

**PREMIUM**

**11D8N**

# ADVENTURE TO THE BALKANS

TOUR CODE: EEBALW

Gain a deeper understanding of the tumultuous pasts of Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and admire their wealth of ancient treasures which serve as a testament to their history under oppressive rule.



LAKE BLEĐ, SLOVENIA

## HIGHLIGHTS

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

#### SARAJEVO

- Old Town
- Sarajevo War Tunnel

#### MOSTAR

- Old Bridge
- Old Bazaar

### CROATIA

#### ZAGREB

- King Tomislav Square

- Stone Gate
- St. Mark's Square
- Church of St. Mark
- Strossmayer Promenade
- Zagreb Cathedral
- Ban Jelačić Square
- Dolac Market

#### DUBROVNIK

- Old Town
- Bell Tower
- Orlando's Column
- Onofrio's Fountain
- Sponza Palace

#### SPLIT

- Diocletian's Palace
- Peristil Square

#### ZADAR

- Western Quay
- Sea Organ

- Monument to the Sun
  - St. Donatus Church
  - Roman Forum
  - St. Anastasia's Cathedral
  - St. Mary's Church
  - Lion's Gate
- PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK**
- Electric Boat Ride
  - Great Waterfall

### SLOVENIA

#### LAKE BLEĐ

- Bled Castle

#### POSTOJNA CAVE

- Electric Train Ride

#### LJUBLJANA

- Old Town
- Central Market
- Town Hall
- Robba's Fountain
- Triple Bridge
- Dragon Bridge

### ITALY

#### VENICE

- Mcarthurglen Designer Outlets



### DAY 1 HOME ► ZAGREB

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **Zagreb**, the capital city of **Croatia**.

### DAY 2 ZAGREB

#### Meals on Board, Lunch - Roast Duck Meal, Dinner

Upon arrival, start off with a guided walking tour of the Upper and Lower Town – catch a glimpse of top attractions like the **King Tomislav Square**, the **Stone Gate**, **St. Mark's Square** and the **Church of St. Mark**, the one-of-a-kind **Museum of Broken Relationships**, the **Strossmayer Promenade**, **Zagreb Cathedral**, **Ban Jelačić Square** and **Dolac Market**. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure to do some souvenir shopping or simply bask in the lively street atmosphere of the city.

### DAY 3 ZAGREB ► SARAJEVO

#### Breakfast, Lunch - Sahan Meal, Dinner

Journey to **Bosnia, Herzegovina** and continue to head for its capital, **Sarajevo**. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure to explore the historic Old Town and gain an insight into the historic events of Sarajevo's turbulent past.

### DAY 4 SARAJEVO ► MOSTAR ► DUBROVNIK

#### Breakfast, Lunch - Kebab, Dinner

Make your way to the **Sarajevo War Tunnel** for a visceral wartime experience of the Siege

of Sarajevo in the 1990s. Following that, head out to **Mostar**, a picturesque city spanning a deep valley of the **Neretva River**. Follow the tour guide and amble along the magnificent **Old Bridge** for an extraordinary panorama over the river, visit the oldest mosque in **Mostar – Cejvan Cehaj Mosque**, bask in the lively atmosphere of the **Old Bazaar**. Enjoy the scenery as we drive along the **Dalmatian coast** before arriving in **Dubrovnik**.

### DAY 5 DUBROVNIK

#### Breakfast

Spend the morning getting acquainted with the historic **Old Town**. Continue walking down the limestone-clad **Stradun**, one of the widest and straightest streets in Old Town. Until you reach the Renaissance-era **Sponza Palace**, which is today the home of the state archives. Other highlights you'll hit along the way include the city's **Bell tower**, **Orlando's Column**, the **Church of St. Blaise**, dedicated to the patron saint of Dubrovnik. One of the best ways to see the city is from the top of the City Walls. The spectacular views are definitely worth the climb up.

