

PRIVATE GRAND TOUR OF CROATIA 2024

PREMIUM ITINERARY. PREMIUM LUXURY EXPERIENCE.





ABOUT THIS TRIP

12 DAYS / 1 COUNTRY / UNESCO SITES / LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: EASY

Enjoy the Premium Private Grand Tour of Croatia – the luxury way of traveling. Discover the capital Zagreb, Istria peninsula with its highlights, magical Plitvice lakes, Zadar, Trogir and Split, the sunniest island Hvar and the Pearl of the Mediterranean - Dubrovnik. Visit with us all the highlights and discover out-of-the-beaten-tracks, medieval towns with fortification walls, UNESCO sites, see local craftsmen and learn from them. Enjoy Croatian Mediterranean cuisine and finest wines.

Let us pamper you, plunge into the wellness sphere and enjoy undisturbed moments. Fall in love with Croatia.



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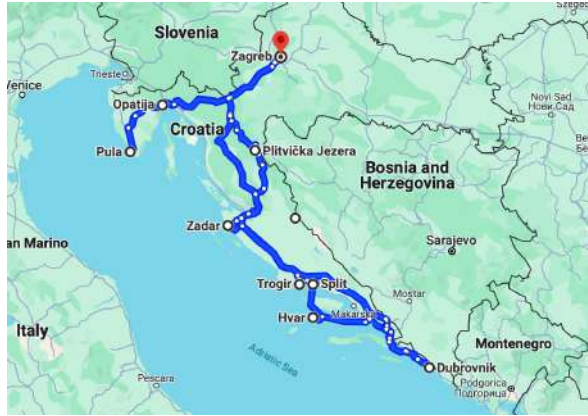
Our top priority is the exclusive customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always care about your highest comfort, the attention to details, your safety, your special requests and of course that your tour is enjoyable and memorable.

As it is essential to have a top tour guide while you are enjoying your lovely holiday, our guide-drivers are highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of history of Central Europe with excellent English skills, driving skills, strong personal touch with sense of humor. They are friendly and always ready to help you and make your stay a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class, for up to 7 travelers, they offer the highest possible comfort, you will enjoy our luxury suits on the wheels. For larger groups, our partner agency offers Setra 30 seaters and 50 seaters.



Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team



ROUTE / TOTAL 1950km / 1211mi

Start and end of the tour: Zagreb, Croatia

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Book with us an airport pick up service from Zagreb airport and get the best possible price, travel in style with the highest comfort.

How do we provide this service? We will wait for you at the airport's arrival hall holding a sign with your name, help you with your luggage, drive you safely and comfortably to Zagreb to your hotel and help with the check in process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive. At leisure.

Welcome drink and Welcome dinner. Your lovely holiday starts today.

Overnight in Zagreb

Total driving distance: 25km/15mi, Total driving time: 30min

DAY 2

ZAGREB QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR – OPATIJA



We'll start with the morning Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour through the medieval **Gradec** (fortress), once encircled by the fortification walls built to defend against the Mongols in the 13th century. Admire the Gothic **Church of St. Marcus**, the Baroque **Church of St. Catherine** and **Kaptol** with the Gothic **Cathedral of St. Stephen**. See the Academy of Sciences and Arts, University of Zagreb.

Lunch and late afternoon drive to Opatija. Short walking

through the Angiolina park, - the most famous one, often described as the green heart of Opatija and walk on Lungomare coastal promenade.

Optional visits: Musuem of fine art, Zagreb City Museum

Overnight in Opatija

Total driving distance: 177km/109mi, Total driving time: 2hrs 15min

DAY 3

OPATIJA – PULA – ROVINJ – OPATIJA / REGION ISTRIA



We'll drive to southern Istria to Pula town to see the Arena of Pula, once a vast Roman amphitheatre. The site of gladiator fights was built in the 1st century AD, at the same time as the magnificent Colosseum in Rome. A short walking tour to see Arch of the Sergii, Temple of Augustus. Continue to Rovinj.



Lunch break. For a genuine taste of Istria, try fuzi pasta with white truffle.

