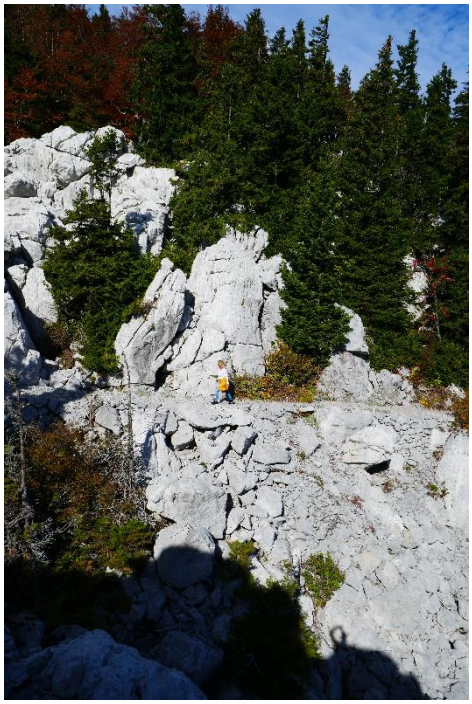
THE TOUR "CROATIA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS" IN 8 DAYS – 2027



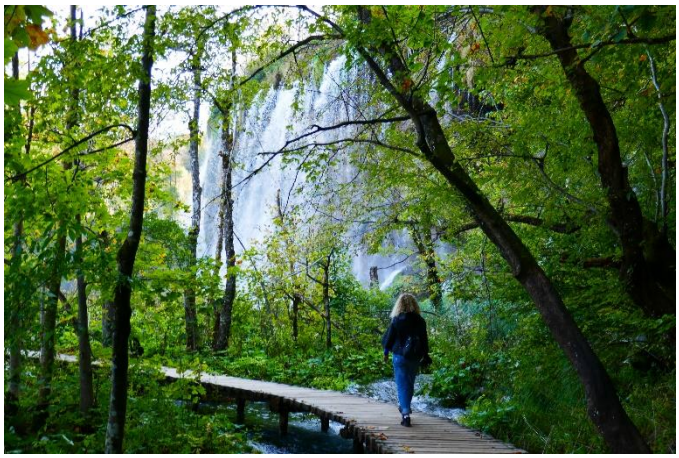
This tour can be enjoyed in any season and is particularly well suited to summer, when it is best to avoid the southern coast because of the heat.

The journey links Croatia's most remarkable parks and reveals all the great landscapes of this country of a thousand faces:

- The continental Pannonian plains, beginning around Zagreb
- The Dinaric mountains that form the Balkans
- The Mediterranean Dalmatian coast with its 1,200 islands

This great diversity of landscapes makes for a rich experience in which every day brings a new surprise. To capture it even better, the adventure also includes visits to towns such as the capital Zagreb, Opatija, Zadar and Samobor.

The hiking trails combine "must-sees" in the Plitvice Lakes and Paklenica National Parks with off-the-beaten-track routes in the Risnjak and Velebit National Parks, Učka Nature Park and the island of Krk.



The walks are rated level 2 to 3 and are suitable for everyone. They are led by one of our English-speaking guides – professionals, but above all lovers of travel and nature.

Groups range from 4 to 15 participants, and tours are confirmed from 4 participants. For up to 7 travellers, transport is by 8+1-seat van with a driver-guide. From 8 participants, the entire tour is run with local transport companies, i.e. with both a guide and a driver.

Accommodation is in 3- or 4-star hotels.

Travellers are required to bring a reusable water bottle, which they fill themselves from the hotel taps before setting out on each day's excursion (water not provided). Tap water is perfectly safe to drink.

Travellers must bring suitable hiking gear: long trousers, a hat, a daypack for excursion essentials (packed lunch, water bottle…) and walking boots.

