STAY IN OPATIJA WITH OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS FOR GROUPS IN THE KVARNER GULF – 2027

8 days / 7 nights

INTRODUCTION





Croatia immediately stands out for its unusual shape. The arc-like form of the country is the result of a history and a set of unique circumstances that contribute to the richness and diversity of Croatia today. The country combines a long coastline with one of the highest concentrations of islands in the world, reflecting its Mediterranean character, with the continental Pannonian plains, which are closely connected to the plains of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. These two distinct landscapes are defined by the Julian Alps to the north and the Dinaric mountain ranges, which stretch all the way down to Greece. Whether along the coast or across the plains, the Croatian people have always been a nation of traders, benefiting from their strategic position at the crossroads of numerous commercial routes, many of which date back to antiquity, or even further into the past. Roman heritage is perhaps best experienced in the city of **Pula**, with its forum and amphitheatre, which is still in use today. The turbulent medieval past is reflected in the Venetian influences along the coast—seen in towns like **Rovinj** and **Krk**—and in the Austrian influences found inland and at certain exclusive seaside resorts, such as **Opatija**. Croatia's strategic position and wealth have long invited covetous attention. The full spectrum of the country's joy and melancholy is captured in its highly original "naïve" art—so characteristic of its plains—as well as in the exquisite stone carvings of Dalmatian stonemasons, whose craftsmanship has produced remarkable artistic achievements, including the mosaics of the **Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč**. Traveling through Croatia means discovering a wide variety of landscapes and regions that are constantly changing, each harboring unique, strong identities shaped by the many influences that have left their mark over the centuries. This journey will take you on a discovery of natural gems, from the islands and the **Brijuni Islands National Park** to the highland setting of **Plitvice Lakes National Park**... A richness that also delights the palate, offering an appetising variety of culinary specialities, including the famous **truffles of Istria**. From the Mediterranean aromas of the sea to the soothing sounds of cascading waterfalls… an unforgettable journey that delights all the senses!

Slovenia is one of the greenest countries in Europe, situated at the crossroads of Central European and Balkan cultures. Within a relatively small area, it offers an extraordinary diversity of landscapes,

from the Julian Alps and the continental karst plateaus to the Mediterranean coastline. A rich, leisurely journey, full of color!

YOUR DESTINATION IN CROATIA



PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival at Zagreb Airport (or Pula or Rijeka) – overnight in Opatija

Arrival flight at Zagreb, Pula, or Rijeka airport.
Services of a local English-speaking guide.
Service: Meet and greet at the airport and assistance with the transfer from the airport to the hotel.

Transfer by private tourist bus reserved for the group from the airport to the hotel in Opatija.
Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes (Zagreb) / 1 hour (Pula) / 45 minutes (Rijeka)

Check-in at the 4-star Hotel Paris.
Dinner at the hotel.
Located on Opatija's main street, Hotel Paris offers air-conditioned accommodation, a bar, a shared terrace, a spa (available for an additional fee), and a casino. Guests can enjoy a restaurant, a 24-hour front desk, room service, and free Wi-Fi throughout the property. Private parking is available for an additional fee. The rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV, a desk, and a private bathroom.

This accommodation has met our code of conduct for partners committed to sustainable development. It aligns with your vision of ethical and responsible tourism.





Days 2 to 7: free days or optional excursions – overnight in Opatija

Breakfasts and dinners at the hotel.
See our selection of optional excursions below.



Opatija is one of Croatia's leading tourist destinations, characterised by its Secessionist architecture inspired by Austria influences. As one of the first tourist sites in Croatia and along the Adriatic coast, Opatija attracted the Central European elite from the mid-19th century and remains a highly sought-after holiday destination today. Its seafront promenade, the Lungomare (the longest in Croatia, stretching for 12km.)

passing by the former abbey, the Hotel Imperial, and Villa Angiolina is a delight of beauty, offering lovely views of the islands of Krk and Cres, as well as the city of Rijeka—Croatia's largest port.

