

Bosnia & Croatia Wine Trip

11 days / 10 nights : Sept 20-30, 2023

Experience our wine, food, history, nature, and cultural traditions.

24 hours concierge service provided by Indira Bayer and Edward Bayer while in the country and professional tour escort throughout the trip. Maximum 25 people in a group.



Ruggedly beautiful Bosnia and Herzegovina is most intriguing for its East-meets-West atmosphere born of blended Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian histories filtered through a Southern Slavic lens. Many still associate the country with the heartbreaking war of the 1990s, and the scars from that time are all too visible. But today's visitors are likely to remember the country for its deep, unassuming human warmth, its beautiful mountains, numerous medieval castle ruins, pristine and clear rivers, impressive waterfalls, bargain-value skiing, and unbelievable Herzegovina wine country whose history of wine making spans back to ancient times.

On this trip, we would also like to give you a taste of Croatia - a popular tourist destination known for its long coastline with crystal-clear waters and over a thousand islands, historic cities, and stunning national parks. Croatia has a rich history and culture, with many ancient cities and historic landmarks, of which we will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik and Split.



Accommodations and transport while in the country:

3 nights at Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Sarajevo

3 nights at Emporia hotel or another compatible 4 star hotel in Mostar.

1 night at Atrium hotel in Split

1 night at Lacroma hotel in Dubrovnik

2 nights at Park hotel in Trebinje

Pick up from Sarajevo airport and drop off plus transport in the country according to the itinerary:

Private transfer in a modern air-conditioned vehicles. Flight to Bosnia-Croatia and back not included in the price. Possibility of organizing a group airline tickets.

DESCRIPTION OF 11-DAY ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023.

- Program will be determined after time of arrival is known.
- Dinner at Pivnica - Sarajevska brewery. Everyone responsible for their own dinner and drinks.



DAY 2 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023.

- 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Breakfast at hotel Courtyard by Marriott
- 10 a.m. City tour with local guide
- Lunch at Bascarsija-Cevapi, traditional Bosnian beef and lamb sausages served in a hot pita bread. Included in the price.

- 13:00 p.m. Trip with a cable car to Olympic mountain Trebevic for a great view of the city from above. Possibility of a walk in the woods and seeing the remains of the Olympic bob sleigh track which was destroyed during the war.
- 3:30 p.m. Return to the city with cable car and free time for own activities. Ex YU ROCK Center Museum recommended to visit (<https://ex-yurock.com/>).
- Sevdalinka, traditional Bosnian music short concert at Svrzo House Museum.
Svrzo House Museum: An oasis of whitewashed walls, cobbled courtyards and partly vine-draped dark timbers, this 18th-century house-museum has been brilliantly restored and appropriately furnished, helping visitors to imagine Sarajevo life in Ottoman times.
- Dinner and a glass of wine or another drink at a local restaurant included.



DAY 3 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023.

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel Courtyard by Marriott (included in price)
- 10.30 a.m. Check out from the hotel, depart for Mostar
- 12 a.m. Stop in Jablanica, visit Museum of the Battle of Neretva from WW II
- 1.30 p.m. depart Jablanica
- 1.45 p.m. Lunch at a restaurant on the lake in Jablanica, the best know area for roasted lamb. (lunch and one drink included in price).
- 3 p.m. Depart to Mostar and check into hotel
- 4.p.m. Guided city tour of Mostar old town (UNESCO World heritage site) with a visit to the famous Old bridge. (included in price)
- 5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m. free time in Mostar
- 7 p.m. transfer to Carski Vinogradi (Royal vineyards) dinner and wine tasting (included in price).
- Overnight in Mostar.



DAY 4 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023.

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel in Mostar (included in price)
- 10 a.m. Transfer to town of Čitluk.
- 11 a.m. Wine Tasting at Grgo Vasilj winery (included in price)
- 1.30 p.m. Winery Andrija for lunch and wine tasting (included in price)
- 4 p.m. return to Mostar area for free time. Stop at Kameni Vinogradi (Stone Vineyards where Stone Cuvee, our most popular white wine, grapes are grown). Welcome spirits drink at the vineyard. (included in price)
- 7 p.m. dinner and wine tasting at Romanca restaurant located in the middle off Čitluk winery vineyards. (included in price)
- After dinner return to hotel. Overnight.



DAY 5 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel in Mostar and check-out.

- 10 a.m. travel to Počitelj, an open air museum and medieval town and fortress which has been preserved and turned into an artist colony.
- 12 p.m. continue towards Kravica waterfall and visit this magnificent oasis in the middle of a very dry region.
- 1.30 p.m. Wine tasting at Nuić winery near the town of Ljubuški (included in price)
- Lunch at Koćuša waterfall located near the winery Nuić. (included in price) . Everyone responsible for their drinks.
- 4 p.m. Transfer to Split, Croatia.
- 6.30 p.m. check into hotel and overnight. Dinner and a drink in a restaurant in the Old town included.



