



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 with clear blue waters. Hospitable Croats offer up local products such as olive oil, feta cheese, and uniquely rare wine varietals which are enjoyed together by the sea. This tour takes you through 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
Sept. 5 - 17, 2017

12 day land package from \$3600 CDN

2 night 5* Zagreb Extension \$550 CDN
Sept. 17 - 19, 2017

This tour starts in Venice and ends in Dubrovnik

* option to start and end this tour in Zagreb *

Activity Level: Leisure Adventure

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

- 12 breakfasts
Cooking School in Hvar with Wine
6 Dinners, 1 Luncheon

TRANSPORT

- Ferry across the Adriatic; Venice - Rovinj
Flight to Zadar from Pula
All ground transport in minibus
Ferries between: Split & Hvar, Hvar & Dubrovnik

SIGHTS

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

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Day 1– Tuesday, Sept. 5 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– Wednesday, Sept. 6 ROVINJ (B,D)

Enjoy your day in Venice with a gondola ride through the small canals and a walk through San Marco Square. Late afternoon catamaran ride across the Adriatic Sea to Rovinj, Croatia (3.5 hours). Arrival in this quaint village in the evening and 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 3 – Thursday, Sept. 7 ROVINJ (B)

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. Afternoon free to explore and taste olives, Feta cheese and citrus fruits that accompany the wonderful wines of the Istrian Peninsula.

Day 4 – Friday, Sept. 8 PULA (B)

South of Rovinji about 40 km is Pula the city of Roman Antiquities! 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 – Saturday, Sept. 9 SIBENIK (B,D)

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 in a minibus – 1 ½ hrs. Stay in the quaint lodgings in the town centre. Visit the harbor front for lunch and explore the antiquities as well as St James Cathedral. Enjoy a gourmet dinner restaurant in the Cathedral square.

Day 6 – Sunday, Sept. 10 SIBENIK (B, D)

Full day excursion to the Krka National Park. In the park enjoy the boat ride and the walking paths that lead you past exotic waterfalls. Visit the interpretive centers along the way, then back to Sibenik for the evening.

Day 7 – Monday, Sept. 11 SIBENIK (B)

Free day in Sibenik to explore the area, do some shopping and seek out that perfect patio for drinks or dinner!

Day 8 – Tuesday, Sept. 12 HVAR (B)

Take the minibus along the sensational coastal road to Split. Visit the Diocletian's Palace before taking the 1 ½ hour ferry to the town of Hvar on the Island of the same name. Nestle into your lodging on the coast before taking an excursion to the town itself for dinner at the wine bar in the square. Views of the archipelago await among the clear blue waters.

Day 9– Wednesday, Sept. 13 HVAR (B,D)

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

Day 10– Thursday, Sept. 14 HVAR (B,L)

Take the local taxi to the Island of Palmizana just 20 minutes away. Enjoy the day sunning on the rocks and dining in 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– Friday, Sept. 15 DUBROVNIK (B)

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

Day 12 - Saturday, Sept. 16 DUBROVNIK (B,D)

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 Sunday, Sept. 17 IN FLIGHT (B)

Take an early morning walk on the city wall before your transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for your flight back to Canada, or your flight to Zagreb, Croatia's Capital.

ZAGREB EXTENSION

Sunday, Sept. 17, Day 1 - Arrive in Zagreb at 12:45 after the 1 hour flight from Dubrovnik. Meet your local Canadian-Croatian guide Melita and carry on to the Esplanade Hotel to check-in. Embark on an historical walking tour of the city center and enter the St Stephen's Cathedral, the tallest building in the country. Next, climb up to the old town to see Zagreb's views and ancient landmarks such as St. Mark's Church. Evening meal down on the Promenade to see the buskers and night life.

Monday, Sept 18, Day 2 - Morning excursion past the Parliament Gardens to Medvedgrad "City of Bears" Castle overlooking Zagreb. Climb the tower for a nice view of the valley. On to Samobor town just outside of Zagreb for wine tasting and a stroll around this quaint town. Group meal in Samobor before returning to Zagreb to pack your bags for the next day's departure.

Tuesday, Sept 19, Day 3 - IN TRANSIT - Take the minivan from the Esplanade Hotel to Zagreb's Airport for your international flight back to Canada.