Day 8: departure from Zagreb (or Pula or Rijeka) airport

Breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to Zagreb, Pula or Rijeka airport by private tourist bus reserved for the group, accompanied by a local English-speaking guide.
Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes (Zagreb) / 1 hour (Pula) / 45 minutes (Rijeka).
Departure flight.

PRICE OF THE STAY

Prices are quoted per person in euros, 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
02.01 - 02.04 10.10 - 29.12	1/2	557 €	505 €	484 €	469 €	458 €	449 €
	1/1	711 €	659 €	638 €	623 €	612 €	603 €
03 - 20.04	1/2	627 €	575 €	553 €	538 €	527 €	518 €
	1/1	781 €	729 €	707 €	692 €	681 €	672 €
21.04 - 13.05 13.09 - 09.10	1/2	704 €	652 €	630 €	615 €	604 €	595 €
	1/1	935 €	883 €	861 €	846 €	835 €	826 €
14.05 - 19.06	1/2	767 €	706 €	684 €	669 €	658 €	649 €
	1/1	1065 €	1014 €	992 €	977 €	966 €	957 €
20.06 - 12.09	1/2	896 €	844 €	823 €	808 €	796 €	787 €
	1/1	1204 €	1152 €	1131 €	1116 €	1104 €	1095 €

1/2: double room *1/1 : single room*

The price includes:

- 7 nights' accommodation at the 4-star Hotel Paris in Opatija, including breakfast and dinner
- Services of an accompanying guide for transfers on the arrival and departure days.
- Transfers between the airport and the hotel (including all associated costs) on arrival and departure days
- Tourist taxes, assistance fees, insurance, and administrative/organizational fees charged by the agency Sveta Ana

NOTES:

- The sample program has been drafted according to the price lists provided by the service providers, but the agency Sveta Ana does not guarantee either the prices or availability. These will be confirmed upon request with specific dates. The agency will take options that will allow for the establishment of the travel conditions. Without securing options, the prices in this offer are therefore indicative.
- The travel duration distances are provided for normal driving conditions and can only be considered as indicative, as they may vary due to random factors such as roadworks, accidents, traffic jams, weather conditions, etc.

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.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

POREČ (UNESCO) AND ROVINJ

Meeting with a local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Accompaniment during the excursion.
Transport: Tourist bus reserved for the group for one day.
Transfer to Poreč. Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes.
Guided tour of Poreč.
Entrance to the Euphrasian Basilica included.
Poreč is a picturesque coastal town whose history dates back to Roman antiquity. It is also home to one of the finest examples of early Christian architecture, dating back to the 3rd century AD, complete with magnificent mosaics: the basilica complex of Bishop Euphrasius, a UNESCO World Heritage site.





Transfer to Rovinj. Travel time: 45 minutes.
Lunch at a traditional restaurant in Rovinj.

Menu
Starter: Seafood spaghetti
Main course: Grilled fish and calamari, served with steamed potatoes and Swiss chard
Dessert

Guided tour of Rovinj.
Rovinj is a town that originally developed on a peninsula, dominated by a church dedicated to its patron saint, Saint Euphemia. According to legend, her sarcophagus appeared on the beach and, despite numerous attempts, no one was able to move it. Only a young shepherd boy managed to push it all the way to the top of the peninsula. The town's winding, narrow streets are bustling with life, filled with the stalls of artists and craftspeople. Rovinj's architecture reflects a Venetian legacy blended with Croatian charm, and its market is one of the liveliest in Istria. It is a town full of color and surprises.





Return to the hotel in Opatija. Travel time: 1h15.



MOTOVUN AND DISCOVERING THE WORLD OF TRUFFLES AT A TRUFFLE FARM, INCLUDING A TASTING

Meeting with the local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Accompaniment during the excursion.
Tourist bus transportation reserved for the group for 1 day.
Drive to Motovun. Travel time: 1h30.

