

Best of Croatia and Slovenia

11 Days

2 Countries

14 Meals





Idyllic islands and the remnants of Venetian riches dot this epic Croatia and Slovenia tour from Zagreb to Slovenia's 'green' capital, all the way along Croatia's sparkling Adriatic coastline with a stop in Bled you'll be talking about years to come as you meet your warm hosts Monika and Gregor on their organic farm.

Past Guest Rated **4.6/5** 
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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Zagreb, Pula, Rovinj, Plitvice National Park, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Ljubljana, Bled, Opatija and Ston
- **Visit** the Church of Assumption on Bled Island, the arena in Pula, Diocletian's Palace in Split and the salt pans in Ston
- **View** the Park of Sv. Jakov in Opatija
- **See** Zagreb's Ban Jelačić Square, the Triple Bridge and Castle of Ljubljana and the Old City of Dubrovnik
- **Scenic Cruise** to Bled Island

 Start  End  Overnight  Sightseeing

Kvarner Bay, Croatia

Day

1 Welcome to Zagreb You'll never forget the glow of endless sunsets and the rich history of Croatia and Slovenia influenced by the Greeks, Romans and Venetians. This epic Croatia and Slovenia tour kicks off in the political and cultural capital of Zagreb where you'll discover the treasures of its past. You'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive sharing some of the highlights you can expect tomorrow. **(WR)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton

2 Sightseeing in Zagreb Zagreb's medieval heart is the star of the show today – your Local Specialist reveals its charming upper town which spills onto St. Mark's Square with its original Romanesque buildings and colourful St. Mark's Church. The beauty of Bled isn't far off and you'll head through Slovenia's green landscapes for this popular lakeside resort town and the surrounding Alpine landscape which is simply irresistible. **(B)** **Hotel: Park**

3 Explore the beauty of lakeside Bled There's time for a scenic boat ride on Lake Bled today to view the 17th century Church of Assumption before today's exclusive *Be My Guest* experience with Monika, Gregor and their five children. You'll visit their Sliibar farm, in their family for six generations, and learn all about their sustainable way of life. *Connect With Locals* and discover their new organic beer, bread and pasta venture while you enjoy all the local favourites served on sharing plates. **(B, BMG, ☺)**

4 Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija Leaving Bled behind, we travel to one of Europe's smallest capitals – the 'Hero City', Ljubljana. You'll see the Old Town with its two medieval town squares linked by narrow lanes, the *Prešeren* Square (named after Slovenian's greatest poet), the Opera House, the National Museum and Castle which has watched over the city for over nine centuries. After a day of city sightseeing, head to Croatia's riviera and settle into a slower pace in Opatija. **(B)** **Hotel: Paris**

5 Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj Start your day in Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula where your visit to the 1st-century Pula Arena with a *Local Specialist* will reveal the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II. The fishing port of Rovinj is up next and we'll wander through the Old Town, exploring its Mediterranean influences. **(B)**

6 Off to Stunning Plitvice Few experiences will match today's guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Plitviče, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. On this *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience, you'll choose one of two walks revealing the cascading lake waters shifting from azure to green, grey to blue. You'll discover how they have been shaped over thousands of years and remain pristine for generations to come thanks to visits like yours to the area. **(B, D, ☺)**
Hotel: Jezero



Explore soul-stirring nature in Plitvice.

Admire all the shades of blue on this stunning encounter with the cascading waterfalls and lakes of Croatia's Plitvice National Park. Read more at trafalgar.com.

7 Admire Historic Trogir and on to Split Join your *Local Specialist* in Trogir to explore its charming medieval heart connected to the mainland and island of Čiovo by bridges. You'll visit Diocletian's Palace around which the city of Split was built and *Dive Into Culture* hearing how Emperor Diocletian settled on this stunning landscape for his retirement. Your *Local Specialist* will share the remnants of luxurious squares and temples that still stand many centuries later. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Atrium**

8 Split Your Way Discover why Split has earned its nickname 'the most beautiful city in the world' with a full day to explore its heart and beyond. People-watch in Pjaca Square, then ascend the bell tower for magnificent views. You could choose instead a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian Islands which will leave you with an appreciation for what it's like to live in an area that is as beautiful as its history was tumultuous. **(B)**

9 From the salt pans of Ston to the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' Discover Croatia's rich salt heritage today when you *Dive Into Culture* in the walled city of Ston, with its dramatic views and laid-back fishing village atmosphere. Continue to Dubrovnik, much adored by famous poets, playwrights and painters and you'll be as inspired as they were by its backstreet charm as you go behind the scenes. Lovers of history will also delight in its rich history as the only city-state in the Adriatic to rival Venice. **(B, 🍷)** **Hotel: Grand Park**

10 Explore Iconic Dubrovnik All the highlights of Dubrovnik and some local favourites are revealed on your Sightseeing tour of the city this morning and you'll join your *Local Specialist* who'll share the stories behind the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain, and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. On our last evening, we'll come together for a memorable Farewell Dinner toasting to the beauty of the Adriatic and new friendships forged. **(B, FD)**

11 Farewell Dubrovnik Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'Best of Croatia and Slovenia' on trafalgar.com for all available departures and pricing.

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