



PEARLS OF ITALY AND CROATIA IN 18 DAYS

The best of Adriatic coast

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This tour is a PRIVATE tour only and it is meant as a guideline of a tour (this tour is not a pre-packaged group tour). Your tour will be carried out exclusively private just for you and can be customized according to your wishes and preferences. You will see the most beautiful places of Italy, the cities, their history and amazing Italian coast. You will also have a chance to experience Croatian coast and it's beautiful Adriatic sea

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DAY 1

Arrival to Rome

From the Rome airport the driver will take you to the city of Naples which is full of arts and architectures and there you will have a first chance to do some sightseeing on your own. After the break you will continue to Pompeii, the city of ancient Roman, where you will have some time to take a walk around the amazing remainders of the unique buried city. After that you will drive to the Amalfi coast where you will do check-in in the hotel.

Amalfi Coast, 3 nights

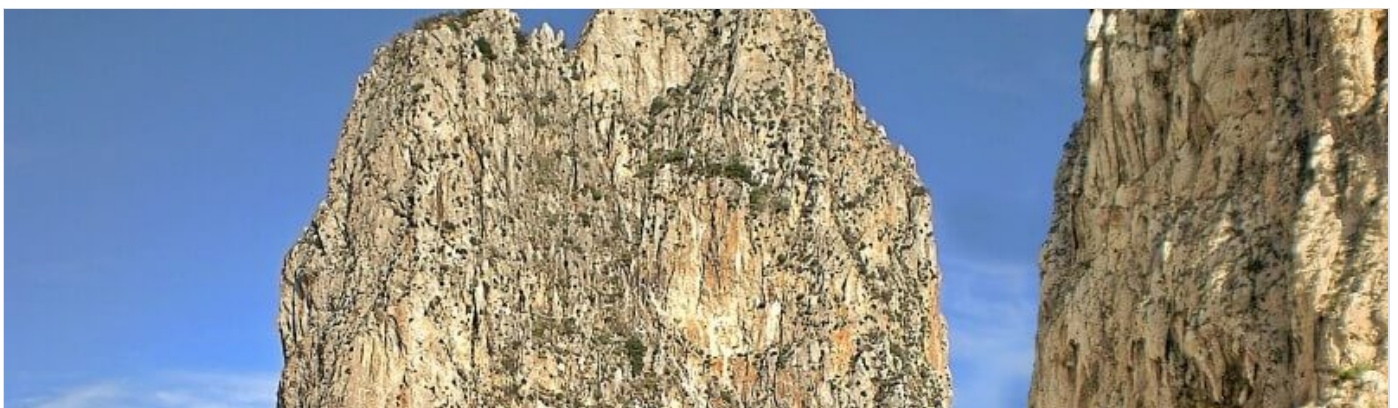


DAY 2

Amalfi Coast

Your second day is meant for resting. You can relax on the beach of Amalfi coast where you can find the most memorable stops along the whole coast. We recommend you to visit Sorrento, Positano, Praiano and Ravello.

Amalfi Coast, 3 nights





DAY 3

Day trip to Capri Island

You will take a trip to Island of Capri. Tip of the day: Visiting Capri Island by boat. Board a small and comfortable boat from one of three spots on the Amalfi Coast and enjoy the cruise to the island. From the boat, observe Faraglioni rock formations, the Li Galli nature reserve and the famed Blue Grotto. On the Capri take some free time to explore the island, perhaps riding the chairlift to Monte Solaro or visiting the Villa San Michele. Return to Amalfi.

Amalfi Coast, 3 nights



DAY 4

Matera

Morning departure towards Puglia. You will spent a day in Matera. The city of Matera is one of the most interesting, unusual and memorable tourist destinations in Italy. In the remote southern region of Basilicata (also called Lucania), still little-visited by foreign travellers, it is a town famous for its extensive cave-dwelling districts, the Sassi. You can stay in caves, wander the lanes alongside the picturesque cave-filled cliffs, and learn the history of this fascinating place.

Polignano a Mare, 2 nights



DAY 5

Alberobello and Bari

Transfer to Alberobello. We recommend you to take a self-guided tour of this remarkable place. Alberobello is on Unesco World Heritage site since 1996 and is world famous for the characteristic cone shaped buildings known as trulli. These incredible structures are built out of chiancole, flat stones in local calcareous rock, plentiful in the area.



