

# CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

With CAPE BRETON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

13 DAYS TOUR

Toronto/Sydney | Zagreb | Ljubljana | Bled | Bohinj | Opatija | Rovinj | Pula | Plitvice Area/gospic | Zadar | Split | Trogir | Mostar | Dubrovnik | Toronto/Sydney

Explore the historical regions of Balkan Peninsula & relive their ancient culture with your loved ones in Croatia and Slovenia!



Toronto (YTO)

C\$**4349** 

Sydney (YQY)

change until ticketed)

C\$4949
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Single Sup.

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Additional departures gateway pricing also available. Please contact us if you wish to depart from another city!



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# **TOUR SUMMARY:**

On this 13-day tour passengers will get to discover the beauty of historical Balkan Peninsula and step towards the most exiting places in this region. In Zagreb you will enjoy the historic upper town and the Cathedral, the tallest gothic style building in Croatia. Ljubljana, The capital of Slovenia and a perfect instance of this blend of German, Mediterranean, and Slovenian culture. Continue travelling to Bled, completely set in the Julian Alps. Then continue to Split and explore the vast Roman heritage of this beautiful city. Move forward to visit Plitvice Lakes National Park and spend some wonderful moments there. Ahead in your journey to Split, be ready to capture the mesmerizing beauty of incredible Diocletian's Palace. As you continue with your excursion towards Mostar you will be intrigued to see the Old Bridge, worked by the Ottomans in the sixteenth century. Your last stop will be Dubrovnik which will include a visit to the spectacular Rector's Palace.

<b>TOUR LODGING INFO:</b>	11 Nights Hotel + 01 Night Onboard	
Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in		
hotel listed below		

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTEL
Zagreb	01 Night	Canopy by Hilton
Ljubljana	02 Nights	Radisson Blue
Opatija	02 Nights	OHM (Hotel Bristil or Astoria)
Plitvice area/Gospić	01 Night	Stara Lika
Split	02 Nights	Corner
Dubrovnik	03 Nights	Kompas

## **TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- International rounds trip flights from Toronto/Sydney
- 11 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 7 Dinners with glass of wine as per the itinerary
- 1 wine testing in Stella Croatica
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Transportation by coach 1/49 according the itinerary (except the free day in Dubrovnik)
- Services of a full-time English-speaking tour Director
- Local English-speaking guides in Zagreb, Ljubljana, Bled/Bohinj, Opatija, Istra, Plitvice, Zadar, Split/Trogir, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Elafiti
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Lakes National Park & Bled Old Town
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Uncover Croatia's lively capital city of Zagreb, where streets will draw you to a romantic quest;
- Discover the Bled Castle in Ljubljana, perched on a cliff high above the lake;
- Enjoy surroundings Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj, ranking among the most beautiful alpine resorts;
- Visit Opatija a city in the Istrian Peninsula in western Croatia and main tourist city on Liburnia riviera;
- Discover Rovinj, Croatian fishing port on the west coast of the Istrian peninsula;
- Enjoy sunny day in Pula, a seafront city on the tip of Croatia's Istrian Peninsula, known for its protected harbor, beach-lined coast and Roman ruins;
- Travel through the beautiful Plitvice Lake National Park and have some peaceful moments in Plitvice;
- Discover Zadar, a city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, known for the Roman and Venetian ruins of its peninsular Old Town;
- See the royal and splendid Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in Split;
- Pass by Trogir with its preserved old town, known for its mix of Renaissance, baroque and Romanesque buildings, lying on a small island connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges;
- Uncover Mostar a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the Neretva River, known for the iconic Stari Most (Old Bridge), a reconstructed medieval arched bridge;
- Walk through the beautiful Rector's Palace & see the bell tower clock in Dubrovnik;
- · Visit of Elafiti islands by boat.

## **TOUR ITINERARY:**

### DAY 01: DEPARTURE TORONTO/SYDNEY

- Depart from Canada
- In-flights meal and services

## DAY 02: ZAGREB ARRIVAL

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- Arrive at Zagreb Airport and be met by a tour representative
- Transfer to hotel for check in
- Enjoy the rest of the day for leisure
- Welcome dinner at the hotel including drinks
- Overnight in Zagreb

#### DAY 03 ZAGREB - LJUBLJANA

(B/-/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour of Zagreb; a city rich with gorgeous greenery, famous for its parks and well-preserved natural environment. Your tour of Zagreb will take you through its long history. In the historic Upper Town, you will find St. Mark's Church, with its famous multi-colored mosaic-tiled roof, on the square where both Croatian Parliament and the seat of Government are located. You will also pass by the University and the city's gothic Cathedral with the fountain in front, sculpted by the world-famous sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, you cannot miss the Croatian National Theatre, housed in the present-day Old City Hall and home to Zagreb's drama, opera and ballet productions. Here is a perfect example of the city's diversity: it is not only a cultural and historical landmark but also a favorite hang-out for skateboarders Zagreb's drama, opera and ballet productions. Here is a perfect example of the city's diversity: it is not only a cultural and historical landmark but also a favorite hang-out for skateboarders
- Leisure time before departure to Ljubljana
- Dinner at restaurant including drinks
- Overnight in Ljubljana

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## DAY 05: LJUBLJANA - OPATIJA

