

Truly Croatia Custom TourOverview



Embark on a 21-day journey through the mesmerizing landscapes, historical towns, and vibrant cultures of four captivating countries: Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia, and Montenegro. From the azure waters of the Adriatic Sea to the verdant mountain ranges, this tour promises an unforgettable blend of natural beauty, rich history, and tantalizing local flavors.



Route

Zagreb | Ljubljana | Lake Bled | Postojna Caves | Rovinj | Motovun | Pula | Plitvice Lakes | Zadar | Šibenik | Split | Klis Fortress | Salona | Trogir | Hvar | Blue and Green Cave | Pakleni Islands | Korčula | Bosnia | Mljet Island | Montenegro | Dubrovnik



Day 1 Zagreb

Upon arrival to Zagreb airport, meet your driver and transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon to settle in before ending the day with a traditional Zagreb dinner.

What's Included

- Zagreb airport arrival and private transfer to hotel
- Traditional Zagreb welcome dinner
- 2 nights accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel, including breakfast and tourist taxes

Day 2 Zagreb

Zagreb is the capital and economic center of Croatia. Spend the morning exploring Zagreb life as a local. Start the day with a private walking tour where the guide will show you the wonders of the old fortified Upper town, the Cathedral of St. Stephen, the famous St. Mark's church with its multicolored roof, and the bustling town market 'Dolac' and ending with a panorama tour by car to Zagreb's most famous cemetery, Miroqoj.

In the afternoon, discover Croatia's diverse culinary landscape, offering a range of exquisite flavors to suit every palate. From zesty stews to succulent spit-roasted lamb and creamy traditional Zagreb štrukli, our culinary offerings are a true delight. Embark on a guided journey with our expert, mastering the art of crafting timeless local Croatian recipes. Choose a menu that resonates with your inner food enthusiast for an unforgettable sensory experience.

- Private guided tour of Zagreb
- Croatian Cuisine Cooking Class









Day 3 Zagreb - Ljubljana

Ljubljana is a picturesque city whose image is the product of various historical periods, though it has been marked most notably by the creations of the architect Jože Plečnik. It is distinguished by Ljubljana Castle, located on the hill above the city, the Ljubljanica with its wondrous bridges and romantic banks, as well as testimonials and numerous stories from its rich and abundant past accompanying you with every step.

What's Included

- Private driver
- Private guided tour of Ljubljana
- 1 nights accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel, including breakfast and tourist taxes



Day 4 Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Postojna Caves - Rovinj

Experience the enchantment at Lake Bled, a picturesque gem nestled in the Julian Alps. With its iconic island church and castle perched on a cliff, the scenery is straight from a fairy tale. Explore the stunning lake by boat or leisurely stroll around its shores. Just a stone's throw away, marvel at the mesmerizing underground world of Postojna Caves. A subterranean wonderland of massive chambers, intricate formations, and a unique train ride, it's a journey into the depths of Earth's beauty. Dress warmly, the average year round temperature in the Postojna Caves is about 8°C to 10°C (46°F to 50°F).

- Private driver
- Private guided tour of Lake Bled
- Traditional pletna boat tour experience
- Entrance and guided tour of Postojna caves
- 2 nights accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel in Rovinj, including breakfast and tourist taxes





Day 5 Rovinj - Motovun - Rovinj

Discover the breathtaking charm of Rovinj, a captivating coastal town nestled on the heart-shaped western edge of the Istrian peninsula. Steeped in history, Rovinj boasts vibrant markets, stalls, and a lively atmosphere where locals, artists, and visitors converge. The town's architecture appears to emerge from the sea, while its traditional stone alleys, steps, and structures create an irresistible romantic allure that will surely capture your heart.

Explore the enchanting hilltop village of Motovun, renowned for its Venetian-inspired architecture, impressive fortified walls, and breathtaking vistas. Nestled within Croatia's picturesque "Tuscany," this region is celebrated for its wines, succulent Istrian prosciutto, and coveted truffles. Positioned at the heart of the Istrian peninsula, Motovun captivates with its medieval ambiance. With a history spanning over 2,300 years, this village offers a journey through time like no other. Embark on a truffle-hunting adventure nearby. Immerse yourself in the thrill of the hunt as you explore the lush landscapes, guided by expert truffle hunters and their skilled dogs.

