2027 - SELF-DRIVE TOUR "AUTHENTIC CROATIA"
12 days / 11 nights

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **A refined, off-the-beaten-path approach that highlights local traditions**
- **Accommodation in charming boutique hotels or traditional-style guesthouses offering excellent value for money.**
- **Discover the unique and unmissable cities of the Northern Balkans: Dubrovnik, Split, and Kotor**
- **Explore Croatia's two distinctive landscapes: its archipelago of 1,200 islands and its national parks renowned for their waterfalls**
- **Discover exceptional and original culinary experiences**

INTRODUCTION





Croatia already surprises with its strange shape. The arc that the country represents is explained by history and very specific issues which make up the richness and diversity of Croatia today. The country combines a long coastal stretch with one of the largest concentrations of islands in the world marked by the Mediterranean context and the continental Pannonian plains closely linked to the Austro-Hungarian plains. These two sets of landscapes are delimited by the Julian Alps to the north and the Dinaric ranges which go down to Greece. Whether on the coast or in the plains, the Croats have always been a people of traders benefiting from their position at the crossroads of multiple trade routes often dating back to Antiquity and even further into the past. Thus the town of **Trogir** was the site of an ancient Greek colony. The Roman heritage is best linked with the city of **Split**, where the city center lies within the walls of the palace of Emperor Diocletian which has been recreated throughout history to form a magma of architectural styles in perpetual turmoil.

The tumultuous medieval past can be seen in the Venetian influences on the coast with the towns of **Zadar** and **Šibenik**. Croatia's strategic position and wealth have aroused envy. All the joy and melancholy of the country is found in this very original naive art typical of the plains or the finesse of the sculpture of the Dalmatian stonemasons who will surpass themselves generating real artistic revolutions like the Radovan portal in **Trogir** or the **Šibenik** cathedral created by George the Dalmatian.

And in the midst of these comings and goings, the little Republic of Dubrovnik developed an extraordinary city-state imbued with typical art and architecture, jealously guarding its freedom through extraordinary diplomacy.

Montenegro allows you to discover another culture, that of the Orthodox Balkans, with the originality of combining the maritime trading context of which the cities **Perast** and **Kotor** are magnificent examples and a mountain environment with breathtaking landscapes marked by family clans.

Crossing Croatia means discovering a wide variety of landscapes and regions that are constantly changing, incubating original, strong identities, shaped by all the influences that have marked them. This trip will transport you through the discovery of natural pearls on islands such as the **Elaphite archipelago** and **the national park of the island of Mljet** or in the plateaus with the **Plitvice Lakes national park**... A richness which also flatters the palate because it results in an appetizing diversity of culinary specialties. From Mediterranean maritime scents to the gentle sounds of waterfalls... for a total pleasure of the senses!

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE TERRITORIES YOU WILL DISCOVER (LINKS PROVIDED BY THE CROATIAN TOURIST OFFICES):

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

The Šibenik / Knin region : https://vimeo.com/419883970

The Split region: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqhXqlwqQl0

Cruises / islands : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS3PqVGkZs0

Dubrovnik : https://vimeo.com/419903021

Sveta Ana (Video from your agency in Croatia): https://vimeo.com/305019269

Note: Copy the link into your search engine if it does not open directly when you click on it.

YOUR ITINERARY:



PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival at Dubrovnik airport - overnight stay in Poljice / Dubrovnik

Arrival at Dubrovnik Airport.
Pick up your selected vehicle category for a 12-day rental (see "Rental Conditions").

3/4 STARS OPTION
Drive to Poljice. Travel time: 15 minutes.
Check into your **Superior 3-star rural cottage(s) Sveta Ana Lodges.**
The rural accommodation consists of two exclusive stone cottages built in the traditional style, rated 3 stars superior, and features a 100 m² swimming pool with massage jets. The cottages are studio-style, measuring 34 m², and equipped with an air-conditioned living area with a comfortable sofa bed, a television, a kitchen (hob, refrigerator, toaster, dishwasher), and a bathroom with a shower and washing machine. Each cottage can accommodate 2+1 adults or 2 adults and 2 children. You will have access to spacious areas with terraces, a volleyball/badminton court, and barbecue facilities. A unique project in the Dubrovnik region for those who love authentic, off-the-beaten-path travel with a refined approach to Croatia's most famous tourist destination: the Dubrovnik region. Near Poljice, you'll find the beautiful sandy beaches of Molunat village, the impressive beach at the foot of the Pasjača cliffs, and traditional restaurants along the Ljuta River or in the seaside villages of Cavtat and Molunat. The larger village of Gruda has several shops.

We invite you to view our photo album: https://photos.app.goo.gl/bX4uZUozon4vCmcg7






Note: In addition to bath and hand towels, you will find the following in the cottages: shower gel, dishwasher tablets, salt, sugar, oil, and vinegar.



The Konavle region boasts an ancient history. Its name comes from Canalis, canals built by the Romans to supply water to their camp at Epidaurus, now the beautiful village of Cavtat. Konavle enjoys a unique microclimate on the Croatian Adriatic coast, nestled between the sea and the Snježnica mountain range, which rises to 1,234 meters and is renowned for its cypress forests surrounding authentic stone villages. Between the two lies the Konavle plain, bisected by the Ljuta River. Its inhabitants have preserved their traditions: silk production, viticulture, olive growing, architecture... by showcasing their local produce through numerous agritourism restaurants, artists, folk dances in traditional costumes, ethnographic museums, various maritime and land-based sports activities, hiking trails... It offers great advantages for visitors: it is home to Dubrovnik airport, is located on the border with the Bay of Kotor in Montenegro and thus allows you to discover one of the most remarkable regions of Croatian tourism in a natural and tranquil setting, for true rejuvenation and an original, rich and authentic tourist experience.

4/5 STARS OPTION

Drive to Dubrovnik. Travel time: 40 minutes.

