

"LIFE IS EITHER A DARING ADVENTURE OR NOTHING AT ALL."

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# Beautiful Croatia

11 DAYS

Designed to encapsulate the beauty of Croatia's entire Adriatic coastline from land and sea, you will be enchanted by: the stunning fortified town of Dubrovnik; the popular Island of Hvar; the enchanting villages of Trogir and Sibenik; the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice Lakes National Park; and Istria's charming towns of Rovinj and Pula. Complemented with an Oyster farm tour and lunch, truffle hunting, olive oil estate visit, leisure time for self-discovery and ending in iconic Venice, this will be an experience to remember.



## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Visit 'must see' Adriatic towns of Dubrovnik, Hvar, Split, Trogir, Rovinj, Poreč and Trieste.
- > 10 nights in exquisite 4 and 5-star hotels.
- > 10 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D)
- > Guided city tours of Dubrovnik, Hvar, Split, Rovinj and Pula.
- > Ston Oyster Farm visit, tour and culinary lunch experience.
- > Day excursion to the Croatian island of Hvar.
- > Guided excursion, entrance and overnight stay in Plitvice Lakes National Park.
- > Truffle hunting on a truffle farm with truffle infused lunch.
- > Olive Oil Estate tour and tasting in Istria.
- > Visit UNESCO World Heritage Listed sites including Plitvice Lakes, and the historical centres of Dubrovnik, Split and Trogir.
- > Entrance to the fortified walls of Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery, Diocletian's Palace, St Donatus Cathedral, Temple of Augustus and Pula's Arena.
- > Deluxe VIP transport and public catamaran/ferry where indicated.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## TOUR FOCUS



Natural  
Beauty



Towns &  
Villages



Food  
& Wine

Pakleni Islands & Hvar, Croatia



### DAY 1 Dubrovnik

Welcome to the medieval fortified town of Dubrovnik, the idyllic starting point to discover the beauty of the Adriatic. On arrival, transfer to your amazing hotel and enjoy the day to wander Dubrovnik's maze of cobbled alleys.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS:** Hotel Excelsior 5-star or similar

### DAY 2 Dubrovnik (B, L)

Meet your local guide for a walking 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, the Franciscan Monastery, the baroque church of St Blaise and the Rector's Palace. Also walk atop the city walls for an amazing view. Afterward, enjoy a wonderful welcome lunch at a local restaurant.

### DAY 3 Dubrovnik (B)

As Dubrovnik is one of the most delightful towns in Europe, continue exploring this amazing town as you please. There are so many options. Perhaps, see more of the old town; take the ferry to the Island of Lokrum for its natural beauty, Benedictine Ruins and Monastery; or venture further with a pre-arranged excursion to Montenegro to visit Kotor and Budva.

### DAY 4 Dubrovnik – Ston – Split (B, L)

Drive along the beautiful Adriatic coastline stopping at the fishing village of Ston for a visit to an Oyster Farm. Sail out to the oyster beds for a tour and demonstration before a wonderful culinary lunch experience with wine. Continue north to Split, the second largest city in Croatia dating to the 6th century BC. Freshen up and enjoy the rest of the day and evening at leisure.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS:** Hotel Luxe 4-star or similar

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TOURS VIP  
INCLUSION  
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Enjoy a tour of a famed Oyster Farm in Ston, followed by a culinary lunch experience.



Diocletian's Palace, Split



Plitvice Lakes



Rovinj, Croatia

### DAY 5 Split – Trogir – Split (B)

Meet your local guide for a walking tour of Split. 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 UNESCO World Heritage Listed historical centre including the Diocletian's Palace representing one of the most famous architectural and cultural buildings on the Croatian coast. Afterward, transfer to nearby Trogir, the UNESCO World Heritage Listed medieval town with fortified walls, a preserved castle and tower and dwellings from the Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods. Enjoy the afternoon to roam before returning to Split.

### DAY 6 Split- Hvar - Split (B)

Today enjoy an excursion to one of Croatia's most popular islands off the Dalmatian Coast, Hvar. After disembarking the ferry, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Hvar town. Afterward, there is time to enjoy an independent lunch at one of the island's many seaside restaurants and some leisure time before returning to Split by ferry.

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TOURS VIP  
INCLUSION  
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Enjoy an excursion to the beautiful island of Hvar.

### DAY 7 Split- Šibenik – Zadar – Plitvice Lakes (B, D)

Visit 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 for a quick visit of Zadar including admission to St Donatus Cathedral, before arriving to the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice Lakes National Park for a cosy organised dinner at your lodge.