DAY 6

Welcome Croatia

You can enjoy a day at leisure or you can visit Santa Cesarea Terme in Otranto. Otranto, “the door to East”, is one of the most famous gems of the Salento coast: this little town facing the Adriatic sea lies on the most oriental point of Italy. Santa Cesarea Terme is located on a cliff that faces the Otranto Canal. What makes Santa Cesarea unique in the world is the presence of sulfur water springs that, with its thermal baths, are the destination of many tourists. After sightseeing transfer to port and board for night ferry to Dubrovnik.

Night ferry Bari – Dubrovnik



DAY 7

Dubrovnik Old City

You will arrive to Dubrovnik early in the morning. A driver will take you to the hotel to check-in. Then you will have some free time. In the afternoon you will go to a guided walking tour through historical streets and sightseeing of city's most renowned historic monuments. The great George Bernard Shaw wrote: „Those who seek paradise on Earth must come to Dubrovnik" and he was as many others overjoyed by the beauty and rich history of this old town under the UNESCO protection. Its glorious walls, with their fortresses and bastions, offer a unique walk with view of the magical Elafiti Islands. Each part of Dubrovnik can surprise you with some overwhelming experience. From the Onofrio fountain to the City bell tower, along its main street, Stradun, Dubrovnik's famous street of limestone, polished by years of footfall and in many other small and quiet cobblestone streets, every step in this town will be an experience par excellence. Then we will visit the Franciscan Monastery, where 30,000 volumes, 216 incunabula, and 1,500 valuable handwritten documents are stored in the library. The cloister is one of the most magnificent monuments in the city and it houses the oldest pharmacy in Europe, dating back to 1317. Suggestion: In the evening we can offer you transfer to extraordinary panorama points where Panorama Restaurant stands. You can enjoy dinner of breathtaking view to Dubrovnik town. Optionally: Game of Thrones shooting sight (climb to the city wall and walk the full 1.24-mile (2-kilometer) circuit, offering breathtaking views across a sea and see where Game of thrones was shot).

Dubrovnik, 1 night



DAY 8

Sea adventure - Hvar

Your half day adventure (3-4 hrs trip) starts in the morning beneath ancient fort Lovrjenac in the small port called Pile. Accompanied with English speaking instructors (tour guide), you will set off to explore caves and beauties of mysterious Lokrum island, also called 'The Island of Love'. After circling around the island you will paddle across the bay until you reach hidden cave beach called Betina, where you will have a break for snorkeling and sandwiches. The only way to reach this peaceful beach is from the sea side so you will enjoy in private & unique view of the City walls & you will discover richness of the Adriatic underwater. After short break on the beach you will paddle along the coast toward the City walls. Beaches, palm trees, boats, villas and hotels ... form part of this tour. Paddling under the impressive city walls and rocks on which they were built on you will enjoy breathtaking views of the Pearl of the Adriatic from a different perspective. Unquestionably the most beautiful part of our sea adventure. Finish paddling toward the initial position in the Pile bay. After return you will have some free time in Dubrovnik till departure with catamaran for Hvar Island. After arrival to Hvar, you will check-in at the hotel in Hvar town and again some free time.

Hvar, 6 night



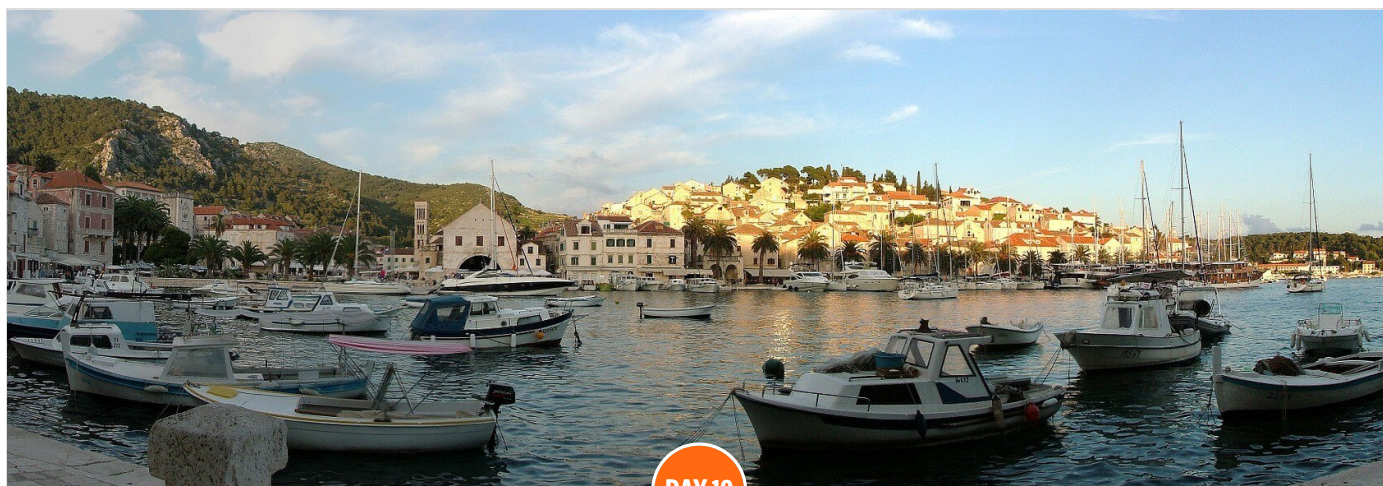
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Hvar Island

