

« CROATIA, MONTENEGRO AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA » – 12 DAYS

YOUR ITINERARY



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PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival at Dubrovnik airport – overnight in Dubrovnik

Arrival at Dubrovnik airport in Croatia.

Meeting with your English-speaking tour leader.

Transfer by bus (tourist bus reserved for the group) to Dubrovnik.

Travel time: 30min

Check in at one of the hotels of the Valamar complex (Valamar Club or Tirena).

The Valamar Club or Tirena hotels are two neighbouring 3-star hotels. They are located on the Babin Kuk peninsula in the city of Dubrovnik. Babin Kuk is very convenient offering nice beaches, a pretty park, a pedestrian area and is connected to the old town of Dubrovnik by a local bus.

The hotels feature outdoor swimming pools and numerous sports fields. A large wellness and fitness areas are also available in hotel Lacroma located nearby. The pedestrian area with bars, restaurants and shops is located in the central part of the complex.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



Day 2: Dubrovnik (UNESCO) and the Elaphiti islands – overnight in Dubrovnik

Breakfast.

Transfer to Dubrovnik.

Travel time: 10min

Walking tour with a local guide.

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 part of the UNESCO World Heritage.

Time at leisure.



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Boarding on a typical wooden ship in the harbour of the old town. Cruise along the magnificent Dubrovnik walls then head towards the Elaphiti islands.



A snack will be served on board, grilled fish and salad. Visit the island of Koločep. We recommend a stroll from the village of Gornje Celو to the village of Donje Celو, with beautiful scenic views from the cliffs of the island.

Sail to the island of Lopud. At the time of the Republic of Dubrovnik, Lopud was home of many wealthy shipowners. Today the island is renowned for its sandy beaches.

Time at leisure for a walk or a swim.

Return to Dubrovnik by boat and then transfer by bus to the hotel.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.

Day 3: Montenegro with Perast, Kotor (UNESCO) and Budva – overnight in Miločer

Breakfast.

Departure for Montenegro. The Croatian – Montenegrin border is 40 kilometres south of Dubrovnik.

Travel time to the border: 45min

After the border crossing, you will be immersed in the beautiful landscape of the Kotor bay and its organic appearance with steep mountain slopes reminding of a fjord.

Continue to the town of Perast.

Travel time: 30min

The entire town is listed as historic patrimony. Perast is a museum village with baroque architecture and beautiful palaces witnessing the great maritime past. After a pleasant seaside stroll we will board a boat and sail to the islet and the church of Our lady of the Rocks located just opposite of the village.



Crossing time: 10min

Visit the votive church, built on an artificial island by the inhabitants of Perast as an homage to the icon of the virgin which according to a legend, was found on a rock on the high seas. Austere from the outside, you will be impressed by the largest collection of votive offerings in the world and by the beauty of the baroque paintings.

Sail to Kotor through the beautiful scenery of the bay, part of the UNESCO world heritage.

Time to Kotor: 45min

Lunch in a centrally located restaurant, on the walls of the old town.

Menu

Starter: vegetable soup

Main dish: Njeguši steak (pork cutlet rolled in smoked ham and Njeguši village cheese) with grilled potatoes

Salad

Dessert: ice cream

Walking tour of the old town of Kotor (UNESCO) with a local guide, including the entrance to the Saint Triphon Cathedral and the Maritime museum.



Kotor is a fortified medieval city which built its reputation on trade and maritime transport. A meeting of cultures where you will find both Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Time at leisure.

Continue towards Budva. Travel time: 30min

Time at leisure.

This small medieval town, the oldest in the country, in the last 10 years became the most fashionable seaside resort in Montenegro. You will be seduced by its long sandy beaches and lively social life.



Road to the town of Miločer on the Budva riviera.

Check in at hotel HEC Residence 4*.

This property is 3-minute walk from the beach. Offering panoramic sea views, the hotel Residence features a rooftop pool and elegant rooms and apartments with free internet.

The hotel Residence is located in a romantic rocky area just above the main road. It is surrounded by a forest with many exotic plants such as Lebanese cedar, tropical mimosa and cactus agave.