Round-trip transfers by shuttle bus between the parking area at the foot of the old town and the medieval town of Motovun. Travel time: 10 min.
Guided tour of Motovun.



Motovun is the finest example of Istria's hilltop fortified villages. Even the ascent invites visitors to leave their everyday worries behind and immerse themselves in a dreamlike atmosphere, as it offers magnificent views across the whole of Istria. According to local legends, giants once lived alongside humans in Istria. They built fortified hilltop villages for them and provided them with water by carving out the canyon through which the Mirna River flows today. However, an impossible love between the children of their respective leaders caused the giants to disappear forever. Standing on the walls of Motovun and gazing out over the landscape truly gives visitors the feeling of being a giant. The forests below the town are rich in truffles. In fact, the world's largest truffle, weighing 1.3 kg, was discovered in the surrounding forests. Motovun has preserved its medieval charm, with its winding narrow streets and numerous specialty shops offering local delicacies, particularly truffle-based products, as well as other unique regional specialties.

Drive to the village of Paladini. Travel time: 1h15.
Discover the world of truffles, followed by a tasting.

Truffle discovery experience and tasting.

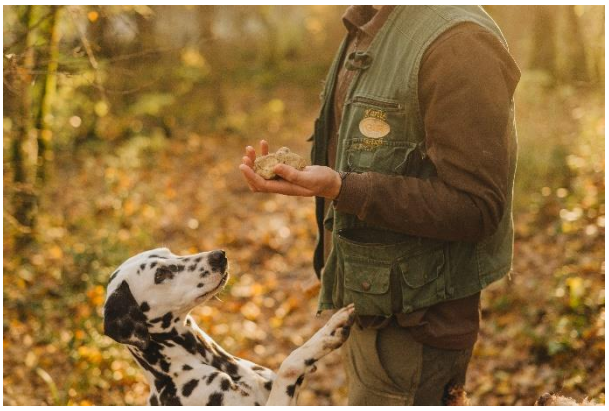
Meeting in the charming village of Paladini, perched high above the Mirna River canyon in the commune of Buzet, not far from the village of Motovun, in the heart of Istrian truffle country.





Black and white truffles are among its most famous products. In fact, the world's largest white truffle was discovered in the Motovun Forest. The producer, Karlić, welcomes visitors to their estate, which offers magnificent views of the surrounding region. An English-speaking, licensed truffle hunter will give a presentation, followed by a walk through the forest with a specially trained truffle-hunting dog, providing a demonstration of how truffles are found. Afterward, you will head to their home for a tasting of truffle-based products, accompanied by a drink, making for a delightful and substantial snack. The program lasts between two and a half and three hours. A unique educational and gastronomic experience!



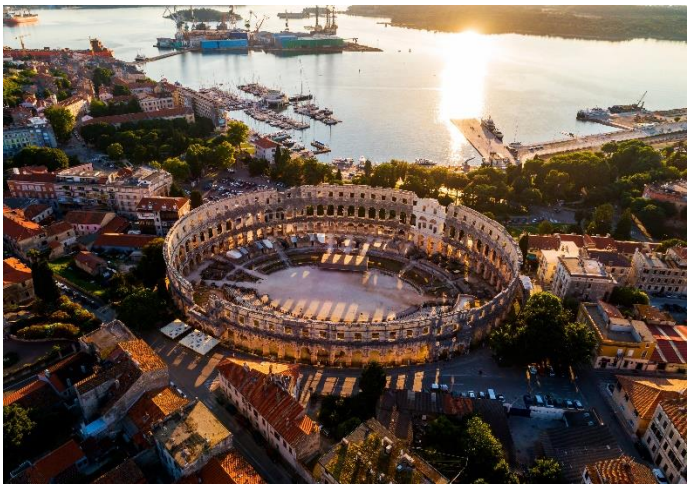


Return to the hotel in Opatija. Travel time: 1 hour.

