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Glorious Croatia

June 1 to June 14, 2023, \$4,875 pp*

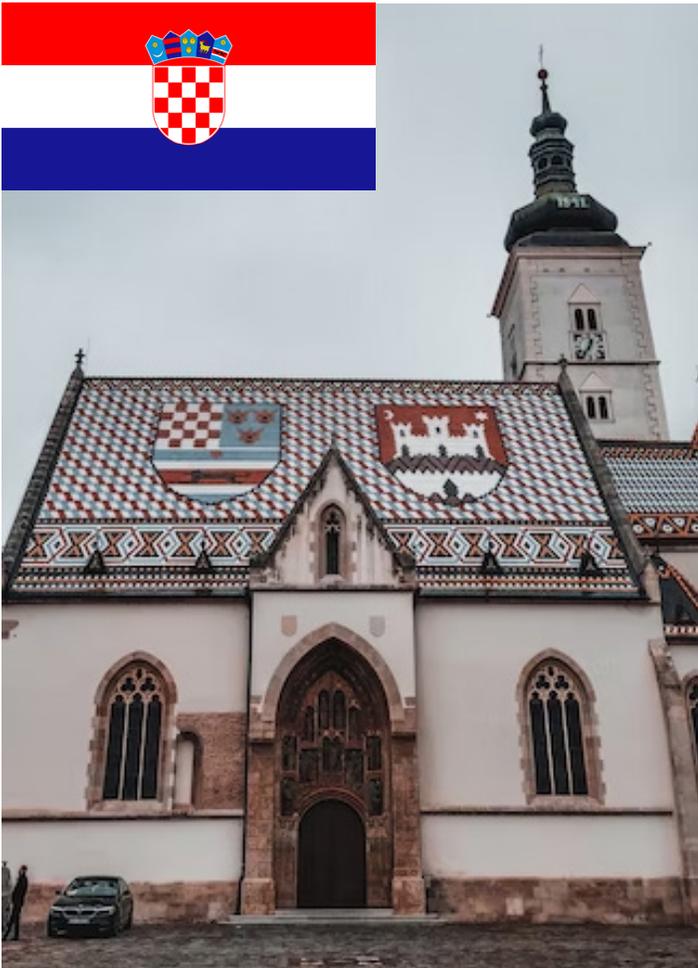
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Full price:
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Make your
reservation by
March 31 and
save \$100!



Dubrovnik, Croatia. Photo by Arber Pacara.



Zagreb, Croatia. Photo by David Boca.

NOTE: B, L, D indicates meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 1: Overnight flight from JFK to Zagreb, Croatia

Explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic, a region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures with a complex history, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

Day 2: Zagreb, Croatia - Ljubljana, Slovenia - Tour Begins

Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia and meet your transfer to Ljubljana, Slovenia, a romantic capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner in this fairy tale spot. (D)

Day 3: Ljubljana

This morning a local expert introduces you to beautiful Ljubljana. Nestled gently along the banks of the Ljubljanica River, the city is dotted with green parks, picturesque bridges, sidewalk cafes and a lively central market.

See Preseren Square, the impressive City Hall, Ljubljana University and the many bridges that the city is known for, such as Dragon Bridge where this majestic symbol of the city is on full display representing courage and power. Visit the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas, known for its Baroque architecture and frescos before enjoying the rest of the day to relax and explore the city. (B)

Day 4: Ljubljana - Opatija, Croatia

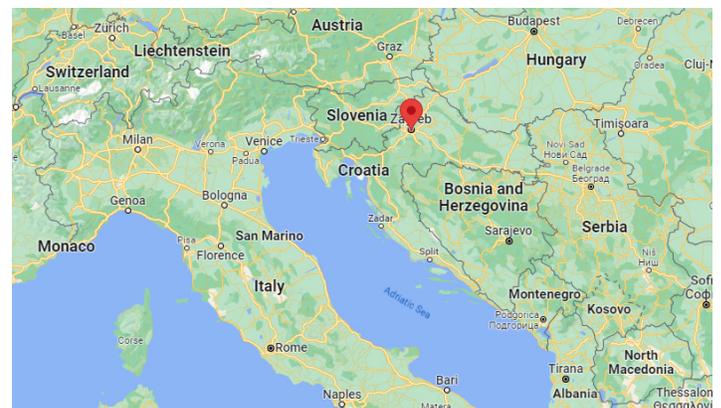
This morning is yours to relax and enjoy Ljubljana. This afternoon, depart Slovenia for Croatia and the lovely seaside resort of Opatija, known as **Croatia's Riviera**: This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula Opatija

Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

Day 6: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

This morning depart for Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. (B, D)



Day 7: Plitvice Lakes - Split

From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes travel through the Croatian countryside and stop in a traditional small village to meet the Perajica family. Croatia has a long history creating high quality, artisanal prosciuttos and this family makes one of the best. After a short tour to learn how the meat is produced enjoy a light lunch of homemade specialties. Arrive in Split, a seaside city full of Roman ruins and natural splendors. Have time to relax this afternoon before sampling classic Croatian cuisine during dinner at a cozy local restaurant. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Split

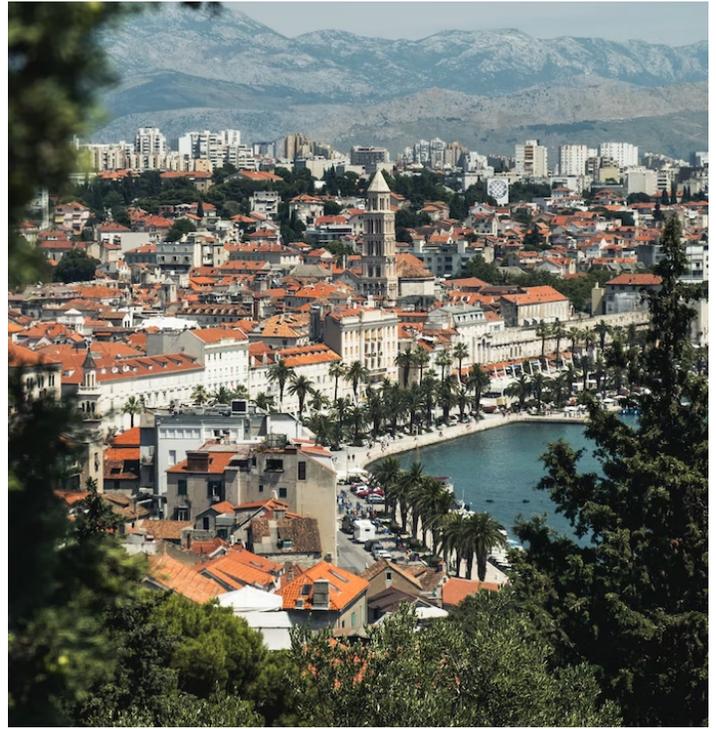
It's time to uncover the historical treasures of Split! This morning set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the most significant late Roman historical monuments built by Emperor Diocletian when he left Rome at the turn of the 4th century. Explore its peristyle and the Temple of Jupiter. The afternoon is yours to explore Split's coastal charms independently, or you might consider an optional trip to Trogir, a city of medieval walls, towering cathedrals, and captivating Venetian architecture. **(B)**

Day 9: Split - Dubrovnik

Savor stunning sea views as you travel the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the Adriatic Sea. Stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside where a local family hosts you for a delicious lunch made from ingredients they have produced themselves. Learn about village life and listen to Croatian folk music played on the "lijerica," a traditional instrument. Continue on to Dubrovnik, a city of twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops, rich in history and charm. **(B, L)**

Day 10: Dubrovnik

Join a local guide and tour "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery and Europe's oldest pharmacy. See Dubrovnik's many historical sites like the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik Cathedral, and Old Town's famous main street, Stradun. This afternoon, it's your choice! Ascend Mount Srđ by cable car for breathtaking views of the Old City of Dubrovnik, the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, and the islands -OR- receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place. **(B)**



The city of Split, Croatia. Photo by Sander Lenaerts.



