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Tourinvest

Europe & Mediterranean Travel

EXPERIENCE SLOVENIA

7 days from Ljubljana, Postojna, Piran, Goriska Brda, Soca Valley, Bled and Bohinj

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily and 2 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- * Ljubljana
- * Postojna cave
- * Piran
- * Goriska Brda
- * Soca valley
- * Bled
- * Bohinj

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Ljubljana or Venice,

Upon arrival in Venice or Ljubljana you will be met and transferred to your Ljubljana hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or to begin exploring. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for the orientation meeting including a Welcome Drink. (WD)

Day 2, Ljubljana, Postojna and Piran,

In the morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Ljubljana. Travel to the Karst region. Your first stop is at the **Postojna Cave**,



one of the largest in Europe. Tour this unique subterranean world by miniature electric train. After the tour, proceed to a nearby wine producer for **Teran wine and prosciutto tasting**. Finally, drive to Piran on the Slovenian coast. (B, WT)

Day 3, Piran, Portoroz & Goriska Brda,

See the highlights of Piran this morning, then head to Portoroz, a popular tourist resort. Continue to the hilly region of Goriska Brda. Discover the charming town of Smartno and have a delicious **dinner at a local tourist farm**. Overnight in Nova Gorica. (B, D)

Day 4, Soca Valley & Bled

Drive along the emerald green Soca River, through Kobarid, featured in Hemmingway's A Farewell to Arms and stop to visit of the **WWI Museum**. Later, continue to Bled, stopping at Boka waterfall view point. Your evening is at leisure, to begin exploring the town. (B)



Day 5, Bled,

A sightseeing tour shows you the highlights of this charming town on the shores of Lake Bled. You'll also visit imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. We will return to the lake shore and taste the famous **Bled cream cake**. In the afternoon, travel to Skofja Loka, a beautiful medieval town with a castle that rises above the confluence of the two Sora Rivers, Poljanska Sora and Selska Sora. After the sightseeing tour visit the **Nace homestead** and taste some of the local products. **(B)**

Day 6, Bled and Bohinj

Today tour to the other Alpine beauty, Lake Bohinj, enjoy a relaxing walk along the lake shore and take a **cable car to Mt. Vogel**, from where you will admire the stony Julian Alps. Before returning to Bled you will visit the **Shepherd's Museum** and taste some of the best Slovenian cheeses. Tonight, celebrate the wonderfully scenic vacation with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**



Day 7, depart Ljubljana or Venice

After breakfast you will be transferred to Ljubljana or Venice airport for your flight home. **(B)**



BELGRADE TO ZAGREB

11 days from Belgrade, Cetinje, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Postojna Cave, Bled, Ljubljana and Zagreb

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Economy class flight Belgrade (Serbia) to Podgorica (Montenegro)
- * Breakfast daily and 6 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- * Belgrade
- * Cetinje
- * Kotor
- * Dubrovnik
- * Split
- * Plitvice Lakes
- * Postojna Cave
- * Bled
- * Ljubljana
- * Zagreb

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Belgrade,

Welcome to Belgrade, the Serbian capital! You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure until you gather with your fellow travelers this evening for a Welcome Cocktail.

Day 2, in Belgrade,

With a history dating back more the 7,000 years, Belgrade



is a fascinating city to visit. Your morning sightseeing tour includes the city's main attractions: the imposing **Kalemegdan Fortress**, dramatically situated at the joining of the Sava and Danube Rivers; Republic Square and Mihajlova Street; Saint Sava Temple, the largest Orthodox Church in the city; and Tito's Memorial. The afternoon is free. Tonight, enjoy dinner with live music in the old Bohemian quarter of Skadarlija. **(B, D)**

Day 3, to Dubrovnik via Montenegro,

Take a short flight to Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro. Continue by motor coach to Cetinje, the country's historical capital, set at the foot of Mount Lovcen. Visit the **Cetinje Museum**, with its displays dedicated to Montenegro's history. Then, take a spectacularly steep road down to the Bay of Kotor, the deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Finally, head into Croatia and on to Dubrovnik. **(B, D)**