You can enjoy spending days at your leisure or you can choose from suggestions below. Options for daily and half-day trips from Hvar: Option 1. Hvar Island cycling tour and the rest of the day free (restaurant suggestion: Stori Komin – place, visited by the closest friend and lawyer of Barack Obama): Explore Hvar Island by bicycles – departure in the morning and transfer to starting point. Cycle through the inland villages of Dol, Svirce and Vrisnik, before hitting the coast through Jelsa and Vrboska, much of it the route of the 500 year-old UNESCO Easter Procession. Breathe in the nature and the heritage before finishing your ride at one more unknown treasure very much off the beaten path – the Stancic family farm in Dol. There is nothing fancy here, just great locally produced food expertly served in an ambiance which will give you an insight into the Mediterranean as It Once Was. Drive back to Hvar town and free time. Explore old Hvar Town. Hvar is best known for its medieval buildings which are the legacy of four centuries of Venetian rule. The town is the site of the oldest municipal theatre in Europe which opened in 1612. Perched high on a hill overlooking the town, the gleaming white limestone walls of the medieval Spanish Fortress afford breathtaking views for those that climb to their summit. (optional) Visit also the Cathedral and the Arsenal. Option for the evening dinner in Konoba Stori Komin with unique atmosphere and great Dalmatian food. Option 2. Exclusive Private Boat day trip from Hvar to Vis Island with numerous secrets of the island with main attraction of Green and Blue Cave and special boat drive-in restaurant: In the morning exclusive private boat trip to Vis island. After 40 years of isolation, Vis reopened its doors in 1989. As

one of most secret military base, this islands hides numerous secrets of former Yugoslavia and natural mircales, such as bay of Stiniva, Blue & Green cave, Queen's cave and "Monk seal cave". Stop by first cave – Green Cave and jump into the water and swim directly to the cave. Pay attention while swimming back out of the cave – you can observe fantastic almost fluorescently intensive blue color of the water while splashing the water. Continue to Blue Cave – stop at the cashier where you need to buy a ticket for a cave. When waiting for small boat which will take you to the Blue Cave, take some picture in the vicinity of boarding. Continue to Komiža and drive by boat into the restaurant with tasty lobster dinner for the end of a day. Return back to Hvar. Important: because boat tour will be private, your tour can be adapted to your wishes any time through this tour, so you can add or change after you meet with your guide-boat driver which will suggest you other options, as well. Option 3. Korčula Island - Hvar (Old town of Hvar, time to relax on Hvar Island): In the morning head to Korčula Island. Time for sightseeing of Korcula and enjoying some free time. Korčula, the reputed birthplace of great explorer Marco Polo, is medieval Old Town surrounded by 14th century stone walls and contains a succession of narrow streets that branch off the spine of the main thoroughfare like a fish bone, designed to cut down on the impact of sun and wind to provide citizens with comfortable and sheltered accommodation. A fascinating place to explore, the Old Town also has numerous gothic, renaissance and baroque palaces, monuments and galleries. Option 4. Other interesting options on Hvar island: - Special option on Hvar Island – Scuba Diving: Diving spots: There are more then 15 beautiful diving spots within only 5-60 minutes boat drive from Hvar Town. Most of them are around divine archipelago of Pakleni (Paklinski) Islands, real Adriatic Paradise. We invite you to discover Vodnjak, Vela Garska, Stambedar, The Wrack, Poseidon Pillar, Acnhor Wall, Baba Reef and many others ... - Other Options on Hvar Island – wine options and other trips from Hvar island: 1. Underwater wine tasting at Plenkovic Bilo Idro("White Sail") restaurant and its undersea wine studio 2. Andro Tomic wine maker – try his Mali Plavac wine, as "La Revue du vin de France", the respected wine magazine, distinguished his wine as being a benchmark for the future millennium 3. Dubokovic winery with wine of 2718 hours of sun in the bottle 4. Authentic island culinary picnic at the picturesque village of Vrisnik. Your host is one of the best Croatian olive oil producers, Mr. Borivoj Bojanic. His grove has an amazing view of Hvar's 2234 year-old Ager field, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the oldest preserved agriculture plain in the world 5. Day trip to one of top 10 most beautiful beaches in the world on Brac island, called "Golden horn"

