

EXPLORE CROATIA & SLOVENIA

PHT HOSTED JOURNEY | 21 AUG 2024





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WHAT TO EXPECT 11 DAYS | DEPARTS 21 AUG 2024

If you've ever dreamt of a perfect Mediterranean holiday, Croatia is where you'll find it. This country is filled with incredible landscapes and rich history--it's a place where the cuisine is extraordinary, the landscapes are peerless, and the island-speckled coast is one big attraction. We've created the most incredible 11-day exploration of Croatia and Slovenia, taking in the breathtaking scenery of Lake Bled, Vintgar Gorge and Postojna Caves.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 10 nights first class accommodation throughout Croatia and Slovenia
- Transportation in a private air-conditioned luxury coach.
- · Service of an experienced tour director
- 14 Meals
- Sightseeing and experiences as per itinerary with entry fees
- Porterage and restaurant gratuities
- Hotel tips, charges, and local taxes
- Pre-departure function and tour documentation
- Group Tour Hosted by Phil Hoffmann Travel
- · Welcome dinner
- Arrival transfer in Zagreb



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TOUR FROM	PP TWIN SHARE
TWIN SHARE	\$6,299*
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$2,099*

*Flights not included

YOUR HOLIDAY!

Cruise from Dubrovnik to Venice over 7 nights aboard the luxurious Emerald Azzurra Yacht starting from only \$9,590pp Twin Share. Contact your closest Phil Hoffmann Travel store for a copy of our Croatian Coast and the best of the Adriatic Brochure to find out more!



DAY 1 | 21 AUGUST ARRIVE IN ZAGREB

Stay: Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb

Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Boasting a unique blend of medieval towers and 19th-century palaces make this city the perfect place to explore if you're curious about history. On arrival, a transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day exploring from your ideally located accommodation before a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

DAY 2 | 22 AUGUST ZAGREB

Stay: Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb

This morning you will enjoy a foodtasting and sightseeing tour of Zagreb. Your guide will take you through the local markets and the historic Upper and Lower Towns, including visits to St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and the Government Palace. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon. (B)

DAY 3 | 23 AUGUST ZAGREB - LJUBLJANA

Stay: Grand Union Hotel, Ljubljana

This morning, say farewell to Zagreb and depart for Ljubljana. Ljubljana is Slovenia's capital and is known for its university population, green spaces, including expansive Tivoli Park, and curving river lined with outdoor cafes. Enjoy a guided walk along the cobbled streets of the old town and plenty of free time to explore. (B)

DAY 4 | 24 AUGUST LJUBLJANA - LAKE BLED

Stay: Hotel Park, Lake Bled

Depart Ljubljana for the crystal clear waters of Lake Bled. Spend the day exploring this magnificent setting on a guided tour that includes views of Bled Castle, a medieval castle built on a precipice above the city that overlooks Lake Bled. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner included *or similar

DAY 5 | 25 AUGUST LAKE BLED - VINTGAR GORGE

Stay: Hotel Park, Lake Bled

One of Slovenia's most beautiful regions is the alpine area around Bled, with numerous lakes, rivers, forests, and high mountains. Today take a day trip to Vintgar Gorge--a 1.5-kilometer (1 mile) long gorge that has been carved out of the Radovna River. This is without a doubt one of the most magical places to visit in Slovenia. The boardwalks that are erected along the Radovna River make this gorge so special; while walking along the boardwalks you are suspended over the river which can be a thrill to walk and spectacular to photograph. In the afternoon we take a boat ride to the island in the middle of the lake. (B)

DAY 6 | 26 AUGUST POSTOJNA CAVES - ROVINJ

Stay: Hotel Lone, Rovinj

Departing Bled, travel to the beautiful Postojna Caves. Deep beneath the Slovenian Karst lies a magnificent underground world of limestone caves. Travel by electric mini-train through a maze of mysterious corridors before exploring the vast limestone caverns on foot. Continue to Rovinj for a 2-night stay at a seaside resort. (B)

DAY 7 | 27 AUGUST MOTOVUN—ISTRIAN WINE REGION

Stay: Hotel Lone, Rovinj

This morning, head to Motovun hilltop town with stunning views of the valley. Motovun is a charming medieval walled town with about 500 inhabitants. You'll find a few galleries, souvenir shops offering local products (grappa and truffles), a few bars and restaurants and one hotel. This will be followed by a visit to a small boutique winery nearby. The story of the Benvenuti winery is one of the family traditions, hard work and passion for wine production. It is situated in the quiet Istrian village of Kaldir overlooking nearby Motovun where they grow three grape varieties - Malvasia Istriana, Teran and Muscat. Most enjoyable experience seeing and tasting these wines! (B)

DAY 8 | 28 AUGUST ROVINJ - PLITVICE LAKES

Stay: Etno Garden Village, Plitvice Lakes

This morning, depart for Etno Garden Village. Nestled in the heart of the breath-taking Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia, this charming retreat is the perfect oasis at one of the world's most beautiful places. This idyllic village offers a unique and immersive experience, where guests can discover the rich cultural heritage of the region while surrounded by the beauty of nature. After check-in, take some time to relax before dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 | 29 AUGUST PLITVICE LAKES

Stay: Etno Garden Village, Plitvice Lakes

Today, walk the lakes at Plitvice Lakes National Park, so make sure you pack your walking shoes! The park is a 295-square-kilometre forest reserve in central Croatia known for its chain of 16 terraced lakes and waterfalls. Walkways and hiking trails wind around and across the water, and an electric boat links 12 upper and 4 lower lakes. The latter is home to Veliki Slap, an impressive 78-meter waterfall. There is an opportunity to taste local barbecue during the walk, before enjoying dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

DAY 10 | 30 AUGUST PLITVICE LAKES - DUBROVNIK

Stay: Hilton Imperial, Dubrovnik

After breakfast, we'll head to Dubrovnik. On the way, cross a new bridge connecting the mainland and peninsula of Peljesac, before stopping for lunch at the small seaside village of Mali Ston. We will arrive in Dubrovnik late afternoon, just in time for sightseeing of this ancient and historical city with your local guide before checking into the hotel, where your final evening in Croatia is at your leisure. (B, L)

DAY 11 | 31 AUGUST DEPARTURE

After breakfast and depending on your chosen next adventure, you will have some free time, before your holiday concludes or you are transferred to the Emerald Azzura cruise ship for an extended holiday experience. (B)







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