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DISCOVER CROATIA

8 Nights / 9 Days



Day 1 Wednesday ZAGREB – Arrival

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, you will be transferred to the hotel where you will stay overnight, meet your tour guide and enjoy your first dinner in Croatia.

Day 2 Thursday ZAGREB – PLITVICE

We wake in a city rich with gorgeous greenery – a city famous for its parks and preserved natural environment – the Croatian capital Zagreb. This is an eminently walkable city and our morning expedition takes explorers through its long history clearly visible in architecture and landscapes. The city tour of Zagreb includes the historic Upper Town where we find St. Mark's Church, with its famous multicoloured mosaic-tiled roof, on the square where both Croatian Parliament and the seat of Government are located. We also pass by the University and visit the typically gothic Cathedral, of great architectural value, whose two spires, visible from locations across the city, help Zagreb explorers find their way. With the fountain in front sculpted by the world famous sculptor Ivan Meštrović, we cannot miss the Croatian National Theatre, housed in the present-day Old City Hall and home to Zagreb's drama, opera and ballet productions, with world and Croatian classics put on stage. Here is a perfect example of the city's diversity: not only a cultural and historical landmark but also a favourite hang-out for skateboarders! All through our expedition, you will find Zagreb society outdoors, in street and square, café and bar, for this is Europe's only capital with a scent of the Adriatic.

In the afternoon we depart for Plitvice Lakes National park, for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3 Friday PLITVICE

After breakfast we tour Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Croatia's many UNESCO World Heritage sites, to be immersed in peace and serenity. Sixteen lakes – true jewels, each at a different level – are joined by a series of cascading waterfalls. Situated in a dense forest, the Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon of rare beauty. Here, we will have dinner and spend the night..

Day 4 Saturday PLITVICE – TRILJ – DUBROVNIK

In the morning we depart for Dubrovnik, driving via Trilj and along the valley of the Cetina River, ideal for rafting yet also an inspiration for poets and writers. In Dubrovnik, we will have dinner and spend the night.

Day 5 Sunday DUBROVNIK

You have free time all day to enjoy at your leisure, followed by dinner and overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

Day 6 Monday DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

After breakfast we visit the jewel that is Dubrovnik and take a sightseeing tour of this

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spectacular, UNESCO-protected city, fortified by walls on which we walk. Dubrovnik was known as the Republic of Ragusa in the middle Ages and became the only Adriatic city-state to rival Venice. Supported by skilled diplomacy and wealth, the city achieved a remarkable development, particularly during the 15th and 16th centuries. We will visit the Franciscan Monastery with Europe's third oldest pharmacy, Rector's Palace and Cathedral. In the afternoon we depart for Split, driving along the Adriatic Coast and the Neretva River Delta. We will have dinner and spend the night in Split.

Day 7 Tuesday SPLIT – TROGIR – ZADAR

We will wake up in Split, “the most beautiful city in the world”, as its citizens proudly proclaim. On the city tour we explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace with its Peristyle, Temple of Jupiter and Cathedral. We continue our journey through history north to Trogir, a pearl-like town in the heart of Dalmatia. Here we touch the story of the Roman Empire in the walls of the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, a Roman Catholic triple-naved basilica constructed in Romanesque-Gothic style. Then on to Zadar for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 8 Wednesday ZADAR – ZAGREB

In the morning we tour the sights of Zadar, including the Roman Forum and St. Donatus Church, magnificent monument of Romanesque architecture. We depart in the afternoon for Zagreb, Croatia's capital, where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Day 9 Thursday ZAGREB – Departure

The tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to Zagreb Airport.