Hvar, 6 nights

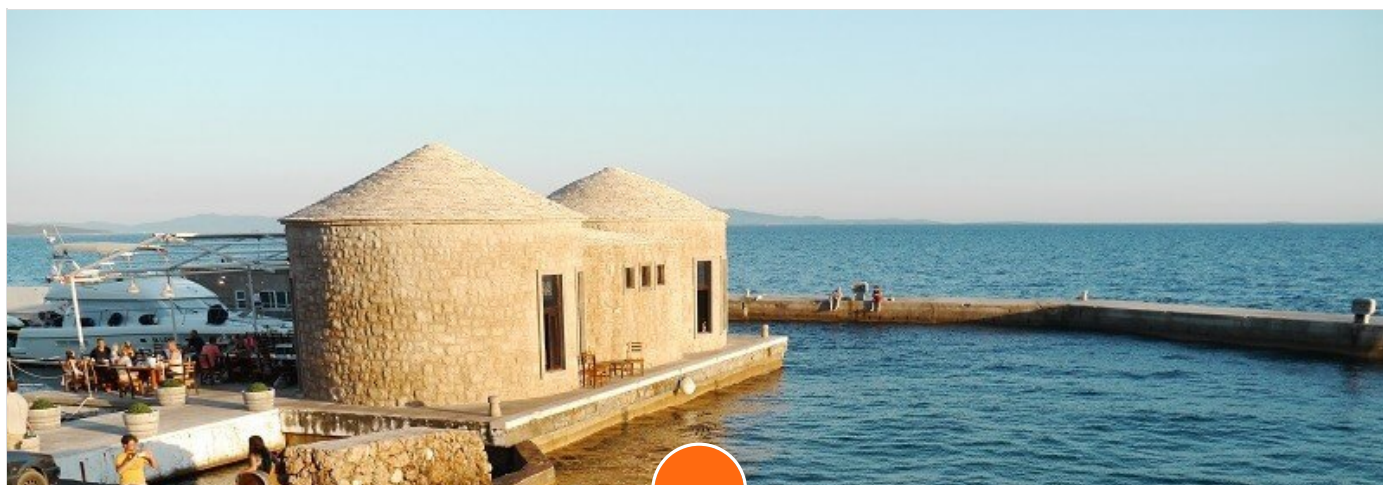


DAY 10

Hvar Island

A day at your leisure or choosing half day or one day trip from the options described under day 9.

