# CROATIA & SLOVENIA TOUR



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# Croatia & Slovenia Escorted Tour

Duration: 13 days

Stay: 9 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: CSVG10M

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# 10 Affordable Croatia & Slovenia Tour

# About the holiday

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

Start in the picturesque seaside town of Opatija and travel along the Dalmatian Coast before reaching the Croatian capital of Zagreb and exploring Slovenia. Discover the Roman architecture of Zadar and explore the rugged Adriatic coast. Walk the cobbled streets of Split's old town and visit Old Dubrovnik. Spend time in the natural wonderland of Krka National Park and enjoy two nights Slovenia's alpine resort city of Bled.

See castles, cathedrals, waterfalls 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 can see and experience on this incredible 9-night journey!

Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of first class and deluxe hotels while on tour
Visit Opatija, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Zagreb, Bled & more
Escorted by an English-speaking tour guide to make the most of your trip
Travel at a time of year when there are less crowds, but no fewer highlights
Ask us about adding flights to complete the top value holiday!

### Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - Departures from October to March

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

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### **Escorted tour includes:**

- 9 nights accommodation in 4- to 5-star hotels
  - o 2 nights Opatija
  - 1 night Split
  - o 3 nights Dubrovnik
  - 1 night Zadar
  - 2 nights Bled
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel porterage
- 14 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager
- Services of local guides in Split, Dubrovnik and Zagreb
- Entrance fees per itinerary

# 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

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

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Travel insurance is essential - please contact us for a quote Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

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

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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# Experiences on tour & highlights:

- Explore seaside Opatija, with its rich history and picturesque surroundings
- In Zadar, one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic, view the 16th century Venetian defensive walls
- Walk the cobbled streets of Split and marvel at the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a precious example of Roman architecture
- Tour magnificent Dubrovnik, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and visit Franciscan monastery with world's third oldest functioning pharmacy
- Relax in the green oasis of Krka National Park, while admiring the travertine Karst waterfalls
- See the Upper and Lower Towns in the two-tiered Croatian capital city of Zagreb
- Visit Bled Castle, a beautiful medieval fortress, perched atop a steep cliff above the picturesque lake

# **Itinerary:**

## DAY 1, Monday - Arrive in Opatija

Make your own way to your hotel in the seaside town of Opatija. Opatija is a gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the town on your own. Perhaps take a stroll along the "Lungo Mare" seafront and admire the beautiful views of the Gulf, sheltered by soaring mountains. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner

\* Shared transfers from Ljubljana to Opatija can be pre-booked for an additional fee and will depart at approximately 9 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM and 4 PM. The hotel is approximately a 2-hour drive from the Ljubljana airport. Passengers should select flights that arrive no later than 3 PM in Ljubljana, in order to catch the last shared transfer to Opatija.

Overnight: Opatija

Meals: Dinner

# DAY 2, Tuesday - Full Day in Opatija

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the seaside town of Opatija, with its rich history, picturesque surroundings and gorgeous beaches, once a gathering spot for the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to the Istrian Peninsula that begins in Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Afterwards, the tour continues to the resort town of Rovinj. Tonight, return to Opatija and explore the charming town with its wealth of fine seafood restaurants

Optional: Full Day Istrian Peninsula (AM)

Overnight: Opatija Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 3, Wednesday - Zadar en route to Split

Depart today for a long drive along the dramatic Adriatic coast to Split. En route stop at the historic old town of Zadar. This city is a wonderful combination of beautiful Roman architecture, Habsburg elegance, and a picture-perfect seafront. Take an orientation tour of the city with free time to explore on your own, before driving to the UNESCO protected seaside town of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Upon arrival, in the early evening, take a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade

Overnight: Split Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 4, Thursday - Explore Split, Travel to Dubrovnik

Walk along the cobbled streets of the Old Town featuring the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the astonishing 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace is the largest and best preserved Roman palace in the world, built for the Emperor Diocletian, representing a precious example of Roman architecture. See the remains of the Roman Peristyle, the unusual Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter, with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. Spend time discovering the town independently before continuing along the coast to the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik where you will have the opportunity to see the amazing views of this city known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Tonight, dinner is at your hotel

Overnight: Dubrovnik Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 5, Friday - Dubrovnik City Tour

The walking tour of Old Dubrovnik highlights the city's treasures within the 800-year-old walls including the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and the monumental Sponza Palace, preserved with its original beauty. Under the City Bell Tower on Luza Square stands Orlando Tower, dedicated to the knight that saved the city in the 9th century. Continue to the Dominican Monastery, and visit the Franciscan Monastery with exhibits from the world's third oldest functioning pharmacy. The rest of the day is yours to wander the never-ending lanes of the Old Town or take a walk along the city walls. Tonight, perhaps attend the *optional* Traditional Croatian Dinner

**Optional:** Traditional Croatian Dinner (PM)

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 6, Saturday - Full Day in Dubrovnik

