

**STAY IN DALMATIA ON THE MAKARSKA RIVIERA**

***Beautiful beaches and an excellent location for visiting most important sites in southern Croatia***

**8 days / 7 nights**

**POSITION DE DRVENIK**



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## **DRVENIK**

Drvenik is a typical Dalmatian village with sandy and gravel beaches stretching for several kilometers. Above Drvenik rises the impressive Biokovo mountain range, peaking at more than 1,750 meters of altitude. The region is sparsely urbanized and has maintained a harmonious relationship between nature and man with a remarkable quality of seawater. Drvenik opens directly towards the sea and faces the islands of Brač, Hvar and the Pelješac peninsula. A ferry line connects Drvenik with the southern part of Hvar island.



The average annual precipitation in the last 5 years is 1.109,97 mm showing that in average it rains less in Šibenik (986,83 mm) or Split (928,45 mm) but more in Ploče on the delta of the Neretva river to the south (1261,15 mm) and in Dubrovnik in the south of the country (1385,20 mm).



Drvenik and the island of Hvar enjoy the highest number of annual sunshine hours per year.

The water temperature is suitable for swimming 190 days a year. The average annual water temperature is 20°C (68°F) and in summer it is between 23° (73°F) and 27°C (80°F). The waters of Makarska Riviera are among the warmest on the Croatian Adriatic coast.



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## **PROGRAM**

### **Day 1: Arrival at Split or Dubrovnik airport**

Arrival at Split or Dubrovnik airport.

Meeting with your English-speaking tour leader.

Transfer by bus to Drvenik. Travel time: 2h – 131 kilometers

Dinner in hotel restaurant.

*The Bella Vista is a 4\* hotel located in the Drvenik bay, 50 meters from the beach, on the famous Makarska Riviera at the foot of the impressive Biokovo massif. It features comfortable rooms with air conditioning, satellite TV and free Wi-Fi. The hotel also has a wellness area with a jacuzzi, sauna and fitness centre.*



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**Day 2: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mostar (UNESCO)**

Breakfast.

Road to Mostar by the Neretva river canyon.

Travel time: 2h

Walking tour with a local guide including a visit of the Karadžoz Beg mosque.

*The city of Mostar, being a remarkable blend of Eastern and Western cultures, is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The result of this melting pot is found in people's looks, architecture, bazaar... a puzzling atmosphere disturbing the historical benchmarks.*



Lunch of local specialties in a local restaurant, near the Old Bridge.

Menu

*Starter: cheese pita*

*Main dish: typical grill spicy minced meat rolls, vine leaves, stuffed peppers and onions and stewed meat*

*Salad*

*Dessert: nut and honey cake*

Leisure time

Return to the hotel.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



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### **Day 3: Krka national park**

Breakfast.

Bus transfer to the Krka national park with a local guide.

Travel time: 2h15

Entrance to the park by the ethnographic village Lozovac. The ethnographic village is made of traditional stone houses presenting old trades, water mills, a forge and looms. You will also enjoy splendid views on the Skradinski Buk waterfalls.

Weather permitting, lunch in an open-air restaurant in ethnographic village. In case of rain, we will have lunch in a restaurant at the entrance of the park.

#### Menu

*Starter: fish soup*

*Main dish: grilled trout with steamed potatoes and chard*

*Salad*

*Dessert: homemade cake*

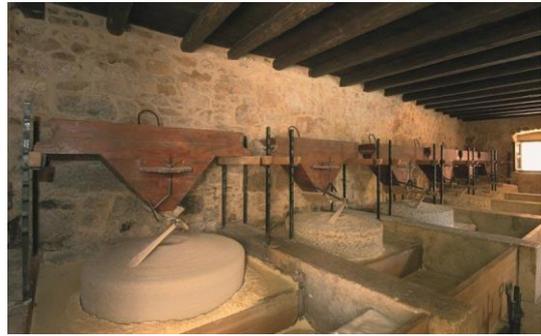
Walk in the park on paths through the forest infiltrated by the river to the Skradinski Buk waterfalls. Walking time: approximately 1h

Time at leisure. You can go for a swim at the foot of the waterfalls. Krka is the only national park in Croatia that allows swimming. On the rest area you will find stands, a café and a restaurant.

Board the national park's boat and sail downstream the Krka river canyon to the village of Skradin. Sailing time: 30 min

Bus pick up in Skradin and return to Drvenik.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



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#### **Day 4: Dubrovnik (UNESCO), the pearl of the Adriatic**

Breakfast.

Transfer to Dubrovnik.

Travel time: 2h

Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide. You will discover the Rector's palace, the Franciscan monastery with the 14th century pharmacy, the Sponza palace and the Saint Blaise cathedral.

*Dubrovnik was a Mediterranean city-state which managed to preserve its freedom and avoid conflicts by means of a very skilful diplomacy. The prosperity of the old Republic is palpable on every stone of Dubrovnik, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the world. "The Pearl of the Adriatic" is the part of the UNESCO World Heritage.*



Lunch in a restaurant in the old town.

#### Menu

*Starter: fish soup*

*Main dish: seafood risotto*

*Dessert: ice cream*

Time at leisure.

Return to Drvenik.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



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### **Day 5: Pelješac peninsula and the island Korčula, Marco Polo's birthplace**

Breakfast.

Transfer to the town of Ston.