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

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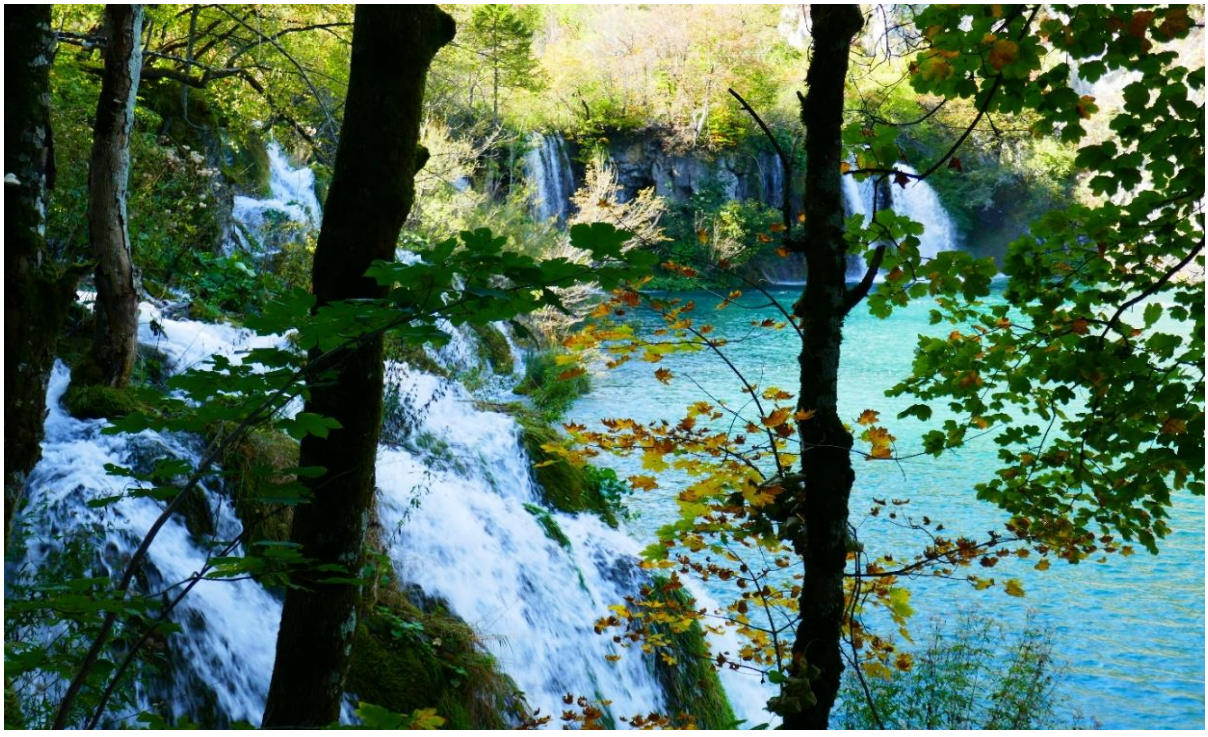
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The Kvarner Gulf
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Plitvice Lakes National Park
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd30EICG5Qs

Sveta Ana (a video by your agency in Croatia):
https://vimeo.com/305019269

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ZAGREB
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City of Zagreb
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ISTRIA
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SISAK-MOSLAVINA
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VUKOVAR-SRIJEM
LIKA-SENJ
Gospic
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
SERBIA
ZADAR
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Adriatic Sea
SIBENIK-KNIN
Sibenik
Sarajevo
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Split
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50 Kilometers
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DUBROVNIK-NERETVA
MONTENEGRO
Dubrovnik
ALBANIA

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Arrival at Zagreb Airport – overnight in Samobor

Arrival flight to Zagreb Airport.
Welcome by your tour guide, who will stay with the group throughout the tour.
Services of a tour guide for 8 days and associated costs (accommodation, meals, transport...).

Transport by 8+1-seat van or 15-seat minibus reserved for the group for the entire tour.

Transfer to Samobor. Travel time: 30 min.
Check-in at Hotel Lavica 3*.
Dinner at the hotel.
Hotel Lavica is a 3-star hotel housed in a listed historic building. It stands on the bank of the Samobor river, lined by a lovely promenade, just a stone's throw from the town's Baroque square, famous for its gastronomy. The rooms are simple and rustic, and the atmosphere is warm and friendly.



Free time to explore the small town of Samobor.
Samobor is a typical small town of the Zagreb region, lying at the foot of the mountain range that bears its name and forms the border with Slovenia. It was once a favourite retreat of Zagreb's nobility, and its Baroque façades, scenic setting and charm still draw residents of the Croatian capital today. A beautiful promenade follows the river that runs through the town, from the main square lined with restaurants and cafés up to the Stari Grad fortress, a ruined castle with fine views of the town, the forested valley and the Zagreb plain. The town is especially renowned for its food: its beer, charcuterie and game dishes, but above all for its custard slice, Kremšnita, whose recipe is listed as Croatian heritage.