DAY 6 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

- 7a.m. – 9.00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel Atrium (included in price)
- 9.30 a.m. Split city tour with a local guide (included in price)
- 11.30 a.m. transfer to Dubrovnik with a trip across Peljesac bridge and stop in town of Ston famous for its oyster farms. The oysters from the Bay of Ston near Dubrovnik are considered of the highest quality in Europe. These oyster farms supply the markets and restaurants of Italy and France.
- Oyster harvesting experience with the local oyster and mussel producer and a traditional Dalmatian light lunch/dinner (lunch and one glass of Croatian wine Posip Included In the price)
- 3 p.m. after lunch continuing towards Dubrovnik with a stop in Trsteno and quick visit of local botanical garden which was featured in Game of Thrones series.
- 7:00 p.m. arrival to Dubrovnik and check into hotel. Dinner at the hotel or in the city. Everyone responsible for their own food at the hotel or downtown Old Dubrovnik, a short taxi ride from the hotel. Overnight.



DAY 7 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023. – Dubrovnik all day

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel Lacroma President. (included in price)
- 10 a.m. guided city tour of Old town Dubrovnik and its city walls (UNESCO World heritage site) afterwards free time for own activities. (included in price)
- Visit of Dubulj family olive oil plantation in village of Orasac near Dubrovnik where traditional dalmatian lunch will be organized as well as traditional olive oil methods explained and demonstrated. (lunch, a glass of wine and olive oil tasting included in price)
- Transfer towards Trebinje for dinner and wine and overnight. (dinner included in the price)



DAY 8 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – Trebinje all day

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel
- Lunch and one drink at one of the local restaurants near the river (included in price). Everyone responsible for additional drinks.
- 2:00 p.m. wine tasting with Anđelić winery (included in the price)
- 7 p.m. Dinner and wine tasting at the winery Podrumi Vukoje (dinner and wine tasting included in price).
- Overnight in Trebinje.



DAY 9 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 – Trebinje-Stolac-Buna-Mostar

- 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Breakfast at Hotel Park, Trebinje.
- 9 a.m. visit of typical Balkan green market at the town square located next to the hotel.
- 11.30 a.m. Continuing towards town of Stolac, UNESCO protected world heritage site and visit to Radimlja Necropolis, an open air museum that houses about 110 stećci (carved grave-markers) from medieval times. (Museum entrance fee included in the price)
- 12.30 p.m. Transfer to Blagaj. Visit Tekija and spring of River Buna, largest single source of any river in Europe with an output of 50m³ per second in certain periods of year.
- 2.30 p.m. Lunch in restaurant next to the river (Lunch and one glass of wine or another drink included in price).
- 4 p.m. transfer to Hotel in Mostar. Free time
- 6 p.m. There is a nice wine and gift shop in the center of the town. Bosnian cheese and wine tasting and gift shopping. (cheese and wine tasting included in the price)
- Mostar. Overnight. Dinner and wine tasting at Restaurant Behar or Hidin Han in Old Town.



DAY 10 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

- 7a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel in Mostar.
- 10 a.m. transfer to town of Konjic for two activities to chose from:
 - 1.whitewater rafting on river Neretva, with a barbecue lunch on the banks of the river at half way point. This is one of the signature experiences in all of the Balkans.
 2. Alternative activity for people not interested in rafting will be a tour of town of Konjic, visit to traditional Bosnian furniture maker and a visit to Titov Bunker (museum tickets, lunch, rafting and food included in the price)

- 5 p.m. Continuing to Sarajevo
- 6.30 p.m. Check in. Free time.
- Burek (stuffed filo dough) making experience and tasting in Bascarsija (included in price).



DAY 11 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

- Check out time from the hotel and program will be based on time of departure.

END OF PROGRAM

Size of group	Economy package
10 - 15	\$4,999.00 per person
16 -20	\$4,799.00 per person
21 - 25	\$4,599.00 per person

Package price includes:

- Transfers to all locations and activities according to program
- Accommodation at 4* hotels in double room, Bed and Breakfast.
- Local tour guides: Sarajevo & Mostar & Dubrovnik & Split
- Entrances according to program: Cable car Sarajevo, Svrzo House Museum, Museum Battle for Neretva, Waterfall Kravica Park Entrance, Botanical Garden Trsteno featured in Game of Thrones, Old town Dubrovnik City Walls Museum Entrance, Open Air Radimlja Stecak Museum, Rafting on Neretva river
- Meals according to the program
- Wine tasting according to the program

Exclusions:

- Meals and drinks not mentioned above
- Airfare, Travel Insurance
- Additional excursions and / or services not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses (internet, telephone, mini bar etc.)
- Tips and portorage services

Airfaire Cost:

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Please reserve your own airfare to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and back. There is a possibility to purchase group tickets. Please contact us if interested.