

CROATIA EXPLORER TOUR



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15 Days Croatia Explorer Tour with Flights

Duration: 15 days

Departs: 2022 select dates

Stay: 13 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: EUCRQ15M

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About the holiday

Bask in the beauty of the Balkans and spend two weeks discovering Croatian and eastern European delights.

Experience Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic!

Begin in Munich, see Salzburg and cross the Dragon Bridge in Ljubljana before touring Croatia. Walk along Dubrovnik's historic city walls and drink in the beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park. Explore Budapest, Vienna, Belgrade and Prague with a local guide. Choose a Montenegro day trip, Danube evening cruise and more to complete your trip. The choice is all yours. Eastern Europe adventures await!

Why you'll love this tour...

- This comprehensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with a tour leader to get the best insight and tips, plus enjoy guided tours in Munich, Ljubljana, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Belgrade, Vienna & more.
- Delve into history and greet the colourful Balkan cultures from one capital to another, while frequenting popular hotspots and gems off the beaten track.
- Enjoy two-night stays in Munich, Dubrovnik, Budapest and Prague.
- Flights are included from Australia, or you can do the tour on its own.

Travel dates:

Departs Australia

2022 - 28 May; 11 June; 17 September

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for other departures in 2022 & 2023.

Special Early Bird options apply to this tour!

Call our office on 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals.



Escorted Tour Includes:

Flights

- Return economy airfares from Australia to Munich
- Fly with Qatar Airways via Doha

Accommodation

- 13 nights in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities
- *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for a private room*

Meals

- 13 breakfasts, 7 dinners
- Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Any public transport used as part of the tour days (excludes free days)

Extras

- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
- All taxes and fees included

Package excludes:

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

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

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

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.

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Top Experiences on Tour:

- Discover Munich on an orientation tour
- Say *prost* in a traditional German beer hall
- Comfort stop in Salzburg
- Photo stop at Lake Bled, Slovenia
- Walking tour of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia
- Visit Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik
- Visit medieval Balkan town of Mostar
- Take a walking tour of Sarajevo
- Guided Walking tour of Belgrade
- Visit a Hungarian horse farm
- Driving tour of Budapest; see the most iconic sights
- Visit Bratislava, capital of Slovakia
- Go on a walking tour of Vienna, Austria's capital
- Visit Mauthausen concentration camp
- Comfort stop in Český Krumlov
- Guided walking tour in Prague, Czech Republic
- Traditional dinner in Prague
- Stop in the medieval town of Nuremberg

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Depart Australia for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Start of tour in Munich

The first day of the tour is an arrivals day. Meet your fellow travellers, and depending on what time you arrive, head into Munich and see the sights ahead of the start of your tour. A city that exhibits both prosperity and a certain amount of comfort and cosiness, Munich's apparent contradictions will delight the avid explorer. Along with modern high-powered industry, designer shopping districts and sleek BMWs, you'll find a wealth of cultural hotspots in Munich.

Even with all its smart sophistication, Munich has a certain charm that visitors find irresistible. Tonight, meet your fellow explorers and get to know them over a beer as we take you to a traditional German beer hall for dinner and to get a taste of German culture. Prost!

Day 3: Salzburg - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

Heading for the Slovenian capital, we stop at Salzburg on the way for a comfort stop. Featuring gorgeous architecture, a formidable cliff-top fortress and imposing cliffs in the distance, you could be forgiven for thinking that you were in a fairy tale. This was also Mozart's home-town - see if a little of the genius rubs off! We also stop at Lake Bled for a photo stop. The lake is situated in the Julian Alps and surrounds Bled Island in the middle of the lake, and is overlooked by the medieval Bled Castle on the north shore. On arrival in Ljubljana, we'll have a walking tour of this little gem of a city. Despite its small size, you're sure to be entranced by the beauty of this city, which features a wealth of cultures, activities and sights. Ljubljana Castle overlooks the city, and dates back many centuries.

Day 4: Plitvice Lakes - Split Region

Today, you will be treated to some of the most picturesque natural landscapes in the whole of Europe as we're off to Croatia, visiting the world-famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. Stroll along the boardwalks and marvel at the incredible natural scenery of Croatia's largest national park. Filled with waterfalls, lush vegetation and countless lakes, this is one of the most beautiful stops on the tour, so keep your cameras handy! Once we've got a full camera-load of shots, we'll head to our hotel in a beach resort near Split, for an included dinner and relaxing evening.