Hvar, 6 nights



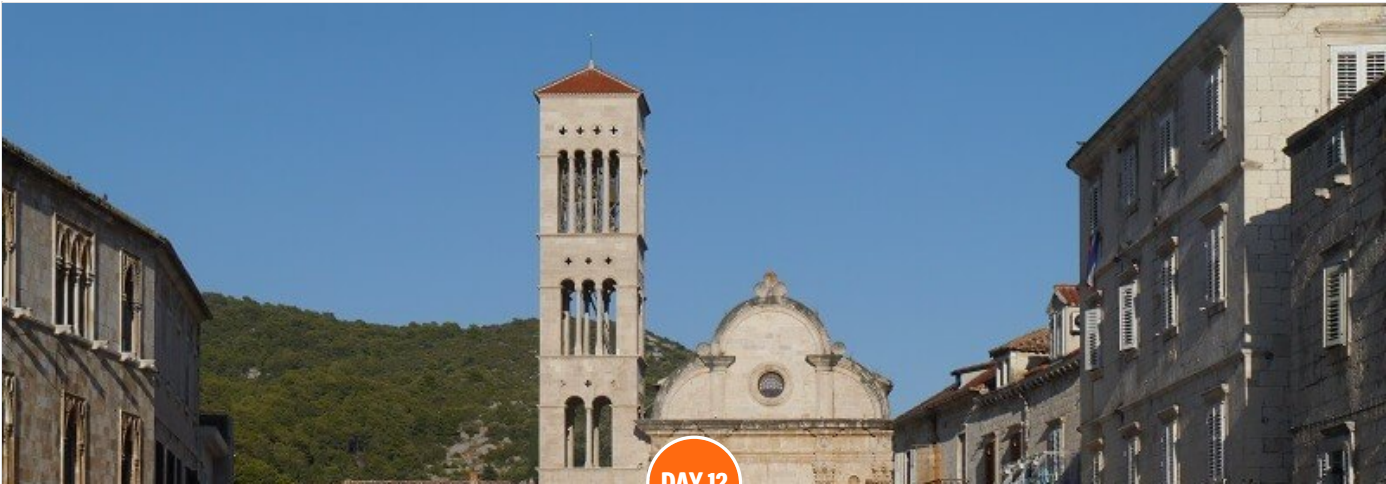
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Hvar Island

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Hvar, 6 nights



DAY 12

Hvar Island

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Hvar, 6 nights



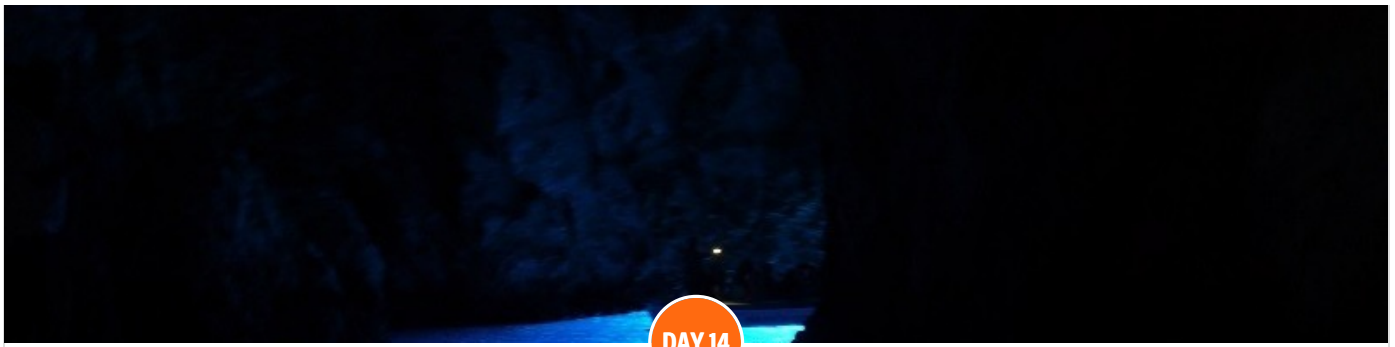
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Hvar Island