Day 4, in Dubrovnik,

Start the day with a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik this morning. Visit the **Rector's Palace**, and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace. Next, see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own, enjoy the picturesque setting, shop or simply relax. **(B)**

Day 5, to Split,

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Finally, see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. **(B, D)**

BELGRADE TO ZAGREB

11 days from Belgrade, Cetinje, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Postojna Cave, Bled, Ljubljana and Zagreb



Day 6, to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes,

Head to Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then turn inland and travel to spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. **(B, D)**

Day 7, to Opatija, Postojna and Bled,

Return to the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to the popular resort of Opatija. After some free time, head north to Postojna, home to one of the largest **caves** in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. **(B, D)**

Day 8, in Bled,

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town, the lakeshore, and a visit to the imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure. Perhaps join an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of the lake Bled, scenic drive through the Alpine countryside and visit Bohinj and its namesake lake. **(B)**

Day 9, to Ljubljana and Zagreb,

Travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and take a walking tour. See the sights of the old city center, including the picturesque open-air Central Market, Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Then, on to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. **(B, D)**

Day 10, in Zagreb,

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**,

Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town, relax in a café or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. **(B)**

Day 11, depart Zagreb,

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**



BOSNIA, CROATIA & SLOVENIA

11 days from Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Postojna Cave, Bled, Ljubljana to Zagreb

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily and 6 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

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| * Sarajevo | * Dubrovnik |
| * Split | * Plitvice Lakes |
| * Postojna Cave | * Bled |
| * Ljubljana | * Zagreb |

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Sarajevo,

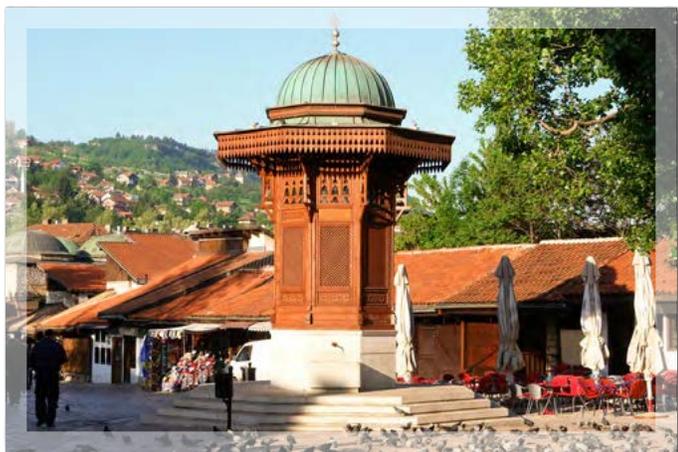
You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, join your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2, in Sarajevo,

Sarajevo, the capital of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been influenced by a number of cultures and civilizations over its long history. On your city tour, visit the Turkish Bazaar **Bas Carsija**, **Husref Bay's Mosque**, the Olympic Stadium and **Gavrilo Princip Museum**. Your afternoon and evening are free. (B)

Day 3, to Dubrovnik,

Drive through the gorge of the Neretva River to Mostar.



Here, see the remains of the Turkish quarter and the 16th-century stone bridge. Then travel on to Dubrovnik, with its picturesque setting on the Adriatic Sea. (B, D)

Day 4, in Dubrovnik,

Take a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik this morning. See the **Rector's Palace**, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, and Sponza Palace. Then on to view the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 5, to Split,

Depart Dubrovnik and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Plus, see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and Cathedral. (B, D)



BOSNIA, CROATIA & SLOVENIA

11 days from Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Postojna Cave, Bled, Ljubljana to Zagreb

Day 6, to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes,

Head to Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then turn inland and travel to spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. **(B, D)**

Day 7, to Opatija, Postojna and Bled,

Return to the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to the popular resort of Opatija. After some free time, head north to Postojna, home to one of the largest **caves** in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. **(B, D)**

Day 8, in Bled,

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town, the lakeshore, and a visit to the imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure. Perhaps join an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of the lake Bled, scenic drive through the Alpine countryside and visit Bohinj and its namesake lake. **(B)**

Day 9, to Ljubljana and Zagreb,

Travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and take a walking tour. See the sights of the old city center, including the picturesque open-air Central Market, Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Then, on to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. **(B, D)**



