

# Best of CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

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**13 DAYS  
TOUR**

Toronto | Zagreb | Ljubljana | Bled | Bohinj | Opatija | Rovinj | Pula | Plitvice  
Area/Gospic | Zadar | Split | Trogir | Mostar | Dubrovnik | Toronto

*Explore the historical regions of Balkan Peninsula & relive their ancient culture with  
your loved ones in Croatia and Slovenia!*

## Departure Dates

**21 Sep, 2022**

## Toronto

**C\$ 4099**

## Single Sup.

**C\$ 1059**

## TOUR SUMMARY:

On this 12-day tour passengers will get to discover the beauty of historical Balkan Peninsula and step towards the most exiting places in this region. In Zagreb you will enjoy the historic upper town and the Cathedral, the tallest gothic style building in Croatia. Ljubljana, The capital of Slovenia and a perfect instance of this blend of German, Mediterranean, and Slovenian culture. Continue travelling to Bled, completely set in the Julian Alps. Then continue to Split and explore the vast Roman heritage of this beautiful city. Move forward to visit Plitvice Lakes National Park and spend some wonderful moments there. Ahead in your journey to Split, be ready to capture the mesmerizing beauty of incredible Diocletian's Palace. As you continue with your excursion towards Mostar you will be intrigued to see the Old Bridge, worked by the Ottomans in the sixteenth century. Your last stop will be Dubrovnik which will include a visit to the spectacular Rector's Palace.

### TOUR LODGING INFO:

11 Nights Hotel + 01 Night Onboard

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Zagreb	01 Night	Canopy by Hilton
Ljubljana	02 Nights	Lev
Opatija	02 Nights	OHM Hotel Bristil or Astoria
Plitvice area/Gospić	01 Night	Stara Lika
Split	02 Nights	Fermai
Dubrovnik	03 Nights	Grand Hotel Park – sea view rooms

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Uncover Croatia's lively capital city of Zagreb, where streets will draw you to a romantic quest;
- Discover the Bled Castle in Ljubljana, perched on a cliff high above the lake;
- Enjoy surroundings Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj, ranking among the most beautiful alpine resorts;
- Visit Opatija - a city in the Istrian Peninsula in western Croatia and main tourist city on Liburnia riviera;
- Discover Rovinj, Croatian fishing port on the west coast of the Istrian peninsula;
- Enjoy sunny day in Pula, a seafront city on the tip of Croatia's Istrian Peninsula, known for its protected harbor, beach-lined coast and Roman ruins;
- Travel through the beautiful Plitvice Lake National Park and have some peaceful moments in Plitvice;
- Discover Zadar, a city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, known for the Roman and Venetian ruins of its peninsular Old Town;
- See the royal and splendid Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in Split;
- Pass by Trogir with its preserved old town, known for its mix of Renaissance, baroque and Romanesque buildings, lying on a small island connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges;
- Uncover Mostar - a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the Neretva River, known for the iconic Stari Most (Old Bridge), a reconstructed medieval arched bridge;
- Walk through the beautiful Rector's Palace & see the bell tower clock in Dubrovnik.

### TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International return flights from Toronto
- 11 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Three Dinners (welcome dinner in Zagreb + dinner in hotel in Plitvice lakes area + farewell dinner in Dubrovnik – drinks during dinners excluded)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Transportation by coach 1/49 according the itinerary (except the free day in Dubrovnik)
- Services of a full-time English-speaking tour Director
- Local English-speaking guides in Zagreb, Rovinj, Pula, Split, Trogir, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Opatija, Ljubljana, Bled & Bohinj
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Lakes National Park & Bled Old Town
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

### TOUR ITINERARY:

#### DAY 01, 21 SEP: DEPARTURE TORONTO

Make your own way to Toronto Intl Airport for your international flight to Croatia. Enjoy inflight meals and services.

