

⚓ Coasting Thru Croatia ⚓

A Photography Tour with Shannon Brunner



Croatia has more than 1000 islands to discover! Start with a couple of days in Venice, which once ruled Croatia! “Coasting thru Croatia” will take you across the Adriatic Sea to catch a glimpse of this ancient Venetian Territory. Look forward to boating, along the pristine coastline, in clear blue waters. Hospitable

Croats offer up local products such as olive oil, feta cheese, and uniquely rare wine varietals to be enjoyed by the sea. This tour introduces you to the whole history of Croatia, from Roman Ruins to the longstanding protectorate of Catholicism in Eastern Europe.



Coasting Thru Croatia

Venice * Rovinj * Sibenik * Hvar * Dubrovnik

September 15 - 27 2019

12 day land package from \$3900 CDN

Activity Level: Leisure ○○○○○ Adventure

Zagreb – Sept. 28-30/19

\$990 with flight

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

LODGING

- 1 night in Venice, Italy
- 2 nights in Rovinj
- 1 night in Pula
- 3 nights in Sibenik
- 3 nights in Hvar
- 2 nights in Dubrovnik
- Optional 2 night extension in Zagreb

MEALS

- 8 Breakfasts
- Cooking lunch in Hvar with Wine
- 3 Dinners- 1 Lunch

TRANSPORT

- Ferry across Adriatic: Venice - Rovinj
- Flight : Pula - Zadar
- All ground transport
- Ferry : Split - Hvar
- Ferry Hvar - Dubrovnik

SIGHTS

- Sunset Boat Tour of Rovinj
- Pula's Roman Ruins & Mosaics
- Krka National Park Waterfalls
- Wine tasting at Tomic' Winery on Hvar
- Split's Diocletians' Palace
- Dubrovnik's Medieval Wall

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Day 1– Sunday, September 15 VENICE (D)

Arrival in Venice, Italy!!!! Enjoy your stay in this romantic city of narrow streets and steeples! Walking tour of the city followed by a 'WELCOME' pasta dinner!

Day 2– Monday, September 16 ROVINJ (B)

Enjoy your day in Venice with an optional gondola ride through the small canals and a walk through San Marco Square. Take a late afternoon catamaran ride across the Adriatic Sea to Rovinj, Croatia (3.5 hours). Evening free to explore and taste olives, Feta cheese and citrus fruits that accompany the wonderful wines of the Istrian Peninsula.

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 17 ROVINJ (B,D)

A walking tour in the medieval hilltop town – walk up to the cathedral for a great view of the sea. Stop at the many shops and wine bars as you make your way back to the Port. Sunset excursion on the Delfin boat. Enjoy a 'WELCOME TO CROATIA' dinner together. This picturesque village features seafood restaurants with tables on the rocks overlooking the sea. Keep your eyes open for dolphins passing by!

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 18 PULA (B)

South of Rovinji about 40 km is Pula the city of Roman Antiquities! Mid-morning departure on the local bus - 35 min. First, head off to the famous market for lunch. Then visit the Coliseum, Augustus' House, Hadrian's Arch and the mosaic floor, all dating back to Roman times. Catch dinner and a cold beverage at many of the outdoor restaurants. Overnight in Pula.

Day 5 – Thursday, September 19 SIBENIK (B)

Early morning flight to Zadar (6am direct flight). Arrive in time to see this port city waking up to the sound of the Sea Organ. Catch breakfast in one of the many bars in the center town. Travel along the coastal road to Sibenik by coach– 1 ½ hrs. Stay in the quaint lodgings on the Marina. Visit the harbor front for lunch and explore the antiquities as well as St James Cathedral. Enjoy a dinner in one of Sibenik's fine restaurants.

Day 6 – Friday, September 20 SIBENIK (B,L)

Full day excursion to the Krka National Park. In the park enjoy the comments of the local guide on the walking paths that lead you past exotic waterfalls. Continue the excursion to the less populated region of the park for taverna lunch in the country. Guided visit a monastery before returning to Sibenik for the evening. Option to prepare meals.

Day 7 – Saturday, September 21 SIBENIK (B)

Free day in Sibenik to explore the area, do some shopping and seek out that perfect patio for drinks or dinner! Optional excursion to an island close by – home to the Museum of Faust Vrancic (Croatia's Leonardo Da Vinci). Option to prepare meals.

Day 8 – Sunday, September 22 HVAR (B)

Take the coach along the sensational coastal road to Split. Visit the Diocletian's Palace before taking the 1 ½ hr ferry to the town of Hvar on the Island of the same name. Nestle into your lodging at the Hotel Croatia before walking to town to catch dinner in many of the unique restaurants. Views of the archipelago, among the clear blue waters, awaits us.

Day 9– Monday, September 23 HVAR (B,L)

Today is an adventure into the countryside to visit the Plavac' Mali vineyard and to participate in a Croatian cooking adventure among the ruins of an old village. Evening back in Hvar to enjoy the sunset.

Day 10– Tuesday, September 24 HVAR (B)

Free Day to visit the local Islands or spend the day in Hvar, perhaps walking up to the castle. Option to take the local taxi to the Island of Palmizana just 20 minutes away to enjoy the day sunning on the rocks and dining at a seaside resort amongst the yachts. Time to relax and enjoy the rich red wines from the ancient wine producing island of Hvar.

Day 11– Wednesday, September 25 DUBROVNIK (B)

Take the morning ferry to the neighbouring Island of Kortula and carry on to the capital city, Dubrovnik surrounded by its medieval wall. Check into the hotel. Optional Game of Thrones tour. Enjoy a sensational sunset in Dubrovnik's Old Port.

Day 12 - Thursday, September 26 DUBROVNIK (B,D)

Avoiding the cruise ship tourists, take an early morning walk (8am) on the city's medieval wall, leaving time for sightseeing and shopping. Afternoon excursion to the Island of Lokrum, a sanctuary of flora and fauna. Evening ride up the gondola to view the medieval walled city against the sea. Capture the sunset while you enjoy a gourmet dinner overlooking the vista... now that you have fallen in love with the azure waters of the Croatian Coast!

Day 13 Friday September 27 IN TRANSIT (B)

Early morning departure to the Dubrovnik airport for your international flight back to Canada or departure to Zagreb for the two day extension.

Day 1 Saturday, Sept. 28 ZAGREB

Morning flight to Zagreb with Croatia Airlines. Transfer to the Palace Hotel for a 2 night stay. This hotel is situated close to the downtown where you will partake in a Historical Walking Tour with Melita, a Croat-Canadian longtime friend. Evening free in Zagreb

Day 2 Sunday, Sept. 29 ZAGREB (B,D)

Morning free in Zagreb. Afternoon excursion to Samabor, home to a small crystal factory where you will see a demonstration and have the option to buy lead crystal at factory prices. Farewell dinner in funky restaurant in Samabor which specializes in mushrooms!

Day 3 Monday, Sept. 30 IN TRANSIT (B)

Flight back to Canada or continue your stay in Europe.