### DAY 6 DUBROVNIK ► SPLIT ► ZADAR

#### Breakfast, Black & White Risotto Lunch, Dinner

Ramble through the Croatian countryside to wind up in Split, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast that was founded by the Emperor Diocletian in AD305 to construct his retirement palace. Have a ball of a time touring this seaside city with a guide,

## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners

### Specialities

- Croatian style roast duck
- Traditional Bosnian Sahan with beef
- Kebab
- Tastes of the Mediterranean black & white risotto
- Roasted Lamb & Pork under the Bell
- Lunch at Bled Castle with Cream cake tasting

## 4-5★ HOTELS

**ZAGREB** Westin

**SARAJEVO** Holiday

**DUBROVNIK** Sheraton

**ZADAR** Kolovare

**LJUBLJANA** Radisson Plaza

**LAKE BLEĐ** Park (lake view)

**VENICE** Hotel Double Tree By Hilton

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.

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who will bring you to enter the massive **Diocletian's Palace** and explore all its nooks and crannies, including the remains of the original palace, and the **Peristil Square**. Then continue on to **Zadar**, a city built in the centre of the Croatian Adriatic with three thousand years of tumultuous history.

## DAY 7 ZADAR > PLITVICE LAKES > LJUBLJANA

*Breakfast, Lunch - Roast Lamb Meal, Chinese Dinner*

Embark on a guided promenade about the city and visit the **Western Quay** for an up-close look at the **Sea Organ** and the **Monument to the Sun**, follow by **St. Donatus Church**, the **Roman Forum**, **St. Anastasia's Cathedral**, **St. Mary's Church** and the **Lion's Gate**. A drive through the Croatian highlands reveals splendid alpine scenery as you arrive in one of Europe's most impressive national parks – the **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Take pleasure in a guided tour of the beautiful landscapes within the UNESCO National Heritage park, adorned with sixteen lakes that are interconnected by a series of waterfalls and deep woodland populated by deer, bears, wolves, boars and rare bird species. Savour the riveting beauty of nature from a different perspective on the waters as you join an **Electric Boat Ride**. Then we head to the capital of capital of Slovenia, **Ljubljana**.

**\*\*Remark : In the event of bad weather and the boat ride unable to operate, there will be no replacement ride.\*\***

## DAY 8 LJUBLJANA > BLEĐ

*Breakfast, Lunch at Bled Castle with Cream cake tasting, Dinner*

Embark on a guided tour with the **Old Town** for some of the best-preserved medieval houses, visit the open-air **Central Market**, the baroque **Town Hall**, the beautiful **Robba's Fountain**, the grandiose **Triple Bridge** and **Dragon Bridge**. Proceed to **Lake Bled** in the Julian Alps, the most magnificent lake with an island. Enjoy a scenic lunch in its cliff top **Bled Castle** for a picture-perfect vista of glistening waters and the surrounding natural beauty. You may wish to make an optional visit to **Lake Bohinj** before you end your day.

## DAY 9 LJUBLJANA > POSTOJNA CAVE > VENICE

*Breakfast, Lunch*

Journey to the town of **Postojna**, and embark on a unique cave tour of the renowned **Postojna Cave** – one of the world's largest karst monuments. Board the unique cave railway for an exciting adventure through dark passages to the **Great Mountain**, where you disembark and continue on foot across the **Russian Bridge** into the caves comprising of the **Spaghetti Hall**, the **White Hall** and the **Red Hall**. Press on further to view the renowned stalagmite in the **Brilliant Passage** and get a look at the **Vivarium Proteus**, otherwise known as the human fish. Then, make a pit stop at the **McArthurGlen Designer Outlets** for some last minute shopping before we proceed to **Venice** for the night.

## DAY 10 VENICE > HOME

*Breakfast, Meals on Board*

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home. We recommend a half day Venice Tour to visit some of the famous and important buildings in this fabulous city.

## DAY 11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with **EU Holidays** and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Suggested Excursions:  
Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.  
\*minimum group size may apply*

- **Dubrovnik City Walls & Hill Srdj Panorama Tour:** €50
- **Lake Bohinj:** €50
- **Venice Half Day Tour:** €85

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 11D8N)*

- €77 per person

**NOTE:**

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.
- Upgrades of hotels are subject to hotel room availability.