#### DAY 02, 22 SEP: ZAGREB ARRIVAL (-/-/D)

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, you will be met by a representative and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Rest of the day at leisure. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Zagreb

#### DAY 03, 23 SEP: ZAGREB - LJUBLJANA (B/-/-)

After breakfast guided tour of Zagreb; a city rich with gorgeous greenery, famous for its parks and well-preserved natural environment. Your tour of Zagreb will take you through its long history. In the historic Upper Town, you will find St. Mark's Church, with its famous multi-colored mosaic-tiled roof, on the square where both Croatian Parliament and the seat of Government are located. You will also pass by the University and the city's gothic Cathedral with the fountain in front, sculpted by the world-famous sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, you cannot miss the Croatian National Theatre, housed in the present-day Old City Hall and home to Zagreb's drama, opera and ballet productions. Here is a perfect example of the city's diversity: it is not only a cultural and historical landmark but also a favorite hang-out for skateboarders! Free time after the visit and departure to Ljubljana.

Overnight in Ljubljana.

#### DAY 04, 24SEP: LJUBLJANA - BLED - BONINJ - LJUBLJANA (B/-/-)

Today enjoy a full day tour of Bled with its mountainous environs and stunning topography and the Bohinj area. Lake Bled, together with its surroundings, ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts. Visit the old town and castle with a local guide before continuing to the nearby Lake Bohinj. Overnight in Ljubljana



**DAY 05, 25 SEP: LJUBLJANA - OPATIJA (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, guided tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and home to one of the oldest Philharmonics in the world; explore the baroque town buildings and stroll along side the majestic Ljubljana River that flows through the center of town. Many bridges cross the river, the most famous is Tromostovje (Triple Bridge). Baroque and art-nouveau have marked this exceptional city, together with new, modern architectural styles. The Old town, built on a hill as a fortress, from which you will see Ljubljana and its magnificent surroundings, is the main attraction in the city. After the visit departure to Opatija, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Adriatic. Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and "Queen of Tourism" this little town has the largest number of hotels in relation to population! With the services of a local guide enjoy a tour of the city  
Overnight in Opatija

**DAY 06, 26 SEP: OPATIJA – ROVINJ – PULA – OPATIJA (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, depart for a full day excursion to the peninsula of Istra. Our first stop is Rovinj. Rovinj is a charmingly picturesque town and one the most romantic places in the Mediterranean! Rovinj was originally an island, but 250 years ago, the narrow channel which separated it from the mainland was filled in. It's so delightfully pretty, and also lively with its numerous cafes, restaurants and galleries. After Rovinj proceed to Pula, a 3000 years old town with the famous roman Amphitheater and its underground chambers, city gates and walls, Triumphal arch of Sergians, Roman Forum, roman mosaic and Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Overnight in Opatija

**\*\*optionally we can arrange an olive oil tasting (at additional cost. min 10 participants required)**

**DAY 07, 27 SEP: OPATIJA - PLITVICE AREA/GOSPIC (B/-/D)**

This morning, depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park, included in UNESCO'S list of world natural heritage sites since 1979. There are 16 interlinked lakes between Mala Kapela Mountain and Pljesevica Mountain. The lake system is divided into the upper and lower lakes. The upper lakes are separated by dolomite barriers, which grow with the formation of travertine, forming thus travertine barriers. The lower lakes were formed by crumbling and caving-in of the vaults above subterranean cavities through which water of the upper lakes disappeared. After the visit depart to your hotel in Plitvice region. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

**DAY 08, 28 SEP: PLITVICEAREA/GOSPIC – ZADAR – SPLIT (B/-/-)**

Depart for Zadar one of the most beautiful old Dalmatian cities, the city that has been the center of this part of the Adriatic coast since Roman times, and today is a city with a rich cultural heritage found on every corner. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before departing for Split. Overnight in Split

**DAY 09, 29 SEP: SPLIT – TROGIR – SPLIT (B/-/-)**

Today is dedicated to visit two World Heritage sites: Split and Trogir. Split is a town of ancient history, built and preserved over the course of 1700 years by its loving inhabitants. During your walking city tour you will explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace with its Peristyle, Temple of Jupiter and Cathedral. Diocletian Palace is one of the most significant original structures of the late ancient architecture, a kind of Imperial Palace. Then visit Trogir, a pearl-like town in the heart of Dalmatia. Here you will see the influence of the Roman Empire in the walls of the

