



CROATIA, SLOVENIA, AND VENICE (ITALY) 2018

Thursday April 26, 2018 – Monday May 7, 2018 only \$2,855.00*



Visit the seaside city of **Opatija**, Croatia with its rich history and picturesque surroundings. Walk the cobble streets of **Split** to the 4th century Palace of Diocletian, tour magnificent **Dubrovnik** - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Upper and Lower Towns in the two-tiered Croatian capital city of **Zagreb**. As a bonus, travel to **Bled**, a beautiful Slovenian alpine resort exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps, and explore Venice, the city built on 177 islands, 150 canals, and 400 bridges that is one of Italy's most popular tourist attractions.

**Price is based on double occupancy and includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations with breakfast, all group meals, guided tours and entrance fees per itinerary, and all transfers.*

***Flight will depart from either Philadelphia or Newark. Bus transportation from Greensburg to the airport will be available. The cost for the bus (approximately \$135.00 per person/round trip) will be shared by those who take advantage of this convenient and inexpensive way to get to the airport.*

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

DAY 1, Thursday - Depart USA.

Depart for Venice, Italy

DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Venice and Transfer to Opatija

Arrive in Venice and check-in to your hotel in the seaside town of Opatija. A gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the town on your own. Perhaps take a stroll along the "Lungo Mare" seafront and enjoy beautiful views of the Gulf, sheltered by soaring mountains. Tonight, Welcome drink and dinner with your fellow travelers, followed by a briefing by your Tour Manager.

Overnight: Opatija

DAY 3, Saturday - Full Day in Opatija

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the seaside town of Opatija, with its rich history, picturesque surroundings and gorgeous beaches, once a gathering spot for the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to the Istrian Peninsula that begins in Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Afterwards, the tour continues to the resort town of Rovinj. Tonight, return to Opatija and explore the charming town with its wealth of fine seafood restaurants

Optional: Full Day Istrian Peninsula (AM)

Overnight: Opatija

DAY 4, Sunday - Zadar City Tour, Arrive in Split

Depart for a drive along the dramatic Adriatic coast to Split. En route, stop at the historic old town of Zadar; highlighted by ruins of a Roman forum, medieval churches, cosmopolitan cafes and high quality museums. This city is a wonderful combination of beautiful Roman architecture, Habsburg elegance, and a picture-perfect seafront. View the Cathedral and St. Donat Church before driving to the UNESCO protected seaside town of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Upon arrival, in the early evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade.

Overnight: Split

DAY 5, Monday - Depart Split, Arrive in Dubrovnik

Walk along the cobbled streets of the Old Town featuring the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the astonishing 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace is the largest and best preserved antique palace in the world, built for the Emperor Diocletian, representing a precious example of Roman architecture. See the remains of the Roman Peristyle, the unusual Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter, with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. Spend time discovering the town independently before continuing along the coast to the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik where you will have the opportunity to see the amazing views of this city known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel

Overnight: Dubrovnik

DAY 6, Tuesday - Dubrovnik City Tour

Enjoy the many delights of Dubrovnik today. The city's splendid medieval ramparts are considered to be one of the most grandiose fortification monuments in Europe, and its magnificent Old Town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" highlights the city's treasures within the 800-year-old walls including the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and the monumental Sponza Palace, preserved with its original beauty. Under the City Bell Tower on Luza Square stands Orlando's Tower, dedicated to the knight that saved the city in the 9th century. Continue to the Dominican Monastery, whose museum is a major treasury of culture and to the Franciscan Monastery with exhibits from the world's third oldest functioning pharmacy. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Dubrovnik

DAY 7, Wednesday - Full Day in Dubrovnik

A full day at leisure to explore Dubrovnik independently. Perhaps visit the Maritime Museum in St. John's Castle, linger in the historic Old City, or, people-watch at a charming cafe. Alternatively, join the *optional* full-day tour to Montenegro, the "Jewel of the Mediterranean" nestled on the gorgeous Adriatic coast. Drive towards the stunning Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe. On to the charming coastal town of Perast where a short boat ride takes you to the 15th century "Our Lady of the Rocks" Church perched on an islet in the bay. Time to admire the marble altar, fine paintings, silver plaques and panoramic views before driving to Kotor surrounded by old fortress walls, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Leisure time to walk the winding cobblestone lanes of the Old City before returning along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik. Tonight, enjoy a walk along Dubrovnik's cobbled streets; see the glowing buildings and the fortifications accented against the night sky

Optional: Full Day Montenegro Tour (AM)

Overnight: Dubrovnik

DAY 8, Thursday - Travel to Zagreb

Today spend the day traveling inland through wooded mountains and lush vegetation to Zagreb. En route stop in Pakovo Selo for lunch. On to the Croatian Capital, Zagreb, the largest city of the Republic of Croatia. Arrive this evening and enjoy exploring at leisure the numerous shops and various restaurants

Overnight: Zagreb

DAY 9, Friday - Zagreb, Arrive in Bled

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb which concludes in the Old Town. After lunch at leisure, depart for the lovely city of Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps. Bled, with its rich natural beauty ranks among the world's most beautiful alpine resorts and is also renowned for its mild, healing climate and its thermal lake waters. With its emerald-green lake, picture-postcard church on an islet, a medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff and some of the highest peaks of the Julian Alps, Bled is Slovenia's most popular resort. Tonight, an *optional* dinner at a charming and popular country inn in the tiny medieval town of Radovljica, highlighted by a selection of traditional Slovenian dishes and wine

Optional: Tour of Radovljica with dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bled

DAY 10, Saturday - Tour Ljubljana, Bled

This morning drive to Ljubljana for a sightseeing tour That includes views of the open-air market, City Hall, Robba Fountain, the Three Bridges, and the Parliament. After some time at leisure, return to Bled for sightseeing tour, including a visit to Bled Castle, located on a cliff high above the lake. This beautiful resort lies in the heart of the Julian Alps. Tonight, a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with you fellow travelers

Overnight: Bled

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Sunday - Travel to Venice

This morning bid farewell to your tour manager before you transfer to Venice. Balance of the day is at leisure to independently explore Venice, a splendid city of palaces, canals, romance, and culture.

Overnight: Venice

DAY 12, Monday - Depart Italy

Transfer to the Venice airport for your departure flight