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Old Town, Dubrovnik

Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast have long been a crossroads of cultures. It is a land that is both familiar and exotic at turns. Discover Croatia's well-preserved Roman ruins and Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance palaces and churches. There are entire medieval cities where one can still tread the original warren of streets and alleys. Croatia's cultural riches are matched only by its staggering cache of natural wonders. Amid the intoxicating scent of pine groves, view rugged karst mountains, fertile plains, travertine waterfalls and miles of indented coastline with white pebble beaches. Through a golden halo of sunlight, view myriad isles scattered like jewels over the turquoise sea.



Street musicians

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ The group is **limited to 28 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- ▶ Explore the dynamic city of **Zagreb**.
- ▶ Admire exquisite landscapes of **Hrvatsko Zagorje**.
- ▶ Witness the beauty of the multihued lakes and waterfalls in **Plitvice Lakes National Park**.
- ▶ Stay in **Split** and explore the Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace**.
- ▶ Cruise to sunny **Hvar**, tour its old town, and travel to the island's wine country.
- ▶ Witness the inimitable splendor of **Dubrovnik**.

| UNESCO |

Plitvice Lakes National Park, Diocletian's Palace in Split, **Stari Grad Plain** on Hvar and the **Old City of Dubrovnik** are the UNESCO World Heritage sites featured on this program.

Howdy, Ags!

Situated on the pristine Dalmatian coast, Croatia offers a remarkable history and dramatic landscapes. Join us on a 10-night journey to this region, which has seduced travelers for millennia. A repository of history with enduring Roman and Venetian influences, Croatia and the Adriatic Coast offer an irresistible blend of natural beauty, cultural gems and ancient architecture.

Visit Zagreb and Plitvice Lakes National Park. Limestone mountains and the azure waters of the Adriatic frame your travels to the coastline where the region's eclectic history comes alive. Explore Split and the island of Hvar. Conclude your journey in Dubrovnik, one of the most beautiful and historic cities along the Adriatic Coast.

An experienced Travel Director and dedicated staff are committed to providing you a once-in-a-lifetime experience that features exciting excursions, stimulating lectures and ample leisure time, allowing you opportunities to make your own discoveries. This is an exclusive travel program at an outstanding value.

Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Gig 'em!

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Cathedral of St. Domnius, Split





Market, Zagreb

Steeped in soothing Mediterranean breezes and sunshine, Croatia's charms await discovery. Your journey begins in Zagreb, Croatia's magnificent capital. Roam Plitvice Lakes National Park and witness its vividly hued lakes and waterfalls. Explore Croatia's scenic north country. Visit Split and the ancient remnants of Roman Emperor Diocletian's palace. Sail the crystal Adriatic to the sun-soaked island of Hvar, where you can explore its historic sites and burgeoning wine country. Succumb to the lure of Dubrovnik. Stroll through the city's Old Town, and traverse its mighty walls, admiring the unique interplay of light and stone.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Zagreb, Croatia.[†]
[†]Provided for *AHI FlexAir* participants.

DAY TWO

ZAGREB, CROATIA

Upon arrival, transfer[†] to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

ZAGREB

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Croatia.* Gain a thorough understanding of recent events that have shaped the stable, independent Croatia of today.



St. Mark's Church, Zagreb

Excursion: *Exploring Zagreb.* Tucked between the sparkling Sava River and the forested slopes of Mount Medvednica, the city of Zagreb awaits you. Stroll the narrow, winding streets and admire the city's rich array of Austro-Hungarian architecture. At the heart of Zagreb's beautifully preserved Upper Town, visit iconic St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, its brilliant tile mosaic roof depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms as well as those representing Zagreb.