Check-in at **the 5-star Hotel Kazbek**. Accommodation in Superior double room(s). Parking included.

The Hotel Kazbek is a charming 5-star boutique hotel, a listed Heritage (historical monument). It is a former noble residence typical of the old Republic of Dubrovnik. It has 13 rooms, a fine dining restaurant, a small wellness area, and a large heated outdoor pool. The rooms are furnished entirely by hand in solid wood, reminiscent of bygone eras. This traditional style blends with the building's architecture and the demands of modern comfort. This palatial hotel is located in Dubrovnik's harbor, opposite the Frapa Marina, so it's right on the waterfront, but it's preferable to walk to Lapad Bay for swimming at a beach (approximately a 10-15 minute walk). An authentic and historic setting for discovering Dubrovnik.








Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 2: Dubrovnik (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Poljice / Dubrovnik

For the 3/4 star option: Self-catering breakfast (food is provided for the duration of your stay: you will have toast, butter, jam, ham, sliced cheese, cereals, yogurt, fruit juice, coffee and tea)
Road to Dubrovnik. Journey time: 40 min.

For the 4/5-star option: Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to the center of Dubrovnik. Travel time: 10 minutes.
You can also get there by public bus.

Explore Dubrovnik at your own pace.
Dubrovnik was a Mediterranean city-state that preserved its freedom and avoided conflict through skillful diplomacy. It abolished slavery as early as the 15th century, its hygiene measures prevented major epidemics, and its facades were all identical to avoid social unrest—all remarkable measures of this pioneering system in history. The scale of its trade is evident in every stone of this city, which is among the best-preserved medieval cities in the world. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, "The Pearl of the Adriatic" is a major tourist destination in Croatia and will surprise you with its beauty and exceptional culture at the crossroads of Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Near East.




We recommend visiting the Rector's Palace, the Franciscan monastery (for its old pharmacy) and the Dominican monastery (for its collection of paintings typical of Dubrovnik), not forgetting its imposing city walls!

From Dubrovnik's Old Town, the following options are also available:

- Swimming at Banja Beach, located just east of the Old Town. It's Dubrovnik's most famous beach, where many celebrities have swum, including Jackie Kennedy, John Malkovich, Nick Nolte, Roger Moore, and the Queen of England.
- The cable car and St. Sergius Hill with Napoleon's Imperial Fort, now home to a museum about the war that led to the breakup of Yugoslavia.
- Taking a ferry to visit Lokrum Island, a small natural gem known for its 11th-century Benedictine monastery. The crossing takes 15 minutes. Napoleon had a fortress built there, and it was later owned and developed by the Habsburgs. Lokrum Island also boasts a rich botanical garden and is now a protected nature reserve, uninhabited, with pleasant walking paths, a café, and a restaurant. It's a favorite swimming spot for Dubrovnik residents.
- Sea kayak tour along the ramparts... or other sporting activities (jet skiing, parasailing, diving...)

Return and overnight stay at Sveta Ana Lodges in Poljice / at the Kazbek Hotel in Dubrovnik.
Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 3: The Bay of Kotor (UNESCO) with Kotor and Perast in Montenegro - overnight stay in Poljice / Dubrovnik

(ID required, currency: Euro)
For the 3/4 star option: Breakfast at your leisure
Drive to Perast along the scenic coastal road. We recommend crossing the border at the small Vitaljina crossing, located 15 minutes from Poljice. Travel time: 1 hour

For the 4/5-star option: Breakfast at the hotel.
All the way to Perast. Travel time: 2 hours.

Free time to explore.



The entire village of Perast, located in the heart of the Bay of Kotor, is a listed historical site. It's a living museum, its Baroque palaces a reminder of its illustrious maritime past. The site is particularly noteworthy for the votive church of Our Lady of the Rocks, built on an artificial islet by its inhabitants to honor an icon of the Virgin Mary, which, according to legend, was found on a rock off the coast. It is accessible by boat shuttles. While austere from the outside, you'll be impressed by its collection of votive

offerings and the richness of its Baroque paintings, illustrating the Kotor style that emerged in the 17th century.

Drive to Kotor. Travel time: 30 minutes.
Explore Kotor at your leisure.



The city of Kotor is a fortified city of ancient origin, boasting an exceptional natural harbor: the Bay of Kotor. It built its renown on trade and maritime transport, particularly during the 12th to 14th centuries when it was part of the Serbian Empire. A meeting place of cultures, it is home to both Catholic and Orthodox churches. Its impressively long 5.5 km ramparts rise on the slopes overlooking the Bay of Kotor, offering splendid views of this landscape, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We recommend visiting St. Tryphon's Cathedral, the Maritime Museum, and the city walls.

For the 3/4-star option: Return trip and overnight stay at Sveta Ana Lodges in Poljice. Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes.
For the 4/5-star option: Return trip and overnight stay at the Kazbek Hotel in Dubrovnik. Travel time: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 4: Sailing cruise in the Elaphiti archipelago - overnight stay in Poljice / Dubrovnik

Breakfast at your leisure
Meet at Dubrovnik harbor, the starting point for your private sailing cruise.
For the 3/4 star option: Travel time: 40 minutes.
For the 4/5 star option: 5-minute walk.
The principle of a private cruise is that you can define the itinerary with the skipper according to your preferences. The boat is reserved for the entire day.





The Elaphiti Islands are the southernmost archipelago of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea. They comprise 13 islands, three of which are still inhabited today. Koločep, an ancient Greek settlement dating back to the 4th century BC, boasts charming small Croatian pre-Romanesque churches and a protected nature park with beautiful, easy hiking trails. Lopud Island is known for its maritime heritage, as evidenced by its ancient palaces. It is famous for its magnificent sandy beach, Šunj. Šipan has a high concentration of olive groves and is known as "The Golden Island." The village of Sudurađ offers the only fully restored and open-to-the-public noble residence from the former Republic of Dubrovnik, allowing visitors to discover the region's typical rural architectural heritage. The Elaphiti Islands are renowned for their exceptionally clear waters. This cruise will take you sailing between dream and a reality of virtually untouched beauty.