Rovinj is a stunning little town situated on the west coast of Istria. It is full of history (the heart of the town is mostly Venetian), we'll walk through the narrow streets and squares, picturesque Grisla street, see the Gate of St. Benedict, the Portica and the Gate of Holy Cross, admire the church of Saint Euphemia (with the possibility to climb up the church tower).

Drive back to Opatija.

Optional visits: Pula – Archeological Museum

Overnight in Opatija

Total driving distance: 225km/ 140mi, Driving time: 3hrs 30min, Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

DAY 4

OPATIJA – PLITVICE LAKES – ZADAR

Drive to **Plitvice lakes**, UNESCO World Heritage. It is Croatia's oldest, largest and exceptionally beautiful national park. What can you see there? **There are 16 interconnected lakes with colours from emerald green through turquoise to deep blue, numerous waterfalls, cascades.**



Slow-pace walking through the national park will give you enough time for lots of photos 😊. There are 7 routes through the park and we'll choose the best suitable for you (4-5 hours of walking). Drive to Zadar. Dinner in Zadar's Old town.

Overnight in Zadar

Total driving distance: 320km/ 140mi, Driving time: 4hrs 15min, Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

DAY 5

ZADAR – TROGIR – SPLIT / REGION DALMATIA



We'll start with a short walking tour of **Zadar's** old town, once a Roman town. Walk on the narrow cobbled street, see the St. Donat church, St. Mary Church and visit the largest Romanesque church in Dalmatia – St. Stosija.

We'll move to **Trogir** town, the UNESCO World Heritage and Croatia's hidden gem. Lunch and wander through the Old town full of gorgeous Venetian architecture. We'll enter the St. Lawrence Cathedral, a

stunning Romanesque masterpiece full of different architectural styles.

Lunch break? The best place is on the lively seafront promenade. What about the Mediterranean cuisine with some local wine? Dobar Tek! We'll drive to Split, it is another fascinating city. Dinner in the magical Old town.

Overnight in Split

Total driving distance: 165km/102mi, Driving time: 2hrs 15min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

DAY 6

SPLIT – UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SIGHT



We'll start a day with the Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour through the **Diocletian's palace** which is not only the most popular tourist attraction, but also the most fascinating to explore it. Built by the Roman emperor Diocletian in 305 AD.

Walking through the narrow streets, squares, see churches. Although, it was called a palace, in reality, it was more like a big fortress surrounded by the walls and towers. Sights such as **the Cathedral of St.**

Domnius, which is the oldest (possible to climb to the top of the bell tower to get absolutely stunning views) and almost completely preserved **the Golden Gate**.

Are you a Game of Thrones fan? The cellar was a filming site. Visit of Split Markets where you can see and taste the Dalmatian specialties. Regional olive oil, Dalmatian prosciutto or cheese.

Lunch in the Old town. Stroll on the Riva, the famous promenade with palm trees along the sea. Absolutely recommended is to sit one of the many coffee bars and simply enjoy the Mediterranean relaxing atmosphere and sun ☺. Relaxing late afternoon.

Optional visits: Croatian Maritime Museum, Cathedral Treasury Museum, Game of Thrones Museum

Overnight in Split
Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

DAY 7 HVAR – THE SUNNIEST MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND



Morning souvenir shopping in Split then we'll take a ferry from Split Harbor to the island Hvar (ferry takes 2hrs), then, drive to **Hvar** town (30min). First touch with the spectacular island.

Easy walking tour in the Old port and on the main square.

Overnight in Hvar
Total driving distance: 22 km/ 13 mi, Driving time: 30min, Walking distance: 1 mile / 2-3 hours

DAY 8 HVAR



We'll walk up to the castle Fortica to get the most amazing views of the old port and surrounding islands (as an alternative, we can take a car and drive up to the castle). A short tour through the castle, enough time for taking pictures, maybe a coffee and cake break.

Drive to the **Stari Grad** town, if you like historic towns, this is one is an absolute gem. There are 2400 years of history, founded by the Greeks as Paros, later the Romans renamed it to Pharia and in the 8th century the Slavs named the town Hvar. We'll give you the interesting history overview and recommend a lovely place for a lunch.