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Day 2: Risnjak National Park in the Gorski Kotar mountains – overnight in Lovran

Breakfast at the hotel.
Packed lunch provided.
Drive to Crni Lug at the entrance to Risnjak National Park. Travel time: 1h45
Hike in Risnjak National Park (entrance fee included).



Risnjak National Park is one of the wildest in Croatia. Set in the Gorski Kotar mountains, it is home to bears, wolves, lynx and other forest animals. The hike starts at an altitude of 695 m and follows the "Horvatova staza" trail, first through the forest and then into rocky mountain terrain up to the summit of Veliki Risnjak (1,528 m), with fine views of the Velebit range, the Kvarner Gulf, the Slovenian mountains and the rest of Gorski Kotar, which separates Mediterranean Croatia from the Pannonian plains. Near the summit there is a mountain hut serving simple meals. The return follows the trail via Medvjeđa vrata.
Length: 16 km – Actual walking time: 5h30 – Total hiking time incl. breaks: 6h30
Elevation gain: 835 m – Difficulty: moderate 3–4/5

Picnic during the hike.

Drive to Lovran. Travel time: 1h15
Check-in at Hotel Park 4*. Dinner at the hotel.
Hotel Park is a historic building dating from 1915. Continuously restored to preserve its upscale character, it is now rated 4 stars. This charming, intimate boutique hotel with 62 rooms reflects the Secession style typical of the Kvarner Gulf. It stands close to the historic centre and right by the sea, on the Lungomare – Croatia's longest seaside promenade, stretching to Opatija and Volosko. It has a fitness room, a wellness centre and an indoor pool, as well as a traditional restaurant.





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Day 3: Učka Nature Park and Opatija – overnight in Lovran

Breakfast at the hotel.
Packed lunch provided.
Drive to the car park at Poklon Pass. Travel time: 20 min.
Hike in Učka Nature Park.

The starting point is the car park of the Pansion Učka restaurant in Vela Učka, at an altitude of 995 m. Hike to the summit of Vojak (1,396 m), with magnificent views over the Kvarner Gulf and Istria as far as Slovenia, then on to the village of Mala Učka and back to Poklon Pass along the forest trails of the mountain's southern slope. Distance: 12 km. Duration: 4h00







Picnic during the hike.

Drive to Opatija. Travel time: 30 min.
Free time to explore Opatija.

Opatija is one of the flagships of Croatian tourism, shaped by Austrian-inspired Secession architecture. One of the first tourist resorts in Croatia and on the Adriatic, it has attracted the Central European elite since the mid-19th century and remains a highly sought-after holiday destination. Its Lungomare seafront promenade (Croatia's longest, at 12 km), passing the old abbey, Hotel Imperial and Villa Angiolina, is a delight, with lovely views of the islands of Krk and Cres and of Rijeka, Croatia's largest port.



Return to Hotel Park in Lovran. Dinner at the hotel.

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Day 4: The island of Krk – overnight in Lovran



Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to the town of Krk on the island of the same name. Travel time: 1h15
Short hike on the Prniba peninsula, through typical rural landscapes and the Prniba forest and along the shore, with views of Košljun Bay and the island of Cres. Swimming is possible at Tinka beach. Distance: 8.4 km. Elevation gain: 120 m. Walking time: 3 hours





Drive to the village of Vrbnik, perched on the cliffs of the island's north coast. The village is known for its food, especially its smoked, wind-dried ham, and its white wine made from the native Žlahtina grape. Travel time: 20 min.

Traditional lunch in a renowned local tavern (konoba):

Menu

Starter: šurlice (local pasta) with gulaš (beef stewed with vegetables)
Main course: slow-roasted veal and potatoes + salad
Dessert: cake
Drinks: ¼ l wine + ½ l water





Drive to the town of Krk. Travel time: 20 min.
Free time to explore Krk.
Krk is Croatia's largest island (410 km²) and was the stronghold of one of its greatest noble families, the Frankopans. A spectacular bridge links it to the mainland, making it very easy to reach, and regular ferries connect it with the neighbouring islands of Rab, Cres and Lošinj. Krk has plenty to see: the islet of Košljun with its magnificent Franciscan monastery, the cliff-top village of Vrbnik on the north side of the island, famous for its wines and smoked ham, and the sandy beaches of Baška. The town of Krk is built of stone, with old palaces standing alongside simple fishermen's houses. It is a lively place with winding lanes where it is a pleasure to get lost.