Day 10, in Zagreb,

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town, relax in a café or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. **(B)**

Day 11, depart Zagreb,

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**



DALMATIAN SUNSHINE

9 days from Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Postojna Cave, Bled, Ljubljana to Zagreb

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily and 5 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- * Dubrovnik
- * Split
- * Plitvice Lakes
- * Postojna Cave
- * Bled
- * Ljubljana
- * Zagreb

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Dubrovnik,

You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until you gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2, in Dubrovnik,

On a morning walking tour of Old Dubrovnik visit the **Rector's Palace**, and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is free. (B)

Day 3, to Split,

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to the city of Split. Enjoy a sightseeing tour featuring the historic inner city, built around



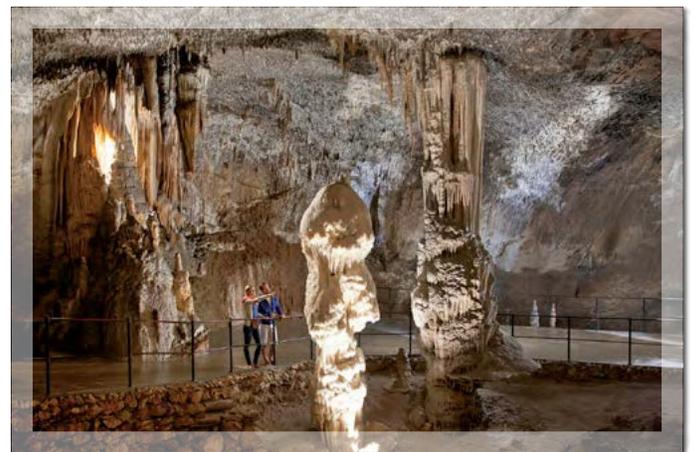
the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. (B, D)

Day 4, to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes,

Head to Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then turn inland and travel to spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. (B, D)

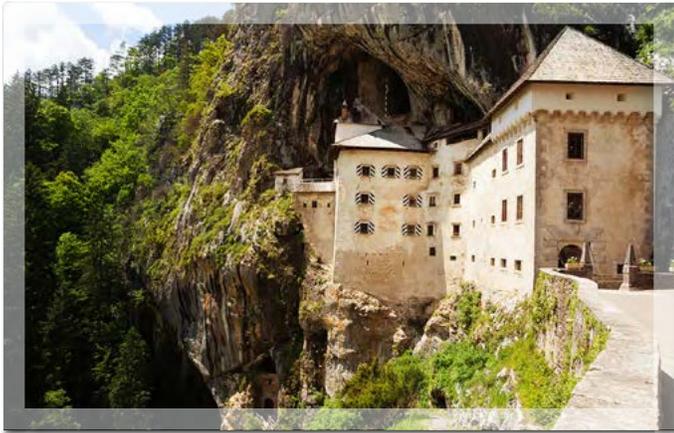
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Return to the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to its popular resort, Opatija. After some free time, journey north to Postojna, home to one of the largest **caves** in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. (B, D)



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Day 6, in Bled,

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town, the lakeshore, and a visit to the imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is a leisure. Perhaps join an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of the lake Bled, scenic drive through the Alpine countryside and visit Bohinj and its namesake lake. **(B)**

Day 7, to Ljubljana and Zagreb,

Travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and take a walking tour. See the sights of the old city center, including the picturesque open-air Central Market, Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Then, on to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. **(B, D)**

Day 8, in Zagreb,

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town, relax in a café or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. **(B)**

Day 9, depart Zagreb, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your



departure flight. **(B)**



ZAGREB TO VENICE

14 days from Zagreb, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Bled and Venice

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily and 8 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
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SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

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| * Zagreb | * Sarajevo |
| * Dubrovnik | * Split |
| * Plitvice Lakes | * Opatija |
| * Bled | * Ljubljana |
| * Postojna Cave | * Venice |

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Zagreb,

Welcome to Zagreb! You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Then the day is at leisure to get settled in or begin exploring. Later, gather for a Welcome Dinner with your traveling companions. **(D)**

Day 2, in Zagreb,

On a morning sightseeing tour, see the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the winding city streets, browse through the shops, or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. **(B)**

