

## Dalmatian Coast Detailed itinerary

Updated February 8, 2024

**Flight: September 25, 2024**

Our group air has been canceled due to too few people were interested in these flights. Air flights will vary accordingly.

**Day 1 – September 26, 2024**



### Arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Welcome to Croatia! Founded in the seventh century, Dubrovnik, one of Europe’s best-preserved walled cities, is a World Heritage Site. Travelers who purchased our air-inclusive package will be greeted at the airport and escorted to your downtown hotel. Along the way, we'll enjoy a first look at this prospering city and country, where visitors from around the world are warmly welcomed. Our Tour Director hosts a briefing tonight, followed by a get-acquainted dinner at a local restaurant. **Accommodation: City Hotel Dubrovnik, Hrvatskog crvenog Kriza 4 20000, Dubrovnik. Meals: Welcome Dinner (D)**

**Day 2 – September 27, 2024**



### Dubrovnik

Treasures abound in this enchanting city, and we'll have ample time to discover them—from its massive age-old walls to winding cobblestone streets, and its medieval buildings to the charming red-tile rooftops. This morning's guided walking tour through “Old Dubrovnik” takes us to the harbor, the Franciscan monastery, and the stately Baroque Cathedral. We'll have free time to enjoy the historic town independently and at our own pace for the rest of the day. **Accommodation: City Hotel Dubrovnik. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

**Day 3 – September 28, 2024**



### Montenegro Excursion

We can check another country off our list as we cross the border to the Republic of Montenegro and the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. A boat cruise will take us to “Our Lady of the Rocks,” an islet off the old town of Perast. Sailors passing the islet helped build the Roman Catholic Church here, each adding their own unique contribution to the construction of the church. Later, after enjoying brief visits to Perast and Kotor, we'll return to Dubrovnik via a short ferry ride across the bay. **Accommodation: City Hotel Dubrovnik. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

#### Day 4 – September 29, 2024



##### **Dubrovnik at Leisure**

Enjoy a full day of leisure in Dubrovnik, described as the “pearl of the Adriatic.” Consider browsing in a colorful local market or consider an optional Full Day Tour. **Accommodation: City Hotel Dubrovnik. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

#### Day 5 – September 30, 2024



##### **Dubrovnik/Split**

Today, we'll depart Dubrovnik and continue along the spectacular Dalmatian coast, breathing in amazing views of palm trees, olive groves, and idyllic fishing villages, before arriving in Split. With its setting nestled between the mountains and the seas, Split is truly picturesque. Our guided tour takes us to one of the most imposing Roman ruins, the third-century palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian. **Accommodation: Hotel Corner, Mazuranicevo Setaliste 1, 21000 Split. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B, D)**

#### Day 6 – October 1, 2024



##### **Split/Zadar/Plitvice Lakes**

After breakfast, we'll head to Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. We'll continue on to Zadar for a walking tour of the historical center and admire the old walls and Port Gate built in the 16th century. Next, we'll visit the Square of the Five Wells, the Church of St. Donat, the Roman Forum, and the largest Cathedral in Dalmatia, St. Anastasia. If there is a breeze, we'll enjoy the “sea organ”, an amazing art and musical installation. Then, we'll turn inland and travel to spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park. This evening, we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel. **Accommodation: Jezero Hotel, HR 53231, Plitvicka Jezera. Meals: Breakfast & Dinner (B, D)**

#### Day 7 - October 2, 2024



##### **Plitvice Lakes - Opatija**

Today we visit Croatia's oldest, largest national park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Plitvice Lakes National Park features a string of 16 turquoise lakes linked by 92 waterfalls and cascades and is surrounded by densely wooded mountains and lush vegetation. This afternoon, we'll take a short scenic boat ride and a leisurely walk along the lakeshores to admire its magnificent natural beauty. Later, we'll drive along the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to its popular resort, Opatija. This evening, we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel. **Accommodation: Hotel Paris, Opatija, Ul. Vladimira Nazora 1, 51410 (B, D)**



## Day 8 – October 3, 2024



### Opatija at Leisure

Ah, the Adriatic! We have a full day at leisure to savor the city's Austro-Hungarian grandeur, lovely waterfront promenade, and charming cafes and restaurants. Or, consider a delightful optional Istrian Peninsula excursion to see picturesque towns along the stunning coastline. **Accommodation: Hotel Paris, Opatija. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

## Day 9 – October 4, 2024



### Opatija/Postojna Caves/Lake Bled

After breakfast, we'll journey north to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Our stop at Postojna Caves includes an underground train journey to view impressive stalagmites and stalactites. Afterward, we'll visit a family-run homestead where we'll enjoy lunch. After lunch, we'll continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps.

