

HIGHLIGHTS OF CROATIA

ZAGREB TO DUBROVNIK
LAND AND CRUISE



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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival in Zagreb

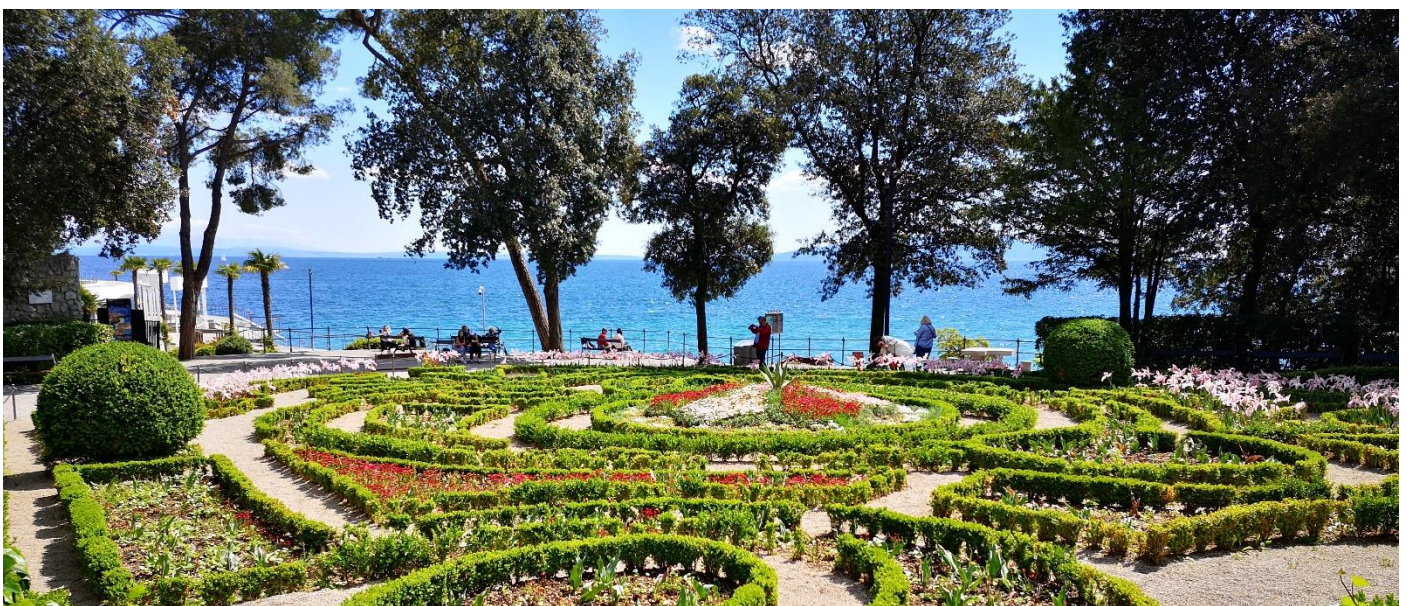
Upon arrival in Zagreb, Croatia's vibrant capital, you'll meet your local guide for a walking tour through the historic centre. Stroll through the charming streets of the Upper Town (Gornji Grad), passing landmarks such as St. Mark's Church, the Cathedral, and the lively Dolac Market. Discover the city's Austro-Hungarian elegance and relaxed atmosphere. After the tour, enjoy a taste of a beloved local specialty – štrukli, a warm and creamy pastry that's a true Zagreb classic. The evening



is at leisure to explore more or relax at your hotel. Overnight in Zagreb.

Day 2 – Zagreb – Opatija

The morning is free to explore Zagreb at your own pace. You might enjoy a coffee in one of the many open-air cafés or visit one of the city's excellent museums. After lunch, depart towards the Adriatic coast and arrive in the elegant seaside resort of Opatija, once a favourite getaway for the Austro-Hungarian elite. Upon arrival, take a leisurely walking tour along the famous Lungomare promenade and through Opatija's lush parks and charming villas. Overnight in Opatija.

