

Itinerary

Flight: September 25, 2024

Depart from the US (LAX)
Passengers who purchase flights will depart 1 day before the tour starts and return on the same day as the tour ends.

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. **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. **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. **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 cruise and dinner tour this evening.

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. **(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.

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. **(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. **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.

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. **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. **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. **Meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner (B, D)**

Day 13 – October 8, 2024 - Depart Dubrovnik 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)**