The hotel restaurant is one of the most renowned in the country.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



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Day 4: National park of Skadar – overnight in Nikšić

Breakfast.

Departure to Virpazar at the entrance of the national park with a stop in the fishing village of Petrovac. Time of travel: 45min

Skadar is the largest lake of the Balkans, shared between Montenegro and Albania. The national park is a uniquely preserved natural ecosystem, a refuge for many birds, especially pelicans, the park's mascots.

Cruise on the lake (2 hours approximately) including the entrance to the national park of Skadar. During the cruise you will have a local snack with small donuts, cheese, honey and local red wine.



Lunch in a local restaurant / wine bar after the cruise.

Menu

Starter: fish soup

Main dish: trout with vegetables

Salad

Continue to the town Nikšić in the heart of the Montenegrin mountains. Travel time: 1h30

Check in at the hotel Trim 4* located in the city centre at the edge of the Trebjesa forest, built in the old Montenegrin style with pink coloured local stones.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



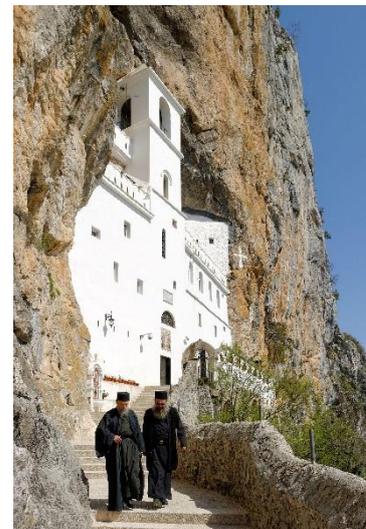
Day 5: Ostrog monastery – overnight in Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Breakfast.

Road to the Ostrog monastery. Travel time: 30min

Visit of the monastery.

Ostrog is the most emblematic Orthodox monastery of the country, famous by its organic architecture, enlarged and recreated through the ages. The monastery is an important place of worship for Montenegro and for the entire Orthodox community of Balkans. The miraculous relics of the mummified hand of St John the Baptist of Trebinje (Vasilije) and many others are kept there. Clinging to the slopes of the enchanting and mystical canyon, the monastery harbours several shrines you can discover.



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Lunch of local mountain specialties.

Menu

Starter: smoked ham and cheese

Main dish: veal and pork cooked with potatoes on embers

Dessert: homemade cake

Continue through the mountains along the Durmitor National Park famous for its deep canyons. Enter Bosnia and Herzegovina and then continue to Sarajevo. Travel time: 4h
Check in at hotel Astra Garni 3*, located in downtown Sarajevo, in an Austrian secession palace.
Dinner at hotel restaurant.



Day 6: Sarajevo – overnight in Đakovo in Croatia

Breakfast.

Walking tour including Gazi Husrev beg mosque.
You will discover Baščaršija, the famous bazaar with its many fountains and wooden houses with slate roofs.
During the tour you will feel the true spirit of Bosnia which always was a crossroads of religions.
Time at leisure.



Lunch of local specialties in Baščaršija.

Menu

Starter: pite (cheese or potatoes cooked in a puff pastry)

Main dish: čevapčići (rolls of minced meat with herbs) with grilled vegetables

Dessert: baklava (nut and honey cake)

Road through Bosnia and Herzegovina and its gentle green landscape with beautiful mountains. Cross the Croatian border and continue to Đakovo.
Travel time: 5h



Check in at hotel Đakovo 3* in Đakovo.
Dinner in hotel restaurant.

Day 7: Đakovo, wine tasting and Zagreb – overnight in Zagreb

Breakfast.

Visit Đakovo cathedral.

Time at leisure to discover the town's centre, then head for a wine tasting in a local cellar.

Đakovo was an influential Catholic bishopric, important for the propagation of culture and its very special wines. The constant conflicts with the Ottoman Empire impoverished the region and thus provoked a decline in power of the bishopric. Today Đakovo is a typical small town of the Croatian Pannonian plains, living of agriculture.



Road to Zagreb. Travel time: 2h30

Lunch of local specialties in a traditional farmhouse in the village of Graberje Ivaničko.

