

CROATIA – September 13th to September 28th, 2022

16 day Complete Country Tour



Succulent seafood, miles and miles of brilliant coastline, awe inspiring scenery everywhere you go, it's all a taste of this unique land called Croatia. With roots that go back to the Greek and Roman eras you will find telltale examples of its magnificent past everywhere. The magnetism of modern Croatia, though, is found on the Adriatic coast with its beautiful beaches, secluded bays, lakes, incredible mountain peaks, fantastic cuisine and prized wines and spirits.

Margaret of HNA Travels and her husband, Karl of Travac Tours have crafted the perfect holiday for you in Croatia. Your experience will take you through the capital Zagreb and the plains district where you can visit its castles or simply enjoy freshly picked fruit from a local farm. While in Zagreb you'll stay at the legendary Hotel Esplanade, an Orient Express hotel, visited by actors, dignitaries, kings and monarchs including Queen Elizabeth.

We'll then take you to the Croatian Riviera where towns look like movie sets and the mountains cascade into the sea. This, the Monte Carlo of Croatia, is compared to the Amalfi coast in Italy yet you may find it more exhilarating.

A highlight of your vacation will come with a visit to the Plitvice Lakes National Park. A UNESCO world heritage site the park's undeniable natural wonder is created by the beauty found in a string of lakes and waterfalls. Indeed, the lakes are one of the most outstanding natural wonders in all of Europe

You will then travel to the small village of Biograd na Moru to enjoy the matchless charm of this seaside resort.

Continuing south, you'll stay in Split, an eternally young city where many inhabitants have built their homes inside the 1700-year-old walls of the Diocletian's Palace, another UNESCO world heritage site. Here you will be able to shop and enjoy the towns famous marketplace. This seaside town truly brings you back to the Mediterranean as it once was.

Your last stop is Dubrovnik. A fortified sea town which holds thousands of years of both history and legend. This former city state was a republic of nobles. Its castles and villas are often used as backdrops for the TV series "Game of Thrones." Dubrovnik is indeed amazing!

While on vacation you will be housed in some of the finest hotels in Croatia, each with a distinctive character. Breakfast is included daily. We have also included 8 dinners at the resort hotels. There is a full slate of sightseeing. Optional sightseeing opportunities are available for the adventurous and energetic.

Undeniably, Croatia is the up and coming destination for the perfect holiday. Join us!

tour itinerary

Day 1 - TRAVEL

Toronto to Zagreb

Day 2 - ZAGREB

Zagreb is the capital of Croatia. Archeological discoveries dating back to around 35,000 BC, during the Stone Age, have been discovered in the area. While Celts moved in from the North and the Romans from the West. Zagreb, as we know it today, dates back to the middle ages and there are plenty of sights that reflect its great past. After checking into your hotel, the balance of your day will be free. Your hotel, the Esplanade Zagreb, has a fascinating history dating back to 1925 when it was owned by "The Orient Express" Rail Company. Over the years this 5-star hotel has hosted most of the royal families in Europe as well as actors and diplomats. To this day it is considered to be one of the finest hotels in central Europe. Numerous museums and the botanical gardens are a short walk from your hotel.



Day 3 - ZAGREB

You will begin your day with a tour of Zagreb. A good part of the tour will be on foot as we meander through the old town. Zagreb itself is a very green city and there is plenty of opportunity to enjoy its parks and green spaces. Your afternoon is free to explore. (B)

Day 4 -ZAGREB

Your day is free to explore Zagreb. (B)

Day 5 – TRAVEL TO OPATIJA

This morning we head to the Croatian Riviera and the delightful town of Opatija. Variously known as the "Old Dame", the "Pearl of the Adriatic" or the "Queen of Tourism" Opatija is a remarkable seaside resort dating back to 1844. The feel of the Victorian era is everywhere amongst the spectacular hotels with their grand facades. The cascading hills remind you of Italy's Amalfi Coast. It is truly a destination of elegance and style. Upon your arrival your Travac Tours Director will take you on a short stroll down the city's main street and point out some of the town's highlights. (B, D)

If you are into walking you will certainly enjoy the “Lungomare Promenade” which follows the coastline for 12 kilometers.

