THE GROUP TOUR "CROATIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, AND MONTENEGRO"

FROM SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK – 2027

8 days / 7 nights

INTRODUCTION







Croatia already surprises visitors with its unusual shape. The arc formed by the country can be explained by its history and by very specific geopolitical factors that contribute to the richness and diversity of present-day Croatia.The country combines a long coastline with one of the highest concentrations of islands in the world, reflecting its Mediterranean heritage, with the continental Pannonian plains, which are closely connected to the Austro-Hungarian lowlands. These two distinct landscapes are bordered by the Julian Alps to the north and the Dinaric mountain ranges, which extend southwards as far as Greece. Whether living along the coast or in the plains, Croatians have always been a nation of traders, benefiting from their strategic position at the crossroads of numerous trade routes, many of which date back to Antiquity and even earlier periods. Thus, the town of **Trogir** was once the site of an ancient Greek colony. Roman heritage is best experienced in the city of **Split**, where the historic city centre lies within the walls of Emperor Diocletian's Palace. Over the centuries, the palace has continually evolved, giving rise to a fascinating blend of architectural styles in a cityscape that remains vibrant and ever-changing. The country's turbulent medieval past can be seen in the Venetian influences along the coast. Croatia's strategic location and wealth have long made it the object of competing ambitions. The country's joy and melancholy are reflected in the highly original and distinctive naïve art of the plains, as well as in the exquisite stone carvings of Dalmatian stonemasons, whose work reached extraordinary artistic heights and sparked genuine artistic revolutions, as exemplified by the celebrated Portal of Radovan in **Trogir**. Amidst this coming and going, the small

Republic of **Dubrovnik** developed into an extraordinary city-state, imbued with a distinctive style of art and architecture, while jealously guarding its freedom through exceptional diplomacy.
Montenegro introduces visitors to a different culture: that of the Orthodox Balkans. Its distinctive character lies in the remarkable combination of a maritime trading tradition, beautifully illustrated by the coastal towns of **Budva** and **Kotor**, and a mountainous hinterland of breathtaking landscapes shaped by strong family clan traditions.
Bosnia and Herzegovina is equally unique, offering a fascinating blend of cultures. This is why the bridge in **Mostar** is often described as a "connecting link between East and West."
Travelling through Croatia means discovering an extraordinary variety of landscapes and regions, constantly changing and each with its own distinctive identity, shaped by the many influences that have left their mark over the centuries. This journey will take you on a discovery of natural treasures, from the islands to the inland plateaus, including the magnificent **Krka River National Park**. This richness also delights the palate, manifesting in an appetizing diversity of culinary specialties. From the Mediterranean scents of the sea to the soothing sounds of cascading waterfalls, this journey promises a truly unforgettable experience for all the senses!

A GLIMPSE OF THE REGIONS YOU WILL DISCOVER (LINKS PROVIDED BY THE CROATIAN TOURIST BOARDS):

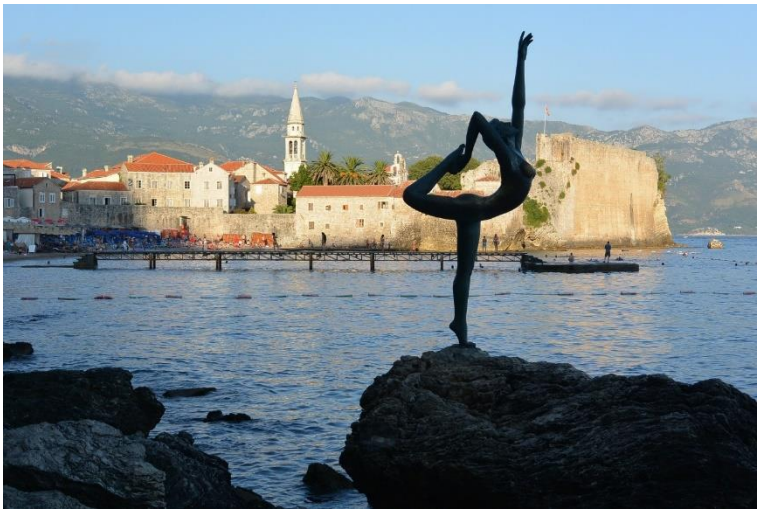
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YOUR ITINERARY



PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival at Split Airport (Trogir) – overnight stay in Solin

Arrival at Split Airport.
Meet and greet by the tour guide, who will accompany the group throughout the entire tour.