**OVERNIGHT:** Holiday Park Fenomen Plitvice 4-star or similar

### DAY 8 Plitvice Lakes – Rovinj (B)

Enjoy a guided morning tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park, covering 300 square kilometres with beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls. The 16 crystal blue-green colour lakes are stunning, particularly the upper lakes that lie in the dolomite valley which are interlinked by waterfalls and are 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 the stunning seaside village of Rovinj to check into your amazing hotel before a brief sunset walking tour.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS:** Hotel Monte Mulini 5-star or similar

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TOURS VIP  
INCLUSION  
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Experience the beauty of the magnificent Plitvice Lakes National Park with a guided tour of the Park and an overnight stay in a Park lodge.

### DAY 9 Rovinj – Pula – Rovinj (B)

Enjoy a guided 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, before returning to Rovinj for leisure time.

### DAY 10 Rovinj – Motovun – Poreč – Rovinj (B, L)

Enjoy a thrilling truffle hunt on an Istrian truffle farm followed by a truffle infused light lunch and a brief visit to Motovun town centre. In the afternoon, enjoy free time in the delightful Adriatic town of Poreč before returning to Rovinj.

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TOURS VIP  
INCLUSION  
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Experience the thrill of a truffle hunt and truffle infused lunch on an Istrian farm.

### DAY 11 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. If you are not continuing with us on our Highlights of Italy (North) tour or our Slovenia Discovery tour, transfer to the Venice airport for your ongoing journey.



## Departures and Pricing

| 2022              |           |                       | 2023              |           |                       |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| STARTS            | ENDS      | PRICE*                | STARTS            | ENDS      | PRICE*                |
| Dubrovnik         | Venice    | Twin Share per person | Dubrovnik         | Venice    | Twin Share per person |
| 01-May-22         | 11-May-22 | \$7,690               | 29-Apr-23         | 09-May-23 | \$7,890               |
| 04-Jun-22         | 14-Jun-22 | \$7,690               | 03-Jun-23         | 13-Jun-23 | \$7,890               |
| 02-Jul-22         | 12-Jul-22 | \$7,690               | 01-Jul-23         | 11-Jul-23 | \$7,890               |
| 20-Aug-22         | 30-Aug-22 | \$7,690               | 19-Aug-23         | 29-Aug-23 | \$7,890               |
| 17-Sep-22         | 27-Sep-22 | \$7,690               | 16-Sep-23         | 26-Sep-23 | \$7,890               |
| Single Supplement |           | \$3,800               | Single Supplement |           | \$3,900               |

\* All prices are listed in AUD unless otherwise stated.  
Prices in other currencies are available on our website.



### HOTEL EXCELSIOR DUBROVNIK

#### STAY 3 NIGHTS

- > Perfectly located just a few steps from the Dubrovnik Old Town and overlooking the Adriatic Sea with direct private beach access, the hotel boasts the most enviable location of any hotel.
- > Housed in a former 1913 royal villa, the swanky hotel is Dubrovnik's pre-eminent hotel and includes Queen Elizabeth II as one of its former guests.



Zagreb, Croatia



A Beautiful Croatia and Highlights of Italy (North)

## Want to discover more?

### OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

#### PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Zagreb City Break (4 Days)

- > For the complete Croatian experience, opt for a pre-tour extension to include a city stay in Croatia's capital, Zagreb.
- > Visit the city's main attractions on a walking tour and enjoy a day excursion to the Plešivica wine region.

Explore more on page 82.

##### Montenegro Regional Discovery (5 Days)

- > Discover Montenegro's main towns, attractions and wonderful coastline with a Beautiful Croatia pre-tour tailored excursion.
- > Visit the bustling Port towns of Kotor and Budva, the amazing Sveti Stefan, beautiful Lake Skadar National Park and more.

Explore more on page 82.

#### POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

##### A Highlights of Italy (North) (13 Days)

##### Small Group Journey

- > A popular post-tour extension, Highlights of Italy (North) together with Beautiful Croatia delivers an unbelievable journey from Dubrovnik to Rome covering the best attractions across Croatia and northern Italy.
- > Featuring Italy's iconic cities, the Lake District, the Italian Riviera and Tuscany's winding roads, hilltop towns and vineyards.

Explore more on page 17.

##### Slovenia Discovery (8 Days) Small Group Journey

- > See more of beautiful central Europe with a Slovenia Small Group Journey or private tour tailored from Rovinj into Slovenia.
- > Visit the charming cities of Ljubljana and Maribor; the natural beauty of Lake Bled, Vintgar Gorge and Postojna caves; the impressive Predjama Castle and the delightful town of Piran.

Explore more on page 49.