Day 5: Split - Dubrovnik

As we make our way to Dubrovnik we'll stop off for a visit to Split, where you'll have time to stroll around this historic town, including the sprawling Diocletian's Palace complex. Once we reach Dubrovnik, your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour of the old town. You will be acquainted with this stunning walled city, with a maritime history dating back to the Middle Ages. The city is a tapestry of spectacular architecture - including churches, monasteries, fountains and museums. Learn about the city's history, stroll the marble streets, take a walk along the ancient city walls or try one of the many charming restaurants. You have plenty of time to explore, so don't rush - you have a full free day tomorrow.

Day 6: Dubrovnik: Free Day

Take the time to explore the city further - with most of the main attractions located within the city walls in the 'old town', it is very easy to plan your day and navigate the streets. Want the best views of the 'old town' and islands? Catch the cable car to the top of Mount Srd and enjoy! It is highly recommended for a scenic sunset photo.

For those who really want to explore further afield, you can choose our optional excursion to Montenegro! Take a full day to experience one of Europe's lesser-visited gems. Discover the natural beauty and rich history as we drive through charming countryside to the UNESCO Heritage listed town of Kotor. The old port of Kotor is surrounded by fortifications built during the Venetian period, and is a picturesque Mediterranean landscape. This day trip also includes photo stops at Verige and Perast, and a stop at the picturesque coastal town of Budva.

Day 7: Mostar - Sarajevo

Leaving Dubrovnik behind, we travel on to Sarajevo, stopping on the way in the enchanting Balkan town of Mostar. Mostar is an enchanting and historical place, which offers a splattering of numerous religious buildings and churches, and a vast collection of Roman, Greek, Croatian and Ottoman influences. Sarajevo is the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has returned from the brink of destruction in the 90s, becoming famed for its East-meets-West atmosphere. Learn all about the city's troubled past in a walking tour of this fascinating city.

Day 8: Sarajevo - Belgrade

Saying goodbye to Sarajevo, we make our way to the Serbian capital of Belgrade. We will enjoy a tour of the city with a local guide, who will introduce us to the city's highlights, including Republic Square, Kalemegdan park and Belgrade fortress. A fascinating place, Belgrade radiates gritty exuberance in its many architectural contrasts with socialist blocks set amongst more grandiose buildings. After the walking tour we'll enjoy an included dinner, before free time to explore the city.

Day 9: Belgrade - Hungarian Horse Farm - Budapest

Leaving Serbia behind we head for Hungary, making a stop at a farm in the traditional homeland of the Hungarian horse lords. Watch a traditional horse show where the locals demonstrate their equestrian skills. You will have the opportunity to try the world's best Hungarian goulash, a rich and hearty beef stew, at an optional lunch hosted by the farm. We then travel onward to Budapest. With a great mix of natural beauty and art nouveau architecture, this is a city to behold. Embark on an evening driving tour to get an overview of the city. Travel across the mighty Danube and make a stop at the Fisherman's Bastion for spectacular views across the river to the Parliament Building and St Stephen's basilica. Take note of all the spots to revisit tomorrow on your free day!

Day 10: Budapest: Free Day

With traces of the past evident in the interesting and unusual details, this is your chance to get up close and personal with Budapest. Look out for remnants of the conflicts of WWII and the uprising of 1956, try Hungarian cuisine (so much more to it than just goulash), sample world-renowned wines, and soak your weary rambler's bones in one of the city's bath-houses.

Bath houses are something that Budapest has been known for since the Roman times, with some 123 thermal and 400 mineral springs from 14 different sources. Then, maybe catch the sunset with an evening stroll along the Danube.

Day 11: Bratislava - Vienna

Leaving Budapest behind, we head for the grandeur of Vienna. Along the way we'll stop off in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour to see some of the main sights, including a photostop at Bratislava Castle, which overlooks the city. On arrival in Vienna we'll take a driving tour of the city. Few cities can show off such cultural and historical splendour and maintain a profile as an exciting, modern city, but Vienna does it well. Along with a musical past that includes luminaries like Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, and artworks by masters like Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka, Vienna has a buzzing modern culinary scene, cheerful, bustling pubs and bars, and a host of clubs and music venues in which to dance the night away.

