

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 23	APR 21
MAY 07, 21	MAY 05, 19
JUN 04, 18	JUN 02, 16, 30
JUL 02, 09, 23	JUL 07, 21
AUG 06, 20	AUG 04, 18
SEP 03, 17	SEP 01, 15, 29
OCT 01	

For full dates and prices, and to choose your group size, visit insightvacations.com/easterncapitals

∞ COUNTRY ROADS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS

4 COUNTRIES

19 MEALS

17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Plitvice Lakes National Park: Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Stolac: Meet the members of a local organisation preserving ancient traditions. Learn about herbal soap making or get a seasonal taste of fig cake.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Sarajevo: Meet an expert of the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Vienna • Dine-Around options in Ljubljana • Dine-at-Home in Sarajevo • Dalmatian Celebration Dinner in Dubrovnik.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

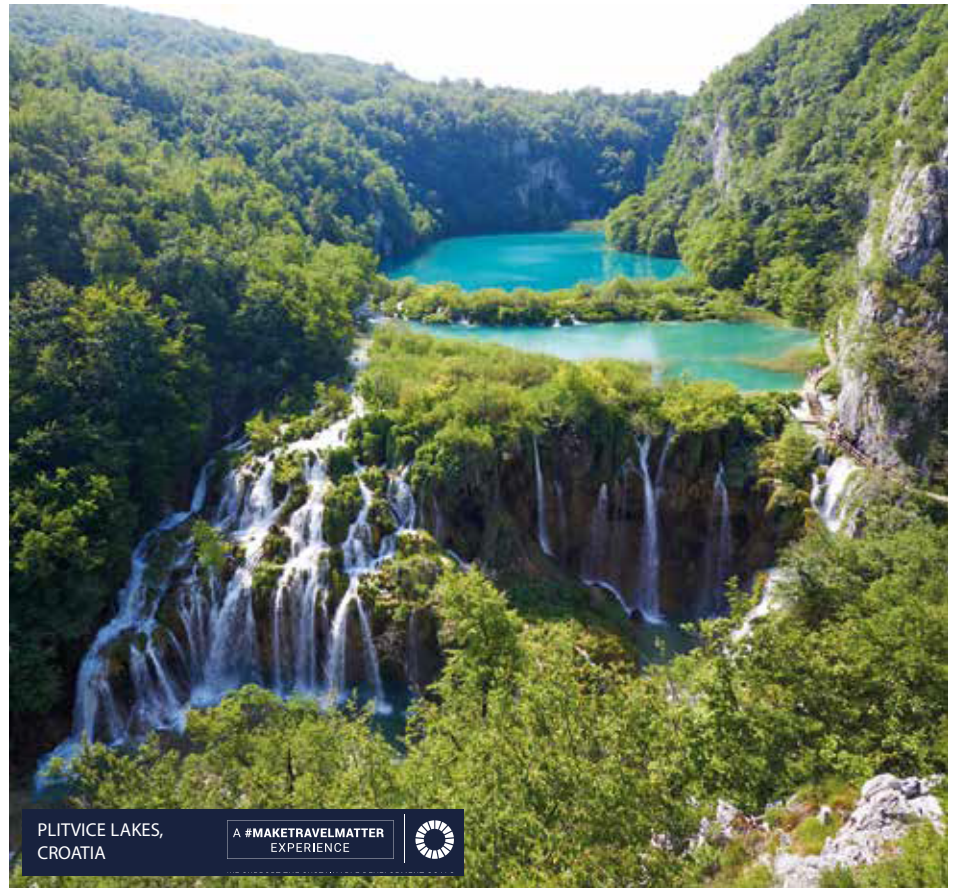
Travel by the funicular in Zagreb • Cruise the bay of Dubrovnik.

Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna • Diocletian's Palace in Split.

City tours of Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Split, Mostar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

EASTERN CAPITALS & THE DALMATIAN RIVIERA

"On this trip, guests love the visit to Sarajevan families in their homes to see how the local people live and to chat with them over a lovely home-cooked meal." – Irina, Travel Director



PLITVICE LAKES, CROATIA

A #MAKETRAVELMATTER EXPERIENCE



SPLIT



MOSTAR BRIDGE, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



DAY 1 WELCOME TO VIENNA

On arrival at Vienna airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.(DW)

Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 2 EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace.

Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ring Road, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche.(B)

DAY 3 MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA

In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana.(B)

Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 4 EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA

Relaxed Start. Your Local Expert will reveal the Baroque elegance of the Slovenian capital. See the medieval castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge. Spend time in the Central Market, rich with heady aromas.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Postojna Caves?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

DAY 5 ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Relaxed Start. Journey to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Meet your Local Expert for an exploration through Donji Grad, the Lower Town, devoted to art and spacious parks. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelacic Square en route to the cathedral. Ride the funicular and continue to the medieval Upper Town,

to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. (B)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 6 ZAGREB AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. A free day to relax and enjoy a city that is bursting with culture. Perhaps spend time exploring one of the many museums or browsing the shops in Donji Grad? Or join an Optional Experience to the charming village of Kumrovec and meet a local to hear their perspective on the region's history? (B)

DAY 7 ON TO PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Relaxed Start. Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders.

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. (B) (DW)

Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

DAY 8 ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST

Travel to Trogir, UNESCO World Heritage site, a historic town founded by the Greeks more than 2,300 years ago, and admire the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace.

Continue to the historic port of Split, where your Local Expert leads you through the labyrinthine streets to the Diocletian's palace. See St. Duje's and the Temple of Jupiter, as well as the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars.(B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 9 EXPLORING SPLIT

Relaxed Start. Always buzzing, lively Split has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. See Dalmatian life as it's lived with a full day free to explore Split and its surroundings. Why not join an Optional Experience to the island of Hvar? (B) (DW)

DAY 10 MOSTAR TO SARAJEVO

Cross the border into Bosnia & Herzegovina to reach Mostar and see the famous Stari Most, or Old Bridge, with your Local Expert. Continue to Sarajevo, a town with a turbulent past.

You are invited into a Sarajevo family home for a dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. (B) (DW)

Swissotel Sarajevo.

DAY 11 SARAJEVO, THE CITY OF CULTURE

Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert introduces you to the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum. Continue along the Miljacka river and see the historic Hapsburg centre of the city. (B)

DAY 12 STOLAC AND DUBROVNIK

In the morning, travel south to Herzegovina to the ancient village of Stolac for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience. Choose to learn about the ancient techniques of herbal soap. Alternatively, taste the traditional fig cake. Cross the border back into Croatia and journey to the walled town of Dubrovnik. On arrival, join your Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B)

Hotel Dubrovnik Palace.

DAY 13 OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

Relaxed Start. In the morning, why not visit Kotor in Montenegro?


As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travel companions for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine, accompanied by local wines.(B) (DW)


DAY 14 DEPART DUBROVNIK


Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)

KEY

 Join/Leave Options

 UNESCO Heritage Site

 Central Hotels + Nights

 Scenic Hotels + Nights


 Place Visited

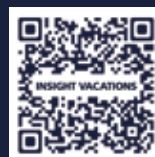
 Optional Place Visited

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



 **TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See Ljubljana's iconic bridges with your Local Expert. (Photo by @Orsinsight, Day 4, Ljubljana)



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