(B/-/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and home to one of the
  oldest Philharmonics in the world; explore the baroque town buildings
  and stroll along side the majestic Ljubljana River that flows through the
  center of town. Many bridges cross the river, the most famous is
  Tromostovje (Triple Bridge). Baroque and art-nouveau have marked this
  exceptional city, together with new, modern architectural styles. The Old
  town, built on a hill as a fortress, from which you will see Ljubljana and
  its magnificent surroundings, is the main attraction in the city.
- Depart to Opatija, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Adriatic. Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and "Queen of Tourism" this little town has the largest number of hotels in relation to population! With the services of a local guide enjoy a tour of the city
- Dinner at the hotel including drinks
- Overnight in Opatija

## DAY 06: OPATIJA – ROVINJ – PULA – OPATIJA (B/-/-)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day excursion to the peninsula of Istra. Our first stop is Rovinj. Rovinj is a charmingly picturesque town and one the most romantic places in the Mediterranean! Rovinj was originally an island, but 250 years ago, the narrow channel which separated it from the mainland was filled in. It's so delightfully pretty, and also lively with its numerous cafes, restaurants and galleries.
- Next you will proceed to Pula, a 3000-year-old town with the famous roman Amphitheater and its underground chambers, city gates and walls, Triumphal arch of Sergians, Roman Forum, roman mosaic and Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.
- Overnight in Opatija



#### DAY 07: OPATIJA - PLITVICE AREA/GOSPIC

(B/-/D)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park included in UNESCO'S list of world natural heritage sites since 1979. There are 16 interlinked lakes between Mala Kapela Mountain and Pljesevica Mountain. The lake system is divided into the upper and lower lakes. The upper lakes are separated by dolomite barriers, which grow with the formation of travertine, forming thus travertine barriers. The lower lakes were formed by crumbling and caving-in of the vaults above subterranean cavities through which water of the upper lakes disappeared.
- Depart for hotel in Plitvice region
- Dinner at the hotel including drinks
- Overnight in Plitvice Area/Gospic

### DAY 08: PLITVICEAREA/GOSPIC – ZADAR – SPLIT (B/-/D)

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Depart for Zadar one of the most beautiful old Dalmatian cities, the city that has been the center of this part of the Adriatic coast since Roman times, and today is a city with a rich cultural heritage found on every corner.
- Enjoy some leisure time to explore the city before departing for Split
- Dinner at the hotel including drinks
- Overnight in Split

#### DAY 09: SPLIT – TROGIR – SPLIT

(B/-/-)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit two World Heritage sites: Split and Trogir. Split is a town of ancient history, built and preserved over the course of 1700 years by its loving inhabitants. During your walking city tour you will explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace with its Peristyle, Temple of Jupiter and Cathedral. Diocletian Palace is one of the most significant original structures of the late ancient architecture, a kind of Imperial Palace. Then visit Trogir, a pearl-like town in the heart of Dalmatia. Here you will see the influence of the Roman Empire in the walls of the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, a Roman Catholic triple-naved basilica constructed in Romanesque-Gothic style.
- Next you will visit an etno-agro park "Stella Croatica" with a included wine tasting.
- Overnight in Split

#### DAY 10: SPLIT – MOSTAR – DUBROVNIK

(B/-/D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart for Dubrovnik. En-route, visit Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Mostar is on the banks of the River Neretva and is certainly one of the most beautiful cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tour on foot its elegant Bridge, Old Bazaar and Mosque. In the 1990s conflict, most of the historic town and the Old Bridge, designed by the renowned architect Sinan, were destroyed. The Old Bridge was recently rebuilt and many of the edifices in the Old Town have been restored or rebuilt with the contribution of an international scientific committee established by UNESCO. The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and western European architectural features, is an outstanding example of a multicultural urban settlement. The historic town of Mostar, spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River, developed in the 15th and 16th centuries as an Ottoman frontier town and during the Austro-Hungarian period in the 19th and 20th centuries.
- Check into hotel in Dubrovnik
- Dinner at hotel including drinks
- Overnight in Dubrovnik

#### DAY 11: DUBROVNIK

(B/-/-)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour Dubrovnik with a local guide. Today Dubrovnik is the proudest feather in Croatia's tourist cap, an elite destination and one of the most beautiful towns in the Mediterranean. The old city is encompassed by medieval walls, which have been preserved in their original form. Dubrovnik was known as the Republic of Ragusa in the middle Ages and became the only Adriatic city-state to rival Venice. Supported by skilled diplomacy and wealth, the city developed remarkably quickly, particularly during the 15th and 16th centuries. This morning enjoy a tour with your local guide.
- Remainder of the day is at leisure
- Overnight in Dubrovnik

## DAY 12: DUBROVNIK – ELAFITI ISLANDS – DUBROVNIK (B/-/D)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Full day visit of Elafiti islands by boat. Elafiti are a group of islands
  located west from Dubrovnik, where once lived the deers and thanks to
  them the islands are named. The largest island in the group is Sipan, and
  there are also Lopud, Kolocep (Kalamota) Jakljan, Ore, and GolečCrkvine
  and some smaller islands and reefs.
- Dinner at the restaurant including drinks
- Overnight in Dubrovnik

## DAY 13: DUBROVNIK - TORONTO/SYDNEY (B/-/-)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart from Dubrovnik International Airport for flight back home

## **END OF OUR SERVICES**