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Hvar, 6 nights





DAY 14

Hvar Island

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Hvar, 6 nights

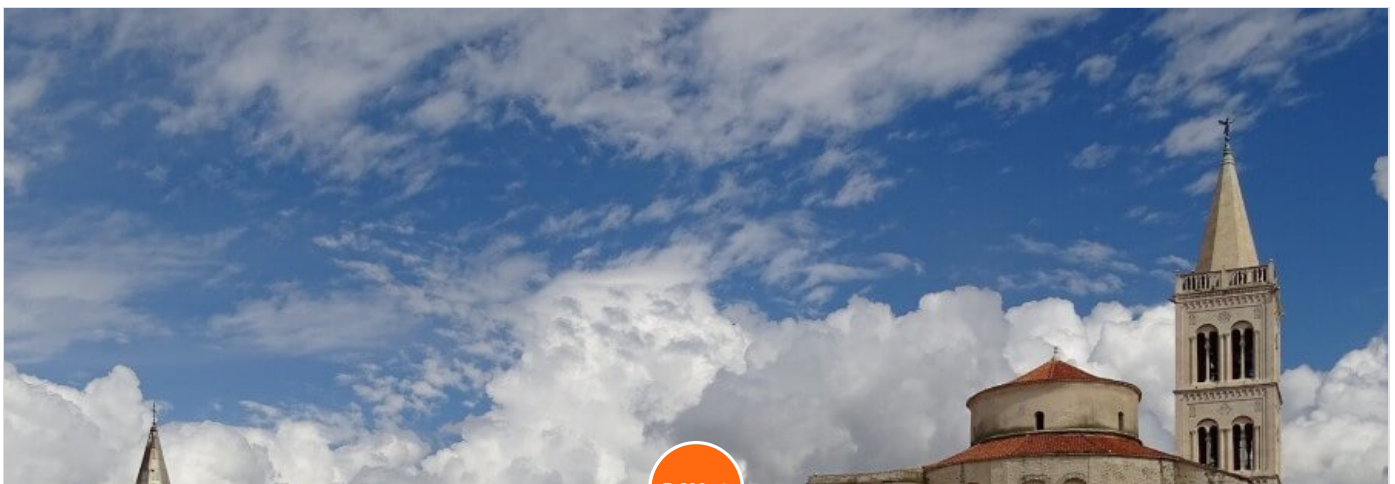


DAY 15

Hvar - Split with UNESCO Dio

From Hvar, departure for Split (catamaran / ferry). Arrival to Split and guided walking tour through the „most beautiful city in the world“, how Split is often called by its citizens. With our guide, you'll visit the Diocletian Palace in the heart of Split, built as a residential palace seventeen hundred years ago by the Roman Emperor Diocletian and also a priceless monument included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage. After the city tour you will have the time to spend at leisure. Enjoy the heart of Split – the famous Split waterfront or Riva where you will feel the friendly and cozy atmosphere of this vibrant city. Free afternoon for your own exploring.

Split, 1 night



DAY 16

Historical Trogir – Swim in

From Split we will go to the historical town of Trogir. Sightseeing in Trogir is a pure joy. It's a small town and Trogir's sights are conveniently clustered together, making it an easy walk and easy to understand why it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Art lovers who are looking for a sophisticated and detailed explanation of Trogir's art should order a copy of Croatia: Aspects of Art, Architecture and Cultural Heritage in which several art experts explain the significance of Trogir's unique contribution to Dalmatian culture. We recommend you to start your walking tour from the Renaissance city, above the gate is a statue of the town's protector, the Blessed Ivan Orsini. Nearby is the town museum which gives a good overview of Trogir's history. Continue to the town centre. On the northern side of the main square is the magnificent cathedral of St. Lovro, built from the 13th to the 15th centuries and considered one of the Adriatic's most architecturally and artistically important monuments. It represents the first example in Dalmatia of the Gothic style that was sweeping continental Europe. The cathedral highlights the artistry of Master Radovan, Dalmatia's finest builder. His masterpiece is the western portal, now known as 'Radovan's Portal'. The significance of this work is how the Romanesque structure of the portal encloses the Gothic tendency to humanize the Biblical story it depicts. Numerous other monuments in Trogir, like The elegant bell tower, Chapel of Blessed John Orsini, a Renaissance masterpiece, numerous churches and Kamerlengo fortress. Plenty to explore and enjoy this historical Dalmatian town. We will then continue to picturesque, enjoyable National Park of Krka Waterfalls: there you will have some free time. You can enjoy swimming in the lower lake in the crystal clear water as the Krka Waterfalls is the only National Park in Croatia where swimming is allowed and explore the falls by wooden walkway. Our day will end in Zadar, where we will see the most famous Roman Forum built in the 1st-Century and St. Donatus' Church which dates back to the 9th-Century and is the most famous medieval basilica and trademark of the city. We will also see the reconstructed Romanesque St. Grisigono's Church from the 12th-Century and the St. Mary's bell tower from the year 1105; the St. Anastasia's Cathedral from the 13th-Century; the People's Square with the City's Lodge and Guardhouse from the 16th-Century, as well as the mighty fortification walls with first class Sea(farer's) and the Land gates from the 16th-Century followed by the Three and Five Wells Squares and enjoy in the sounds of the unique sea organ. Overnight in Zadar.

