



Day 1: Fly to Croatia

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Split.

Day 2: Split

Arrive in Split: Welcome to Split, the second-largest city in Croatia. It rose to prominence in ancient Rome, when Emperor Diocletian chose to spend his retirement there. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore on your own.

Day 3: Split

Sightseeing tour of Split: On your guided sightseeing tour, you'll visit the city's inspiration and most famous attraction—Diocletian's Palace. Constructed in the fourth century for the emperor and still inhabited today, its spectacular remains are the best preserved of any Roman palace and have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, wander the halls of the Mestrovic Museum, a beautiful complex highlighting the work of Croatian sculptor Ivan Mestrovic.

Day 4: Dubrovnik

Travel to Dubrovnik: Begin the day with a scenic trip along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik. For centuries a major port in European trade, the city today remains a living tribute to the timeless beauty and rich history of its past.

Sponza Palace: Take a look inside the 16th-century Sponza Palace, the heart of Dubrovnik's Old Town in more than just the physical sense. While you're there, you'll visit the Memorial Room, which somberly pays homage to those lost during the Siege of Dubrovnik.

Cable car ride up Srd Hill: Ride a cable car up to Dubrovnik's premiere overlook spot. On a clear day, you can see up to 37 miles.

War Museum: Wander the halls of this moving tribute to Croatia's war for independence, which captured the world's attention for the early part of the 1990s.

🍷 **Croatian dinner:** Opt to spend the evening immersed in local culinary culture. Blending Hungarian, Austrian, Turkish and Mediterranean flavors, Croatian cuisine has something for everyone.

Day 5: Dubrovnik | Split

Sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik: Situated along the stunning blue waters and rocky cliffs of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is replete with classical architecture and an imposing city wall, all of it impressively preserved. See the famous Franciscan monastery, first constructed in the 14th century, and Rector's Palace, once a center of government in the former city-state. Afterwards, take some time to admire Dubrovnik Cathedral, constructed in the latter half of the 17th century and today the seat of the Diocese in Dubrovnik.

Return to Split: Later, head back up the coast for another night in Split.

Day 6: Trogir | Zadar | Plitvice

Travel to Plitvice via Trogir and Zadar: Set course for Plitvice, a city in central Croatia whose national park is renowned worldwide for its beauty. En route, get your cameras out during stops in Trogir and Zadar, two cities whose historical significance is easy to capture on film.

Day 7: Plitvice

Sightseeing tour of Plitvice National Park: As your Tour Director introduces you to this natural treasure, you'll begin to understand why it was one of the first in the world to be recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See if you can pick a favorite among its 16 cascading waterfalls, which amazingly vary in color.

Day 8: Zagreb

Travel to Zagreb: Depart Plitvice for the Croatian capital of Zagreb.

Sightseeing tour of Zagreb: Though a post-WWII construction boom has inspired a move towards modernization in recent years, Zagreb retains a distinctly historic feel, particularly in its Upper Town. There, you'll explore Ban Jelacic Square, the city center whose name commemorates a leader of the 1848 Hungarian Revolution. Nearby, the Zagreb Cathedral—the tallest building in Croatia—is sure to impress with architecture that dates back to the 11th century. In the Lower Town, you'll find a plethora of museums, including the Archaeological Museum and the Modern Gallery, and the vibrant greens of Zrinjevac park.

Day 9: Depart for home

Your Tour Director will accompany you to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

🔗 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: Ljubljana | Venice

Travel to Venice: On your way to the Floating City, travel through Ljubljana, the capital and largest city in Slovenia. When you arrive in Venice, enjoy a pasta dinner before turning in for the night.

Day 10: Venice

Sightseeing tour of Venice: See gondolas glide down the Grand Canal before stopping in St. Mark's Square. Look for the golden weathervane, which resembles archangel Gabriel, atop the 323-foot Campanile ("Bell Tower"). Attend a glass-blowing demonstration and watch expert craftsmen spin molten-hot wares.

Doge's Palace: At the pink-and-white Doge's Palace, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, which links the palace to a prison. As they crossed the bridge, prisoners supposedly sighed with perfect sadness as they regarded their beautiful city for the last time.

Day 11: Depart for home

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