You will first sail to Koločep Island. Koločep Island is a protected nature park with beautiful hiking trails. Sailing time: 1 hour.

Continue to Lopud Island, home to wealthy shipowners and famous for its lovely sandy beaches. Sailing time: 1 hour. Free time and lunch at your leisure in one of the many seaside restaurants.

5:00 PM. Return to Dubrovnik by boat, then transfer to the Sveta Ana Lodges in Poljice or the Kazbek Hotel in Dubrovnik.

Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

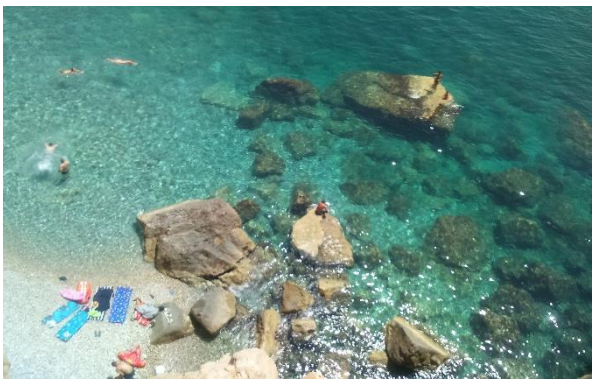
Day 5: Konavle with Cavtat and Pasjača beach - overnight stay in Poljice / Dubrovnik

Breakfast at your leisure.
Drive to Cavtat.
For the 3/4-star option: Travel time: 20 minutes.
For the 4/5-star option: Travel time: 20 minutes.

Explore Cavtat at your leisure.
Cavtat is one of the most beautiful villages on the Dubrovnik Riviera. Its unique natural position, sheltered by two headlands jutting into the sea, led the Romans to choose this enchanting spot to found the colony of Epidaurus. When it was destroyed by the arrival of the Croats, the refugees left to found Dubrovnik, thus the history of the two towns is closely intertwined. Today, Cavtat is a typical stone village with grand captains' houses, renowned for its restaurants, cafes, and a magnificent seaside promenade. It is home to a mausoleum created by the great Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović, a Franciscan monastery, and the birthplace of the great Impressionist artist Vlaho Bukovac. A small gem, rich in color, where life is good...




Continue to the impressive Pasjača beach at the foot of the Konavle cliffs; a path carved into the rock provides access. Journey time: 20 min.

Back to the rural cottages Sveta Ana Lodges in Poljice / to the Kazbek Hotel in Dubrovnik.
Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 6: The Pelješac peninsula and Korčula - overnight stay in Dominče / Orebić

Breakfast included.

Classified route along the Dubrovnik Riviera to Ston Veliki.

For the 3/4 star option: Travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes

For the 4/5 star option: Travel time: 1 hour

Explore Ston at your leisure.

The village of Ston is located at the junction of the Pelješac peninsula and the mainland. It is known for its mariculture, particularly the farming of Mediterranean oysters, a specialty not to be missed! It also houses the salt pans of the former Republic of Dubrovnik, which are still in operation. However, its most remarkable monument is its city walls, among the longest in Europe—a true feat of human construction!



A drive across the Pelješac peninsula, known for its stunning scenery, to Orebić.

Travel time: 45 minutes.

Pelješac is the longest peninsula in Croatia and a territory of wild beauty with its coves of crystal-clear waters. It is renowned for its wines, notably Dingač, produced in the Potomje vineyard, which is among the best reds in the country.





For the 3/4 star option:

Ferry transfer from Orebić to Dominče (Korčula). Ticket included.

Travel time: 20 min.

Drive to Korčula. Travel time: 10 min.

For the 4/5-star option:

You can park at the Hotel Katarina in Orebić. They will store your luggage if your room is not ready. Transfer by private boat from the hotel to Korčula town. Boat trip duration: 10 minutes.

Free time to explore Korčula.



Korčula embodies the spirit of the Dalmatian islands, marked by Venetian presence and the influences of the Republic of Dubrovnik. Its history is particularly defined by its religious brotherhoods, many of which are still active today. An important seaport in the Middle Ages, it was the birthplace of the great merchant and traveler Marco Polo. The island is renowned for its olive oil and wines. Ferry lines connect it to the islands of Mljet and Hvar, as well as the cities of Dubrovnik and Split. Its waters are exceptionally clear and a paradise for swimming.

3/4 STARS OPTION

Drive to Dominče. Travel time: 10 minutes.

Check-in at **the 3-star guesthouse Hajduk**. Accommodation in double room(s). Parking included.

Route jusqu'à Dominče. Durée du trajet: 10 min.

The family-run guesthouse is located in the hamlet of Dominče, 1.5 km from the historic center of Korčula. Dominče sits on Školjka Bay, known for its beautiful beach. A seaside promenade leads from Dominče to Korčula (30 minutes), or private boat services connect the pier in Školjka Bay to Korčula town. The guesthouse also offers taxi transfers in various sizes, serves traditional home-cooked meals, provides a personal touch with the locals, and offers guests the opportunity to relax in its large outdoor swimming pool.





4/5 STARS OPTION

Transfer by private boat from Korčula town to the Katarina Hotel in Orebić.
Sailing time: 10 min.
Check-in at **the 5-star Hotel Katarina**. Accommodation in double room(s). The price is calculated based on room 6 (average price). Parking included.
The Hotel Katarina is a magnificent boutique hotel located in the village of Orebić. It is a 5-star Relais & Châteaux property situated directly on the seafront with beautiful views of the islands of Korčula and Mljet. Its 11 rooms have each been individually designed, making each one unique and reflecting the Mediterranean ambiance. The hotel's top-notch concierge service, fine dining restaurant, and spa will complete your stay.






Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 7: Mljet Island National Park, following in the footsteps of Ulysses - overnight stay in Dominče / Orebić

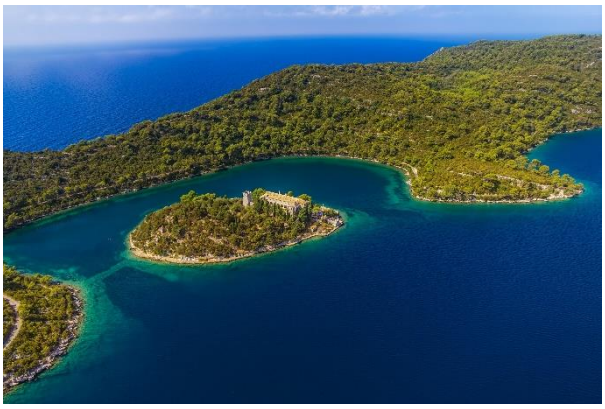
Breakfast at the hotel.
For the 3/4 star option:
Drive to Korčula. Driving time: 10 minutes.
You can walk to Korčula along the seaside promenade from Dominče Beach to Korčula. Walking time: 15-20 minutes.

For the 4/5 star option:
Transfer by private boat from the hotel to Korčula town. Boat trip time: 10 minutes.



Transfer by motor catamaran from Korčula to Pomena (Mljet). Journey time: 30 minutes.
Ticket included.

Explore the Mljet Island National Park at your leisure (entrance fee not included, payable locally). We recommend visiting the islet of St. Mary with its ancient 11th-century monastery.
Mljet is the island of the Odyssey where Odysseus is said to have stayed… in the arms of the nymph Calypso, for seven blissful years. Pine and oak forests cover its territory, a third of which is part of the national park. Its most striking feature is two interconnected lakes, themselves linked to the sea by a narrow channel. On the larger of the two lakes sits another island—an island within an island! This unique configuration was created by rising sea levels around 10,000 BC, resulting in exceptional flora and fauna. On the islet of St. Mary stands an ancient Benedictine monastery dating back to the Middle Ages, now housing a restaurant. This spot is ideal for swimming, as the water temperature of the lakes is warmer than that of the sea. A stroll through its waters will quickly show you why Odysseus never wanted to leave.





Transfer by motor catamaran from Pomena to Korčula. Ticket included.

<u>For the 3/4 star option:</u>
Return and overnight stay at the Hajduk guesthouse in Dominče.

<u>For the 4/5 star option:</u>
Transfer by private boat from Korčula town to the Katarina Hotel in Orebić.
Sailing time: 10 minutes.

Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 8: Šibenik (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Jezerce / Korenica

Breakfast at the hotel.

For the 3/4 star option:
Drive to the ferry terminal in Dominče. Travel time: 5 minutes.
Ferry transfer from Dominče to Orebić. Ticket included. Travel time: 20 minutes.

Scenic drive to Šibenik, passing over the spectacular 2.5 km long bridge between the Pelješac peninsula and the mainland, the floating gardens of the Neretva River delta, and the Dalmatian plateaus. Travel time: 3 hours.





Explore Šibenik at your leisure.
Šibenik is a picturesque Dalmatian village founded by the Croats, unlike other Dalmatian cities of ancient origin. A royal city boasting numerous fortresses, it is famous for its Cathedral of St. James, an unparalleled architectural masterpiece that has earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. Šibenik is one of the few cities in Croatia with a beautiful beach close to its historic center.



Drive to Korenica/Jezerce in the Dinaric Alps. You'll experience a transition from a Mediterranean climate to a mountain climate.
Travel time: 2 hours 15 minutes

3/4 STARS OPTION

Accommodation at **the 3-star guesthouse Etnohouse**. Accommodation in double room(s). Parking included.



The Etnohouse Plitvice guesthouse is a collection of traditional 3-star superior and 4-star houses, built entirely with local materials, including river travertine, which is now protected. It is one of the few establishments in the national park with a swimming pool, as it was built before the park's protection measures were implemented. All the rooms are furnished with solid wood, varying the wood species in each room (walnut, acacia, oak, etc.), and are beautifully crafted. The guesthouse also features a restaurant serving local specialties. The family that runs the guesthouse belongs to the Serbian minority in Croatia, who have lived in the mountains since the 16th century. The property is located in a natural paradise within Plitvice Lakes National Park.

4/5 STARS OPTION

Accommodation at **the 4-star guesthouse Mrzlin Grad**. Accommodation in Deluxe double room(s). Parking included.

This traditional guesthouse is located on the edge of a forest in Vrelo Koreničko, about 10 km from Plitvice Lakes National Park. The rooms have a private balcony, an en suite bathroom, and offer views of the surrounding landscape. Guests can enjoy local specialties in the traditional restaurant.





Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 9: Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Jezerce / Korenica

Breakfast at the hotel.

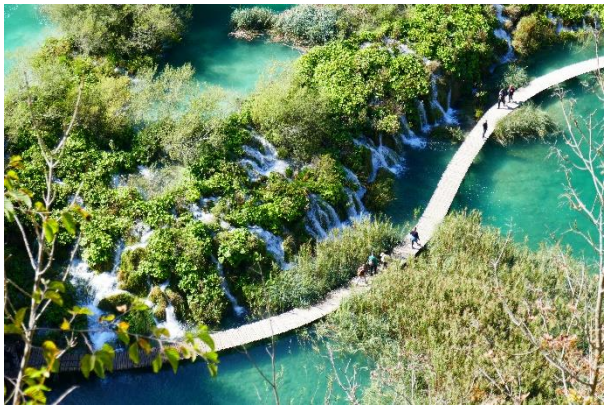
Drive to Plitvice Lakes. Travel time: 10 min. from Jezerce / 20 min. from Korenica.