Transport by tourist bus reserved for the group for 8 days.
Transfer to Split. Travel time: 20 minutes.
Check-in at Salona Palace 4* Hotel.
Dinner at the hotel.
Salona Palace is an elegant 4-star hotel located in the village of Solin, in the immediate vicinity of Split. This modern, intimate hotel features 47 rooms and draws inspiration from Roman architecture, reflecting its proximity to the ruins of the ancient city of Salona. The hotel offers a beautiful garden with an outdoor swimming pool, a wellness area featuring a sauna, jacuzzi and indoor swimming pool, a conference room, and a fine-dining restaurant.





If the flight schedule allows, enjoy some free time to explore Trogir..



Trogir is situated on a small island very close to the mainland, to which it is connected by a bridge. Another bridge links Trogir to the neighbouring island of Čiovo. The island of Trogir was originally a Greek colony founded in the 4th century BC. Its rich commercial history is reflected in the magnificent architecture of its palaces and cathedral, renowned for its portal, which was revolutionary for its time. The charm of the old town also lies in getting lost in its maze of narrow medieval streets, where the past and present coexist in perfect harmony. This constant, pervasive beauty explains why the town has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site and it is also where a bas-relief was discovered depicting the Greek god Kairos, the god of the "opportune moment"… but be warned: he runs very fast!

Day 2: Krka River National Park and Split (UNESCO) – overnight stay in Solin

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the Lozovac entrance of Krka National Park. Travel time: 1h15.

Visit to Krka National Park. Entrance ticket to Krka National Park included.



Walk through the national park along trails bordering the impressive waterfalls, passing the ethnographic village and continuing through the forest. Walking time: approximately 1 hour – easy level.

Board the park boat for a scenic ride down the Krka River to the picturesque village of Skradin.

Krka National Park encompasses the Krka River, which bridges the continental and Mediterranean climate zones. Along its course, the river forms canyons punctuated by magnificent waterfalls. An ethnographic village located at Lozovac showcases traditional crafts, featuring watermills, forges, and looms. Easy walking paths allow you to wander through a forest crisscrossed by waterways.

Drive to Split. Time time: 1h15.

Lunch featuring local specialities in Split city centre.

Menu

Starter: beef soup

Main course: pašticada, beef cooked in sauce with vegetables, served with homemade gnocchi

Dessert: semifreddo

Services of a local English-speaking guide.

Service: Guided tour of the old town of Split.



Split is a unique monument in that it is a living one. The original Roman palace has been continuously transformed throughout history, with each era leaving its mark to create a vibrant, ever-evolving fusion of architectural styles. Today, it forms the heart of Croatia's second-largest city and its second-largest port. Split's cathedral is the oldest in the world and a beautiful illustration of the city's spirit, as it once served as the mausoleum of the man who was the greatest persecutor of Christians: the Emperor Diocletian. The paradoxical state of preservation of Emperor Diocletian's palace earned it a place as a

UNESCO World Heritage site. You will discover an extraordinary monument!
Return and overnight stay at the Hotel Salona Palace in Solin. Travel time: 15 min.
Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3: Mostar (UNESCO) in Bosnia and Herzegovina – overnight stay in Dubrovnik

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Bosnia and Herzegovina, then continue to Mostar.
Travel time: 2h30.
Services of a local English-speaking guide.
Activity: Guided tour of the old town of Mostar.
Entrance to the Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque included.



