

Treasures of CROATIA & the Balkans

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April, May, September & October

Check approachtours.com for departure dates.



DAYS 1 & 2 • GOODBYE CANADA, HELLO DUBROVNIK!

Enjoy a private car ride to the airport. Fly to Dubrovnik where you'll meet your Group Guru and fellow travellers. Upon arrival, our luxury coach transfers you to your hotel where you can enjoy free time to settle in before a delightful afternoon welcome cocktail. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (D)

DAY 3 • DISCOVER DUBROVNIK

This morning's tour will introduce you to the "Jewel of the Adriatic", including the Franciscan Monastery and the Cathedral of the Assumption. During a free afternoon, revel in the old town's storied past and see its iconic ramparts (Game of Thrones fans take note!). Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 • DAY TRIP TO KOTOR (88 KM)

This morning brings you to stunning Kotor, Montenegro. Check out the bay from countless look out points during a walking tour, and enjoy some free time. After a delicious lunch, continue to Mostar, where you will spend the night. Overnight in Mostar. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 • MARVEL AT MOSTAR

Soak in 16th-century architecture in Mostar, where you will visit landmarks such as the Kajtas House, the Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque and the UNESCO-recognized Stari Most bridge. Continue to Sarajevo, known as the meeting point of East and West. Overnight in Sarajevo. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 • EXPLORING SARAJEVO

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Sarajevo, from Ottoman era bazaars to Austro-Hungarian architecture. After exploring on foot, learn about its darkest wartime chapter during a moving visit of The Gallery 11/07/95. Free afternoon to explore this culture capital. Bosnian delicacies are served at a local restaurant tonight. Overnight in Sarajevo. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 • SPLENDID SPLIT (235 KM)

Enjoy the endless views of the Adriatic as you make your way to Split. On arrival, feel the hum of Croatia's second largest city during a guided tour of its cultural center. Explore Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Overnight in Split. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 • TRIP TO TROGIR

Start your day in medieval Trogir with a walking tour and visit to the stunning St. Lawrence Cathedral. Following lunch, return to Split to spend free time exploring at your leisure. Overnight in Split. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 • HVAR ISLAND (FERRY)

Boat ride to the pristine island of Hvar. Enjoy a guided tour of the island and indulge in a tasting of local products served with wine, of course. Spend free time this afternoon in the town of Hvar smelling the locally grown lavender before returning to Split for dinner. Overnight in Split. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 • WINE TASTING & EXPLORING ZADAR (276 KM)

On the way to Zadar, stop for a tasting at a generations-old vineyard and farm, showcasing organic cheeses, cold pressed olive oils and full-bodied reds. Arrive in Zadar for a guided tour of the old town, before you are lulled by its sea organ, an architectural wonder where waves meet stone to create distinct musical notes. On to Plitvice National Park for the night. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 • COUNT WATERFALLS IN PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK (165 KM)

A fairylike experience awaits, as you stroll through walkways alongside 16 interconnected pristine lakes and hundreds of waterfalls – bring your camera! End the afternoon with a visit of the beautiful seaside resort city of Opatija. Weather permitting, a walk along the sea will be in order! Overnight in Opatija. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 • DAY TRIP TO ROVINJ

Today, you will explore Istria, the largest peninsula in the Adriatic, shared by Croatia, Italy and Slovenia. Enjoy the small-scale beauty of Rovinj during our walking tour. Return to Opatija for an afternoon of free time – a perfect chance to soak up the sun on Croatia's famous pebble beaches. Overnight in Opatija. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 • IMPENETRABLE PREDJAMA (135 KM)

Cross into Slovenia for a tour of Predjama Castle, perched on top of a 123-metre-tall cliff and designed to last the test of time. Then explore the impressive two-million-year-old Postojna Caves. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 • LIFE IN LJUBLJANA

Enjoy a scenic walking tour of Ljubljana, the cultural, educational, economic, political and administrative center of Slovenia. Free time in the afternoon to explore at your leisure, perhaps strolling through Tivoli Park. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 • PEACEFUL LAKE BLEED

Stroll around storybook Lake Bled, an unspoiled glacial lake fed by hot springs. Discover the medieval Bled Castle before a relaxing boat ride on the lake's still waters to visit its church-topped island. Return to Ljubljana for free time in the afternoon, followed by our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B,L,D)

DAY 16 • HOME SWEET HOME

Starry-eyed, say goodbye to your fellow travellers who opted out of our included group flights and make your way to the airport to embark on your return flight(s) from Ljubljana to Canada. Your driver will meet you at the airport to help you with your luggage and drive you home. What a truly amazing experience! (B)



16 DAYS
ALL-INCLUSIVE
\$11,195

Per person in double occupancy
Single supplement: \$2,500
Fall 2027: +\$200

 **Difficulty Rating:**
High (details)

EVERY APPROACH TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PERKS:

- Private car service to and from your home airport
- International and domestic flights
- Meals and excursions that are typically sold separately
- Tips for all service providers
- 24/7 Group Guru (in addition to tour guide and local guides)
- Extensive travel insurance with Manulife Financial

TOTAL VALUE OF PERKS
\$3,706

LAKE BLEĐ

THIS TOUR INCLUDES



TOUR ESSENTIALS

- International flights with Lufthansa
- 14 nights in first-class hotels
- Dedicated English-speaking tour guide and local guides
- Carefully selected visits, including entrance fees
- Luxury coach bus transfers and luggage portage where available



FOOD & DRINK

- All 41 meals, including: 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners
- Folkloric dinner (included in meal count)
- Farewell dinner (included in meal count)
- Welcome cocktail
- 2 additional local product and wine tastings in Hvar and Zadar
- Bottled water daily (2 x 500ml)



UNIQUE MOMENTS

- Take in the Adriatic sea breeze while walking along the ramparts in Dubrovnik
- Enjoy a scenic cruise surrounded by mountains in the fjord-like Bay of Kotor
- Marvel at the beauty of Plitvice's pristine cascading lakes during a morning nature walk
- Step onto the iconic island of Lake Bled after admiring it from afar