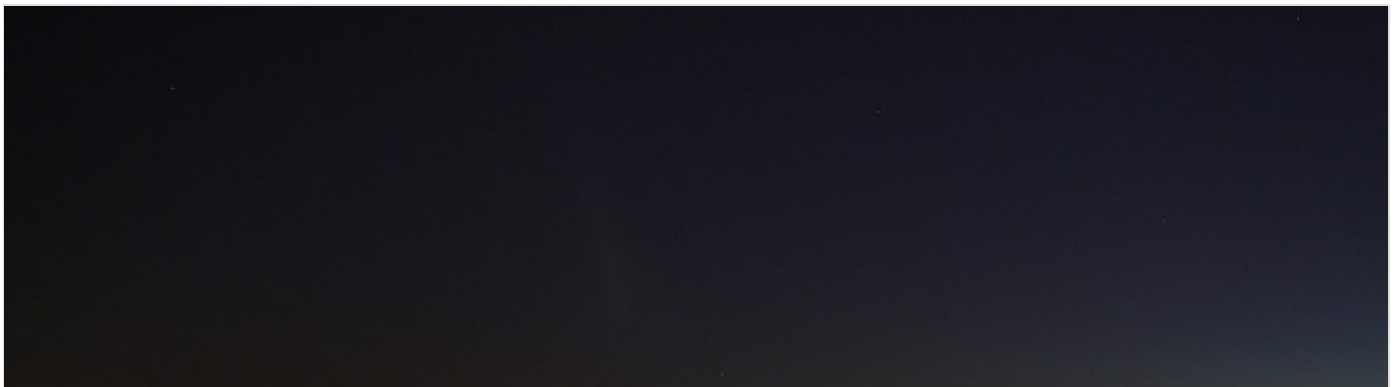
Zadar, 1 night



UNESCO: National Park Plitvi

From Zadar, morning drive to Plitvice, the oldest and the biggest national park in Croatia, a world natural heritage site which is under the UNESCO protection since the 1979. You will stroll along the sixteen beautiful and crystal clear lakes with numerous cascades and waterfalls. In the afternoon continue to Zagreb, overnight.

Zagreb, 1 night





DAY 18

Bye bye and let's go home

Free time. Transfer to the airport and flight back home.

Zagreb Airport

ACCOMMODATIONS

COMFORT

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| Day: 1 | Location: Amalfi Coast | Hotel: Tramonto d'Oro 4* PRAIANO |
| Day: 4 | Location: Polignano a Mare | Hotel: Pietrablu Resort & Spa - CDSHotels 4* |
| Day: 6 | Location: Adriatic sea | Hotel: Night Ferry - Cabin |
| Day: 7 | Location: Dubrovnik | Hotel: Hotel Neptun 4* |
| Day: 8 | Location: Hvar | Hotel: Little Green Bay 4* |
| Day: 15 | Location: Split | Hotel: Palace Judita Heritage Hotel 4* |
| Day: 16 | Location: Zadar | Hotel: Art Hotel Kalelarga 4* |
| Day: 17 | Location: Zagreb | Hotel: Best Western Premier Hotel Astoria 4* |

TRIP PACKAGE

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Transfer from/to the airport
- Transport during the tour
- Accommodation
- Local guides
- Information services
- Entrance fee
- Organization
- Our assistance for clients 24/7
- VAT

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

- All meals except breakfast unless stated otherwise in the itinerary
- Porterage
- Gratuities
- Other entrance fees not included in the program
- City tax (payable on the spot at reception desks)
- Extra excursions
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above.

MORE INFORMATION

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REVIEWS

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Wendy Pechersk, Ukraine

The trip was excellent and we all had a fabulous time. The Sport Hotel was a perfect venue and the hike to Lipanca and then on to Mrežce was fantastic. This venue was also great because of the recreation room that it has. We found Grand Cuvee Tours company to be very helpful and very professional. I will definitely recommend Grand Cuvee Tours. Thank you for all your help.



Gyorgy Roth, United Kingdom

We would really like to thank you for the organization of the trip. We were very satisfied with both accommodation and felt very comfortable. Thanks to your excellent organized program we could really enjoy Slovenia's beautiful nature as well as the delicious and fine foods. This trip was a perfect combination of excitement and vacation.



Gene, United States

Tomaz and Mojca, Susie and I would like to thank you so much for your company's hospitality and professionalism. Tomaz it's was a privilege to spend the day with you and Tina. We think she is delightful. The afternoon in Goce was one of the best we have ever had. They are an incredible family and every part of it was spectacular. Seeing how close they are as a family made it even more special. Please share our deepest gratitude with them. I've shared your company information with multiple friends and will continue to do so. As they say in the states, hats off! well done!

TRIP GALLERY