(National park entrance fee not included. We will provide you with online booking instructions in your itinerary.)

Self-guided tour of the national park, including the travertine waterfalls in the upper section, the electric boat on the large central lake, Kozjak, and the lower canyon with the Big Falls and the rubber-tired train.

Distance: 8 km. – Actual walking time: 3 hours – Total hiking time with breaks: 5 hours – Difficulty level: 2/5

Plitvice Lakes National Park is located in the Lika region of Croatia's mountains. This UNESCO World Heritage Site comprises 16 crystal-clear lakes that cascade into one another through magnificent waterfalls. A true natural paradise, you can explore the entire park, from the travertine waterfalls of the upper section and the electric boat on the large central lake, Kozjak, to the lower canyon with its impressive 70-meter waterfall. There are rest areas within the national park itself, as well as bistros offering grilled food and simple meals. The trails are accessible and easy to follow. Protected since the late 19th century, it is one of Croatia's most beautiful natural sites.






Return and overnight stay at the Etnohouse Plitvice guesthouse in Jezerce / at the Mrzlin Grad guesthouse in Korenica.

Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 10: Zadar (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Trogir / Split

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Zadar. Travel time: 2 hours.
Free time to explore Zadar.



Zadar boasts a rich heritage dating back to antiquity and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its main square is a Roman forum, featuring a complex built by Saint Donatus in the 9th century, including a church modeled after the one in Aachen, illustrating the close political ties with Charlemagne. The Benedictine nuns of Zadar have preserved an important collection of gold and silver work known as Gold and Silver. Zadar is a vibrant city that has created modern landmarks such as its organ integrated into the quayside, on which the sea and winds create a mystical, organic melody.

3/4 STARS OPTION

Drive to Trogir. Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes.
Check-in at **the 4-star Hotel Tragos**. Accommodation in double room(s). Parking included.



Hotel Tragos offers the unique experience of staying in an 18th-century Baroque palace. It eclectically blends modern comfort with the charm of bygone eras. This family-run, 4-star boutique hotel is located in the historic center of Trogir, just 20 meters from the Old Town Square, Pjaca, and the renowned Cathedral of St. Lawrence. The Tragos Restaurant is housed in a renovated wine cellar, featuring wooden ceilings, exposed stone walls, and sculptures depicting Trogir's history. The menu includes Dalmatian and Croatian specialties.



Trogir is located on a small island very close to the mainland, to which it is connected by a bridge. Another bridge allows you to travel from Trogir to the neighboring island of Čiovo! The island of Trogir is an ancient Greek colony founded in the 4th century BC. Its commercial past is evident in the rich architecture of its palaces and its cathedral, with its revolutionary portal for its time. The charm of the old town also lies

in getting lost in its maze of medieval alleyways where the past coexists with the present. This ever-present beauty explains its UNESCO World Heritage status and the discovery of a bas-relief depicting the Greek god Kairos, the god of the opportune moment… but beware: he runs very fast!



4/5 STARS OPTION

Drive to Split. Travel time: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Check-in at **the 5-star Hotel President**. Accommodation in Deluxe double room(s). Parking included.

The Palazzo President is a historic 5-star hotel. This small, urban boutique hotel is a 10-minute walk from Split's historic center. It is notable for its refined design and the richness of the materials used. Its cuisine is of a high standard, blending traditional dishes with originality and style. It also has a conference room. Complimentary transfers to the famous Bačvice Beach are available upon request.





Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 11: Split (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Trogir / Split

Breakfast at the hotel.

For the 3/4-star option: Drive to Split. Travel time: 40 minutes.

For the 4/5-star option: Walk to the historic center. Walking time: 10 minutes.

Explore Split at your leisure.

Split is a unique monument in that it is a living, breathing entity. The original Roman palace has been constantly transformed throughout history, each era leaving its mark to create this ever-evolving melting pot of architectural styles, now the heart of Croatia's second-largest city and the country's second-largest port. Its cathedral is the oldest in the world and a beautiful illustration of Split's spirit, as it was the mausoleum of the greatest persecutor of Christians, Emperor Diocletian. The paradoxical state of preservation of Diocletian's palace earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. You will discover an extraordinary monument!





Return and overnight stay at the Hotel Tragos in Trogir / Palazzo President in Split.
Lunch and dinner at your leisure (not included).

Day 12: Departure from Split Airport

Breakfast at the hotel.
Drive to Split Airport. Travel time: 10 minutes from Trogir / 30 minutes from Split.
Return of the rental car.
Departure flight

For the 4/5-star option: If your flight schedule allows, we suggest you visit Trogir.



VEHICLE DESCRIPTION



For two people: a category B car with air conditioning, such as an Opel Corsa, Suzuki Swift, Chevrolet Aveo, or Renault Clio.

For four people: a category H Standard car, such as a Skoda Octavia.



For six to eight people: a category M van, such as an Opel Vivaro 8+1 or Renault Trafic 8+1.

Of course, any other vehicle category can be rented.

RENTAL CONDITIONS:



- Unlimited mileage and the possibility of visiting the islands
- CDW insurance (any damage to the vehicle is charged up to a maximum amount blocked on your card, the amount of which depends on the type of vehicle rented); third-party liability insurance, which covers damage you may cause to other people or private or public property; theft insurance.

NOTES :

- It is important that you provide us with your arrival and departure flight times as soon as possible, as there is an additional charge for vehicle pick-ups and drop-offs outside of the rental company's office hours (8:00 AM - 8:00 PM).
- Please inform us of the number of drivers required for the vehicles, as there is an additional charge for additional drivers.
- It is also important to inform us of the age of the travelers, as it is not possible to rent a vehicle to individuals with a driver's license less than two years old. In addition, there is a surcharge for travelers under 21 and over 75 years of age.
- A credit card is required when picking up the vehicle for the security deposit, which is always required (the amount is held for the duration of the trip and released upon return of the vehicle).
- In the event of an accident or a traffic violation, it is imperative to immediately inform the Sveta Ana Agency on the same day using the assistance number provided in your travel documents and to your agent by email.