What's Included

- Private driver
- Guided walk of Motovun and Rovini
- Truffle Hunting experience and light lunch







Day 6 Rovinj - Pula - Plitvice Lakes National Park

Pula is where history comes to life against stunning coastal vistas. This enchanting city on the Istrian peninsula seamlessly blends ancient wonders with modern marvels, creating an unforgettable tapestry of experiences. From the iconic Roman Arena to vibrant markets and sun-soaked beaches, Pula's diverse highlights promise a journey of cultural exploration, relaxation, and natural beauty. Immerse yourself in a world where past and present intertwine in a truly captivating way.

Upon arrival to the Plitvice area, experience the countryside on a bike tour to nearby Barać Caves. Barać Caves is a hidden gem nestled in the heart of Croatia. Venture deep into the underground labyrinth and marvel at the intricate formations that have been sculpted over millennia. With expert guides leading the way, discover awe-inspiring stalactites, stalagmites, and mesmerizing chambers. An immersive journey into the Earth's secrets awaits, as you uncover the breathtaking beauty and geological marvels of Barać Caves.

- Private driver
- Guided tour of Pula and entrances to Arena
- Plitvice area bike tour to Barać Caves
- 1 night accommodation in a 4* hotel in Plitvice, including breakfast, dinner, and tourist taxes





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Day 7 Plitvice Lakes National Park - Zadar

Spend the morning at Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site with an amazing 15 acres encompassing the National Park. We will journey along the wooden paths to the breathtaking waterfalls cascading from one level to another. Board a boat on the largest lake in the park, where you will take in the serenity and feel like you have escaped everyday life's stress. Don't forget your camera!

Zadar is often overshadowed by more famous destinations along the Croatian coast; however, it's a city of exceptional history with a modern and welcoming attitude. In the peninsular Old Town, traces of the past are still visible in the layout of the streets, and the Mediterranean architecture and Roman ruins pop up among cozy cafes and traditional eateries. Visit the spectacular St. Donatus church, the ancient Roman forum, and the famous Sea Organ and Installation to the Sun, both contemporary Zadar attractions. Be sure to catch the sunset by the sea organ!

What's Included

- Private driver
- Guided tour of Plitvice and entrances
- Guided Tour of Zadar
- 1 night accommodation in a 4* / 5* hotel in Zadar, including breakfast, dinner, and tourist taxes







Day 8 Zadar - Split

Split, Croatio's second-largest city on the Adriatic coast, boasts a rich history, especially the 3rd-century palace built by Roman Emperor Diocletian, now a UNESCO Heritage site. Today, within its ancient walls are 220 modern buildings, including bars, shops, and restaurants. The city's maze-like streets showcase a fusion of Roman, Christian, and contemporary cultures. With its pleasant climate and vibrant cafe culture, Split is a year-round destination. Explore during your private guided tour.

End the day with a custom-tailored Chef's Table dining experience. Elevate your culinary journey with a distinctive, exclusive, and customized dining experience. Our talented Chef crafts five dynamic, daily-fresh dishes right before your eyes, tailored to your preferences. Complementing the culinary delight, savor the harmony of flavors as each dish is thoughtfully paired with refreshing water and a duo of the finest Croatian wines.

- Private driver
- Guided Tour of Split and entrances
- Chef's Table Dining Experience
- 2 nights accommodation in a 4*/5* hotel, including breakfast, dinner, and tourist taxes



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Day 9

Split - Klis Fortress - Salona - Trogir - Split

Visit UNESCO protected town of Trogir, which will amaze you with its lively narrow streets, stone houses, and Venetian architecture. For more Roman sights, visit the remnants of Salona, the ancient city and capital of the Roman province of Dalmatia dating from the 1st century A.D.

For an interesting medieval sight and a spectacular view, head to the picturesque village of Klis, stippled with vineyards and olive groves, home to a beautiful medieval fortress bearing the same name that was a seat to Croatian dukes and kings.

End the day with a local wine tasting or traditional dinner at one of the local vineyards.