DAY FOUR

ZAGREB | HRVATSKO ZAGORJE

Excursion: *Croatia's Countryside.* Enjoy a scenic drive from Zagreb to Hrvatsko Zagorje, Croatia's stunning north country. Visit Klanjec, its Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery and the Church of St. Mary. Continue to Kumrovec, a quaint village with an open-air museum in its old quarter that also is the birthplace of Josip

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Plitvice Lakes National Park

Sixteen opalescent lakes cascade from one to the next in a dramatic series of waterfalls. Miles of trails and wooden footbridges wind over, around, behind and even through the falls, immersing you in the verdant beauty of the natural wonders of this park. The constantly changing hues of the lakes — azure, brilliant green, deep blue and sometimes gray — are created by the angle of sunlight and a unique interaction between water, limestone and plant life. The travertine barriers that create the waterfalls are continually reforming, so the landscape is ever changing. The park covers 115 square miles. The lakes descend roughly 425 feet over five miles before flowing into the Korana River. Situated amid dense forests of beech, fir, spruce and white pine, the park is home to many animals, including black storks, endangered European brown bears and rare lynxes.



Broz Tito, longtime president of the former Yugoslavia.

Local Flavor: Savor lunch at a local restaurant.

DAY FIVE

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PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK | SPLIT

Excursion: *Plitvice Lakes.* Enjoy a refreshing escape to one of Croatia’s most spectacular natural wonders. In a vision of unsurpassed beauty, 16 crystal lakes are laced together by a series of waterfalls and cascades. They shimmer in vibrant, constantly changing colors, a result of the karst terrain. Follow

trails in the fragrant forest of beech and pine, which is home to many rare, endemic species. Continue to Split and check in to Cornaro Hotel.

DAY SIX

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SPLIT

Educational Focus: *Croatia’s Seafaring History.* Discover the significant role the Adriatic coastline has played throughout centuries of nautical history due to its strategic location and abundant bays, inlets and coves.

Excursion: *Exploring Split.* Journey to the ancient harbor of Split and delight in the city’s abundant historical riches. Visit the incredible



Ruins of Diocletian's Palace



Hvar vineyards



Hvar

living ruin of Diocletian's Palace, which has been continuously inhabited since the Roman emperor abdicated his throne in A.D. 305. See the cellars, temple ruins, peristyle, the Cathedral of St. Domnius and the Golden Gate. Roaming this complex's tangle of passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is one of Croatia's most enchanting experiences.

Local Flavor: Visit a local fish market before sitting down to a lunch featuring the catch of the day at a nearby restaurant.

Independent Exploration: Spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY SEVEN

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SPLIT | HVAR

Silver sunlight dances upon the turquoise waters of the Adriatic as you enjoy a ferry ride to the island of Hvar. Upon arrival, check in to the Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel.

Excursion: *Exploring Hvar.* Discover the great treasures lying within the 13th-century walls of Hvar's Old Town, including richly ornamented Gothic palaces, picturesque squares and marble streets. Visit the Renaissance-era Cathedral of St. Stephen. Explore the Arsenal, where imposing war galleons were once repaired and refitted. Converted into a public theater in 1612, part of the Arsenal is still in use today.

DAY EIGHT

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HVAR

Educational Focus: *Food and Wine of Croatia.* Learn about traditional Croatian wines and regional dishes that reflect the diverse cultures that have influenced the country throughout its history.

Excursion: *Hvar Wine Country.* Admire the architecture in the historic city of Stari Grad and other towns dating from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries en route to Hvar's wine country. Croatia's wine-making traditions date back more than two millennia, when Greek settlers planted the first vineyards along the Dalmatian coast. Today, Hvar wines are attracting international attention. Grown near craggy limestone bluffs, several local grape varieties have proven themselves superbly suited to the rugged environs.

Cultural Event: Participate in a wine tasting at a local winery.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a traditional dinner roasted on hot coals under a peka, an iron bell.

DAY NINE

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HVAR | DUBROVNIK

After breakfast and some free time, cruise back to the mainland and take a scenic drive to Dubrovnik, where you will check in to the Grand Villa Argentina.



