

PREMIUM

12D9N

ADVENTURE TO 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.



Whisper System



PACE

Relaxed

Active

SPLIT, CROATIA

HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Pile Gate
- Stadrun Street
- Onofrio Fountain
- Sponza Palace
- Bell Tower
- Orlando's Column
- Church of St Blaise

SPLIT

- Diocletian's Palace
- Peristil Square
- Trogir

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

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

SARAJEVO

- Emperor's Mosque
- Sarajevo War Tunnel
- Eternal Flame

MOSTAR

- Old Bridge
- Old Bazaar

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

- Noventa McArthurGlen Designer Outlet



DAY 1 HOME > ZAGREB

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport for your flight to Zagreb – the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

DAY 2 ZAGREB

Meals on Board/Dinner-Roasted Duck

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 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- Beef Sahan/Dinner

Journey to Bosnia, Herzegovina and head for its capital-Sarajevo. Enjoy a walking tour of the city's old town, past Emperor's Mosque 'largest mosque in the Balkans', the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city.

DAY 4 SARAJEVO > MOSTAR > DUBROVNIK

Breakfast/Lunch- Roasted Lamb Under The Bell/Dinner

Visit the Sarajevo Tunnel, which is also known as Tunnel of Hope. It was an underground tunnel constructed during the Siege of Sarajevo in the midst of the Bosnian War. Travel to Mostar, a picturesque

city spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River. Follow a tour guide and amble along the magnificent Old Bridge for an extraordinary panorama over the river. Bask in the lively atmosphere of the Old Bazaar. Continue to Dubrovnik, which is renowned for its picturesque setting on the stunning Adriatic coast.

DAY 5 DUBROVNIK

Breakfast

Enjoy a free day of leisure for some shopping or sightseeing at your pleasure in Dubrovnik. You may wish to embark on an excursion to the Montenegro Blue half day tour - Surrounded by high mountains reflected in the blue waters, a fjord-shaped Bay of Kotor is one of the most spectacular landscapes on the Mediterranean. Drive along the bay past Risan and picturesque Perast to reach the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 6 DUBROVNIK > SPLIT

Breakfast/Lunch/Chinese Dinner

Starting from Pile gate, walk along the elegant Stadrun Street and soak up the highlights. Pass Onofrio Fountain see the Franciscan monastery with its Romanesque-Gothic architecture. 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. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure in the town or you may consider joining an excursion to climb up the city walls. Spend the night at Split.

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 7 Dinners

Specialities

- Roasted Lamb under the Bell
- Traditional Bosnian Beef Sahan
- Croatian Black & White Risotto
- Roasted Pork Under the Bell
- Roasted Duck
- Roasted Pork Ribs & Bled Cream Cake at Bled Castle

4-5★ HOTELS

ZAGREB Sheraton

SARAJEVO Hills

DUBROVNIK Ariston

SPLIT Le Meridien Lav

ZADAR Kolovare

LJUBLJANA Radisson Plaza

VENICE Anthony Palace

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

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DAY 7 SPLIT ► TROGIR ► ZADAR

Breakfast/Lunch – Black and White Risotto/Dinner

Wander through the Croatian countryside to wind up in **Split**, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast that was founded by the Emperor Diocletian in AD 305 to construct his retirement palace. Have a ball of a time touring this seaside city with a guide, 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**. Continue to **Trogir** - a historic town and harbour on the Adriatic coast in **Split -Dalmatia County**. Then continue on to **Zadar**, a city built in the centre of the Croatian Adriatic with three thousand years of tumultuous history. 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**.

DAY 8 ZADAR ► PLITVICE LAKES ► LJUBLJANA

Breakfast/Lunch-Roasted Pork Under The Bell/ Dinner

Drive through the Croatian highlands. Savour the riveting beauty of nature from a different perspective and witness the 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 **Slovenia, Ljubljana**.

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

DAY 9 LJUBLJANA ► BLEĐ ► LJUBLJANA

Breakfast /Lunch-Roast Pork Ribs & Cream Cake/Chinese Dinner

Today, you will take a scenic drive through the Slovenian countryside to **Lake Bled**. This Alpine lake with the only island in Slovenia that is noted to be a world-renowned paradise for centuries. Visit **Bled Castle** and enjoy the lunch with the most beautiful view from the castle towering over the lake. Try the famous bled cream cake before heading back to Ljubljana. You may wish to join an excursion to visit Bohinj, the largest glacial lake in Slovenia. Transfer back to Ljubljana and embark on a guided tour to the **Old Town** for some of the best-preserved medieval houses, visit the open-air **Central Market**, the baroque **Town Hall**, the beautiful **Robba Fountain**, the grandiose **Triple Bridge** and **Dragon Bridge**.

DAY 10 LJUBLJANA ► POSTOJNA CAVE ► VENICE

Breakfast/Lunch- Trout Fish

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 Electric Train 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 stalagmites in the Brilliant Passage and get a look at the **Vivarium Proteus**, otherwise known as the human fish. After lunch, make a pit stop at the **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet** for some last minute shopping before proceeding to Venice for the night.

DAY 11 VENICE ► HOME

Breakfast/Meal 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 12 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you have had enjoyed your trip with our company. We look forward in 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*

- Montenegro- Kotor Half Day Tour : €70
- Dubrovnik City Walls & Hill Srdj Panorama Tour: €50
- Lake Bohinj & Vogel Cable Car: € 50
- Lake Bled Pletna Boat ride: € 20
- Venice Half Day Tour: €85

Tipping Guideline: (based on 12D9N)

- €84 per person

NOTE:

- 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 outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.