What's Included

- Private driver
- Guided tours of Klis, Salona, and Trogir
- Entrances to Klis and Salona
- Wine-tasting experience in local vineyard







Day 10 Split - Hvar

With the local fast ferry or private speedboat transfer, hop over to the island of Hvar to experience island life. Hvar is a natural paradise whose fields are famous for their grapes and olives, producing world-class products. Ride from Stari Grad through the Stari Grad Plain, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to Vrboska, known locally as Little Venice. After a ride along the seashore to Jelsa, we will stop for a short wine tasting with top-quality wine and olive oil. On our way back, we will visit a family farm where you will enjoy traditional lunch made of organic food and wines. After a wonderful half-day exploring Hvar Island, the tour ends with a car transfer back to your hotel.

- Private transfer from Split hotel to port
- Fast ferry tickets from Split to Hvar
- Private Guided Cycling Tour with wine tasting and lunch
- 4 nights accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel, including breakfast and tourist taxes





Day 11

Hvar - Pakleni Islands Sailing Adventure - Hvar

This 4 to 6 hour sailing trip offers you the choice of variable departing times starting in the morning or afternoon for a sunset sailing experience. It offers you just the right amount of time to discover the bays' hidden beauty in the Pakleni Islands archipelago. Different bays on the island of St. Klement - Zdrilca or Vela Garska Bay on Hvar. All these bays have pristine crystal clear waters perfect for swimming, snorkeling, and underwater photography. If it's too cold for swimming, we can visit one of the islands on land. The sailing itineraries are flexible and depend on the weather conditions and your interests.

What's Included

- Half-day private sailing adventure
- Skipper, Fuel, Wine, Water, Snacks, and Snorkeling gear

Day 12 Hvar Island Wine Experience

Discover Hvar's lavender-scented air, cultural riches, olive groves, and storied wine history as your guide brings the island's essence to life. Wind through charming hamlets and ancient roads to reach the first wine tasting. Then, ascend to the hilltop haven of Selca for an extraordinary lunch at a local family winery. Your meal features an array of island flavors, the chef's creation, garden-fresh produce, and delightful desserts paired with local wines.

- Tour of the vineyard area from Hvar Stari Grad Jelsa with one top Hvar winery
- Traditional culinary experience with local wine and water included
- Roundtrip transfer from hotel







Day 13 Discover Vis Island and the Blue & Green Caves by Speedboat

Embark on a private luxury speedboat journey to five stunning destinations near Hvar island, starting with the Green Cave on Ravnik Island for swimming and cliff-jumping. Next, marvel at the radiant Blue Cave on Biševo Island. Explore Stiniva Cove on Vis Island, Europe's top beach in 2016. Choose your next destination, be it Budikovac Island, Stončica Bay, Vis Island's tunnels, or a hidden beach. Conclude with a relaxing lunch at Palmižana Bay among the Pakleni Islands, followed by a serene cruise before returning to Hvar.

What's Included

- Private Speedboat Tour to Blue and Green Caves, Vis island
- Skipper, fuel, water, and snorkeling gear



Take the fast ferry or private boat transfer from Hvar Town to Korčula and experience one of Croatia's most enchanting islands. Korčula is famed for its dense forests, vineyards, and ancient villages. The island's main town, also named Korčula, is often dubbed "Little Dubrovnik" because of its medieval squares, churches, palaces, and houses, while its winding streets are a marvel of old-world architecture. Legend holds that the famous explorer Marco Polo was born here, and visitors can even explore his alleged birth house. Beyond history, the island offers pristine beaches, locally-produced wines, and traditional Croatian seafood dishes. Whether you're seeking historical immersion, gastronomic delights, or simply a sunkissed coastline, Korčula provides a picturesque and memorable getaway.

- Fast Ferry from Hvar to Korčula
- Private Guided City Tour
- Island tour with local wine and food tasting experience
- 1 night accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel, including breakfast and tourist taxes









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Day 15 Korčula - Dubrovnik

Travel from Korčula to the iconic city of Dubrovnik by either fast ferry or an exclusive private speedboat, culminating in a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik, often referred to as the "Jewel of the Adriatic," boasts an illustrious past and unparalleled charm. Stroll through its UNESCO-protected Old Town, where age-old walls surround intricate cobblestone paths and monumental structures. Dubrovnik seamlessly fuses its rich cultural tapestry with awe-inspiring natural landscapes, promising a unique blend of history and scenic beauty.