PULA AND THE BRIJUNI ARCHIPELAGO NATIONAL PARK

Meeting with the local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Accompaniment during the excursion.
Tourist bus transportation reserved for the group for 1 day.
Drive to Pula. Travel time: 1h15.

Guided tour of Pula. Admission to the Pula Amphitheatre included.
Pula is an ancient Roman city. Its 1st-century AD amphitheater is one of the best-preserved in the world and is still used today for concerts and theatrical performances. It also houses a museum showcasing the city's Roman heritage. The nearby city center also reflects this ancient past. One of the entrances is an old Roman triumphal arch, while the main square was once the Roman Forum, where the Temple of Augustus still stands and and now houses a museum. Visitors can also explore a 17th-century



Austrian fort located in the upper part of the city. With its many restaurants and cafés, Pula is a lively destination, much like other coastal towns in Istria.

Lunch at a restaurant located in the center of Pula.

Menu :
Starter: Fish soup
Main course: Seafood risotto
Dessert: Crêpes

Drive to the village of Fažana, near Pula.
Travel time: 20 min
Guided tour of Brijuni National Park.
Admission to Brijuni National Park included.

Boarding the boat for Veliki Brijun.
The crossing takes 15 minutes.
The national park is visited in a group accompanied by a guide.This archipelago of 14 islands will delight you with its native vegetation, meadows, and archaeological sites, as well as a safari park where you can see exotic animals. Part of the tour is conducted by a small train, allowing you to reach areas further from the island's center, such as Verige Bay, home to the remains of a 1st-century Roman villa rustica, and the safari park. The visit also includes the small 15th-century Gothic Church of St. Germain, which houses copies of Istrian frescoes and Glagolitic monuments; a walk through the park, which is home to 169 species of native plants; and a natural history collection, along with a photographic exhibition titled "Tito on the Brijuni Islands" (Brijun Island served as the private residence of Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia). The entire visit lasts approximately 4 hours.





Return by boat to Fažana, then by bus to the hotel in Opatija.

CROATIA'S LARGEST ISLANDS: KRK AND CRES

Meeting with the local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Accompaniment during the excursion.
Tourist bus transportation reserved for the group for 1 day.

Departure by bus to the port of Brestova. Travel time: 40 minutes.
Boarding the ferry to the island of Cres. Crossing time: 15 minutes.
Drive across the island of Cres to the town of Cres (the main town of an island often shares the island's name). Travel time: 1 hour.
Cres and Krk are the two largest islands in the Croatian archipelago, which comprises 1,185 islands, making it one of the highest densities of islands relative to coastline length in the world!
Cres is one of Croatia's largest islands and has preserved its distinctive, authentic island character. This natural paradise is a protected area, notable in particular for the griffon vulture, a species endemic to the island. The famous scenic road that traverses the island will lead you through small fishing villages while offering splendid views of the Kvarner archipelago.





Discover the charming little fishing town of Cres.



Lunch featuring local specialties at a traditional island tavern in the village of Loznati.

Menu
Starter: Smoked ham and local cheeses
Main course: Veal and lamb slow-cooked with potatoes under a traditional bell-shaped lid
Salad
Dessert: Homemade cake

Continue to the village of Merag. Travel time: 30 minutes.
Boarding the ferry to Valbiska on the island of Krk.
Continue to the town of Krk.
Travel time: 30 min.
Visit of the town of Krk.



The island of Krk was once the stronghold of one of Croatia's most prominent noble families: the Frankopans. It is connected to the mainland by a spectacular bridge. The town of Krk, which shares its name with the island, is built of stone, with ancient palaces standing alongside simple fishermen's houses. Krk is a lively tourist village with its winding alleyways.

Retour sur le continent par le pont de Krk et retour à l'hôtel à Opatija.

