



PERSONALLY CURATED SMALL GROUP & PRIVATE JOURNEYS

EUROPE 2017|18



ADRIATIC BEAUTY

14 Days

Designed to encapsulate the beauty of the entire Adriatic coastline from fortified Dubrovnik, Montenegro's charming town of Kotor, the popular Croatian Island of Hvar and the secluded Pakleni archipelago, the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice Lakes National Park, the stunning Istrian Peninsula including Rovinj and Pula, and ending in iconic Venice.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- > Visit 'must see' Adriatic towns of Dubrovnik, Kotor, Hvar, Split, Rovinj and Venice.
- > 13 nights in exquisite 4 and 5 star hotels.
- > 13 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L).
- > Guided city tours of Dubrovnik, Kotor, Hvar, Split, Zadar and Pula.
- > Boat excursion to the Croatian Island of Hvar and private charter to the secluded Pakleni archipelago.
- > Guided excursion and entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park.
- > Truffle tasting and lunch nearby to Istria's hilltop village of Motovun.
- > Olive Oil Estate tour and tasting in Istria.
- > Visit UNESCO World Heritage Listed sites including Venice, Plitvice Lakes, Šibenik's Cathedral of St. James and the historical centres of Dubrovnik, Split, Kotor and Trogir.
- > Entrance fees to the fortified walls of Dubrovnik, Diocletians Palace, St Donatus Cathedral, Temple of Augustus and Pula's Arena.
- > Deluxe transport and boat excursion to Croatian islands.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.

DAY 1 Dubrovnik

Welcome to the medieval fortified town of Dubrovnik, the idyllic starting point to discover the beauty of the Adriatic. On arrival, be transferred to your amazing hotel and enjoy the day to wander Dubrovnik's maze of cobbled alleys or perhaps enjoy an aerial view by cable car.

Overnight: Hotel Excelsior 5 star or similar

DAY 2 Dubrovnik (B)

This morning, meet your local guide for a walking sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Listed Site. Dubbed the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', the town has preserved its beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains. Visit the main attractions including the Pile Gate, the city's main promenade – the Stradun, the Onophrian Fountain built in 1438, the Franciscan Monastery, the baroque church of St Blaise and the Rector's Palace built in 1441. Also walk atop the city walls for an amazing view. The afternoon is free for you to relax by the beach or shop in the old town.

Overnight: Hotel Excelsior or similar

DAY 3 Dubrovnik – Kotor – Dubrovnik (B)

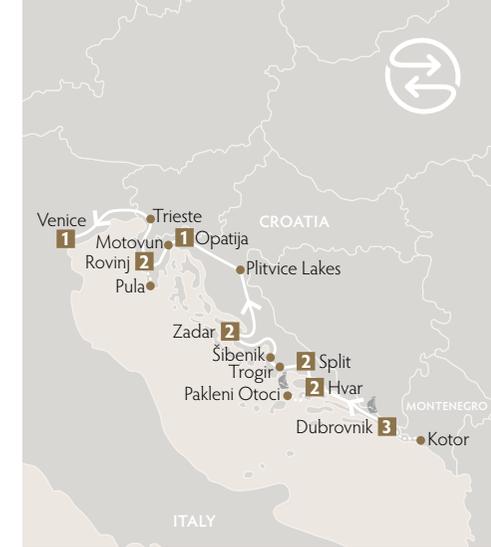
Today, venture down the Adriatic coast for a full-day excursion to Montenegro. Enjoy a guided tour of the old Mediterranean port of Kotor, surrounded by fortifications set beneath overhanging limestone cliffs. Kotor dates to 168BC and is a World Heritage Site. Return to Dubrovnik where the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Excelsior or similar

DAY 4 Dubrovnik – Hvar (B)

Today, travel by catamaran to one of Croatia's most popular islands off the Dalmatian Coast, Hvar. Complete with hillsides covered in pine forests, vineyards, olive groves, fruit orchards and lavender fields, the island is also home to the popular tourist town of Hvar. On arrival, meet a local guide for a sightseeing tour of Hvar's main attractions. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Adriana 4 star or similar



Tour offered in reverse direction

COMBINE WITH

This tour may be combined with a Zagreb City Break, a Venice City Break or Highlights of Italy (North) on certain dates.

PRIVATE JOURNEY

This tour may be taken any time as a private journey.