Enhance your Dubrovnik exploration by ascending Srdj Hill for a bird's-eye view of the city's emblematic skyline. Immerse yourself deeper into the venerable Old Town under the guidance of a seasoned expert, discovering stories and mysteries that animate its venerable stone facades. A captivating blend of panoramic sights and deep-rooted history is at your fingertips.

What's Included

- Fast Ferry from Korčula to Dubrovnik
- Private Guided City Tour with panorama
- 5 night accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel, including breakfast and tourist taxes







Day 16 Dubrovnik - Montenegro - Dubrovnik

Embark on a private Montenegro day trip from Dubrovnik. Though compact with a population of 650,000, Montenegro boasts dramatic landscapes: snowy peaks, azure Adriatic coastline, pristine lakes, historical monasteries, and endless beaches. Travel the Adriatic coast, passing Cavtat and the Konavle region, to reach Europe's southernmost fjord, Kotor Bay. Witness historical sites in Igalo, Herceg Novi, and Perast, home to St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks islands. Explore Kotor's rich history, from Venetian Palaces to the St. John fortress with panoramic views. Return includes a scenic ferry ride and stops for photos, culminating in Dubrovnik by early evening.

- Montenegro Private guided tour from Dubrovnik
- Stops in Perast and Kotor
- Entrance to the Old City of Kotor
- Licensed guide in Kotor
- Ferry ticket Lepetani Kamenari





Day 17 Dubrovnik Countryside Cooking Experience - from Garden to Table

Join us for a unique cooking experience blending tradition and seasonality. Dive into the art of bread-making, guided by grandma's wisdom, in the home's kitchen. As the bread rises, we'll gather fresh garden ingredients and farm eggs. Under Grandma's guidance, we'll craft traditional dishes. In the afternoon, work in groups, learning from experienced hosts about ancestral cooking techniques. Enjoy cooking without modern gadgets, using a fireplace and well water. The highlight is a communal lunch, celebrating the joy of shared meals. Participants receive a certificate commemorating their immersion in traditional cooking.

What's Included

- Roundtrip transfer from Dubrovnik
- Lunch
- Education, program and professional guidance (approx. 5 hours)





Day 18 Mljet National Park by Speedboat

A mere 90 minutes from Dubrovnik by speedboat lies the untouched oasis of Mljet, a gem in the South Dalmatian coastline. Our voyage starts with the charming village of Pomena, the gateway to the renowned Mljet National Park. With your skipper's assistance, navigate through the park's offerings: serene saltwater lakes and the historic monastery of Saint Mary, all nestled within a 3000-hectare protected area. Mljet's rich biodiversity and captivating landscapes stand as a testament to its national park designation in 1960.

As we venture further, immerse yourself in the legends of Odysseus' Cave. Said to be the place where Odysseus was ensnared by the nymph Calypso, this cave unveils a vibrant spectrum of colors, thanks to the midday sun's dance on the waters. Here, we drop anchor for an enchanting snorkeling experience.

Before heading back to Dubrovnik, experience a local seafood lunch (optional) on nearby Šipan Island.

- Private Skipper, fuel, Wi-Fi, towels, masks & snorkels
- Water, Beer, Wine & Sodas
- Family friendly
- Snorkel into Odysseus cave, Visit Mljet National Park and Salt Lakes



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Day 19 Mostar Bosnia & Kravica Private Tour

Journey from Dubrovnik to Mostar and indulge in a blend of untouched landscapes and vibrant Oriental architecture. Experience the city's history and culture during a private guided tour.

Discover the mesmerizing waterfalls of Kravica in the Herzegovina region, a pristine natural marvel crafted by the Trebižat river and now safeguarded by the state. Among Herzegovina's grandest cascades, Kravica stands unparalleled in its beauty.

Before returning back to Dubrovnik, experience Bosnian cuisine which offers a delightful fusion of flavors, influenced by the rich tapestry of cultures that have passed through its land over the centuries. Rooted in the culinary traditions of the Ottoman Empire, Central Europe, and the Mediterranean, Bosnian food is hearty, flavorful, and truly unique.

