Best of Croatia and Slovenia

11 Days | 2 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Idyllic islands and the remnants of Venetian riches dot this epic Croatia and Slovenia tour from Zagreb to Slovenia's 'green' capital. Take it all in as you journey along Croatia's sparkling Adriatic coastline with a stop in Bled, and you'll be talking about this in years to come as you meet your warm hosts Monika and Gregor on their organic farm.

Sightseeing

Key Start End 1 Overnight

BLED

OPATIJA

Postojna

SLOVENIA

ZAGREB

SPLIT

PLITVICE LAKES CROATIA

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

DUBROVNIK

Day 1 Welcome to Zagreb This epic Croatia and Slovenia tour kicks off in the political and cultural capital of Zagreb where you'll discover the treasures of its past. You'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers later this evening for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive. **(D) Hotel: Canopy by Hilton**

Day 2 Sightseeing in Zagreb Zagreb's medieval heart is the star of the show today – your Local Specialist reveals its charming upper town. The beauty of Bled isn't far off and you'll head through Slovenia's green landscapes for this popular lakeside resort town. (B) Hotel: Park

Day 3 Explore the beauty of lakeside Bled

There's time for a scenic boat ride on Lake Bled today to view the 17th century Church of Assumption as an Optional Experience before today's exclusive **Be My Guest** experience with Monika, Gregor and their five children. You'll visit their Slibar farm, in their family for six generations, and learn all about their sustainable way of life. **Connect With Locals** and discover their new organic beer, bread and pasta. **(B, D)**

Day 4 Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija

Leaving Bled behind, we travel to Ljubljana. You'll see the Old Town with its two medieval town squares linked by narrow lanes, the Prešeren Square, the Opera House, the National Museum and Castle. Next, we stop in Postonja for a visit of the caves. After that, we head to Croatia's riviera and settle into a slower pace in Opatija. **(B) Hotel: Paris**

Day 5 Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj Start

your day in Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula where your visit to the 1st-century Pula Arena with a **Local Specialist** will reveal the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II. The fishing port of Rovinj is up next and we'll wander through the Old Town, exploring its Mediterranean influences. **(B)**



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed protected area and home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species. experiences will match today's guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Plitviče, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience, you'll choose one of two walks revealing the cascading lake waters shifting from azure to green, grey to blue. **(B, D) Hotel: Jezero**

Day 7 Admire Historic Trogir and on to

Split Join your Local Specialist in Trogir to explore its charming medieval heart. You'll visit Diocletian's Palace around which the city of Split was built and **Dive Into Culture** hearing how Emperor Diocletian settled on this stunning landscape for his retirement. Your Local Specialist will share the remnants of luxurious squares and temples that still stand many centuries later. (B) Hotel: Atrium

Day 8 Split Your Way Discover why Split has earned its nickname 'the most beautiful city in the world' with a full day to explore its heart and beyond. People-watch in Pjaca Square where citizens of Split have met for centuries, then ascend the bell tower for magnificent views of the sprawling terracotta roofs and white marble façades that seem to tumble into the Adriatic. You could choose instead a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian Islands. **(B)**

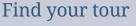
Day 9 From lunch in Ston to the 'Pearl

of the Adriatic' The impressive walls of Dubrovnik beckon, but not before we stop to admire the extraordinary walled city of Ston, with its dramatic views and laid-back fishing village atmosphere. Continue to Dubrovnik, much adored by famous poets, playwrights and painters. **(B) Hotel: Grand Park**

Day 10 Explore Iconic Dubrovnik All

the highlights of Dubrovnik and some local favorites are revealed today on a Sightseeing tour of the city with your **Local Specialist**. On our last evening, we'll come together for a memorable Farewell Dinner toasting to the beauty of the Adriatic and new friendships forged. **(B, D)**

Day 11 Farewell Dubrovnik Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**



Departure months

Year-round

See **Trafalgar.com** or your Travel Advisor for dates and prices



Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Zagreb, Pula, Rovinj, Plitvice National Park, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist

> **Discover** Ljubljana, Bled, Opatija and Ston

View the Park of Sv. Jakov in Opatija

See The Triple Bridge and Castle of Ljubljana and the Old City of Dubrovnik

Visit the Postonja caves

Be My Guest Join Monika, Gregor and their children for dinner and a guided walk around the farm in Bled



"I loved being able to see all the beautiful views from Lake Bled and the Croatian Coast. As a solo traveler I enjoyed meeting new friends and sharing cultural experiences together" - Michelle Pye

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