The city of Mostar is a UNESCO World Heritage site, as it exemplifies a highly distinctive blend of Eastern and Western cultures. This fusion is reflected in the people's expressions, the architecture, the cuisine, creating a fascinating atmosphere that challenges visitors' usual perceptions. The city is renowned for its Turkish-influenced bazaar, and, above all, for the bridge spanning the Neretva River, which features a unique and unparalleled concave structure.

Lunch featuring local specialties at a restaurant located near the old bridge.

Menu

Starter: Cheese pastry

Main course: a traditional dish featuring ćevapi (grilled minced meat rolls seasoned with herbs), stuffed cabbage leaves, stuffed peppers, etc.; sahan : a platter of cooked meat and salad.

Dessert : baklava (cake with walnuts and honey)

Free time.

Drive to Dubrovnik. Travel time: 3 hours.
Check-in at the 4-star Hotel Ivka.
Dinner at the hotel.
Hotel Ivka is a small, family-run 3-star hotel located near the port of Dubrovnik and the Lapad promenade. Its rooms are air-conditioned.

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Day 4 (04.05.2027): Dubrovnik (UNESCO) – overnight stay in Dubrovnik

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Dubrovnik. Travel time: 10 min.
Services of a English-speaking local guide.
Activity: Guided tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town.
Entrance to the Franciscan Monastery and the Rector's Palace included.
Dubrovnik was a Mediterranean city-state that managed to preserve its freedom and avoid conflicts through skillful diplomacy. It abolished slavery as early as the 15th century, implemented hygiene measures that prevented major epidemics, and ensured that building facades were uniform to forestall social unrest. These are just some of the remarkable features of a forward-thinking society that was ahead of its time. The scale of its historical commerce is etched into every stone of the city, which stands as one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world. Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is the premier tourist destination in Croatia, sure to captivate visitors with its beauty and its exceptional culture, a unique crossroads where Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Near East converge.




Lunch in the old town of Dubrovnik.

Menu
Starter: fish soup
Main course: seafood risotto
Dessert: ice cream

Independent visit to Dubrovnik's magnificent city walls. Entrance included.
Free time.
Retour à l'hôtel Ivka 4* à Dubrovnik. Dîner à l'hôtel.

Day 5: Montenegro, including Perast and Kotor (UNESCO) – overnight stay in Budva

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to the border with Montenegro, then continue to Perast. Travel time: 2h30.
Services of a local English-speaking guide.
Activity: Guided tour of Perast.
Entrance to Our Lady of the Rocks island included, with boat transfer.



The entire town of Perast, located in the heart of the Bay of Kotor, is a designated historical heritage site. It functions as an open-air museum, where the Baroque architecture of its palaces serves as a reminder of the town's illustrious maritime past. The site is notable for the votive church of Our Lady of the Rocks, built by the local inhabitants on an artificial islet to honor an icon of the Virgin Mary, which, according to legend, was discovered on a rock off the coast of the village.The island is accessible by boat shuttle. Although austere in appearance, the church will impress you with its collection of votive offerings and the richness of its Baroque paintings, showcasing the distinctive Kotor style that emerged in the 17th century.

Continue by boat through the magnificent UNESCO-listed landscape of the Bay of Kotor to Kotor.
Lunch in the historic centre, within the city's impressive fortified walls.

Menu
Starter: vegetable soup
Main course: pork escalope rolled with cheese and smoked ham, served with oven-baked potatoes
Dessert : cake



Services of a English-speaking local guide. Activity: Guided tour of Kotor.
Entrance to the Maritime Museum and Kotor Cathedral included, along with the tourist tax.
The town of Kotor is a fortified settlement of ancient origin, boasting an exceptional natural harbor: the Bay of Kotor. It built its reputation on trade and maritime transport, particularly between the 12th and 14th centuries, when it was part of the Serbian Empire. A meeting place for

different cultures, the area features both Catholic and Orthodox churches. Its remarkably long 5.5 km defensive walls rise along the slopes of the Bay of Kotor, offering splendid views of a landscape designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Drive to Budva. Travel time: 45 min.
Check-in at the 4-star Hotel Bracera.
Dinner at the hotel.
This property is a lovely 4-star boutique hotel, located on the seafront promenade that leads to the historic center of Budva. It features a spa area with an indoor swimming pool and offers beautiful sea views.