Day 12: Mauthausen - Český Krumlov - Prague

On the way to Prague today, we will be visiting Mauthausen concentration camp, where we'll learn about a darker chapter in Europe's history. A labour camp during the Second World War, this was where hundreds of thousands of political prisoners lost their lives. We'll also take a comfort stop in Český Krumlov. Blessed with a spectacular castle and a wealth of Renaissance and Baroque architecture, Český Krumlov is often thought of as a sort of mini-Prague. On arrival in Prague, we'll take a walking tour of this incredible city, which since freeing itself from communism has joined other European jewels like Paris, Rome and Amsterdam to take its place as one of Europe's most fascinating destinations. Famous for its art, architecture, cobbled lanes and ancient chapels, this is also home to some of Europe's finest beer. Your local tour guide will proudly escort you through the historic streets, pointing out the features of the 'Old Town', Primatial Palace, Slovak National Theatre and the Main Square. For dinner, experience authentic Czech cuisine at our local restaurant on your first night in Prague.

Day 13: Prague: Free Day

Today, take the time to explore, perhaps revisiting some of the sights you saw on your walking tour. Sample the local cuisine (including the much-lauded and hugely varied beers), visit art galleries, admire the weird and witty sculpture that adorns the city's public spaces, and marvel at the soaring gothic and baroque architecture. Highlights of the day might include the majestic Prague Castle, the famous Charles Bridge, the 'Old Town' and the Jewish Quarter. For those who wish to put your stamp on the city, visit legendary Lennon wall - a tribute to John Lennon and words of peace, which is added to on a daily basis by the thousands of visitors to the city.

Day 14: Nuremberg - Munich

On our way back to Munich, we take a comfort stop in Nuremberg. Bavaria's second-largest city, you'll find incredible architecture here, painstakingly restored using original stone after the bombings of the Second World War. Your last night of the tour sees you back in Munich for you to enjoy as you see fit. Relax in your hotel, get together with your new-found friends from the tour for a farewell dinner, or maybe revisit one of the beer halls that welcomed you so warmly at the beginning of your adventure.

Day 15: End of tour

The tour concludes today after breakfast. Don't forget to swap details with your fellow travellers before your onward journey home!

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.

New Safety Measures

The wellbeing and safety of our passengers and staff is always a priority, especially as we adjust to a new world for travellers. My Travel Experience is committed to ensuring your peace of mind with customer-friendly booking practices and enhanced health and safety standards on our trips.

We work closely with tour operators that have received the Safe Travels stamp by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), which enables travellers to recognise companies around the world that have adopted health and hygiene global standardised protocols.

Travel requirements for this tour:

The tour operator is implementing a number of enhanced health and safety protocols on their trips. These additional precautions have been introduced to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 and to help ensure that travellers and the tour team are as safe and protected as possible while on tour.

Negative PCR or Antigen Tests

All travellers, regardless of their vaccination status, will be asked to produce a negative PCR test or negative Antigen test in order to embark on our escorted tours. This helps to ensure the safety of our travellers and staff.

Self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms

We request that all travellers self-monitor daily before the tour for any COVID-19 related symptoms. All travellers will be required to complete a Covid-19 Acknowledgement of Risk (sent by our customer service team) before departing for the tour, and each traveller will be required to sign a Responsible Traveller Pledge (committing to the safety and wellbeing of yourself and fellow travellers). We advise all travellers to check their home country's rules and regulations regarding the quarantine period upon return from your tour as well as any requirements they may have before you travel.

Face masks and sanitising

Each traveller will be required to bring their own mask and wear it at all (required) times. We ask that our travellers familiarise themselves with the best way to use, clean and store face masks (especially if they are reusable). Travellers should bring their own face masks for use throughout the journey as well as spares. Always remember to practice good hygiene and wash or sanitise your hands frequently.

Travel tip: Plastic bags are good for storing used face masks.