Optional visits: Rent a motor boat and discover Pakleni islands (up to 6hrs trip)

Overnight in Hvar
Total driving distance: 10km/6mi, Total driving time: 25min, Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 3-4 hours

DAY 9 DUBROVNIK – SOUTHERN DALMATIA



Morning drive through Hvar island to Sucuraj (1hr 30min drive), wait for a ferry to Drvenik (ferry takes 30min), then, we'll drive to **Dubrovnik**.

Afternoon walking on Stradun (or Placa used by locals) is the main promenade in Dubrovnik. Ice cream & coffee break.

We can simply say what Split's Rive promenade means for Split inhabitants, Stradun has the same significance for the residents of Dubrovnik, it stretches between two city gates – the Pile Gate and the Ploce gate (or simply from the east to the west). The polished stone blocks are incredible.

Overnight in Dubrovnik

Total driving distance: 220km/136mi, Driving time: 3hr 30min, Walking distance: 1 mile / 2-3 hours

DAY 10 DUBROVNIK



Meeting with our local specialist we'll start with the walking tour in the famous Walls of Dubrovnik, they enclose the entire historic Old Town and they are among the finest in the world.

We continue on **Stradun street**, see one of Dubrovnik's most famous sight, the circular fountain, Pile Gate and Ploce Gate, the eastern entrance, Cathedral of the Assumption, church of the Holy Savior (the only church that survived the 1667 earthquake which destroyed more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city).

By cable car to the view point Srd (the easiest and quickest way to get to the top is by cable car or we can drive up to the hill). The views are breathtaking

Optional visits: War Photo Limited – gallery, Maritime Museum, Memorial Room of the Dubrovnik Defenders

Overnight in Dubrovnik

Walking distance: 1-2 miles / 4-5 hours

DAY 11

DUBROVNIK – SIBENIK – ZAGREB



Drive to Zagreb with a stop in **Sibenik** (3hrs 30min drive), a short walking tour on which we cannot leave out the visit of a masterpiece of Venetian art – the St. James Cathedral and lunch break in the Old town. Continue to Zagreb.

Farewell Dinner in the Old town and good by to to our travel friends. Dovidjenja!

*****end of the guide-driver services*****

Overnight in Zagreb

Total driving distance: 625km/388mi, Total driving time: 6hr 45min, Walking distance: .5mile / 1hour

DAY 12

DEPARTURE FROM ZAGREB

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today. We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer, a comfortable door-to-door service for discounted rates.

Pick up from your hotel at:

Drive to Zagreb airport Departure flight time: Flight number:

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

UNESCO World Heritage sites

- ✓ Explore Zagreb,- the capital and largest Croatian city
- ✓ Enjoy breath-taking National Park Plitvice
- ✓ Coastal towns such as Opatija, Zadar, Trogir Sibenik and Split
- ✓ Relax on Hvar island
- ✓ Try delicious mediterranean Croatian cuisine and wine
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services and a professional local tour guide in Zagreb and Dubrovnik

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

Meals: 11x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner, 1x Farewell dinner

Accommodation: first class 4star carefully selected hotels, VAT tax (value added tax), local city tax

Tour guides: Top Guide-driver, 1x local guide in Dubrovnik, 1x local guide in Zagreb

Transportation: luxury van Mercedes Benz Vclass (1-7 travelers), Mercedes Benz Sprinter (8-18 travelers),

Entrances to the top sights: Dubrovnik – City Walls, Ferry from Split to Hvar, from Hvar to Drvenik, Diocletian palace – church, Sibenik – Cathedral, Trogir – St. Lawrence Cathedral, Plitvice National Park, Pula arena

Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water)

Map of Croatia, information material, brochures

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Croatia, Return airport transfers (ask and get the special rate),

Meals and drinks, Travel insurance, Personal expenses, Cable car tickets, Souvenirs

Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), Any services not listed above as "Included"

AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality tours.

Group of 2 travelers: € 5100.00 per person

Group of 4 travelers: € 3350.00 per person

Group of 6 travelers: € 2850.00 per person

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

* During the low season, some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered

* All prices are per person sharing twin/double room in 4star carefully selected hotels

* Extra bed possible for a surcharge, single supplement for a surcharge of €480.00

* Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

TOUR REVIEWS

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