What's Included

- Private driver
- Private guided tour to Mostar
- Kravica Waterfalls
- Optional Bosnian traditional lunch







Day 20 Dubrovnik Sunset Sea Kayaking

As your Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, and Bosnia tour is coming to an end, take the day to further explore Dubrovnik before ending the day with a sunset kayaking experience.

Begin your Adriatic Sea adventure at Pile, a quaint port situated just below the Old Town. After a brief orientation, paddle alongside the majestic city walls to discover Betina, a secluded cave beach. Here, pause for a refreshing swim and snorkel session. Continue your journey, circling the enchanting Lokrum Island and marveling at its hidden caves. As the day concludes, paddle back under the glow of a captivating sunset, with the Elaphite islands on the horizon. Upon arrival at Pile Port, you'll be welcomed with wine and delectable snacks.

What's Included

- Sunset Kayaking tour



Day 21 Dubrovnik Departure

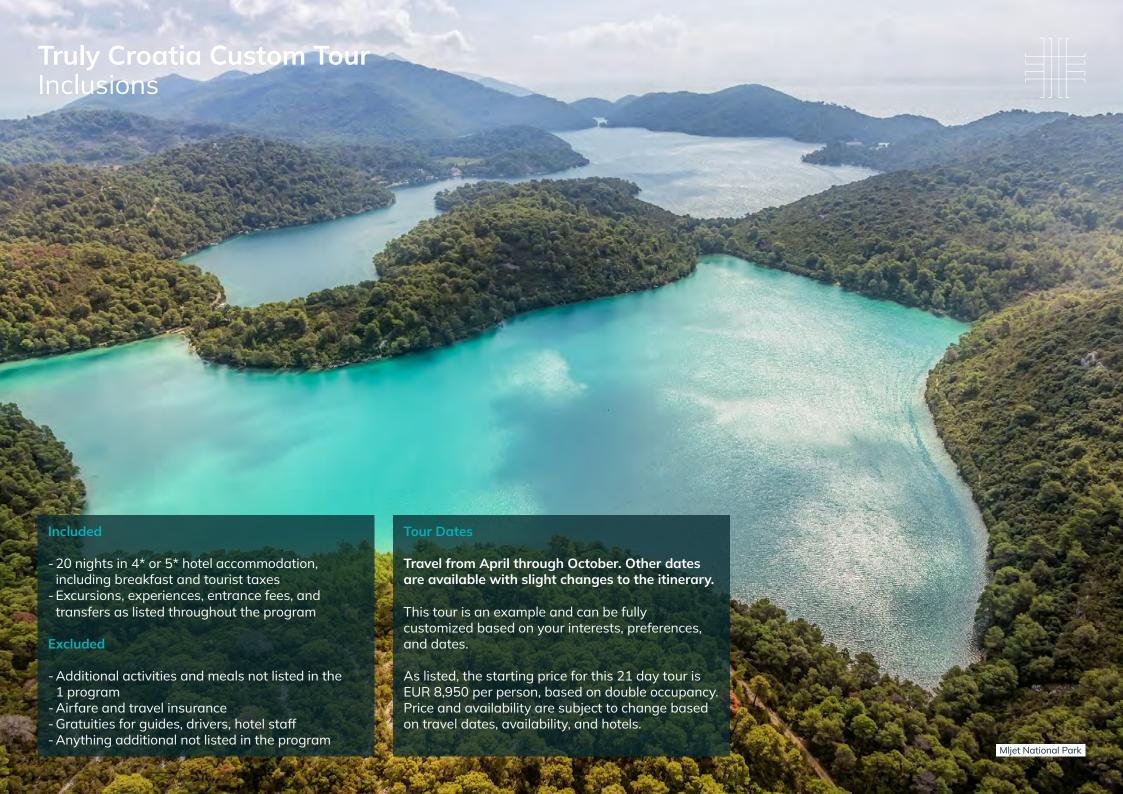
As your Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, and Bosnia 21 day tour concludes, it's time to say goodbye to Croatia. Our private driver will ensure a smooth journey to Dubrovnik Airport for your homeward bound flight. Sretan put!

What's Included

- Private transfer from hotel to airport







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