Menu

Starter: vegetable soup

Main dish: Zagreb region hotpot with garlic sausage, chicken and pork chops

Seasonal salad

Dessert: puff pastry with fresh cheese



Walking tour of Zagreb with a local guide. The tour includes the entrance to the cathedral and the Museum of Naive Art. You will also see St. Mark's Square where the Croatian Government and Parliament are located, the Grič district abounding in old palaces, the stone gate, the miraculous chapel, the old Lotrščak tower, the old craftsmen quarter with beautiful cafes and typical restaurants, the flowers market, the Kaptol hill with the astonishing cathedral which was fortified as it was the easternmost episcopal seat of Catholic Europe.



Check in at hotel Central. Dinner in hotel restaurant.

The hotel is of modern design located near the Zrinjevac park; a pleasant 10-15 min walk from the city-centre.



Day 8: Plitvice lakes national park (UNESCO) – overnight in Otočac

Breakfast.

Road to Plitvice.

Travel time: 2h30

Visit the national park with the Upper lakes, the travertine waterfalls, the electric boat on the central lake Kozjak and the Lower lakes with the Big waterfall.

Walking time: 4h30

The Plitvice Lakes are located in the mountainous Lika region, near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The national park is a natural phenomenon, part of UNESCO natural world heritage sites. It consists of 16 lakes with crystal clear waters which flow into each other in magnificent waterfalls. A paradise of nature.



Lunch in the national park.

Menu

Starter: cream of mushroom soup

Main dish: trout with vegetables

Dessert: apple puff pastry

Continuation to the town of Otočac.

Travel time: 1h

Check in at hotel Mirni Kutak 3*.

Dinner in the hotel.



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Day 9: Island of Pag and Zadar – overnight in Vodice

Breakfast.

Road through the green Lika region to the Vratnik saddle. Scenic descent towards the coast to the port Prizna. Travel time: 2h

Board a ferry boat and sail to the island of Pag. Crossing time: 20min

Disembark in the port of Žigljen and continue to the town of Pag through the lunar landscape of the island. Travel time: 45min

Stroll in the town of Pag and lunch.

Menu

Starter: plate of typical Pag cheese

Main dish: grilled fish with potato

Salad

Dessert: homemade cake

Pag is a typical island of the Kvarner bay. It has two faces: a green west side and a rocky, lunar side facing the Velebit mountain chain. Velebit is notorious for the violent “bura” wind descending the steep slopes of the mountain and then carrying sea spray, thus “burning” the vegetation on the island with salt. The animals living on the island have a naturally salted meat and milk enriched with aromatic herbs, the only plants that can survive in this hostile environment. This special salty flavour is the reason why cheese and meat products from the island of Pag are renowned. The town of Pag is famous for its saltworks and a very particular urbanism implemented by one of the greatest Croatian architects and sculptors, Georges from Dalmatia in the 15th century. The island is also famous for its embroidery.



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Drive towards the mainland by the lagoon and the salt marshes of Pag. Cross the impressive Pag bridge and continue to Zadar.

Travel time: 1h15

Walking tour of Zadar with a local guide.

Zadar’s historical heritage dates back to ancient times. The main square is a Roman forum built by Saint Donatus in 9th century. Zadar is a dynamic city with not only ancient but also modern monuments such as the sea organ. This unique instrument is incorporated in the quay of the harbour where the sea is the main organist, playing a mystic melody.



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We recommend you to visit the Saint Donatus church, the Gold and Silver museum of the St. Mary convent and the sea organ.

Continue towards the town of Vodice.

Travel time: 1h

Check in at hotel Olympia 4*, a charming hotel located directly by the sea featuring a nice swimming pool. The hotel is in walking distance from the centre of that typical Dalmatian town with a lively atmosphere, cafes, local restaurants and shops.

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



Day 10: Šibenik (UNESCO) and the Krka national park – overnight in Vodice

Breakfast.

Road to Skradin at the entrance of the national park Krka. Travel time: 30min

Board the national park's boat and sail upstream the Krka canyon. Sailing time: 20min

Walk in the park on paths through the forest infiltrated by the river Krka and enjoy splendid views on the waterfalls.

Visit the small ethnographic museum presenting water mills, a forge and looms.

