



Package price starting from

**\$3,899** CAD

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**40% OFF**

13 Days

## Jewels of Croatia, Slovenia & Bosnia

Uncover the treasures of this Balkan beauty

**Trip Code: TO13SC**

-  11 Nights
-  Escorted tour
-  19 Meals
-  Daily sightseeing
-  Air Included
-  Coach
-  4-5 Star Hotels
-  Small Group

### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Experience the wild and romantic beauty of the three countries. From historic towns to majestic landscapes, this is an unforgettable land of amazing contrasts and blend of diversified cultures.

- ✓ Tour old city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage. Experience the beauty of the Dalmatian Coast, with its dramatic limestone cliffs.
- ✓ Marvel at the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a precious example of Roman architecture in Split
- ✓ Stroll through magnificent Plitvice Lakes National Park, marveling at luminous lakes and waterfalls that seem to have been sketched by an artist
- ✓ View the majestic Cathedral of Zagreb, with its soaring twin spires
- ✓ Tour Ljubljana's Old Town with its unique mixture of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture
- ✓ Ride a FREE mini-train in the Postojna Caves to explore a series of tunnels with stalactites
- ✓ FREE Pletna Boat ride tour and enjoy the magnificent view of Lake Bled
- ✓ Enjoy the beautiful Alpine resort of Bled in Slovenia, which lies on a stunning lake at the edge of the Julian Alps and the island church appears to have come straight out of a fairytale
- ✓ Explore Mostar & the walled town of Pocitelj in Bosnia and Herzegovina



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## Day 1: North America – Dubrovnik

Depart for Dubrovnik from North America.

## Day 2: Arrive in Dubrovnik

Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, transfer to the hotel. Free at leisure this afternoon. This magnificent Old Town, with its treasure of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque churches, monasteries, and palaces is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Meals:** Dinner

## Day 3: Dubrovnik

In the morning, tour Old Dubrovnik on foot. During the walking tour, visit the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and view the monumental Sponza Palace, one of the most beautiful palaces in the city, preserved in its original form. Under the City Bell Tower view Orlando's Tower, dedicated to the legendary Knight that saved the city in the 9th century. Then on to view the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. Visit the Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world still in use today. Enjoy your lunch in Old port and the rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps spend time strolling along the impressive ramparts overlooking

the shimmering Adriatic Sea, or visit the Maritime Museum in St. John's Castle. Don't miss tonight's optional sunset cruise around the Old City walls to St. Jakov Beach followed by a traditional Croatian dinner with Dalmatian wine along with spectacular views of the night-lit city (EUR€89). Overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 4: Dubrovnik – Mostar

Today board a comfortable coach and enjoy the countryside as the bus makes its way across the border to Bosnia. Once in Mostar, follow your tour guide to explore the city, perhaps admiring the famous arched bridge and visiting the Old Bazaar alongside historical mosques and the Turkish House. Enjoy your dinner and have a good rest. Overnight in Mostar.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 5: Mostar – Split

This morning, visit the Tekija – Islamic Dervish monastery from the 16th century, situated at the side of a cliff, next to the source of the river Buna. Then Visit Počitelj, a beautiful historical site sitting along the river Neretva. Stroll around this little ancient town and see breathtaking view from the fortress, searching ottoman buildings on top of a hill, browsing the

souvenir boutique. After enjoying a local Bosnia three-course lunch, travel to the UNESCO protected the seaside town of Split, the second-largest city in Croatia. Overnight in Split.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 6: Split

This morning, enjoy a walking tour along the cobbled streets of the Old Town features the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace, a precious example of Roman architecture, is one of the largest and best-preserved in the world. See the remains of the Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. In the evening, you may join an Optional Experience to enjoy traditional Dalmatian Dinner(EURO€\$55). Dalmatian cuisine, a dinner in a traditional stone basement 'konoba' is the best choice. You'll select from a variety of seafood or meats accompanied by Dalmatian wines and typical live music,

which will add a traditional touch to the end of your journey on the Croatian Adriatic coastline. Overnight in Split.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 7: Split - Trogir - Plitvice Lakes

Travel north to historic Trogir, founded by the Greeks in 400 BC. Here, admire the three-apsed 13th century Venetian Cathedral of St. Lovro, one of the finest architectural works in Croatia, and the stunning Cipiko Palace. A center of artistic activities, scholars came from around the world to Trogir to study and paint. Continue inland towards Plitvice Lakes National Park, a wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes. Within the boundaries of this heavily forested national park, 16 crystalline lakes tumble into each other via a series of waterfalls and cascades. This area is celebrated as one of the most beautiful natural sights in Europe, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Overnight in Dubrovnik. Overnight in Plitvice Lakes.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 8: Plitvice Lakes - Zagreb

Today you will visit one of Croatia's most beautiful sites – Plitvice Lakes National Park. The park was given World Heritage status 20 years ago and is 19 hectares of wooded hills that surround 16 stunning turquoise lakes, all connected by a series of waterfalls. Here you will join a guided walking tour along the wooden pathways suspended over pristine natural landscapes. Admire the cascade of spectacular waterfalls and crystal-clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes.