Return to Hotel Park in Lovran. Dinner at the hotel.

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Day 5: Velebit National Park – overnight in Otočac

Breakfast at the hotel.
Packed lunch provided.
Drive to Zavižan, one of the gateways to Northern Velebit National Park. Travel time: 3h00
Hike in Northern Velebit National Park (entrance fee included).



Velebit is Croatia's largest mountain range, stretching almost 200 km, with peaks of up to 1,800 m. It separates the Kvarner Gulf from the mainland and offers views over its exceptional archipelago. Its steep slopes create a great many different habitats within short distances, giving it a rich flora. Brown bears, wolves, lynx, deer, grouse and otters are commonly found here…
Walk along the Premužić Trail, named after the forester who built it in the early 20th century. Winding between limestone rocks sculpted by water, it offers unforgettable views of the Kvarner Gulf – a true feat of human engineering. Distance: 15 km – Difficulty: moderate 3/5 – Actual walking time: 5h30 – Total hiking time incl. breaks: 6h30 – Elevation gain: 300 m

Picnic in the national park during the hike.

Drive to Otočac. Travel time: 1h15
Check-in at Hotel Mirni Kutak 3*.
Dinner at the hotel.



Set in the peaceful Gacka river valley, 1.5 km from the centre of Otočac, Hotel Mirni Kutak is a family-run 3-star hotel with 2 terraces. The air-conditioned rooms, family rooms and suites have a minibar, hairdryer and desk. The restaurant serves local and international specialities. The hotel is the perfect base for trout fishing on the Gacka river.

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Day 6: Paklenica National Park with Manita Peć Cave, and Zadar (UNESCO) – overnight in Otočac



Breakfast at the hotel.
Packed lunch provided.
Drive to Starigrad, the entrance to Paklenica National Park.
Travel time: 1h45
Hike through the narrow canyon with its towering vertical walls and climb up to Manita Peć Cave to visit its impressive chambers, where water has created stalactites, stalagmites and columns – a true underground cathedral of organic shapes (entrance fee included)
Actual walking time: 3h00 – Total hiking time incl. breaks: 4h30 – Elevation gain: 340 m – Difficulty: easy to moderate (2–3/5).
Paklenica National Park lies in the southern part of Velebit, Croatia's largest mountain range. It consists of two impressive gorges, Velika and Mala Paklenica, whose sheer walls host rare pioneer vegetation and are famous for rock climbing. It also has unusual karst formations, remarkable caves and a highly varied flora and fauna thanks to its strong climatic contrasts. A lovely footpath runs through the wild Velika Paklenica gorge, once used by locals to trade fish, salt and olive oil from the coast for wool and cheese from the mountains.



Picnic during the walk, in front of Manita Peć Cave.

Drive to Zadar.
Travel time: 45 min.
Free time to explore Zadar.



Zadar boasts a very ancient heritage dating back to antiquity and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its main square is a Roman forum with the complex built by St Donatus in the 9th century, including a church modelled on the one in Aachen – a reflection of close political ties with Charlemagne. Zadar's Benedictine nuns have preserved an important collection of goldsmiths' work known as "Gold and Silver". Zadar is a dynamic city that has also created modern landmarks, such as its Sea Organ, built into the waterfront, on which the sea and the wind "play" a mystical, organic melody.

Return to the hotel in Otočac for the night. Dinner at the hotel.

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Day 7: Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) and Zagreb – overnight in Zagreb

Breakfast at the hotel.
Packed lunch provided.
Drive to the Plitvice Lakes. Travel time: 1h00

Hike in the national park: the travertine cascades of the Upper Lakes, the electric boat across the large central Lake Kozjak, and the lower canyon with the Big Waterfall and the road train (entrance fee included).
Distance: 12 km. Actual walking time: 3h00 – Total hiking time incl. breaks: 4h00 – Difficulty: 2/5





Plitvice Lakes National Park lies in the Lika region, Croatia's mountainous heartland. This UNESCO-listed natural wonder consists of 16 crystal-clear lakes that flow into one another through magnificent waterfalls – a true natural paradise. You will see the whole park: the travertine cascades of the Upper Lakes, the electric boat across the large central Lake Kozjak and the lower canyon with its 70 m Big Waterfall. There are rest areas within the park with bistros serving grilled food and a few simple dishes. The trails are easy and accessible. Protected since the late 19th century, it is one of Croatia's most beautiful natural sites.