Cathedral of St. Lawrence, a Roman Catholic triple-naved basilica constructed in Romanesque-Gothic style. Return to Split in the afternoon. Overnight in Split

**\*\*optionally we can arrange a wine tasting in Stella Croatica Property (at additional cost, min 10 participants required).**

**DAY 10, 30 SEP: SPLIT – MOSTAR – DUBROVNIK (B/-/-)**

This morning, after breakfast depart for Dubrovnik. En-route, visit Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Mostar is on the banks of the River Neretva and is certainly one of the most beautiful cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tour on foot its elegant Bridge, Old Bazaar and Mosque. In the 1990s conflict, most of the historic town and the Old Bridge, designed by the renowned architect Sinan, were destroyed. The Old Bridge was recently rebuilt and many of the edifices in the Old Town have been restored or rebuilt with the contribution of an international scientific committee established by UNESCO. The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and western European architectural features, is an outstanding example of a multicultural urban settlement. The historic town of Mostar, spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River, developed in the 15th and 16th centuries as an Ottoman frontier town and during the Austro-Hungarian period in the 19th and 20th centuries. Later drive to Dubrovnik and check in at your hotel.  
Overnight in Dubrovnik

**DAY 11, 1 OCT: DUBROVNIK (B/-/-)**

This morning enjoy a tour with your local guide, Dubrovnik is the proudest feather in Croatia's tourist cap, an elite destination and one of the most beautiful towns in the Mediterranean. The old city is encompassed by medieval walls, which have been preserved in their original form. Dubrovnik was known as the Republic of Ragusa in the middle Ages and became the only Adriatic city-state to rival Venice. Supported by skilled diplomacy and wealth, the city developed remarkably quickly, particularly during the 15th and 16th centuries. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Dubrovnik

**Optional: Elafiti Islands Full Day Tour**

**Rates: Based on 6 people -160 CAD per passenger**

**The rate includes:**

- Transfer hotel – port – hotel ( for 6 pax with minivan ; 8-12 pax minibus); obligatory Pile tax included
- full day boat tour
- Lunch in restaurant or on the boat

**1. ELAFITI ISLAND TOUR**

Pick up at your hotel and transfer to Dubrovnik old town port.

Elafiti are a group of islands located west from from Dubrovnik, where once lived the deers and thanks to the island are named. The first island on the itinerary is the island Kolocep. Visit of Kolocep and continuation to the Sipan, the largest island among Elafiti most distant from Dubrovnik where there are places Sipanska Luka and Sudurad. Visit of the island, lunch in the restaurant or on the boat. After lunch way to the island of Lopud, visit of the island which is the most developed of all the island of all the island of the archipelago. After visit of the island time for leisure and swimming, return to Dubrovnik.

Transfer back to your hotel.







**DAY 12, 2 OCT: DUBROVNIK - free day or optional excursion (B/-/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day to explore the city on your own or take the below optional tour:

**Optional:**

**Full day bus tour to Montenegro: Kotor & Perast with boat and entrance for Our Lady of Rocks island - 211 CAD per person (min 4 participants)**

Pick up at Kotor port and visit of the town Kotor is a city of traders and famous sailors, with many stories to tell. Medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage have made Kotor an Unesco listed "world natural and historical heritage site". The roman catholic cathedral in Kotor is one of the oldest and most beautiful examples of

roman architecture on the Adriatic coast. After the visit proceed to Perast for a guided tour. And visit of Our Lady of Rocks island. Perast is a UNESCO protected beautiful old stone baroque town, full of naval history, set at the base of Mt. Elijah within the Bay of Kotor. Numerous testimonies of history, maritime and cultural past of Perast have been kept today in the collections of the Museum of Perast and treasures of the churches of St. Nicholas and Our Lady of The Rocks. Our Lady of the Rocks is a church made on an artificial island built on 150 sunken ships back in the 15th century. Return to Dubrovnik after the visit.

**DAY 13, 3 OCT: DUBROVNIK - TORONTO (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Dubrovnik International Airport for your departure flight back home.

**END OF OUR SERVICES**

It is possible to extend your stay back in Dubrovnik if you are interested

**Ask us for more details!**