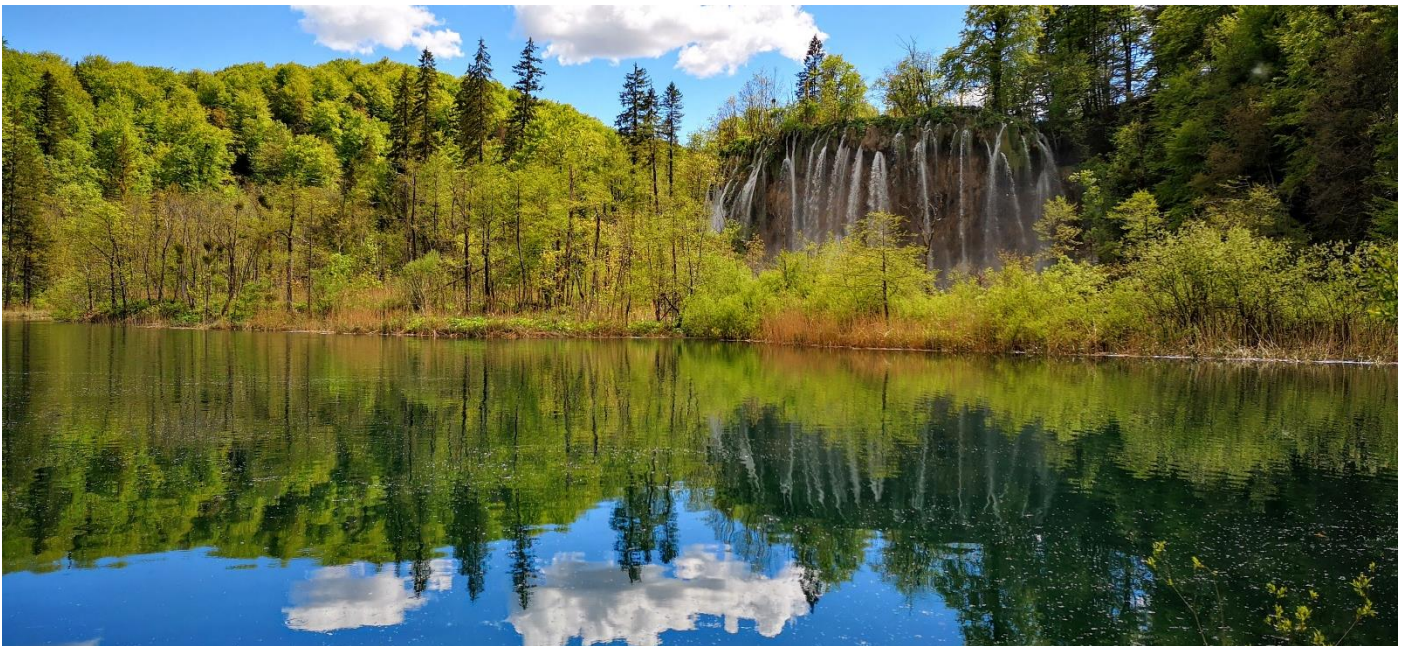


Day 3 – Istria: Rovinj & Motovun with Truffle Experience



Today is dedicated to exploring the heart of the Istrian peninsula. Begin with a visit to Rovinj, a picturesque coastal town of colourful houses, narrow cobbled streets, and a romantic Mediterranean flair. After soaking up its charm, head inland to Motovun, a hilltop village surrounded by truffle-rich forests and rolling vineyards. Enjoy a truffle-themed experience, including a tasting that highlights the region's culinary pride. Return to Opatija in the evening for overnight.

Day 4 – Opatija – Plitvice Lakes



Depart from the coast and head inland to one of Croatia's most stunning natural wonders: Plitvice Lakes National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the park features a series of turquoise lakes connected by cascading waterfalls, all nestled in lush forest. Explore the wooden pathways and scenic trails that wind through this breathtaking landscape. Overnight in the Plitvice area.

Day 5 – Plitvice – Zadar – Wine Tasting – Šibenik

After breakfast, continue towards the Dalmatian coast, stopping in Zadar, a city known for its fascinating blend of ancient history and modern art. Visit the Roman Forum, St. Donatus Church, and listen to the unique melodies of the Sea Organ. In the afternoon, enjoy a wine tasting experience in the Skradin area, known for its scenic vineyards and rich winemaking tradition. Conclude the day with a visit to Šibenik, a coastal gem famed for its UNESCO-listed St. James' Cathedral and stone-paved streets. Overnight in Šibenik.

Day 6 – Krka National Park – Trogir – Split



This morning, immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Krka National Park. Walk along scenic trails and admire the park's most famous feature – the cascading Skradinski Buk waterfalls. Later, continue to the medieval town of Trogir, where narrow alleyways, Romanesque churches, and Renaissance palaces create a magical atmosphere. In the late afternoon, arrive in Split. Overnight in Split.

Day 7 – Split



Start the day with a guided walking tour of Split's historic core, including entrance to the remarkable Diocletian's Palace – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved Roman imperial residences in the world. Wander through the palace cellars, temples, and courtyards that are now part of the city's everyday life. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Split at your leisure – perhaps shop in the open market, sip coffee along the Riva promenade, or climb Marjan Hill for panoramic views. Overnight in Split.

Day 8 – Embarkation / Departure – Sail to Makarska

Enjoy a relaxed morning before transferring to Split port for your cruise embarkation. For the following week you will be enjoying on a modern, recently built small-cruise vessel, 35 to 41m in length, featuring a sun deck, air-conditioned salon, cosy lounge area and cabins 8 to 14m² in size with double or twin beds, hairdryer and safety deposit box. Its modern and air-conditioned cabins, each with a private en-suite bathroom, provide a cozy and inviting retreat after a day of exploring. The ship's sun deck is the perfect place to unwind, complete with a jacuzzi and loungers where guests can soak up the sun



and admire the breathtaking island views. Onboard dining is a delight, with meals prepared using fresh, local ingredients and served in a welcoming and elegant dining area. The professional and attentive crew ensures every aspect of your journey is seamless, adding a personal touch to your cruising experience.

