

BEAUTY OF CROATIA & DALMATIAN COAST

October 11 – October 20, 2025

From \$3,999 Air & Land 10 Days, 9 Nights Including Hotels, Some Meals, Day Trips, & Airfare From San Diego



Discover the hidden gem of the Mediterranean & see why Croatia is fast becoming Europe's top destination! Begin your journey in Opatija, the glamorous seaside town that once drew the Austro-Hungarian elite. Use it as your gateway to explore Croatia's stunning Western Coast & the Istrian Peninsula. Step back in time with a visit to Pula's ancient Roman amphitheater & wander the charming streets of Rovinj, a Venetian-influenced fishing village that feels like a step into the past. Explore the stunning "Golden Island" of Krk & take a day trip to Italy's Venice. Experience the Dalmatian Coast's rugged beauty, marvel at Plitvice National Park's natural wonder, & explore Split's impressive 4th-century Diocletian's Palace. Indulge in the local food scene, & for those seeking even more, extend your adventure to Dubrovnik's perfectly preserved medieval city & the breathtaking fjords of Montenegro. This is the trip that brings you Croatia's most captivating sites & secret treasures!

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Included Features:

- AIR TRANSPORTATION Air transportation from San Diego
- FIRST-CLASS HOTELS First Class hotel accommodations for 8 nights
- MEALS 11 included meals consisting of 8 breakfasts & 3 dinners
- THE PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees city tour of Opatija & Moscenice, tour of the Island of Krk, a Plitvice National Park tour, a Split city tour, a Trogir city tour & a tour of Zagreb. Optional tours are available.
- QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Zagreb
- JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy & social systems, & interaction with locals such as visitation to a 300-year-old working olive oil press, & homemade prosciutto, cheese, & wine in a local tavern or vineyard
- FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private first -class airconditioned motor coach
- **BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Optional Extension to Dubrovnik:

- FIRST-CLASS HOTELS First-class hotels for 3 nights
- MEALS 3 included meals consisting of 3 breakfasts
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide, & all entrance fees, are as follows: a tour of Mostar & the Turkish house, & a walking tour of Dubrovnik with entrance to the Dominican Monastery & Pharmacy
- QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES Touring by private first -class airconditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport





Destination Highlights: Two destination stay • Croatia's culture, arts, music, architecture, history, & cuisine • Austro-Hungarian Opatija • Roman History • Austro-Hungarian, & Art Nouveau architecture • Rovinj • Pula Roman Amphitheater • The Istrian Peninsula • Venice "City of Canals" or "City of Bridges" • St. Mark's Basilica • Island of Krk • Italian inspired food & wine • The mild Mediterranean climate • Split • The Diocletian's Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage site & one of the world's most inspiring Roman monuments) • Trogir • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Ancient Ottoman city of Mostar • UNESCO protected Old Bridge • Spectacular natural landscapes • UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik, one of the best preserved medieval walled cities in the world • Dominican Monastery • Gorgeous historical towns of Montenegro • Magnificent Bay of Kotor • Game of Thrones movie stages • Zagreb & more...

The Tour Price: is \$3,999 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$799 (limited availability). Fuel surcharges of \$350 & taxes & other fees of \$150 per person are included in the price. Fuel surcharges & taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$3,999 is an Early Bird Special if the program is reserved with a deposit by March 21, 2025. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$4,099) after this date.

Optional Dubrovnik Extension: \$899 per person double occupancy, add \$299 for a single supplement (limited availability).

For full pricing details and to reserve click the red link on the front page of this brochure.



Day 1 Leave the USA Set off on your overnight international trip to Zagreb, Croatia. Meals and beverages are served on board.

Day 2 Arrive in Zagreb – Opatija Welcome to Croatia! This stunning Mediterranean country offers a captivating blend of picturesque coastlines, crystal-clear waters, charming villages, magnificent national parks, and ancient fortified towns. Upon arrival in Zagreb, your tour director will greet you at the airport and arrange your transfer to Opatija, your home, for an extended five-night stay. Situated on the slopes of Mount Ucka, overlooking the mesmerizing Kvarner Bay, Opatija has been a sought-after destination for over 160 years, attracting both the affluent and famous. Once a renowned health resort for Austro-Hungarian royalty in the 19th century, Opatija remains a true hidden gem. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3 Opatija - Moscenice Tour – Opatija Today embark on a tour of Opatija and the medieval hilltop town of Moscenice. Be taken in by the captivating charm of Opatija with its rich history and culture, striking architecture, and exquisite Austro-Hungarian villas. View the Croatian Walk of Fame and stroll along the Lungomare coastal promenade. Then proceed to Moscenice, a fortified hilltop town on the list of Croatian cultural heritage sites. Walk through the cobblestone streets, take in the old-world culture, and visit the 300-year-old working olive oil press before returning to Opatija. (B, D)

Day 4 Opatija Enjoy a day of leisure in Opatija, where you can tailor your activities to your preferences. Take a water taxi to a nearby village, take a coastal stroll to view local shops, or relax and unwind. Alternatively, opt for an exhilarating full-day optional tour to Pula and Rovinj. The tour includes breathtaking panoramic views of Kvarner Bay from Plomin, a visit to the well-preserved Roman Amphitheater in Pula, and a event at a family-run olive oil farm. Continue to Rovinj, a picturesque fishing village with Venetian influences, where you'll explore its charming streets and admire its idyllic coastal setting. Discover the allure of this Istrian gem, designated a cultural monument in 1963, on a guided walking tour. (B)