**Accommodation: Hotel Park, Cesta svobode 15, 4260 Bled, Slovenia Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (B, L, D)**

## Day 10 – October 5, 2024



### Bled

An Alpine lake surrounded by high peaks, Bled was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. Since then, a small town of hotels, villas, and restaurants has developed around the lake, turning Bled into a lively, all-seasons resort. Our sightseeing tour features the charming town and the lakeshore and visits the imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure. Consider joining an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of Lake Bled. **Accommodation: Hotel Park. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

## Day 11 – October 6, 2023



### Bled/Ljubljana/Zagreb

Today we'll leave the mountains and head to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. We'll admire the architectural legacy of city native and 20th-century architect, Joze Plecnik, acclaimed for his work rebuilding the city after a devastating earthquake in 1895. As we explore the old town, we'll see some structures that survived the earthquake as well as some of the city's small shops and outdoor cafes. We'll have time to stroll along the riverside promenade and through the open-air market before we continue to Zagreb. **Accommodation: Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Kneza Borne 2, Zagreb, 10000. Meals: Breakfast (B)**

### **Day 12 - October 7, 2024 - Zagreb**

Our morning guided tour covers the highlights of Zagreb: Upper Old Town with its monumental walls and iconic 13th-century St. Mark's Church; colorful Jelacic Square and charming alleyways nearby; and beautiful Mirogoj Park Cemetery, which looks more like an open-air art gallery than a final resting place. The remainder of the day is free to explore this gracious city on your own. Tonight, gather with our fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. **Accommodation: Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner (B, D)**

### **Day 13 – October 8, 2024 - Depart Zagreb for USA**

Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight. Your Croatia and Slovenia tour ends as you arrive in the U.S. later today. **Meals: Breakfast (B)**

## **Optional Tours**

### **Day 2 Dubrovnik Cruise & Dinner - \$79 per person**

You will feel like a character out of a classic film as you skim across the water from beautiful St. James Beach around the old city walls to St. Jakov Beach, where a waiter will be waiting to serve a three course dinner paired with Dalmatian wine. After dinner, you'll be whisked back to the old city port. Includes bus transportation to/from the hotel, as well as the exhilarating motorboat ride.

### **Day 4 Full Day Tour Medieval Fortresses of Ston & Korcula- \$65 per person**

The charming little town of Ston with its long walls. After a short visit, drive through the picturesque landscape where you will see vineyards, many small villages, and family-owned wineries before we arrive at Orebic Port where we will board a ferry to Korcula. The old medieval town of Korcula is like a miniature museum, surrounded by walls and towers and magnificent architecture strongly attracts visitors.

Entrance included to the Abbey treasury & St. Mark Cathedral. The tour continues with a drive north where we will visit a winery for a wine tasting.

### **Day 8 Full-Day Istrian Peninsula Excursion - \$66 per person**

Enjoy a delightful guided excursion to the picturesque towns that dot the sun-kissed coastline of the Istrian Peninsula. Sights include olive groves and vineyards, old villages, and seaside resorts. In the port town of Pula, we'll tour the impressive Roman Amphitheater, one of the largest of its kind in the world. In the charming resort town of Rovinj, you'll have time to explore the narrow winding streets, small squares, and Venetian-style palaces independently before returning to Opatija.

### **Day 10. Afternoon Excursion to Lake Bohinj & Boat Ride on Lake Bled - \$50 per person - Available to Pre-Book!**

All aboard a "pletna" (small boat) to the scenic island located in the middle of Lake Bled. Visit the island's old church, which houses an impressive art collection, and enjoy some free time to experience magnificent vistas. After coming back to shore, we'll drive to nearby Lake Bohinj, a resort set amidst dense woods and spectacular mountains. The trip back takes you past amazing landscapes and old Slovenian villages before returning to Lake Bled.

Accommodations and itinerary are subject to change