We begin our cruise at 13:00 from the Split harbour and head south along the scenic Dalmatian coastline. Enjoy lunch on board while we cruise, followed by a swim break at one of the area's stunning beaches. Adventure-seekers can opt for an



exhilarating zipline experience over the Cetina River Canyon. We dock in Makarska for the night, a lively seaside town known for its vibrant promenade, lively nightlife, and cultural landmarks. Take a relaxing evening stroll and soak in the charm of the Makarska Riviera.

Day 9 – Makarska to Bol (Brač) and Stari Grad (Hvar)

This morning, we set sail toward the island of Brač, making a stop in Bol, home of the iconic Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn) beach – a natural marvel famous for its unique shape. Enjoy a swim and lunch before continuing on to the island of Hvar. We dock in the tranquil town of Stari Grad, one of Croatia's oldest towns. Explore the historic Stari Grad Plain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site displaying ancient Greek agricultural planning. Overnight in the port of Stari Grad or nearby ferry port depending on space.



Day 10 – Stari Grad to Hvar



Today, we cruise to the vibrant town of Hvar, a popular hotspot for international travellers. On the way, we pause for a refreshing swim near the Paklini Islands. Upon arrival in Hvar, enjoy a guided walking tour (included on Premium Superior cruises). Discover its rich cultural heritage, including the 17th-century theatre (Europe's oldest public theatre), the Renaissance cathedral, the Franciscan monastery, and the hilltop fortress offering spectacular views. The town also boasts plenty of chic bars and restaurants that stay open late.

Day 11 – Hvar to Vis via the Blue Cave

We depart early for Biševo Island to visit the famous Blue Cave (entry not included; payable on the spot), a natural wonder with magical glowing blue waters. We then sail on to Vis, a former military base once off-limits to the public. Its unspoiled charm and authentic atmosphere make it a true gem. Spend the evening exploring the town of Vis, built near the ruins of ancient Issa – Croatia's first urban settlement. Visit Roman baths, the city museum, or enjoy a leisurely walk along the picturesque coastline.



Day 12 – Vis to Korčula

Enjoy breakfast as we cruise to Korčula, the enchanting medieval town believed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. From the sea, its fortified old town resembles a miniature Dubrovnik. Take a guided walking tour (included on Premium Superior) through the maze of narrow streets shaped like a fishbone. Korčula is rich in myths and legends and is the only place where the traditional Moreška sword dance is still performed. Spend the evening exploring local taverns and bars nestled within the city walls. Overnight in Korčula or a nearby port.



Day 13 – Korčula to Mljet to Šipan or Slano

We continue our journey toward Mljet, one of the greenest islands in the Adriatic. The western part is a National Park (entry not included – approx. €25), home to two saltwater lakes and the serene islet of St. Mary with its ancient church and monastery. You can explore by bike, canoe, or take a swim in the lakes. Later, we cruise to either Šipan, one of the Elaphiti islands, or the coastal town of Slano. We will enjoy a festive Captain's Dinner onboard tonight. Overnight in port.



Day 14 – Šipan or Slano to Dubrovnik

This morning, we sail toward the grand finale – Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Enjoy a swim stop before lunch, then join a guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed old town. Optional activities include a scenic cable car ride to Mount Srđ for breathtaking panoramic views. Don't miss a walk atop the famous city walls, stretching nearly 2 km with awe-inspiring views over the sea and rooftops. Overnight in Dubrovnik's Gruž port.



Day 15 – Dubrovnik – departure

After breakfast, it's time to disembark and bid farewell to the crew and your fellow travellers. Safe travels and see you on your next Adriatic adventure!

Included:

- 1 night in a hotel in Zagreb
- 2 nights in a hotel in Opatija
- 1 night in a hotel in the region of Plitvice
- 1 night in Šibenik
- 2 nights in Split

- All private transfers through the entire trip*
 - Private luxury car for up to two pax (Mercedes E-class or similar)
 - Private luxury minivan from four pax or more (Mercedes V-class or similar)
 - Airport Zagreb to hotel in Zagreb
 - Zagreb – Opatija
 - Istria day trip
 - Opatija – Plitvice
 - Plitvice – Zadar – Šibenik region
 - Šibenik – Krka – Split
 - Split hotel to Split harbour
 - Dubrovnik harbour to Dubrovnik airport

** This itinerary can be adapted for self-drive travellers with the option to replace private transfers with a rental vehicle.*
- Service of private English-speaking guides in included sightseeing (Zagreb, Motovun, Rovinj, Zadar, Split, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik)
- Entrances to the sites: Plitvice lakes National Park, Krka National Park, Diocletian's Palace in Split
- Experiences: Štrukli tasting in Zagreb, Truffle hunt demonstration and tasting in Istria, Wine tasting with snacks in Šibenik region
- Cruise according to the itinerary on the Premium Superior category Yacht. This includes:
 - Daily buffet breakfasts
 - Daily three course lunches
 - Captain's dinner on board
 - English-speaking tour manager on board
 - Daily cabin service
 - Mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen,
 - Luggage handling,
 - Olive oil and wine tasting on board,
 - Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits,
 - Water from the water fountain,
 - WIFI

Not included in the price:

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Optional excursions and entrances to monuments not mentioned in the quote
- Gratuities



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