TRIP PRICE

Prices given per person, in euros, net including VAT:

Time of year 2027	Number of participants							
	2 people – with a category B vehicle and 1 small house in Poljice		4 people – with a category H vehicle and 2 cottages in Poljice		6 people – with a category M vehicle and 2 cottages in Poljice		8 people – with a category M vehicle and 2 cottages in Poljice (2 adults and 4 children)	
	3 / 4*	4 / 5*	3 / 4*	4 / 5*	3 / 4*	4 / 5*	3 / 4*	4 / 5*
01 - 15.05	1562 €	3355 €	1213 €	2869 €	1117 €	2690 €	988 €	2592 €
16 - 31.05	1592 €	3536 €	1243 €	3014 €	1147 €	2835 €	1018 €	2737 €
01 - 15.06	1692 €	4078 €	1274 €	3513 €	1198 €	3358 €	1056 €	3254 €
16 - 30.06	1754 €	4203 €	1326 €	3630 €	1242 €	3470 €	1102 €	3366 €
01 - 15.07	2076 €	4505 €	1534 €	3854 €	1427 €	3714 €	1278 €	3580 €
16.07 - 31.08	2092 €	4505 €	1550 €	3854 €	1443 €	3714 €	1294 €	3580 €
01 - 15.09	1975 €	4381 €	1463 €	3730 €	1376 €	3590 €	1226 €	3456 €
16 - 30.09	1756 €	4101 €	1313 €	3516 €	1247 €	3370 €	1106 €	3266 €
01 - 15.10.	1652 €	3571 €	1250 €	3000 €	1202 €	2859 €	1065 €	2754 €
16 - 31.10	1612 €	3390 €	1210 €	2855 €	1162 €	2714 €	1025 €	2609 €

3 / 4 * = 3 and 4 star category accommodations
4 / 5 * = 4 and 5 star category accommodations

The price includes:

- Accommodation in double rooms for 11 nights in 3/4-star or 4/5-star hotels or guesthouses
- Rental of a vehicle in the selected category for 12 days (see "Rental Conditions").
- For the 3/4-star option: Round-trip ferry transfers between Orebić and Dominče (Korčula)
- For the 4/5-star option: Two round-trip private boat transfers between the Katarina Hotel in Orebić and Korčula.
- Round-trip catamaran transfers from Korčula to Mljet.
- Private sailing cruise in the Elaphiti Islands
- A travel pack including a detailed itinerary, a folder containing information on tourist sites to visit (history, details), and various practical details about the country (restaurant recommendations, parking locations, recommended places)
- 24/7 assistance from the Sveta Ana agency in English. An emergency number will be provided in case of incidents or any other major problem
- Tourist taxes, assistance, insurance, and organization fees charged by the Sveta Ana agency

NOTES:

- Sveta Ana has checked the availability of accommodations at the time of writing this offer but does not guarantee them. Reservations will be made after the traveler's confirmation. If the proposed accommodations are no longer available, an alternative will be offered at the closest price and in the vicinity of the originally suggested accommodation. The traveler then has two business days to request changes to the accommodations in the confirmed itinerary, which will be sent for final review.
- Sveta Ana has several agreements with local car rental companies. Rental car prices are dynamic. Offers are based on current prices, but these are not guaranteed. The vehicle price will also be fixed after the traveler's confirmation in the final booked itinerary. The agency thus guarantees the best market price at a given time. Please note: The further the traveler's confirmation date is from the date the offer was written, the more likely prices are to vary.
- The itinerary will provide you with GPS coordinates for sites and accommodations, practical information, maps, and recommendations. Everything necessary for a smooth trip. Sveta Ana agency's assistance includes help in case of problems, monitoring of booked services, and helpful tips if you have any questions. However, it does not involve constant real-time tracking, program adjustments, or active communication with the traveler during their trip.
- Distance times are given for normal driving conditions and are only indicative, as they may vary depending on unforeseen factors such as roadworks, accidents, traffic jams, and inclement weather.

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Child seat.
- Fuel.
- Tolls and parking fees.
- Entrance fees to monuments and national parks mentioned in the itinerary.
- International flights and airport taxes.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Repatriation assistance/insurance.
- Drinks and personal expenses.
- Tips.

SUPPLEMENTS:

The Sveta Ana agency offers additional services to ensure you can enjoy your trip with complete peace of mind:

- •Combined insurance policies such as Super CDW, WUG, and PAI cover damage to the car regardless of who caused it (any damage to the vehicle is charged up to a maximum amount held on your card, the amount of which depends on the type of vehicle rented); third-party liability insurance, comprehensive insurance, and public liability insurance cover damage you may cause to other people or private or public property; and theft insurance. These policies cover damage to the bodywork, exterior plastic components, and engine damage. A security deposit is held on the traveler's account upon vehicle collection to cover any uncovered expenses. Damage to the chassis and interior of the vehicle, as well as damage resulting from traffic violations, is not covered. Damage must be documented with a police report; otherwise, it is not covered. The daily price depends on the vehicle category. This corresponds to comprehensive insurance.
- Child seat
- GPS
- English-speaking guides. In Croatia, the law requires a licensed guide for tours of tourist sites. Licenses are issued by region.
- "Private Tour" package with a driver, including their daily expenses and those of the vehicle (accommodation, food, fuel, tolls, parking). The driver can be a professional English-speaking tour guide. Please note that a driver cannot always concentrate on providing commentary while driving. Their services cannot be the same as those of a dedicated commentary guide. It is possible to have both a tour guide and a driver, bearing in mind that guided city tours must be conducted by local guides, which are at an additional cost. An estimated cost for a English-speaking driver/tour guide is €450.00 per day, plus accommodation in a single room with dinners (vehicle rental is not included).

