

Tour Itinerary

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DAY 1, Thursday - Depart for Italy

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DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Opatija

Arrive in Venice and transfer to your hotel in the seaside town of Opatija. A gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon 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 on the journey that awaits you in Croatia and Slovenia

Overnight: Opatija

Meals: Dinner

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

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Sunday - Zadar City Tour, Travel to Split

Depart today for a long 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 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

Meals: Breakfast

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 Roman 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

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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 yours. Perhaps, spend time strolling along the impressive ramparts overlooking the shimmering Adriatic Sea

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Wednesday - 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 alter, 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

Meals: Breakfast

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

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9, Friday - Zagreb City Tour, Arrive Bled

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb which concludes with a walking tour 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

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Saturday - Tour Ljubljana, Return to Bled

This morning drive to Ljubljana for a sightseeing tour that includes views of the open-air market, City Hall, Robba's 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 - Depart Italy

Transfer to the Venice airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

Escorted Package Includes

Round trip flights New York-Venice, Venice-New York
Other departure cities available.
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
9 nights First Class accommodations
2 nights Opatija
1 night Split
3 nights Dubrovnik
1 night Zagreb
2 nights Bled
All transfers
Hotel portorage
13 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
Services of English-speaking tour manager
Services of local guides in Split, Dubrovnik and Zagreb
Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

Visit seaside Opatija, with its rich history and picturesque surroundings
Walk the cobbled streets of Split to the 4th century Palace of Diocletian
Tour magnificent Dubrovnik, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site
See the Upper and Lower Towns in the two-tiered Croatian capital city of Zagreb
Travel to Bled, a beautiful alpine resort, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps

***Not Included:**

Optional tours and gratuities.

Additional Information:

Land only price does not include arrival/departure transfers, nor are the transfers included if flight schedule does not meet the schedule below:

Passengers arriving to Venice on Day 2 should select flights that arrive no later than 3:00 pm. Transfers to Opatija, Croatia will depart at approximately 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Opatija is approximately a 3.5 hour drive from the Venice airport. Please arrive to Venice Airport arrival hall 30 minutes prior to your determined transfer time to meet with local representative.

Passengers returning from Venice on Day 11 should select flights that depart no earlier than 6:30 am. Bled is approximately a 4 hour drive from the Venice airport. For all flights departing Venice between 6:30 am and 8:00 am the pick-up time from hotel will be at 1:30 am. The last transfer to Venice is approximately 7:00am.