Day 5 Opatija Today spend the day at leisure or take an optional tour to Venice. Here the romantic "City of Canals" will reveal its charm to you! Participate in this tour to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere and architecture of this magical city. Be entranced by its winding canals, picturesque bridges, and stunningly beautiful palaces as you cruise via vaporetto. See the sights of St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and Doge's Palace. After the tour, shop for handmade keepsakes, such as the renowned Murano glass or fancy Venetian masks. Afterward, you return to your motorcoach, taking in the postcard-perfect vistas, Venetian palaces, lively waterfront, and historical sights. (B)

Day 6 Opatija - Island of Krk – Opatija After breakfast, head to the enchanting Island of Krk. As you drive south, passing through the city of Rijeka, you'll reach the largest island in Croatia. Known as the Golden Island for its mild climate, stunning natural landscapes, and rich historical sites. Begin your tour with a visit to the idyllic Košljun, accessible by a short boat ride. Explore the monastery, which is home to Franciscan friars and offers a glimpse into their secluded lifestyle. Next, venture to the city of Krk itself. Wander through the old town, marveling at its ramparts, cobblestone streets, and the striking Krk Cathedral. Then continue to Vrbnik, a quaint town with a remarkable 900-year history. This religious center, protected by Saint John the Baptist, is the birthplace of the Glagolitic alphabet. Here, indulge in tasting the region's renowned white wine made from Zlahtina grapes, complemented by flavorsome prosciutto and cheese, in a local tavern or vineyard. (B, D)

Day 7 Opatija - Plitvice National Park Tour – Split Today depart Opatija for the old Roman City of Split. On the way, you stop to capture the wonders of Plitvice Lakes. This tranquil site is Croatia's first, oldest, and largest National Park. In 1979, the Lakes were included in UNESCO's World Heritage List as a "natural wonder of rare and unique beauty." After this visit, you will continue to Split and check into your hotel. Welcome to Split, home of Roman Emperor Diocletian in the 4th century. It is the second-largest city in Croatia. This evening, explore the lively bars, restaurants, and shops where Split has been bustling for thousands of years. (B)



Day 8 Split - City Tour - Trogir Tour – Split After breakfast, you explore Split on a tour of the historic city center. Discover the Roman emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then wander through the remnants of Split's past, including its Renaissance and Gothic structures: the Peristyle, Cathedral, and Jupiter's Temple. Early this afternoon, head to Trogir, a harmonious stone town on a small island connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges. Here visit the old town, a UNESCO world heritage site, and a treasure trove for art and architecture enthusiasts with its Renaissance and Baroque buildings and Romanesque churches. The narrow streets, small village squares, numerous restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops, and galleries give this town a splendid Mediterranean atmosphere. (B)

Day 9 Split - Zagreb After breakfast, you will be transferred to Split airport for a short flight to Zagreb. Upon arrival enjoy a city tour of the capital before checking into your hotel (B)

Day 10 Zagreb to the USA After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home (B)

Optional Dubrovnik Extension

Day 9 Split – Mostar/City Tour – Dubrovnik Today drive through the lush Dalmatian countryside, arriving in Mostar. On your walking tour, you will visit the 16th-century stone bridge, explore the remnants of its Turkish quarter, and explore the old city center and the Turkish House. This exquisitely preserved House is one of Mostar's best examples of Ottoman architecture. After the tour, you will have free time to wander and shop for distinctive gifts. Next, head south through the Gorge of Neretva River, arriving at the Medieval City of Dubrovnik. Here you will check into your hotel and relax. (B)

Day 10 Dubrovnik City Tour Today experience a breathtaking walking tour of old Dubrovnik, renowned for being one of the world's most well-preserved medieval walled cities. Highlights of the tour will include the Rector's Palace, Orlando's Column, Bell Tower Clock, Dominican Monastery, and the Franciscan Monastery, which boasts one of the oldest pharmacies in the world. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this enchanting place, where you can traverse the city's walls, appreciate its rich cultural background, savor the unique flavors of the Mediterranean, and sample the regional cuisine and wines. (B)

Day 11 Dubrovnik Today, enjoy Dubrovnik independently or join an optional tour to Montenegro. This Republic showcases one of Southern Europe's longest and deepest fjords, the Bay of Kotor. It is a submerged river canyon comprised of four small gulfs surrounded by mountains that meet the Adriatic Sea. Here, you will be part of a boating excursion at Our Lady of the Rocks Church before heading to Perast, situated at the foot of St. Elijah Hill. Kotor is the next stop on the thrilling journey, where you can wander through the medieval pedestrian streets and its vibrant market. (B)

Day 12 Dubrovnik – Zagreb After breakfast, you will be transferred to Split airport for a short flight to Zagreb. Upon arrival enjoy a city tour of the capital before checking into your hotel (B)

Day 13 Zagreb to the USA This morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home, and you will have many memories of your travels to treasure and share. (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (L) – Lunch, (D) – Dinner. Hotel (when listed) and Itinerary are subject to change.

This tour is classified as a level 2 program - A light activity tour. There is easy walking throughout the day. Plan to get on and off the coach/boat, with light walking tours, some stairs and uneven surfaces, through cities and sights such as museums.