Rovinj, Croatia



DAY 5 Hvar – Pakleni Otoci – Hvar (B)

Today venture further into the Adriatic for an 'island off an island' experience to visit the stunning and secluded Pakleni Islands. The archipelago stretches for 10 kilometres and offers small, secluded beaches, deserted coves and sun-drenched hills. Relax on the sandy beaches of the bay of Palmižana, while enjoying the scent of rosemary planted on nearby slopes. In the afternoon, return to Hvar to relax at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Adriana or similar

DAY 6 Hvar – Split (B)

Enjoy the morning to relax in Hvar or perhaps visit Stari Grad, located on the northern side of the island that is a UNESCO protected site. In the afternoon, return to the mainland and onto Split, the second largest city in Croatia and one of the oldest, dating to the 6th century BC. Freshen up at your amazing hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Luxe 4 star or similar

Hvar, Croatia



DAY 7 Split (B)

Meet your local guide for a morning tour. Originally a Greek settlement, Split was conquered by the Venetians in 1420, ruled by Austrians and French before becoming part of Yugoslavia in 1918. It was occupied by the Italians in 1941 and liberated in 1943. Visit the city's main attractions including the UNESCO World Heritage Listed historical centre including the Diocletian's Palace representing one of the most famous architectural and cultural buildings on the Croatian Adriatic coast. The afternoon is available to enjoy at your leisure where you may wish to visit the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery, the Archaeological Museum or Riva Harbour.

Overnight: Hotel Luxe or similar

DAY 8 Split – Trogir – Šibenik – Zadar (B)

Depart Split for Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Listed town with a medieval core, surrounded by walls, comprising a preserved castle and tower and dwellings and palaces from the Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods. Continue to Šibenik, the oldest native Croatian town on the eastern shores of the Adriatic. The town is famed for its UNESCO World Heritage Listed Cathedral of St. James, built between 1431 and 1536, both in Gothic and in Renaissance style. Afterward, continue to the town of Zadar.

Overnight: Hotel Bastion 4 star or similar

DAY 9 Zadar (B)

Meet your local guide for a morning tour of Zadar's main attractions including the monumental round, pre-Romanesque style St Donatus church, the Roman Forum, the Zadar City Gate, City Sentinel, the Sea Organ and Greeting to the Sun. The afternoon is available at your leisure where you may wish to visit the Archaeological Museum or simply explore more of the old town.

Overnight: Hotel Bastion or similar

DAY 10 Zadar – Plitvice Lakes – Opatija – (B)

Depart for a full day guided excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice Lakes National Park, covering 300 square kilometres and containing a series of beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls. The Park's sixteen crystal blue-green colour lakes are stunning, particularly the upper lakes that lie in the dolomite valley that are interlinked by waterfalls and surrounded by thick forests. The area is also fauna-rich, including the brown bear, wolf, eagle owl and many rare bird species. Afterward, depart for Opatija.

Overnight: Hotel Agava 4 star or similar

"THOSE WHO SEEK PARADISE ON EARTH SHOULD COME TO DUBROVNIK."
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

DAY 11 Opatija – Motovun – Rovinj (B, L)

Enjoy some time in the morning to absorb this picturesque town nestled between the beautiful woods of bay laurel and the crystal blue waters of the Adriatic. Continue into Croatia's Istrian Peninsula to the hilltop town of Motovun and for truffle tasting and lunch, before arriving in the stunning seaside town of Rovinj. Freshen up at your remarkable hotel before wandering the cobbled streets of this enchanting town.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini 5 star or similar

DAY 12 Rovinj – Pula – Rovinj (B)

Enjoy a guided morning tour of the seaside town of Pula, famed for its natural geography and its ancient Roman buildings including its 1st century amphitheatre, the Triumphal Arch, the Arch of Sergii and the Temple of Rome and Augustus. Afterward, visit an olive oil estate in Vodnjan for an olive oil tasting and tour. Return to Rovinj where the rest of the day and evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini or similar

DAY 13 Rovinj – Trieste – Venice (B)

Venture along the Italian coastline to visit the prosperous seaport of Trieste. Originally a Roman colony dating to 51BC, Trieste later became an important trade, literature and music centre for the Austrian-Hungarian empire. Today, Viennese architecture and coffee houses dominate the streets and the Port supplies 40% of Italy's coffee. Continue to Venice, the amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed city, with its winding canals, iconic gondola's and artistic glass, leather goods, antiques and jewellery stores.

Overnight: Palace Bonvecchiati 4 star or similar

DAY 14 Venice (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your ongoing journey. Otherwise, stay in Venice for sightseeing (see City Break possibilities) or combine this tour with a back-to-back journey through Italy.



Plitvice Lakes National Park



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