As per regulation - face masks will be compulsory while on the coach, boat and train. Face masks will be available for purchase from your tour leader for those who do not have supplies. Hand sanitisers with at least 60% alcohol will be available to travellers and staff at all times.

Adequate Travel Insurance

All tour travellers are required to show proof of adequate travel insurance before embarking on tour. Your policy of insurance is required to cover you and your party against the cost of cancellation by you; the cost of assistance (including repatriation - medical and non-medical) in the event of accident or illness; loss of baggage and money; protection against any Covid-related claims and other expenses.

Please Note: If you cannot provide the tour team with proof of adequate travel insurance prior to the start of your tour, you will not be permitted to embark on day one.

Health and Safety on Tour

On the 4 coach tours, elevated hygiene and safety procedures will be put into place. The safe and comfortable coaches are cleaned and sanitised before the start of each tour and daily cleaning is maintained throughout the tour.

Safety Measures for Social Distancing on Tour

In line with precautions from various government authorities, such as the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), social distancing and face masks will be necessary on both rail and coach tours.

Carrying out responsible social distancing while on the coach and train, during city tours, on visits to landmarks, museums and more, will be necessary to help ensure the safety of yourself, the other travellers in your group and our travel crew. This extends to the use of face masks on board the coach and train and where necessary when visiting different destinations.

Coach boarding will be adjusted in line with social distancing measures.

What if someone gets sick on tour?

All travellers are required to inform their tour leader if they are feeling unwell. Your tour leader will then direct you to a medical practitioner, it is strongly advised that travellers then take all the reasonable steps to ensure the traveller(s) meet all the requirements as laid out by their travel insurance provider.

Travel Crew are Trained and Here to Help

The travel crew, which includes your tour leaders and drivers, have previously been trained for important health and hygiene needs while on tour. In addition to this, the crew will have received additional, in-depth health and hygiene training prior to embarking on any future tours. This training is in line with guidelines set out by public health authorities.

The team is regularly reviewing government tourism and travel updates and ensuring that tours run in accordance with the prevailing public health advice, and recommendations by the World Health Organisation, the Centres for Disease Control, the European Centre for Disease Control, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. We are hoping to make this adjustment to the "new normal" of travel as stress-free as possible!

These guidelines are subject to change as the global situation evolves. The enforcement of certain measures (i.e. social distancing and mask-wearing) will vary in different regions. We will defer to local health authorities for best practices in their region. Check with your home country's policies on testing and post-trip self-isolation as well as the latest travel advisories.

**Have any questions or want to see more of Europe?
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A COVID-19 test must be taken 48 hours prior to departure and proof of a negative result submitted to the airline at check-in, along with your medical certificate showing a double vaccinated status.

Tour dates can be changed up to 45 days prior to departure and airline tickets are valid for 12 months, but re-booking fees apply.

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MY TRAVEL EXPERIENCE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read the following information prior to making your reservation

Our full set of terms and conditions can be [viewed and downloaded on our website](#), or supplied on request from our office. We highly recommend you read My Travel Experience booking conditions prior to making your holiday reservations. This is the contract under which both parties enter, therefore we request that you only make a booking if you agree with these conditions.

This is a summary in brief for our customers:

1. Upon making a reservation with My Travel Experience you will receive a booking form, which needs to be filled out and signed to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions.
2. Your booking will then be confirmed to you in writing and you will be required to pay a deposit to hold your reservation.
3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
4. Around 90 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (the exact due date for your travel supplier will be advised at the time of booking).
5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents via email.

My Travel Experience operates a Client Trust bank account. This means that we do not hold your money. We pay the ultimate travel providers (Suppliers) of your travel services the funds for your holiday. The Suppliers include airlines, tour operators, cruise lines, transport companies, hotels etc. We are required to pay the Suppliers deposits and final payments to secure your booking and in some instances these items are non-refundable.

If you wish to cancel you must notify us of your cancellation in writing. We will then write to the Suppliers to cancel your booking and request a refund (if applicable) for any elements of your holiday that are refundable. You will need to make an insurance claim for any travel arrangements that are non-refundable. If you have any issues during the refund or cancellation process, you have 30 days to contact our office in writing to lodge a complaint so an immediate resolution can be found for you.

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