Today is at leisure to explore Dubrovnik on your own. Perhaps, head to Stradun the main shopping street, which was used as a filming location for *The Last Jedi* in the Star Wars series. Alternatively, join the *optional* Silk Wonder and Old Mills Tour. Travel to Gruda and visit the gallery of Antonia Ruskovic Learn how silk is produced and browse the extensive selection of handmade products, Afterward, continue to Divanovic Mill, to watch a demonstration of flour production and wool processing. There are not many fulling mills left and this, is the only operational one in Dalmatia. Learn about fabrics and the importance of it in the whole region. Later, return back to Dubrovnik

Optional: Silk Wonder and Old Mills

Overnight: Dubrovnik Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 7, Sunday - Pakovo Selo, Krka National Park, Zadar

This morning, take a scenic drive north to the quaint Dalmatian village of Pakovo Selo. After a light lunch, continue towards the breathtaking Krka National Park. Admire the lake and waterways at one of Croatia's most famous sights, including Skradinski Buk Falls. Arrive this evening in Zadar, a city on the Adriatic coast of Croatia. Dinner tonight is at your hotel

Overnight: Zadar

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# DAY 8, Monday - Travel to Zagreb, and Arrive in Bled

After an early breakfast, travel inland through wooded mountains and lush vegetation to Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Upon arrival, take a sightseeing tour of Zagreb. View Ban Josip Jelacic square and the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Continue to the medieval section of the Upper Town with its Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's church and the Pope's tower.

In the afternoon, depart for the lovely city of Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps. Bled, with its rich natural beauty ranks among the world's most beautiful alpine resorts. Arrive and check into the hotel. Tonight, attend the *optional* dinner at a charming country inn in the medieval town of Radovljica, highlighted by a selection of traditional Slovenian dishes and wine

**Optional:** Tour of Radovljica with dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bled Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 9, Tuesday - Resort City of Bled

Surrounded by high peaks, Bled has enticed travellers since the mid-19th century for its pure air, magnificent scenery and healing thermal springs. A tour through this charming town continues along the shores of the lake before ascending to imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff with soaring views. Spend the rest of the day exploring this stunning city on your own. Perhaps join the *optional* tour to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana. 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. Bid goodbye to your Tour Manager at dinner

**Optional:** Ljubljana City tour (PM)

Overnight: Bled

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

# DAY 10, Wednesday - Depart Slovenia

The tour ends after breakfast in Bled. Let us know if you want to pre-book a transfer to Ljubljana 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.

# Bristol Hotel, Opatija

This first class hotel is located in the heart of the city, just steps away from the Adriatic.

Hotel Atrium, Split

This deluxe hotel is situated nearby Split's central shopping district. Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel, Dubrovnik This first class hotel is located close to the beach.

Falkensteiner Club Funimation Borik, Zadar This first class hotel is located on the beach in Zadar.

### Park Hotel, Bled

This first class hotel is in the centre of Bled, on the shore of Lake Bled, near the famous Bled promenade.

# **Optional tours:**

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Contact us to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- Optional tours prices will be confirmed at time of booking

## Full Day Istrian Peninsula

Begin with an orientation tour of Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Visit a Roman Amphitheatre, the sixth largest of its kind to be preserved in the world today. Afterward, proceed to the beautiful resort town of Rovinj where you will enjoy free time exploring the old town and its narrow lanes before returning to Opatija. Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

### Traditional Croatian Dinner

This evening, take a short drive from Dubrovnik through the Croatian countryside to a lovely homestead for dinner, where you will be welcomed with tasty starters, such as local cheeses and Dalmatian prosciutto. Take in the lush surroundings while savoring a traditional meal consisting of time-honored dishes, carefully prepared with fresh, local ingredients, paired with wine and brandy. Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours

### Silk Wonder & Old Mills

Travel to Gruda, a village in Konavle countryside and visit the gallery of Antonia Ruskovic. Antonia was able to restore centuries old traditional embroidery and the entire silk culture. Learn how silk is produced and browse the extensive selection of handmade products, including painted pottery, embroidered wallets, and handbags. Afterward, continue to Divanovic Mill, situated by the river Ljuta and surrounded by

stunning scenery. Watch a demonstration of flour production and wool processing. There are not many fulling mills left and this, is the only operational one in Dalmatia. Learn about fabrics and the importance of it in the whole region. Later, return back to Dubrovnik. Approximate tour duration is 5 hours.

### 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. Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

### Half Day Ljubljana City Tour from Bled

Depart Bled and travel through the Slovenian countryside, to the capital city of Ljubljana. Upon arrival, embark on a tour with a local guide that will take you through the city's major attractions. View Ljubljana's vast open-air market, the Baroque Venetian inspired City Hall, Robba Fountain, inspired by Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain in Rome; the Triple Bridge, which connects the old and new cities and the Parliament. There will be time to explore the city on your own, before returning to Bled. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

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