Day 3, Zagreb to Sarajevo,

Journey south, out of Croatia to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. After checking in at the hotel, relax and enjoy dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 4, Sarajevo to Dubrovnik,

Sarajevo has been influenced by a number of cultures and civilizations during its long history. On your city tour visit the Turkish bazaar "**Bas Carsija**," **Husref Bay's Mosque**, the Olympic Stadium, and **Gavrilo Princip Museum**. Then, continue your trip through the mountains and along the gorge of the Neretva River to Mostar. Here, view the remains of the Turkish quarter and the reconstruction efforts on the 16th-century stone bridge. Finally, travel to Dubrovnik, with its picturesque setting on the stunning Adriatic coast. **(B, D)**



Day 5, in Dubrovnik,

A walking tour shows you the highlights of Old Dubrovnik. See the **Rector's Palace**, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace. Then it's on to see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own, shop, stroll along the water's edge, or simply relax and delight in your superbly scenic surroundings. **(B)**

Day 6, in Dubrovnik, excursion to Montenegro,

Travel to the Republic of Montenegro. Head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Enjoy a **boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks**, one of two islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Upon return to the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Visit city of **Kotor** before returning to Dubrovnik. Your evening is free to enjoy your way. **(B)**

Day 7, Dubrovnik to Split,

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. **(B, D)**

Day 8, Split to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes,

After breakfast, head to Trogir, a center of artistic activities in Croatia. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then, turn inland and journey to Plitvice Lakes National Park. **(B, D)**

ZAGREB TO VENICE

14 days from Zagreb, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Bled and Venice

Day 9, in Plitvice Lakes,

A full day to enjoy spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. **(B, D)**



Day 10, Plitvice to Opatija, Postojna & Bled,

Returning to the coast, stop at the beautiful bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. An orientation tour of Opatija will show off the highlights of this former Imperial resort city. Afterward, drive across the border into Slovenia and to **Postojna Cave**, one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. **(B, D)**



Day 11, in Bled, Ljubljana Excursion,

An Alpine lake surrounded by high peaks, Bled was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. A sightseeing tour features the charming town and the lakeshore, and visits imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake. Afternoon excursion to Ljubljana; the city tour takes in views of the open-air Central Market, Baroque Town Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges, and the Parliament. Return to Bled for an overnight. **(B)**



Day 12, Bled, to Trieste & Venice,

Leaving Bled, drive south to Trieste in Italy for orientation tour and visit to **Miramare Castle** and its lovely park. The castle was built by the Habsburg monarchy on a cliff overlooking Adriatic Sea. After your visit, continue on to the romantic city of Venice. **(B)**

Day 13, in Venice,

Today begins with a walking tour of Venice, featuring the major highlights: St. Mark's Square, **St. Mark's Basilica**, the **Doge's Palace**, Bell Tower, and Bridge of Sighs. Visit a **glassblowing factory** where you will watch a master artisan demonstrate this traditional Venetian art. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop or take an optional gondola ride. Celebrate your wonderful vacation tonight with a Farewell Dinner at a favorite restaurant. **(B, D)**



Day 14, depart Venice,

After breakfast you will be transferred to Venice airport for your flight home. **(B)**

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- * Dubrovnik
- * Plitvice Lakes
- * Bled
- * Postojna Cave
- * Split
- * Opatija
- * Ljubljana
- * Venice

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Dubrovnik,

You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure to begin exploring or perhaps stroll along the water's edge. Later, gather for a Welcome Dinner. **(D)**

Day 2, in Dubrovnik,

A walking tour shows you the highlights of Old Dubrovnik. You'll see the **Rector's Palace**, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is free to discover more of the city on your own, browse through the shops, or relax and enjoy your superbly scenic surroundings. **(B)**

Day 3, in Dubrovnik, excursion to Montenegro,

Travel to the Republic of Montenegro. Head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in



Southern Europe. Enjoy a **boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks**, one of two islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Upon return to the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Visit city of **Kotor** before returning to Dubrovnik. Your evening is free to enjoy your way. **(B)**

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Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. **(B, D)**

Day 5, Split to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes,

After breakfast, head to Trogir, a center of artistic activities in Croatia. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then, turn inland and journey to Plitvice Lakes National Park. **(B, D)**