Free time to discover Budva at your leisure.



Budva is the most charming of Montenegro's seaside resorts. With its exceptional long sandy beaches and lively social scene, this small medieval town, the oldest in the country is sure to captivate you; in recent years, it has also become the most fashionable destination in the region. It is home to the ruins of a Roman forum, the 9th-century Church of Saint John, and a 19th-century Austrian citadel. It is the most "Instagrammable" spot in Montenegro.

Day 6: Montenegro, featuring Lake Skadar National Park and the cultural capital, Cetinje – overnight stay in Budva

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Virpazar, one of the gateways to the national park.
Driving time: 45 minutes
Entrance to Skadar Lake National Park included, followed by a boat trip on the lake lasting approximately 2 hours.



Skadar Lake National Park is centred around the largest lake in the Balkans, shared between Montenegro and Albania. This unique and well-preserved ecosystem provides a refuge for numerous bird species, particularly pelicans, the emblematic symbol of the park. The main gateway to the park is Virpazar, a traditional fishing village located on the lakeshore.

Lunch at a traditional restaurant in the national park after the boat trip:

Menu

starter: fish soup

main course: trout with vegetables

salad

Drive to the town of Cetinje. Driving time: 45 minutes.
Guided visit of King Nikola's Palace with a local guide (entrance included).

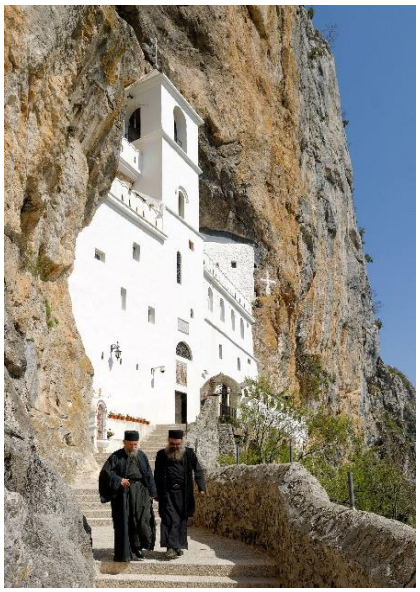


Cetinje is situated on a plateau at the foot of the Lovćen massif. It is the former royal capital of Montenegro and the heart of Montenegrin culture. King Nikola transformed his principality into a kingdom in 1910. Although this royal era was relatively short-lived, Cetinje still preserves the legacy of its golden age through elegant mansions, former foreign embassies, the old royal palace and an Orthodox monastery. The town's main street was designed as a tribute to the Champs-Élysées in Paris! We recommend visiting King Nikola's Palace, the Orthodox Monastery and the National Museum of Montenegro.

Return to Hotel Bracera in Budva. Travel time: 40 minutes.
Dinner at the hotel.

Day 7: Montenegro with the Ostrog Monastery – overnight stay in Dubrovnik

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Ostrog Monastery.
Travel time: 1h30.
Shuttle from the bus parking area to Ostrog Monastery.
Visit to Ostrog Monastery.



Ostrog is the country's iconic Orthodox monastery, distinguished by its organic architecture, which has been expanded and reshaped over the centuries. It is an important place of worship in Montenegro and throughout the Orthodox Balkans. The monastery preserves sacred relics, including those associated with Saint Basil of Ostrog (Vasilije), as well as numerous other religious treasures. Clinging to the sheer rock face of a spectacular and mystical canyon, this extraordinary complex comprises several sanctuaries waiting to be discovered.