Heavenly Hvar

Lavender-scented breezes, an impressionist's palette of color and the whisper of waves against picturesque shoreline: the dazzling Croatian playground of Hvar is a sensuous delight. Part of central Dalmatia's archipelago, Hvar is unique for its extensive fertile plain and fresh water springs. The island is filled with tiny inlets and secluded coves — treasures at every turn. Its sloping hills are blanketed with pine forests, vineyards, olive groves and fields of herbs. Boasting more sunshine than anyplace else in the Adriatic, Hvar's popularity was established in 1868, when the Hvar Health Society determined the island's climate was excellent for treating illnesses. The first visitors, however, were the Greeks. Arriving in 385 B.C., they developed an agricultural system in present-day Stari Grad, which remains in use today. In medieval times, due to its strategic location, Hvar was an important naval base for the Venetian Republic. Today, it is a playground for the rich and famous.

DAY TEN

B

DUBROVNIK

Excursion: *The Pearl of the Adriatic.* This beautiful city was relentlessly shelled during

Croatia's Homeland War in the early 1990s, but the medieval churches, graceful fountains and squares have been restored to their former glory. Admire the 14th-century Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister, and visit its small apothecary, the oldest working pharmacy in Europe. Explore medieval Sponza Palace, which houses ancient manuscripts. Admire the loggia and ornamentation of the Rector's Palace. Visit the baroque cathedral.

Independent Exploration: The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own.

DAY ELEVEN

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DUBROVNIK

Independent Exploration: Spend the day exploring Dubrovnik's trove of architectural, cultural and artistic gems. Discover for yourself what writers throughout time have struggled to convey about this city's inimitable allure.

This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY TWELVE

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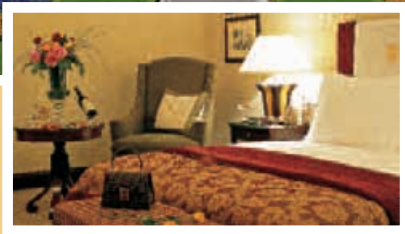
IN TRANSIT

This morning, transfer⁺ to Dubrovnik airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

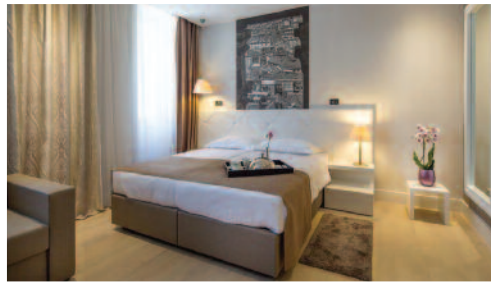
Included meals indicated each day as B | L | D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.

| ACCOMMODATIONS |



ESPLANADE ZAGREB | ZAGREB

The art deco glamour of the 1920s meets modern elegance in the Esplanade Zagreb. Situated in the heart of the city, this architectural treasure originally served Orient Express train passengers disembarking in Zagreb. The hotel has two fine-dining restaurants and a lounge. The award-winning Esplanade also has a fitness center and spa. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

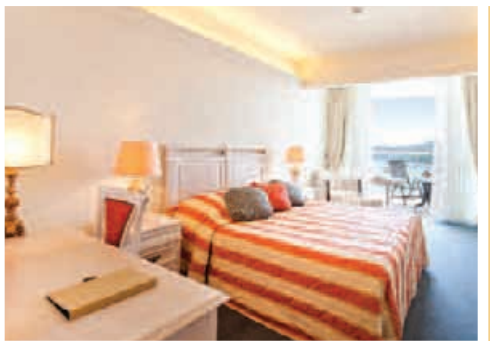


CORNARO HOTEL | SPLIT

The luxurious Cornaro Hotel puts you in the center of Split, just steps from Diocletian's Palace and the city's beautiful waterfront. The hotel boasts a relaxing Terrace lounge on which to enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast or a glass of Croatian wine. The well-appointed guest rooms include a Smart TV, minibar and a desk. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