Day 6, in Plitvice Lakes,

A full day to enjoy spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. **(B, D)**

Day 7, Plitvice to Opatija, Postojna & Bled,

Returning to the coast, stop at the beautiful bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. An orientation tour of Opatija will show off the highlights of this former Imperial resort city. Afterward, drive across the border into Slovenia and to **Postojna Cave**, one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. **(B, D)**

Day 8, in Bled, Ljubljana Excursion,

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Day 9, Bled, to Trieste & Venice,

Drive south to Italy and Trieste for orientation tour including a visit to **Miramare Castle** and its lovely park. The castle, built by the Habsburg monarchy, sits on a cliff overlooking Adriatic Sea. After your visit, continue on to the romantic city of Venice. **(B)**

Day 10, in Venice,

Today begins with a walking tour of Venice, featuring the major highlights: St. Mark's Square, **St. Mark's Basilica**, the **Doge's Palace**, Bell Tower, and Bridge of Sighs. Visit a **glassblowing factory** where you will watch a master artisan demonstrate this traditional Venetian art. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop or take an optional gondola ride. Celebrate your wonderful vacation tonight with a Farewell Dinner at a favorite restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 11, depart Venice,

After breakfast you will be transferred to Venice airport for your flight home. **(B)**



CROATIA EXPRESS

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- * Professional Tour Director throughout
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SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

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| * Zagreb | * Plitvice Lakes |
| * Split | * Hvar town |
| * Dubrovnik | * Kotor |

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Zagreb,

Welcome to Zagreb! You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until a Welcome Dinner tonight. **(D)**

Day 2, in Zagreb,

On a morning sightseeing tour, see the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the winding city streets, browse through the shops, or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. **(B)**

Day 3, Zagreb to Plitvice Lakes and Split,

Head to magnificent **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes, enjoying the breathtaking scenery of terraced lakes, thickly wooded mountains, and lush vegetation. After



your visit, continue to the port city of Split. Your evening is free to begin exploring on your own. **(B, D)**

Day 4, Split to Hvar,

Today begins with a walking tour of the historic inner city, built around Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then on to see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and Cathedral of St. Dujce. There's some time free before you board the ferry and set sail to Hvar Island. Dinner and overnight in your hotel in Hvar town. **(B, D)**

Day 5, Hvar,

The town of Hvar has a unique cultural and historical heritage, plus a centuries-old tradition in tourism. A morning walking tour features views of the Fortress, Franciscan Monastery and more. The afternoon is free. Kick back, relax, and enjoy this charming island, listed as one of the 10 most beautiful islands in the world by Conde Nast Travel Magazine. **(B)**





Day 6, Hvar to Dubrovnik,

Leave the island life behind as you return to mainland and continue to the "Pearl of Adriatic," Dubrovnik. A drive along the picturesque Croatian coast reveals the world-famous natural beauty of the area. After dinner your time is free to discover the city by night. **(B, D)**

Day 7, Dubrovnik,

This morning, a walking tour shows you Old Dubrovnik. See the **Rector's Palace**, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its **Pharmacy**, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the city your way, browse through the shops, stroll along the coast, or simply relax. **(B)**

Day 8, in Dubrovnik, excursion to Montenegro,

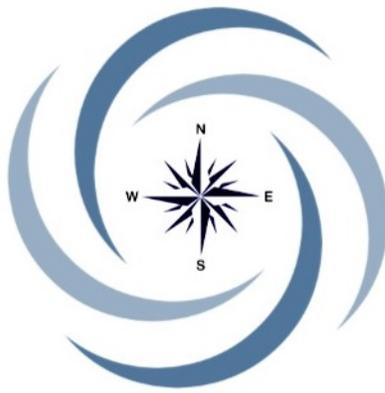
Travel to the Republic of Montenegro. Head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Visit city of Kotor and proceed with a **boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks**, one of two islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Upon return to

the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Visit city of **Kotor** before returning to Dubrovnik. Your evening is free to enjoy your way. **(B)**

Day 9, depart Dubrovnik,

You will be transferred to Dubrovnik's airport for your departure flight. **(B)**





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