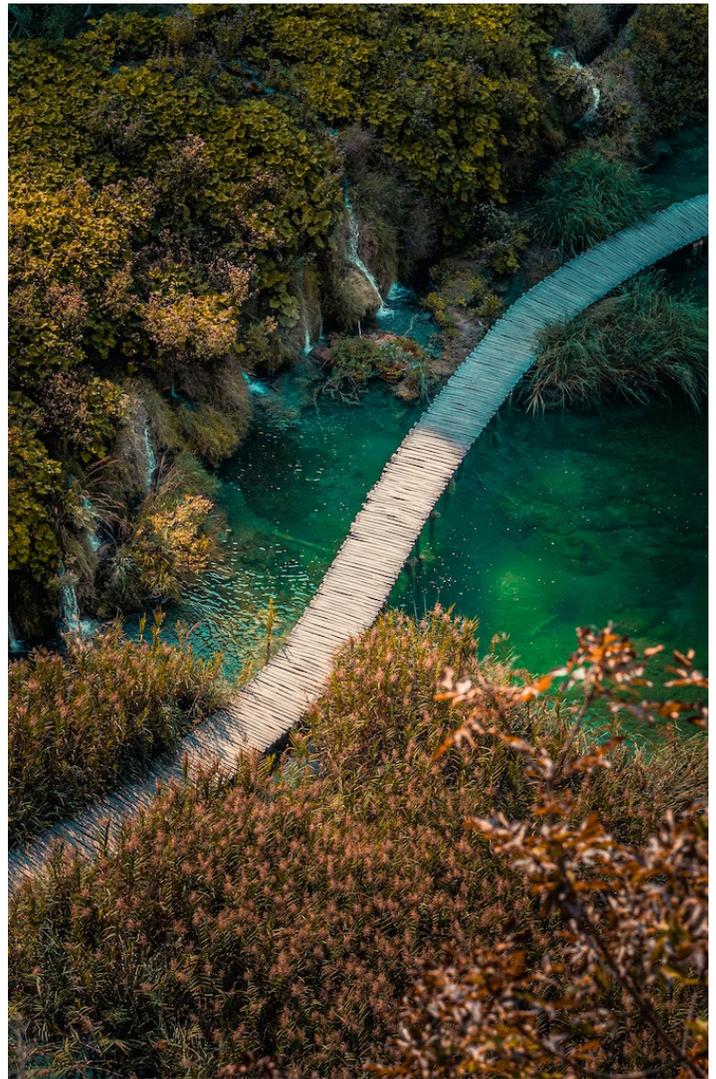
Old Dubrovnik, Croatia. Photo by Morgane Le Breton.



Plitvice Lakes, Croatia. Photo by Ante Hamersmit.

Day 11: Dubrovnik

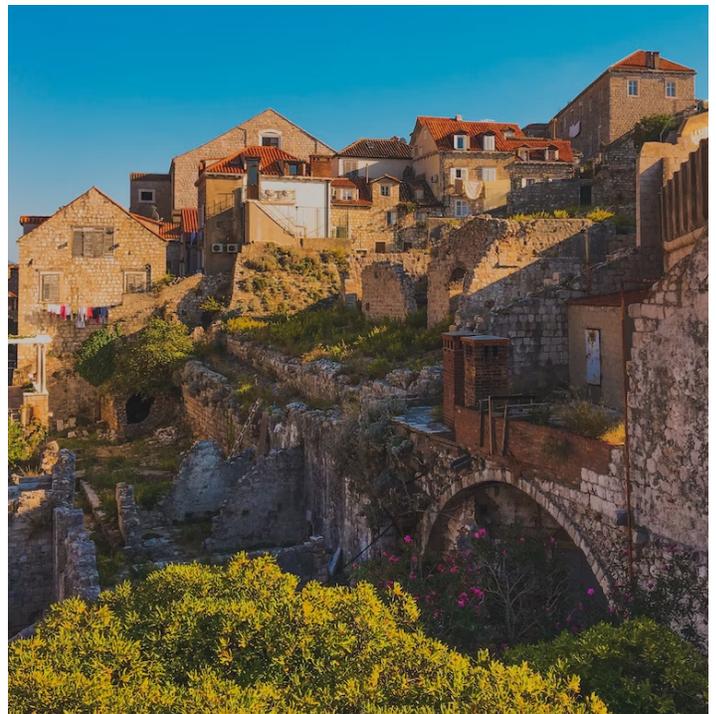
Spend today at leisure relaxing or independently exploring the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour to the culturally rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed at a family-owned vineyard for a discussion about their cultivation and production methods before indulging in a tasting of their wines. Then, experience lunch at a locally-owned restaurant that prepares culturally rich recipes prepared in traditional ways passed down for generations. (B)



Plitvice Lakes, Croatia. Photo by Mateusz Klein.