Day 6 - OPATIJA

After breakfast we begin our tour with a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre in Pula. While this Amphitheatre is one of many left around Europe by Roman engineers it is certainly one of the best preserved anywhere. We'll also spend some time in the old town before heading to Rovinj. Rovinj rises dramatically from the Adriatic. Its streets are delightfully twisty and there is indeed something particularly romantic about this old town. (B, D)



Day 7 - OPATIJA

On our last day in this region you are free to relax and enjoy Opatija. (B, D)

Day 8 – OPATIJA TO BIOGRAD NA MORU

Our journey today will take us to Plitvicka Jezera National Park. This UNESCO world heritage site will be one of the highlights of your holiday. The national park is world famous for its lakes arranged in cascades. The sixteen lakes are separated into twelve upper and four lower clusters formed by runoff from the mountains. The lakes are renowned for their distinctive colours ranging from azure to green and grey to blue. The colours change constantly depending on the quantity of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight. For the next two nights you will be staying in the delightful town Biograd na Moru. Situated on the northern Dalmatian coast, this small town has an enchanting appeal. You will be free this evening to enjoy a stroll along the waterfront and choose your dining experience. (B, D)



Day 9 – BIOGRAD NA MORU

Biograd was once the home of Croatian kings. Today it is populated by leisure craft and tourists from all over the world. Your free day can be enjoyed by simply relaxing at your hotel or taking a stroll through this interesting village. (B, D)

Day 10 – BIOGRAD NA MORU TO SPLIT

After breakfast, our journey continues to the heart of the Dalmatian coast – Split.

Split is the second largest city in Croatia with a population of over 200,000. Modern Split effectively came into being with the founding of the Diocletian's Palace, around 295 AD. Today the Palace is part of the old city and is surrounded by an open-air market which is always bustling with activity.

After our arrival in Split, we will make our way to the old city for a chance to see the Diocletian's Palace which simply oozes atmosphere. There are numerous options for dinner in the old city that will offer everything from Dalmatian delicacies to your standard bill of fare. (B)

Day 11 - SPLIT

Today you will have a leisurely opportunity to explore and discover the spirit of Split. (B)

Day 12 – SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK

After breakfast we will continue south to the wonderful walled city of Dubrovnik. This city is squeezed between the sea and the mountains and is encircled by stone walls. It is, in a sense, a perfect work of beauty with an enthralling history. Nothing will disappoint you in this magnificent city. (B, D)

Day 13 - DUBROVNIK

Your morning tour of Dubrovnik will start with a panoramic drive through the Dubrovnik surroundings. Dubrovnik rose to have one of the strongest merchant navies in the 16th century. The town itself became a powerful city state known as the Dubrovnik republic which maintained its independence for 450 years. Your tour will continue with a guided walking tour of the old city. (B, D)

Day 14 - DUBROVNIK

Your last full day in Dubrovnik is free. Optional tour to Korcula. The town of Korcula is a magical place, girdled by the remains of massive medieval walls, which surround a perfect herringbone pattern of narrow stone streets descending from the main axis. It sits on a small peninsula toward the eastern end of the island. It is one of the most beautiful towns on the Adriatic and far less crowded than Dubrovnik or Hvar town. Our tour will include a Ferry ride then a walking tour of the Old Town including stops at the Cathedral of Saint Mark, the Bishop's Treasury and, of course, the house of Marco Polo. On our journey back to Dubrovnik, we will stop for a tour of a local oyster farm. Our day will be fully guided by our Dubrovnik guide, Marko. (B, D)

Day 15 – DUBROVNIK TO ZAGREB

After breakfast we will make our return journey from Dubrovnik to Zagreb for our overnight stay. Your evening is free. (B)

Day 16 – TRAVEL TO TORONTO

Margaret and Karl, your Tour Directors will advise you of your departure time for your return flights to Toronto. (B)

Itinerary Subject to Change

COST OF TOUR: \$ 4,764. *Per person, double occupancy*
This includes all taxes and fees plus the airline fuel surcharge
(For single occupancy: \$ 6,564. – includes all taxes and fees plus the airline fuel surcharge)

HOTEL UPGRADE OFFERED: *seaview*

in Biograd (day 8 & 9) and Split (day 10 & 11) COST: \$ 96. PP, double occ. (\$ 192. Single)

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- *Roundtrip flight (direct) Toronto/Zagreb/Toronto*
- *Transfers from airport to hotel*
- *14 nights in 4 and 5 star hotels with private bath or shower*
- *Breakfast daily*
- *Eight dinners*
- *Luggage handling for one piece of luggage – in and out of hotels*
- *Tours and sightseeing as listed on itinerary*
- *Transportation by motor coach*
- *Services of an HNA/Travac Tour Director*

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- *Items of a personal nature*
- *Meals not stated*
- *Travels insurance*
- *Customary gratuities to local guides – your bus driver – your HNA/Travac Tour Director*
- *Upgrades offered*

***Optional tours (at a nominal fee) will be offered by Margaret & Karl.
A list of these tours will be available closer to departure.***

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