Picnic in the national park during the hike.

Drive to Zagreb. Travel time: 2h30

Check-in at the Canopy by Hilton hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

Canopy by Hilton Zagreb City Centre is located in the Branimir Centre shopping complex, a short walk from the main railway station. True to the Canopy by Hilton brand, the hotel's art and décor reflect local culture – here, Zagreb's industrial past, as the building was once a chocolate factory. The modern, air-conditioned rooms have a minibar, flat-screen satellite TV and coffee machine, and private bathrooms with shower, hairdryer and free toiletries. Alongside its eclectic, welcoming atmosphere, the à la carte restaurant showcases original Croatian and international specialities. Its central location is another major advantage for a quality stay in the Croatian capital.

Free time to explore Zagreb.






Zagreb was a crossroads of trade routes between the mainland and the sea, and a gateway from Central Europe to the Balkans. Its fair was famous in the Middle Ages. For a long time it was Europe's easternmost Catholic diocese, which explains its distinctive fortified cathedral. The city's history was shaped by the rivalry between Kaptol hill, the seat of the Church, and Grič hill, the centre of secular power, which grew together into the capital of Croatia. Zagreb is a green city with many parks, enlivened by street events all year round. It was also an important artistic centre, and we particularly recommend its museum of Croatian naïve art.

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Day 8: Departure from Zagreb Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to Zagreb Airport.
Departure flight.

TOUR PRICES

Prices are per person, in euros, all taxes included

PAX	Period of year 2027					
	01 - 14.05 28.09 - 31.10	**15 - 31.05**	**01 - 19.06 14 - 27.09**	**20 - 30.06**	**01 - 18.07 01 - 13.09**	**18.07 - 31.08**
4	2070 €	2107 €	2157 €	2235 €	2367 €	2408 €
5	1807 €	1843 €	1886 €	1962 €	2069 €	2109 €
6	1649 €	1684 €	1724 €	1799 €	1889 €	1929 €
7	1539 €	1575 €	1611 €	1686 €	1765 €	1805 €
8	1734 €	1771 €	1790 €	1868 €		1909 €
9	1624 €	1660 €	1678 €	1755 €		1796 €
10	1536 €	1572 €	1590 €	1666 €		1706 €
11	1465 €	1500 €	1519 €	1594 €		1633 €
12	1406 €	1441 €	1459 €	1534 €		1573 €
13	1357 €	1392 €	1410 €	1484 €		1523 €
14	1315 €	1350 €	1368 €	1435 €		1480 €
15	1285 €	1320 €	1338 €	1411 €		1450 €
sup.1/1	210 €					
SVM	25 €					

PAX = number of travellers
sup. 1/1 = single room supplement
SVM = per-person supplement for a sea-view room at Hotel Park in Lovran (applies to double and single rooms)

The price includes:

- Accommodation for 7 nights in 3- or 4-star hotels or family-run guesthouses: 1 night at Hotel Lavica 3* in Samobor with breakfast and dinner, 3 nights at Hotel Park 4* in Lovran with breakfast and dinner, 2 nights at Hotel Mirni Kutak 3* in Otočac with breakfast and dinner, 1 night at Canopy by Hilton 4* in Zagreb with breakfast and dinner.
- Transport by tourist van or minibus reserved for the group, with associated costs (driver's accommodation and meals, fuel, tolls, parking...).
- Services of a tour guide for 8 days and associated costs (accommodation, meals, transport...).
- Entrance fees listed as included in the programme.
- 5 packed lunches and gourmet lunch in Vrbnik
- Tourist taxes, and Sveta Ana agency's assistance, insurance and organisation fees.

NOTES:

- This sample programme is based on suppliers' price lists, but Sveta Ana does not guarantee prices or availability. These will be confirmed on request for specific dates, at which point the agency will

place options to secure the travel conditions. Until options are placed, the prices in this offer are therefore indicative only.

- Travel times are based on normal driving conditions and are indicative only, as they may vary due to unforeseen factors such as roadworks, accidents, traffic jams or bad weather...

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

All cancellations must be notified by email to the local agency. Cancellation fees depend on when the cancellation is made:

- more than 31 days before departure: 30% of the tour price,
- between 30 and 16 days before departure: 50% of the tour price,
- from 15 days before departure until the day of arrival: 100% of the tour price