Dubrovnik. Photo by László Tóth.



Dubrovnik. Photo by Li Luz



Rooftops of Dubrovnik. Photo by Jonathan Smith.

Day 12: Dubrovnik - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning we depart Dubrovnik and travel to lovely Cavtat, a coastal resort town. After a short tour reveals its highlights, enjoy free time to grab coffee or lunch at one of its seaside cafes. Continue to the airport for a short flight to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. A late afternoon tour highlights the best of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. Ride one of the most beautiful funiculars in Europe to the charming upper town. **(B)**

Day 13: Zagreb

The day is yours to explore the city of Zagreb.

Day 14: Depart Zagreb, Croatia to the United States, JFK, with afternoon arrival, local time.

PLEASE NOTE

Passports are required for this tour at your expense, and the passport must be valid for six months past June 14, 2023.

Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

We recommend that you take a photocopy of your passport. It should be packed separately from your actual passport.

We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, it is your responsibility to meet us at the hotel or meet the group at the airport at the appropriate time of departure to the hotel. We highly recommend that you are vaccinated and obtain the necessary boosters to ensure your good health. Please bring a copy of your vaccination record. The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions. You will be traveling in economy class. If you wish to upgrade to premium seats or business class, you must do so on your own. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 17, 2023, are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 1, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until March 31, 2023. We highly recommend that you obtain travel insurance that will protect you in the event you need to cancel due to serious unforeseen circumstances. You may wish to visit insuremytrip.com or squaremouth.com for a variety of travel insurance plans to choose from. Please note that after submission of final payment, no refund is given; therefore, it is important to have travel insurance so that you may be reassured that you will be reimbursed in the event of an emergency where you need to cancel your trip.

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If you are ready to complete your reservation for this trip you MUST complete and return BOTH SIDES of the form on the next page >>>



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Croatia trip RESERVATION FORM

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I/we want to make the following reservations for the Croatia trip.

(The name of each passenger must match the details on the photo/ID page of their passport – please type or print)

Passenger 1.

First name _____ Middle name/s _____

Last name _____ Suffix _____

Room type: Double room _____ Single room _____ (for single supplement, please add \$800) Passenger's age _____

Passenger 1's roommate's details (if applicable)

First name _____ Middle name/s _____

Last name _____ Suffix _____

Passenger 2.

First name _____ Middle name/s _____

Last name _____ Suffix _____

Room type: Double room _____ Single room _____ (for single supplement, please add \$800) Passenger's age _____

Passenger 2's roommate's details (if applicable)

First name _____ Middle name/s _____

Last name _____ Suffix _____

Do any passengers listed above have any dietary requirements, food allergies, or any personal medical, mobility, or accessibility needs? YES ___ NO ___ . If yes, please give details: _____

PLEASE GIVE THE CONTACT DETAILS OF THE PERSON MAKING THIS RESERVATION

First name _____ Middle name/s _____

Last name _____ Suffix _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Primary phone (with area code) _____ Secondary phone (with area code) _____

Email address _____

TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE COMPLETE THE PAYMENT DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE. >>>

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Please find enclosed my/our check for \$ _____ made payable to **The Ministry of Caring Inc.**

Card # _____ Amount to be charged \$ _____

Card holder's name as it appears on the card _____

MasterCard VISA Discover Amex Card expiration date ____ / ____ CSV number _____
Month Year The three or four* digit number on the front* (or back) of the card. *AmEx

All passengers noted on this form must sign below:

Passenger 1,
Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Passenger 2,
Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF THE PHOTO/ID PAGE OF EACH PASSENGER'S PASSPORT
(Each passenger's passport MUST be valid for at least six months after June 14, 2023)

Please MAIL your completed form to:

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