Look to the canopy for over 120 species of birds, including hawks and owls. Enjoy an optional traditional Croatia meal. After your memorable visit to the lakes, drive to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Overnight in Zagreb.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 9: Zagreb

Begin the day in busy Kaptol Square in Upper Town, dominated by the monumental Zagreb Cathedral, with its soaring twin spires, its cobblestone streets, and red tile-roofed buildings. Walk along Kravi Most, to St. Mark's Church with its brightly colored roof and the 17th century Jesuit Church of St. Catherine. Enjoy a typical Croatia lunch at a local restaurant. After a stop at the Parliament building, free time to explore the winding streets of the Old Town and Ban Jelacic, the main square. Or leisurely stroll along Ilica Street, packed with restaurants, trendy cafes and a vibrant shopping scene. Overnight in Zagreb.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 10: Zagreb - Ljubljana - Bled

Embark on an orientation tour of Ljubljana this morning, admiring its Old Town, bridges and Castle. Today highlight is the visit of the Postojna Cave – World Heritage Site Tour. The Postojna Cave – a subterranean wonderland of karst tunnels, caverns, and galleries, adorned with dramatic stalagmites and stalactites – is one of Slovenia's most remarkable natural wonders and among the country's most visited tourist attractions. Travel aboard the specially designed cave train

with electric lighting that allows you to observe the splendor of the underground world, where the geological past is recorded uniquely. You'll be dazzled by the stalactites and stalagmites in a variety of shapes, and colors. Afterward continue to Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps, for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Bled.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 11: Bled

With its emerald-green lake, 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.

The tour begins at the imposing 11th century Bled Castle, the oldest in Slovenia, perched on a cliff high above the lake, creating a dramatic backdrop to the city. Enjoy an optional cruise tour of Lake Bled (EURO€45). You may take the unique Pletna boat ride (a wooden, awning-covered boat rowed by a special oarsman) to the island on Lake Bled – climb up the 99 steps to St Mary's Church and ring the wishing bell. You'll have some free time to enjoy the magnificent views of the island. Tonight, join an optional dinner at a traditional Country Inn in the tiny medieval town of Radovljica that includes choices of Slovenian favorites along with wine (EURO€69, min 10pax). Overnight in Bled.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 12: Bled - Venice

This morning transfer to Venice. Balance of the day is at leisure to independently explore Venice, a splendid city of palaces, canals, romance and culture. You may join the optional Grand Canal Cruise



(EURO€69, min 10pax) that takes you through the heart of the city on a one-hour boat ride. Tonight, satisfy yourself at one of the city's fine restaurants, or just sip a cappuccino or a lovely glass of Italian wine at an outdoor. Overnight in Venice.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 13: Venice - Canada

This morning, transfer to the airport and fly back to Canada.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## ISTRIA PENINSULA EXTENSION

### Beach resort 3 nights from EUR€490 per person

Discover Istria – the largest peninsula in the northern Adriatic, surrounded on three sides by crystal clear sea and lovely beaches. Whether you'd like to relax by the sea, explore the area's interesting history and culture, taste the local dishes or try out recreational activities, you can rest assured that Istria has something special to offer.

## Optional Tours

- Sunset Cruise Dinner in Dubrovnik (EUR€89)
- Traditional Dalmatian Dinner in Split (EUR€55)
- Cruise tour of Lake Bled (EUR€45)
- Tour of Radovljica with Dinner in Bled (EUR€69)

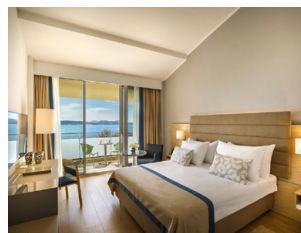
2022			
Depart	Return	Air+Land	Land Only
14-Sep	26-Sep	\$4,199	\$3,199
28-Sep	10-Oct	\$4,199	\$3,199
12-Oct	24-Oct	\$4,099	\$3,099
02-Nov	14-Nov	\$3,899	\$2,999

2023			
Depart	Return	Air+Land	Land Only
19-Apr	01-May	\$3,999	\$3,099
17-May	29-May	\$4,099	\$3,099
05-Jul	17-Jul	\$4,399	\$3,399
06-Sep	18-Sep	\$4,199	\$3,199
20-Sep	02-Oct	\$4,199	\$3,199
11-Oct	23-Oct	\$4,099	\$3,099
18-Oct	30-Oct	\$4,099	\$3,099
01-Nov	13-Nov	\$3,899	\$2,999

## Luxury resort upgrade 4 nights for EUR€200 per person

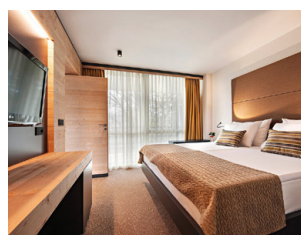
### Valamar Argosy Hotel

Surrounded by stunning Mediterranean scenery, the Valamar Argosy Hotel is the ideal choice for a relaxing or romantic getaway for couples, located near the old town of Dubrovnik. It's located in the unspoilt nature of the Babin kuk peninsula, just a few minutes away from three attractive Dubrovnik beaches.



### Rikli Balance Hotel

The Rikli Balance Hotel has an elevated position in the centre of Bled overlooking the Bled lake and castle. The four-star superior hotel has 150 rooms, including 10 suites. The hotel hosts the Živa Wellness centre and the Živa pool complex and world of saunas. The cuisine at the hotel is international with some local Slovenian touches and can be experienced in at the Rikli buffet and live cooking restaurant or the Veranda a-la carte restaurant.



## Package Includes

- Small groups of maximum 22 travelers guaranteed
- Flights Toronto – Dubrovnik, Venice – Toronto; Other departure cities available with add-on airfare.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 11 nights first class accommodations
- All transfers
- 19 meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Comprehensive, guided sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Special activities indicated: mini-train ride, pletna boat ride

## Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid tour guide and driver gratuities: EUR€156 per person
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls

## Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: \$1,080-\$1,280
- Add on airfare from other cities: Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$300, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$400
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the updated information.