Travel time: 1h15

*Ston is located on the Pelješac peninsula, on an isthmus between the open sea and the enclosed bay. A long and high medieval wall connects the two sides and the town of Ston and Ston Mali. The town's grid architecture mirrors the 14<sup>th</sup> century salt marshes on its shore*

*Ston is renowned for shellfish farming as one of the rare sites where the Mediterranean oyster has been preserved. Oyster fields can be seen from the town of Ston Mali.*



Oyster tasting: 3 oysters with a glass of white wine

Continue along Pelješac, the longest peninsula in Croatia, known for its wild landscapes. Arrive in the town of Orebić. Travel time: 1h15



Board a boat (reserved for the group) to the island and town of Korčula. Sailing time: 20min

Walking tour of Korčula with a local guide. You will discover the ruins of Marco Polo's house and the cathedral. Walking tour duration is approximately 1h. *Korčula embodies the spirit of the Dalmatian islands marked by the Venetian domination especially through the still active brotherhoods, part of today's tradition. Korčula is also the birthplace of the great merchant and traveller Marco Polo.*



Lunch in a restaurant in the old town.

#### Menu

*Starter: Caesar salad*

*Main dish: grilled redfish with vegetables*

*Dessert: apple puff pastry*

Return to Orebić by boat.

Bus transfer to the town of Trpanj. Travel time: 45min

Board a ferry of the national sea shipping company Jadrolinija to the port of Ploče.

Sailing time: 1h

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The ferry features a large indoor lounge bar and outdoor open spaces.

Bus transfer to Drvenik. Travel time: 15min

Dinner in hotel restaurant.

### **Day 6: Split (UNESCO)**

Breakfast.

Transfer by bus to Split with an English-speaking guide. Travel time: 2h

Walking tour with a local guide including the cathedral and the Jupiter's temple in the Diocletian's palace.

*The city centre of Croatia's second largest city is a living monument. The immense original palace of the Roman emperor Diocletian has gradually been occupied by palaces and other buildings, resulting in an astonishing fusion of architectural styles in constant turmoil. The Diocletian's palace is one of the best-preserved ancient monuments in the world, listed as UNESCO World heritage.*

*Lunch in a restaurant in the city centre.*

#### *Menu*

*Starter: seasonal salad*

*Main dish: grilled squid with chard and steamed potatoes*

*Dessert: semifreddo*

Time at leisure. We recommend visiting the open-air market, full of colours and local products.

Return to Drvenik by the scenic coastal road.

Travel time: 2h

Dinner in hotel restaurant.

### **Day 7: Makarska and the delta of the Neretva river with a typical dinner**

Breakfast.

Transfer by bus to the town of Makarska. Travel time: 45min

Leisure time in Makarska.

*Makarska is the central town of the Biokovo mountain range and the region with the biggest difference in altitude in Europe. The crown, Saint George, peaks at more than 1750m above the town. The town's centre has a typical Dalmatian appearance with stone houses. Makarska has a particular landscape formed by a cape dividing the coast in two bays!*



Return to the hotel.

Lunch in hotel restaurant.

Time at leisure.

Departure by bus with a local guide, towards the town Vid located on the delta of the river Neretva.

Travel time: 1h

*The Neretva Delta is a wetland covering an area of more than 300 km<sup>2</sup>. It was drained in the 19th century by canals to form an impressive, very fertile hortillonnage in which citrus fruits, mostly mandarins, oranges and lemons, as well as many vegetables are cultivated. The main feature of the delta are reed beds and fields of water lilies sheltering more than 150 species of birds, amphibians and the eel. During the Middle Ages this area was inhabited by pirates sailing on heavy, flat-bottomed boats called "lađa". Even today, lađa races are an original feature of the local culture and the winners enjoy great fame.*



Boarding on large flat-bottomed boats typical for the Neretva marshes. Sailing with musicians on board over the network of canals through reed beds to a meadow where a

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local brandy and liqueur is served.

Continue to a typical restaurant in Momići village.

Duration of the small cruise: 1h

*Traditional dinner accompanied by musicians singing Dalmatian songs*

Menu

*Main dish: grilled lamb on a spit with potatoes cooked on a coal bed under a metal bell*

*Seasonal salad*

*Dessert: homemade cake*

*Beverage package: ½ l of wine and ½ l water per person*

Return to Drvenik.

**Day 8: Departure from Split or Dubrovnik airport**

Breakfast.

Luggage portage (if needed) from the hotel room to the reception.

Transfer by bus to Split or Dubrovnik airport. Travel time: 2h / 2h30

Departure flight.



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### **TOUR PRICE in hotel BELLA VISTA 4\***

The price includes:

- Accommodation for 7 nights in hotel Bella Vista 4\*, half board
- Services of an English-speaking tour leader from day 1 do day 8
- Transport by bus for all transfers with all associated costs
- Entrances: Karađoz beg mosque in Mostar, Krka national park, cathedral and Jupiter's temple in Split
- Transport by boat and ferry
- Oyster tasting with a glass of white wine in Ston
- 5 lunches with beverage package in Mostar, Krka, Dubrovnik, Split, Korčula and the typical dinner in the delta of river Neretva with musicians
- Assistance, insurance and organization costs of Sveta Ana travel agency

### **NOTES**

- Sveta Ana travel agency does not guarantee hotel availabilities prior to explicit client's request for options on specific dates
- Specific tours can be offered as optionals, the program can be adapted to client's wishes

### **CANCELLATION TERMS**

Cancellations must be written and sent by email to the local agency. Cancellation fees vary depending on when the cancellation occurs:

- more than 30 days prior to departure: 25% of the price of the trip,
- from 30 to 7 days prior to departure: 50% of the price of the trip,
- from 7 days prior to departure to the day of the departure of the trip: 100% of the price of the trip