primeval forest. This area, known as a geological and hydrological phenomenon, is celebrated as one of the most beautiful natural sights in Europe, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list

**Overnight:** Plitvice Lakes

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Walking Tour in Plitvice National Park\***

Explore Plitvice National Park today and discover first-hand the breathtaking surroundings of this natural wonder, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to more than 16 lakes and magnificent waterfalls at every turn. As you walk along the zig-zag paths, admire this wonderland of waterfalls, lakes and trees. A guided walk takes you past lush vegetation and along man-made boardwalks to several of the pristine lower lakes. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Share today's adventure with your fellow travellers at dinner tonight

*\*This a very active day with a walk down to the Plitvice Lakes, that requires good walking shoes*

**Overnight:** Plitvice Lakes

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Opatija Sightseeing & Postojna Caves En Route to Bled**

Today, return to the coast and travel along the striking Bay of Kvarner to the remarkable seaside resort of Opatija, a gem of Croatia's Adriatic coast, with its rich history and picturesque surroundings. Take an orientation tour of Opatija exploring the highlights of this former Imperial resort city. Time to enjoy the pleasures of this area before journeying north to the Postojna Caves in Slovenia, a network of passages, galleries, and chambers. This is the largest and the most visited show cave in Europe. Travel aboard the specially designed cave train with electric lighting that allows you to observe the splendour of the underground world, where the geological past is recorded in a unique manner. You'll be dazzled by the stalactites and stalagmites in a variety of shapes and colours. Afterward continue to Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps, for dinner and overnight

**Overnight:** Bled

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 12, The Alpine Resort of Bled, Ljubljana Excursion**

Morning exploration of Bled, with its emerald-green lake, picture postcard church, and medieval castle. Ranked among the world's most beautiful alpine resorts, it's renowned for its mild healing climate and thermal lake waters. Tour the imposing 11th-century Bled Castle, perched on a steep cliff high above the lake, creating a dramatic backdrop to the city. This medieval fortress, with its huge towers, ramparts, moats, and terrace, offers exquisite views.

This afternoon, enjoy an excursion to Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital. View the most significant sights of the old city centre, with its unique mixture of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture. Stop at the picturesque open-air market, Three Bridges Square, the Town Hall, and Robba Fountain, one of the city's best known Baroque monuments. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for an *optional* dinner at a traditional Country Inn in the tiny medieval town of Radovljica that includes choices of Slovenian favourites along with wine

**Optional:** Tour of Radovljica with dinner

**Overnight:** Bled

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Trieste Sightseeing En Route to Venice**

Depart Slovenia towards Italy, stopping en route in Trieste, a major seaport in northeastern Italy. Visit Miramare Castle on the peak of a rocky promontory along the Gulf of Trieste. Continue to magical Venice with time to begin your exploration of this astonishing city on your own. Tonight, indulge yourself at one of the city's fine restaurants, or just sit at an outdoor café and sip a cappuccino or a lovely glass of Italian wine

**Overnight:** Venice

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 14, Walking Tour of Venice**

The discovery of Venice begins on the Island of Murano, known for its artistic and colourful glassware. While here, visit a local factory to witness the art of glassblowing. Afterward, continue to the main Venice Island and take a walking tour with your local guide through the maze of narrow alleyways and bridges before reaching St. Mark's Square. Upon reaching the square, stop to view its most prominent monuments, the pink marble Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs, and golden Basilica of San Marco. The Doge's Palace was the official residence of the Venetian ruler. The Bridge of Sighs offers one of the most notable scenes of this Romantic city. Marvel at the golden Basilica of San Marco, that is one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. It was built over several centuries in a fusion of Byzantine, Roman and Venetian architecture. The rest of the day is yours to explore Venice at leisure, or to participate in this afternoon's *optional* Gondola Ride, offering a different perspective of this unique city built on water. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel

**Optional:** Gondola Ride

**Overnight:** Venice

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 15, Depart Italy**

After breakfast, make your way to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

## Hotels:

The accommodation is subject to confirmation in each destination and hotels may change at the discretion of the tour operator.

### Sheraton Zagreb, Zagreb

This deluxe hotel is a modern attractive building with a mix of glass, steel and concrete. The front of the hotel has a large glass facade that allows natural light to fill the reception area and offer amazing views of the surrounding wonders of Zagreb.

### Hotel Europe Sarajevo, Sarajevo

This first class hotel is centrally located in Sarajevo.

### Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel, Dubrovnik

This first class hotel is located close to the beach.

### Hotel Atrium, Split

This deluxe hotel is situated nearby Split's central shopping district.

### Hotel Jezero, Plitvice Lakes

This superior tourist class hotel is located in the centre of the Plitvice Lakes National Park amidst great natural beauty.

### Hotel Savica Garni, Bled

This first class hotel is a five minute walk from Lake Bled.

### Hotel Continental Venice, Venice

This first class hotel is located on Grand Canal on one of the city's main pedestrian streets.

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- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Contact us to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optional tours operate varies by the day of the week & prices will be confirmed at time of booking.

### **Kumrovec & Dinner**

Start your tour in the early afternoon with a scenic drive to Kumrovec, situated on the bank of the river Sutla, along the Croatian-Slovenian border. Kumrovec's fame is that it was the birthplace of the late marshal Tito, the president of former Yugoslavia, whose house has since been turned into a museum. Today, the major attraction of Kumrovec is the Ethnological Museum Staro Selo (Old Village) with very well preserved village houses from the turn of the 19th and the 20th centuries. Up to forty houses and other farmstead facilities have been restored, which makes Staro Selo the most attractive place of this kind in Croatia. Later, follow a winding road through the Zagorje hills. An early dinner of genuine local specialties and wine is served at a charming farm restaurant with magnificent views of the 15th century castle Veliki Tabor.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

Day #3	01 Apr 2021 - 31 Oct 2022	\$87.00
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### **Cruise & Dinner**

Sv. Jakov (St. James) beach in Dubrovnik is one of the most beautiful beaches in the area. A motor boat ride will take you around the Old City walls to St. Jakov Beach, where you will enjoy a three course dinner and Dalmatian wine. After dinner return to the Old City Port. Enjoy a glimpse of Dubrovnik by night before boarding your bus at Pile Gate to return to the hotel. Boat ride depends on weather conditions.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4.5 hours.

Day #6	01 Apr 2021 - 31 Dec 2022	\$110.00
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### Tour of Radovljica with dinner

This evening, visit the little medieval town of Radovljica and take a short walk through its old section. Later, stop at a popular and traditional country inn. Your dinner will include a selection of traditional Slovenian dishes and wine.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Day #12	01 Apr 2021 - 31 Dec 2022	\$80.00
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### Gondola Ride

One of the experiences of any Italian holiday is a Venetian gondola ride. For centuries, the traditional flat bottom boat has been a major means of transportation in Venice though its primary role today is to take tourists on rides. Gondoliers may seem like "rough-and-ready" characters, however they are actually highly skilled operators constantly working on the perfect balance of this watercraft. The profession, handed down from generation to generation, is regulated by a guild which issues a limited number of licenses to highly trained gondoliers to navigate the narrow spaces of the Venetian canals. Explore part of the Grand Canal as well as some other hidden minor waterways. The gondola holds a maximum of six passengers. Please note that this is not a private gondola ride. Your gondolier will indicate the seating arrangements to balance the boat and you may not be seated next to your travel companions. Though you may envision the gondolier singing to you, there will only be a musician aboard one of the boats in your fleet of several different gondolas.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 30 minutes.

Day #14	01 Apr 2022 - 31 Oct 2022	\$85.00
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