Lunch featuring mountain specialties

Menu

Starter: smoked ham and cheese

Main course: veal and pork cooked with potatoes over a bed of embers

Dessert: homemade cake

Drive to Croatia via Bosnia and Herzegovina, continuing to Dubrovnik.
Driving time: approximately 2 hours.
Check-in at Hotel Ivka 4* in Dubrovnik.
Dinner at the hotel.

Day 8: departure from Dubrovnik Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to Dubrovnik Airport. Driving time: 40 minutes.
Departure flight.

TOUR PRICE

Prices are quoted per person, in euros, net and inclusive of all taxes.

period of the year 2027	type rms.	Number of participants					
		20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
01 - 30.04.	1/2	1656 €	1548 €	1476 €	1424 €	1385 €	1355 €
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01 - 14.05.	1/2	1742 €	1631 €	1556 €	1503 €	1463 €	1432 €
	1/1	2316 €	2204 €	2130 €	2076 €	2037 €	2006 €
15 - 31.05.	1/2	1761 €	1649 €	1574 €	1521 €	1481 €	1450 €
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01 - 14.06.	1/2	2005 €	1791 €	1714 €	1660 €	1619 €	1587 €
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15 - 30.06.	1/2	2029 €	1912 €	1834 €	1778 €	1736 €	1703 €
	1/1	2865 €	2747 €	2669 €	2613 €	2571 €	2539 €
01 - 14.09.	1/2	2013 €	1895 €	1817 €	1761 €	1719 €	1686 €
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15 - 30.09.	1/2	1883 €	1769 €	1692 €	1638 €	1597 €	1566 €
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01 - 14.10.	1/2	1756 €	1644 €	1570 €	1516 €	1476 €	1445 €
	1/1	2344 €	2232 €	2158 €	2104 €	2064 €	2033 €
15 - 31.10.	1/2	1712 €	1601 €	1526 €	1474 €	1434 €	1403 €
	1/1	2263 €	2152 €	2078 €	2025 €	1985 €	1954 €

1/2 = accommodation in double rooms
1/1 = accommodation in single rooms

The price includes:

- Accommodation for 7 nights in 3- or 4-star hotels or family-run guesthouses: 2 nights at Hotel Salona Palace 4* in Solin, including breakfast and dinner; 2 + 1 nights at Hotel Ivka 4* in Dubrovnik, including breakfast and dinner; and 2 nights at Hotel Bracera 4* in Budva, including breakfast and dinner.
- 6 lunches in Split, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Skadar and Ostrog.
- English-speaking local guides. Guided tours of the old towns of Split, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Perast, Kotor, Cetinje, Ostrog.
- Services of an accompanying tour guide for 8 days, including all associated expenses (accommodation, meals, transport, etc.).
- Private tourist coach transportation reserved exclusively for the group for 8 days.
- All entrance fees specified in the itinerary.
- Boat excursion on Skadar Lake.
- Round-trip shuttle service between the parking area and the Ostrog Monastery.
- Tourist taxes, as well as assistance, insurance, and organizational fees charged by the Sveta Ana agency.

DRINKS PACKAGE SUPPLEMENT

¼ L of wine or 1 beer or 1 soft drink + ½ L of water + coffee or tea with all 6 lunches.
¼ L of wine or 1 beer or 1 soft drink + ½ L of water with all 7 dinners.
Price per person, in euros, net, including all taxes: €130.

NOTES:

- The sample itinerary has been prepared based on price lists provided by service suppliers; however, the Sveta Ana agency does not guarantee either the prices or the availability. These will be confirmed upon request for specific dates, at which point the agency will place options to secure the terms of the trip. Without such options, the prices provided in this offer are for reference only.
- Travel times are based on normal driving conditions and are provided for guidance only; they may vary due to unpredictable factors such as roadworks, accidents, traffic congestion, or adverse weather conditions.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

All cancellations must be submitted via email to the local agency. The amount of cancellation fees varies depending on when the cancellation occurs:

- more than 31 days before departure: 30% of the trip price.
- between 30 and 16 days before departure: 50% of the trip price.
- between 15 days before departure and the day of arrival: 100% of the trip price.