ADRIANA HVAR SPA HOTEL | HVAR

This deluxe hotel is just minutes from the beach and Hvar's city center. The rooftop lounge has an exquisite array of multilevel garden terraces that creates a relaxing atmosphere and offers sweeping panoramas of Hvar's bay, ancient city, lush hills and offshore islands. Savor regional dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients while dining in the restaurant. Relax with a visit to the full-service Sensori Spa or a dip in the year-round rooftop seawater swimming pool. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA | DUBROVNIK

Set atop a steep cliff, this deluxe hotel originally was a gilded private residence. Conveniently located near Dubrovnik's Old Town, the hotel offers lush gardens, a private beach and seaside pool for tranquil escapes. A selection of three restaurants offers Croatian and international cuisine, served with magnificent views of the Adriatic Sea and ancient city. Relax and refresh with a trip to the spa or fitness center. Later, meet friends at the bar for cocktails. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

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ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Gateway City†
- Day 2 Zagreb, Croatia
- Day 3 Zagreb
- Day 4 Zagreb | Hrvatsko Zagorje
- Day 5 Plitvice Lakes National Park | Split
- Day 6 Split
- Day 7 Split | Hvar
- Day 8 Hvar
- Day 9 Hvar | Dubrovnik
- Day 10 Dubrovnik
- Day 11 Dubrovnik
- Day 12 Return to Gateway City†

Note: Itinerary subject to change.

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| INCLUDED FEATURES |

ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Three nights** in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe **Esplanade Zagreb**.
- **Two nights** in Split at the first-class **Cornaro Hotel**.
- **Two nights** in Hvar at the boutique **Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel**.
- **Three nights** in Dubrovnik at the deluxe **Grand Villa Argentina**.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, featuring 10 breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at local restaurants.
- Attend **Welcome** and **Farewell Receptions** and **Dinners**.

TRANSPORTATION

- All boat rides and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

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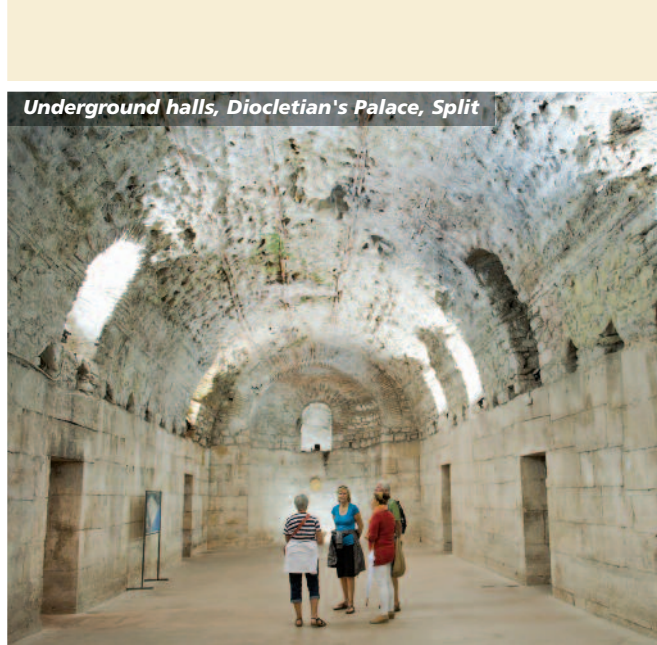
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- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.

- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
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 - Admire the architecture of Zagreb during a walking tour and visit beautiful St. Mark's Church.
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 - Explore the raw, natural beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park.
 - Roam Diocletian's Palace, a wonderful ancient treasure, in the ancient harbor of Split.
 - Cruise to Hvar, where you will tour its beautiful, historic town and explore the island's wine country.
 - Discover the great walled city of Dubrovnik, Pearl of the Adriatic.

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