LE PARC NATIONAL DES LACS DE PLITVICE (UNESCO)

Meeting with the local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Accompaniment during the excursion.
Tourist bus transportation reserved for the group for 1 day.
Departure by bus toward the Lika region and Plitvice Lakes National Park.
Total travel time: 3 hours 30 minutes (with one stop along the way)



Take one of the most beautiful coastal roads in Europe, the "Magistrala," and head south. The Magistrala follows the contours of the coastline, offering spectacular views of the islands and the Velebit mountain range. Make a short stop in Senj, a town dominated by the austere Nehaj Fortress and historically known for the Uskoks, pirates who attacked Venetian ships. Continue uphill to Vratnik Pass, which offers magnificent views over the Kvarner Gulf, before entering the lush green region of Lika.

Lunch at a restaurant in the national park.

Menu
Starter: mushroom soup
Main course: trout with vegetables + salad
Dessert : Apple puff pastry

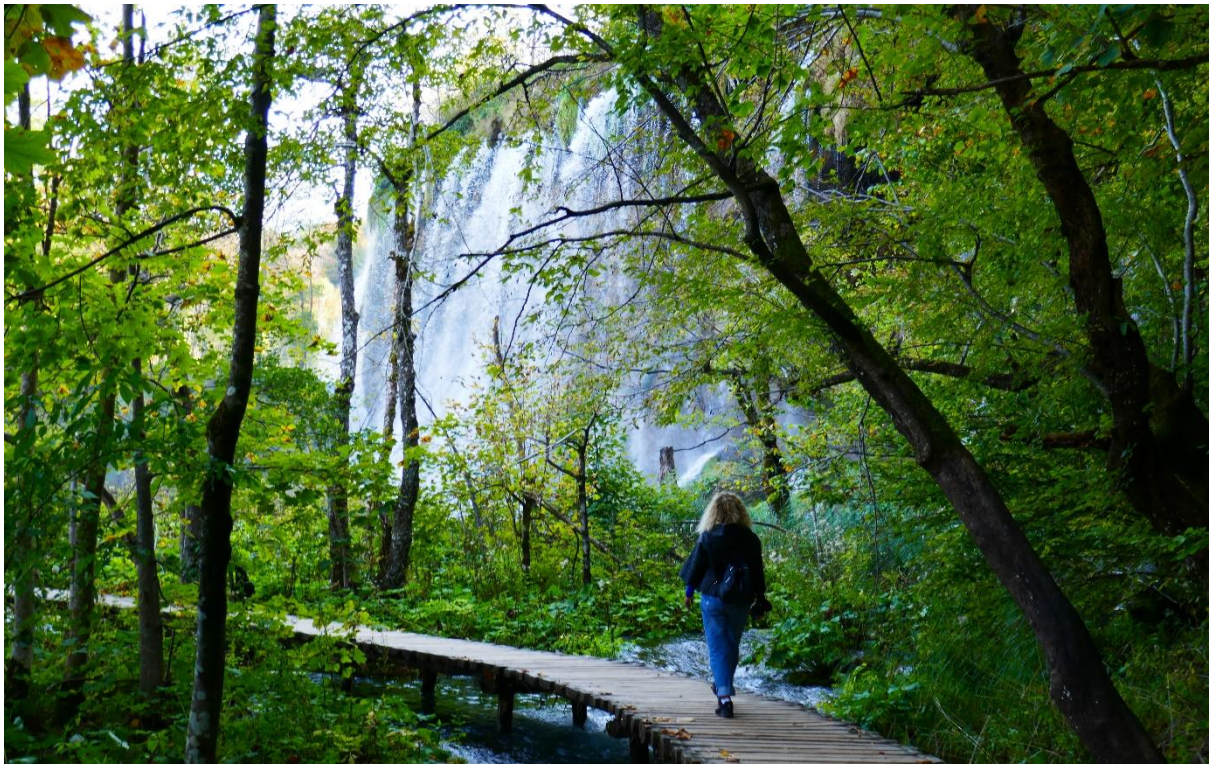
Explore the park with your guide. Highlights include the travertine waterfalls in the Upper Lakes area, a ride on an electric boat across Lake Kozjak, the largest central lake, and the Lower Lakes Canyon.