  Prices for private tours with a driver are lower, but please verify.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be made by email to the local agency. Cancellation fees vary 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

SVETA ANA EXPERIENCES – PERSONALIZE YOUR TRIP EVEN MORE

SEA KAYAKING IN DUBROVNIK (DAY 2):

Meet in front of Dubrovnik's Old Town. Rent a sea kayak for two people for a 2-hour group excursion with an instructor.

Board the sea kayaks and head out of Kolorina Bay below Pile Square, dominated by Fort St. Lawrence, then paddle along the city walls. You'll then paddle past Lokrum Island (no landing on the island as there is an entrance fee). You'll take a break in Betina Cave, then return along the same route for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a city originally designed to be seen from the sea!

Price per person: €45





GUIDED TOUR OF DUBROVNIK (DAY 2):

Tour of Dubrovnik's historic center with a English-speaking guide for 1.5 to 2 hours.

Total price: 175 euros

QUAD BIKING IN KONAVLE (DAY 5):

Meet at the Kojan Koral Center in the village of Radovčići.

9:00 AM. Equipment presentation and instructions. 2 people per quad bike.

You will depart from the village of Radovčići and descend into the Konavle plain, crossing the Ljuta River several times before climbing back up to the village of Čilipi and returning to Radovčiči along the cliffs. Coffee break (coffee not included) in the village of Čilipi midway through the ride, followed by a visit to the small Konavle Traditions Museum and refreshments at the end of the excursion: juice or water. Excursion duration: 3.5-4 hours. Option for one person per quad bike and private tours available.

Price per person in a group with 2 people per quad bike: 90 euros





HORSEBACK RIDING IN KONAVLE (DAY 5):



Meeting point at the Kojan Koral center where the horseback riding tour begins. A guide will be present throughout the tour. After getting acquainted with the guests and the guide, the guide will provide the guests with their safety equipment, introduce them to their horses, and explain the basics of riding.

The tour is safe for beginners and first-time riders, as the trail is not demanding and the pace is slow, allowing for complete peace of mind. The horseback riding tour itself lasts two hours, during which guests will ride along unexplored forest paths, along the rocky coast of Konavle, passing through the preserved archaeological remains of the village of Popovići, and discovering the beauty of Konavle. Upon arrival, guests will be welcomed with a snack in a romantic setting. The maximum number of participants is 6.

Price per person in a group: 140 euros

THE AR A GRUDA WORKSHOP: DISCOVERING KONAVLE SILK FARMING AND EMBROIDERY WITH AN ARTIST (DAY 5):



Visit the AR art gallery of academic painter Antonija Rusković. The workshop has received the national art protection label for Konavle embroidery.

The Konavle region is known for its silk production and embroidery. This tradition remains vibrant, as women pass down family motifs from mother to daughter. The pride and expertise of these women are evident in the embroidery of their traditional costumes. During the conflict of the 1990s, a women's association in Konavle, with the help of a French NGO, reintroduced the silkworm, which had disappeared due to atrocities.

The AR workshop produces silk using traditional methods. They use the cocoons for display and in workshops for the traditional production of silk thread. It also boasts a rich collection of embroideries used in traditional costumes and other domestic purposes.

The presentation recounts the history, sociology, and way of life of the Konavle region. It presents the life cycle of a silkworm through all its stages: from egg to larva, caterpillar, and butterfly. You will see a demonstration of silk thread production and learn all about the making of Konavle costumes and embroidery, an invaluable and unique heritage.

At the end of the approximately 30-minute presentation, you will enjoy traditional sweet treats accompanied by homemade liqueurs.





Total price: 200 euros (maximum 8 people – private excursion)

DISCOVERING OYSTER AND MUSSEL FARMING IN STON (DAY 6)

You will board a small boat to reach a shellfish farming platform in the mussel and oyster beds to learn about the farming process. The platform is set up for presentations and tastings. The farmer will offer you six oysters fresh from the sea and mussels cooked "buzara" style, meaning cooked with olive oil, garlic, and parsley. You will also taste candied almonds, a local specialty. An aperitif followed by a glass of white wine from the renowned Pelješac vineyards will complement this traditional dish. Swimming in the crystal-clear waters of the sheltered bay of Ston is also possible. The excursion lasts approximately 1.5 hours and is private.

Price per person: 90 euros



WINE AND OLIVE OIL TASTING IN PONIKVE ON PELJEŠAC (DAY 6)

Welcome and a brief introduction to viticulture on the Pelješac peninsula, followed by a tasting of liqueurs, then white wine, and finally olive oil. Next, a tasting of two types of red wine, the local Plavac Mali variety, paired with cheese cured in olive oil. The family has been exclusively dedicated to viticulture for generations. Their production is entirely organic, combining traditional methods with modern winemaking techniques to produce wines of exceptional quality. Private tour.



Price per person: 25 euros

TRADITIONAL COOKING CLASS IN PLITVICE (DAY 8 or 9)

Excursion cooking class with the Špehar family in their house located in the Plitvice National Park (at entrance 1). The husband is a chef in the best restaurant in the national park. The excursion offers you an authentic atmosphere and will introduce you to traditional cuisine as it was done 100 years ago, without electricity or gas. Everything is cooked over a wood fire. The food comes from their garden or from crops and livestock in the surrounding area. Everything is completely natural. For the starter, you will make local polenta with fermented milk in a pot hung over the fire. For the main course, you will cook lamb and veal cooked under the bell jar. The principle is that the meat is placed with vegetables on a metal dish which is itself placed on a bed of embers. It is covered with a metal bell with a ring to hold the embers on it. The dish cooks for 1.5 to 2 hours. The bread is also made under the bell. For dessert, you will make typical little donuts that you will enjoy with homemade jam. Throughout the creation of these dishes, you will have at your disposal the famous mountain brandies and local wine and juices. A unique gastronomic experience and a beautiful moment to share. Excursion can be privatized.