Walking time: 1h



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

Menu

Starter: beef soup with vegetables

Main dish: grilled meats with fried potatoes

Seasonal salad

Dessert: ice cream

Continue to Šibenik. Travel time: 20min

Walking tour with a local guide, including the entrance at the Saint James cathedral.

Šibenik is a picturesque Dalmatian town founded by the Croats, famous for the Saint James cathedral. The old town is an accomplishment of architecture thus earning the UNESCO Cultural World Heritage status.

Return to hotel Olympia. Time of travel: 20min

Dinner in hotel restaurant.



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Day 11: Trogir (UNESCO) and Split (UNESCO) – overnight in Split

Breakfast.

Scenic ride along the coastal road to Trogir.

Travel time: 1h15

Walking tour with a local guide.

Trogir is an ancient Greek colony founded in the 4th century BC, built on a small island connected by a bridge to the mainland. Lush palaces and the beautiful cathedral of Saint Lawrence remind us of the glorious past of the town. To truly appreciate the charm of the old town, one must get lost in a maze of small twisted alleys where past and present meet. This effortless beauty earned Trogir the place on the UNESCO's list of Cultural heritage, as well as the discovery of the bas-relief of the Greek god Kairos, the divinity of the favourable moments... but beware: he runs very fast!



Time at leisure.

Road to Split. Travel time: 30min

Lunch in a restaurant in the old town.

Menu

Starter: tomato soup

Main dish: squid rings with potato salad

Dessert: fruit salad

Walking tour of Split with a local guide including the cathedral and Jupiter's temple (UNESCO).

Split is a unique living monument. The original Roman palace was repeatedly transformed throughout history, each era leaving a mark resulting in an astonishing fusion of architectural styles in constant turmoil. This apparently contradictory way of preserving the Emperor Diocletian's palace earned it its UNESCO World Heritage status. Split today is the second largest city of the country and the biggest passenger port.



Time at leisure.

Continue towards Podstrana. Travel time: 20min

Check in at hotel San Antonio 4*.

The San Antonio hotel is located in the town Podstrana, known for its beautiful beaches. It features an indoor rooftop pool with a beautiful view of the Split archipelago.



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Day 12: Departure from Split airport

Breakfast.

Time at leisure.

Transfer to Split airport. Travel time: 30min

Departure flight.

TOUR PRICE

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for 11 nights in hotels of category 3* and 4* on half-board basis. Namely: 2 nights in one of the 3* Valamar hotels in Dubrovnik, 1 night in hotel HEC Residence 4* in Miločer, 1 night in hotel Trim 4* in Nikšić, 1 night in hotel Astra Garni 3* in Sarajevo, 1 night in hotel Đakovo 3* in Đakovo, 1 night in hotel Central 3* in Zagreb, 1 night in hotel Mirni Kutak 3* in Otočac, 2 nights in hotel Olympia 4* in Vodice and 1 night in hotel San Antonio 4* in Podstrana.
- Transport by tourist bus with all associated costs (tolls, parking fees, ferries, etc.)
- Boat tours on the lake Skadar national park, in the Kotor bay and a mini cruise on the Elaphiti islands.
- English speaking tour leader
- 10 lunches of specialties in Dubrovnik (during the cruise), Ivaničko Graberje, Sarajevo, Plitvice, Pag, Krka, Split, Kotor, Virpazar and Ostrog
- Local guides in Zagreb, Zadar, Šibenik, Trogir, Split, Sarajevo, Kotor and Dubrovnik
- Tickets to the monuments mentioned included in the program
- Assistance, insurance and organization costs of Sveta Ana travel agency

NOTES

- Sveta Ana travel agency checks the availability of hotels before writing the offer but does not guarantee the availability of the hotels prior to the definitive confirmation from the customer. If at the time of confirmation, the hotels are no longer available, Sveta Ana travel agency will undertake necessary steps to find similar accommodation, nearby the hotels listed in the initial offer. The prices listed above are subject to change and will be confirmed upon request for specific dates.
- Travel distances and times are given for regular driving conditions and for reference only. They can vary depending on random factors such as road work, accidents, traffic jams, bad weather ...

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

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