Plitvice Lakes National Park is located in the Lika region, within the mountains of Croatia. This UNESCO-listed natural phenomenon consists of 16 crystal-clear lakes cascading into one another through magnificent waterfalls, creating a true natural paradise. You will discover the entire park, taking in the travertine waterfalls of the upper section, the electric boat journey on the large central Lake Kozjak, and the lower canyon, home to a magnificent 70-metre-high Great Waterfall. Within the national park, there are designated rest areas featuring bistros that serve grilled dishes and simple meals. The walking paths are accessible and easy to navigate. Protected since the late 19th century, this is one of the most beautiful natural sites in Croatia.





Return to Opatija via the motorway, crossing the mountainous and forested region of Gorski Kotar.



SLOVENIA WITH THE POSTOJNA CAVES AND THE CAPITAL LJUBLJANA

Meeting with the local English-speaking guide in front of the hotel.
Service: Excursion accompaniment.
Tourist bus transportation reserved exclusively for the group for 1 day.
Drive to Postojna, Slovenia. Travel time: 1h15.
Discover Postojna Cave with an English-language audio guide, including an underground train ride and a walking tour. Admission to Postojna Cave is included.
The Postojna Cave was formed by an underground river that abandoned two successive riverbeds as it cut ever deeper into the earth. These abandoned channels became caves, where moisture and water percolating from the ground above gave rise to massive stalactites and stalagmites, a true labyrinth with organic-looking walls. It is one of the largest cave systems in the world open to visitors. The tour begins with a ride on a small train, followed by a guided walk (available in English) through the heart of the cave system, before returning by train. The temperature remains a constant 9°C (48°F) throughout the year.




Lunch at a restaurant in front of the cave.

Menu :
Starter: vegetable soup
Main course: pork escalope stuffed with cheese and ham, served with vegetables and potatoes
Dessert: homemade cake



Drive to Ljubljana. Travel time: 45 min.
Services of a local English-speaking guide.
Guided tour of Ljubljana's historic city centre.
Ljubljana has always been an important commercial centre in Slovenia, but it was Napoleon who expanded its significance, paving the way for it to become the country's capital. The emperor made the city the seat of the Illyrian Provinces, which at the time included parts of present-day

Croatia and Slovenia. During this period, numerous construction projects were undertaken, including the building that now houses the Town Hall. The city is characterised by Baroque architecture with Austrian influences, best exemplified by St. Nicholas Cathedral. The Ljubljanica River lends a warm and welcoming atmosphere to the city. A funicular connects the city centre to the castle overlooking Ljubljana, offering magnificent panoramic views.

Drive to Opatija. Travel time: 2h00

PRICE LIST FOR EXCURSIONS

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

EXCURSIONS	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS					
	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Poreč and Rovinj	127 €	111 €	100 €	92 €	87 €	82 €
Motovun and a visit to a truffle grower	150 €	136 €	127 €	120 €	115 €	112 €
Pula and Brijuni National Park	167 €	152 €	143 €	136 €	131 €	127 €
Cres and Krk	137 €	121 €	111 €	103 €	98 €	93 €
Plitvice National Park	159 €	142 €	130 €	122 €	116 €	111 €
Slovenia with Postojna and Ljubljana	170 €	151 €	138 €	129 €	123 €	117 €

NOTES:

- The requested excursions must be confirmed no later than one month before the start of the trip, together with the number of participants for each excursion.
- Travel times are estimates based on normal driving conditions and are provided for guidance only, as they may vary due to unforeseen circumstances such as roadworks, accidents, traffic congestion, adverse weather conditions, and other factors.