Price per person in a group: 90 euros








KAYAKING ON THE KORANA RIVER (DAY 10)



Meet in Rastoke at 10:00 AM. You will paddle the beautiful Croatian karst landscape of the Mrežnica River in GUMOTEX K2 inflatable kayaks, navigating numerous rapids and travertine barriers where you will experience the adrenaline rush and excitement of this sport. This section of the river features more than ten waterfalls, all of which will be navigated by kayak (except for one that is 8 meters high). An instructor will accompany the trip, and safety equipment will be provided.
Total duration: 5 hours. Easy level, suitable for ages 6 and up.
Price per person in a group: 55 euros

GUIDED TOUR OF SPLIT (DAY 11)
Tour of Split's historic center with a English-speaking guide for 1.5 to 2 hours.
Total price: 175 euros

THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF YOUR TRIP

BASIC CALCULATION DATA

AIRPLANES
Flights account for approximately 4.5% of global CO2 emissions. We have taken an average of the data from various sources, which range from 3% to 6%.
Croatia is a medium-haul destination for the main countries of origin for travelers from the Sveta Ana agency: France, Belgium, and Switzerland. This means that flights are between 1,000 and 3,500 km. Aircraft fuel consumption varies depending on flight distance, as the maximum energy consumption occurs during takeoff. Shorter distances consume the most fuel per kilometer (under 100 km). Croatia is therefore a destination with acceptable air travel in terms of carbon emissions.
According to data found on the European Union website, average aircraft emissions in Europe are **97g of CO2 per km per passenger.**

FERRY
Croatia boasts numerous islands that offer breathtaking scenery. We will consider the Krševan-type ferries that operate the Orebić-Dominće route, which have the following characteristics: a weight of

780 tons, a speed of 12 knots, an engine power of 1790 kW, and a maximum capacity of 100 cars and 600 passengers. These figures come from a study by the Technical University of Zagreb. We will assume a passenger load of 400 for our calculations. Thus, the average carbon emissions are **32g of CO2 per kilometer per passenger.**

CATAMARAN

A catamaran is a fast boat on floats. Its shallow draft makes it three times faster than a ferry. For example, the Krilo catamaran can reach a speed of 36 knots and its engine has a power of 5000 kW, with a maximum capacity of 428 passengers, according to data from the Croatian Technical Encyclopedia. This mode of transport consumes approximately 2.8 times more fuel than a ferry. However, it often saves many kilometers compared to journeys combining car and ferry. Our programs utilize these options in such cases. We will assume a passenger load of 300 for our calculations. Therefore, the average carbon emissions are **120g of CO2 per kilometer per passenger.**

NEW CAR

According to data from the European Union, cars account for 61% of total CO2 emissions in Europe. New and modern cars have an average emission of **95g of CO2 per km per passenger** (e.g., a Renault Clio). A similar model manufactured only 10 years ago emitted 190 g of CO2 per km per passenger. Our service provider complies with Croatian law, which mandates that rental cars must be at least two years old. They have endorsed our Sustainable Charter and actively select fuel-efficient models. Our calculations are based on two people in a category B car, such as a Clio.

TRAIN

There is no reliable train network in Croatia; it is outdated and unusable. The country is mountainous, making it difficult to develop a railway network. However, it is possible to reach Zagreb by train. We recommend this mode of transport. There is again a discrepancy between sources, but we offer average figures found on various websites (sustainable development websites and the SNCF website). As a guide, a high-speed train like the TGV with few stops emits approximately **2 g of CO2 per km per passenger**. A long-distance train, such as an Intercities, emits approximately **5.6 g of CO2 per km per passenger.** A regional train like the TER emits approximately **22 g of CO2 per km per passenger.**

BUSES

The bus network in Croatia is well-developed for travel between major cities, but it's difficult to use for planning a customized trip. Schedules aren't always reliable, and routes can be canceled. A bus emits an average of **30g of CO2 per passenger per kilometer.** The average journey time between Dubrovnik and Zagreb by bus is 10 hours, while by car it takes 6 hours. Furthermore, it's often necessary to combine bus travel with taxi journeys to reach accommodations and tourist sites. As a result, buses travel more slowly. So, at equivalent speeds, the difference isn't necessarily significant. But essentially, taking the bus is a major waste of time. We don't work with national bus lines but will provide information on local lines within cities when relevant.

SAILBOAT

A classic Elan 43 touring sailboat with 4 cabins and a Yanmar 45 engine producing approximately 31.1 kW consumes about 2.19 liters per 100 km, which is 40% more than a Renault Clio. While they can compensate with sail power, in practice, most journeys are made under engine power for tourism, so we will disregard this possibility. They also consume electricity for onboard needs, which is approximately 10 W per hour, as our calculations are approximate. This results in an average CO2 emission of **135g per km per passenger.** Our calculations are based on an average of 4 hours of sailing per day.

CALCULATION OF THE "AUTHENTIC CROATIA" PROGRAM

Approximate total distance traveled by plane (Paris-Dubrovnik and Split-Paris flights): 3,690 km.
Approximate CO2 emissions for flights: 358 tonnes of CO2

Approximate total distance traveled by car: 1,247 km.
Approximate CO2 emissions for car journeys: 118.5 tonnes of CO2

Approximate total distance traveled by ferry: 7 km.
Approximate CO2 emissions for ferry journeys: 0.225 tonnes of CO2

Approximate total distance traveled by catamaran: 52 km.
Approximate CO2 emissions for catamaran journeys: 6.25 tonnes of CO2

Approximate total distance traveled by sailboat: 15 km.
Approximate CO2 emissions for sailing trips: 2 tonnes of CO2

TOTAL CO2 FOOTPRINT PER PERSON: 485 tonnes of CO2