

# Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast

By Land & By Sea  
with Prague & Budapest!

Join us on this 12 day journey  
through 3 countries

September 3-15 2018

	<p><b>Day One September 3</b> Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>We will meet in our centrally located hotel right in the center of Prague, the heart of Bohemia. Called the 'city of 100 spires' this preserved capital is also the home of colorful churches, baroque buildings and a medieval clock. All this awaits us in the beautifully preserved capital of the Czech Republic.</p> <p>We will start with an orientation walk of Prague, which includes Wenceslas Square, St. Vitus Cathedral, and Prague Castle.</p> <p>Join us after our walk for a welcome drink and introductions. Later we will walk to dinner for delicious Bohemian food and the finest beer!</p> <p>Orientation walk of Prague/ Introductions &amp; welcome drink/ Dinner together/ Overnight Prague/<u>UNESCO World Heritage Site (the Historic Centre of Prague).</u></p>
	<p><b>Day Two September 4</b> Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>We are up early for coffee before our stroll to the astronomical clock and a trip down to the Charles Bridge. We will be able to get some great pictures as we take in this bridge that has been taking people across the Vltava River for over 600 years. We will return to our hotel for a leisurely breakfast.</p> <p>Our guided walk of Prague starts mid morning. We'll take in the highlights of this great city and all it has to offer including the Hradcany Castle, the Cathedral, and the beautiful winding streets of Prague.</p> <p>The rest of the day is yours. Maybe you would like to see the <u>The Průhonice Park</u> or other sites? We will be on hand to get you there! Dinner on your own tonight. Maybe you would like to experience a traditional Czech beer hall (some people claim that Pilsener is the best Czech invention ever). We'll be on hand for recommendations for the best beer halls to be had.</p> <p>Astronomical Clock &amp; the Charles Bridge/ Breakfast/ Guided walk of Prague/ Overnight Prague/ <u>UNESCO World Heritage Site (the Historic Center of Prague).</u></p>
	<p><b>Day Three September 5</b> Budapest, Hungary</p> <p>We'll board our plane for the quick trip (1 hr 25m) to Budapest, a <u>UNESCO World Heritage City</u>. We'll drop our bags off at the hotel and you can freshen up before we head out for a great afternoon of our guided tour of this magnificent city on the banks of the Danube. We will experience remarkable sites such as the Great Synagogue, Parliament, and the neo-Renaissance opera house. We will end up on Castle Hill, with views to the city and the meandering Danube itself.</p> <p>Budapest is also home to some classic restaurants offering superb Hungarian fare. We will dine together while enjoying the local wines this region is known for.</p> <p>Breakfast/ Flight Prague-Budapest/ Guided tour of Budapest/ Dinner together/ <u>UNESCO World Heritage Site-Budapest</u></p>
	<p><b>Day Four September 6</b> Budapest, Hungary</p> <p>This morning is yours for the taking. Sleep in a little bit, go for a walk around the city or sit in a sidewalk cafe and people watch.</p> <p>Join us in the afternoon, as we have a foodie walk of Budapest which will include lunch. Hungary has over 100 varieties of grapes and 22 wine regions but it is hard to find it outside of the country because most of it is consumed within its borders. We'll be off in search of some great Hungarian wines followed by food halls and famous Hungarian desserts!</p> <p>Dinner is on your own and during our walk we will point out some stunning restaurants to try for yourself!</p> <p>Breakfast/ Morning free/ Wine tastings/Lunch together/ Food hall walk/ Dessert walk &amp; tasting/ <u>UNESCO World Heritage Site-Budapest</u></p>



**Day Five September 7  
Plitvice Lakes Croatia**

We are off to Croatia this morning by bus. Along the way we will have a short stop for lunch. We will hit Zagreb, the capital, in the afternoon, where a local guide will give us a walking tour of this lovely city.

We will be off later in the afternoon for the Plitvice Lakes region, a stunning area, a national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As we settle into our lodge, you can have a drink on the terrace or go for a walk nearby. Join us later as we enjoy a sumptuous dinner together with local wines.

*Breakfast / Private Transport to Croatia/ Walking tour of Zagreb/ Dinner together/ UNESCO World Heritage Site Plitvice Lakes National Park/ Overnight Plitvice Lakes, Croatia*



**Day Six September 8**

We are up very early for our tour of the Plitvice Lakes National Park, the home to many lakes, waterfalls, and stunning natural scenery. Join us for a picnic lunch midday.

We are off later in the day for the city of Zadar, right on the Dalmatian coast on the Adriatic sea. After we visit the famous 'sea organ' and the 'monumnet to the sun' down by the seaside, we will walk to dinner together for local specialties.

*Breakfast / Walking tour of Plitvica Lakes National Park/ Picnic lunch/ Seaside walk/ Dinner together/ UNESCO World Heritage Site Plitvice Lakes National Park / UNESCO World Heritage Site List Zadar/ Overnight Zadar*



**Day Seven September 9**

We are off by private launch\* to the beautiful islands off the coast of Zadar. Join us as we enter the Kornati Islands National Park, a slalom trip through the 89 islands that make up the archipelago. Crystal clear blue waters and stunning scenery will be ours as we are whisked around these islands. We will have frequent stops so that we may swim off the boat, do some snorkelling or just take in the relaxing sea air. Lunch together onboard.

In the afternoon, we will return to Zadar so that you may take in any of the sights you want, including the Roman Forum, the 9th century Byzantine church of St. Donates, or have a drink at the People's Square. All a delightful part of this great city by the sea. Dinner will be on your own with plenty of recommendations from us.

*Breakfast / Private Boat tour of Kornati Islands / Swimming and snorkling/ Lunch on board / UNESCO World Heritage Site List Zadar / List for UNESCO World Heritage Site-Kornati Islands /Overnight Zadar \*Always weather permitting. In the case of bad weather the boat might not be able to leave the port.*



**Day Eight September 10  
Island of Hvar**

We take off inland for our trip to the small island town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a small quaint town. Trogir (called Trau by the Venetians) is a lovely walled city boasting both Romanesque and Renaissance buildings. Our guide will be on hand to take us around and then show us some spots for lunch on your own.

Afterwards, we are off to Split with its walled city, Roman palace, and palm-lined streets. We'll delve into the role this city played in Roman history. We will tour the Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Once home to thousands, it still has more than 200 buildings within its enclaves. Then we are off to the cathedral of St. Domnius one of the best, standing Roman ruins in existence today. For those who want we can climb up the belfry to catch the sites of the town below us.

In the afternoon, we will head to our ferry to the lovely island of Hvar\*, renowned for its beautiful harbor town and wineries in the hinterland villages. Be sure to sit seaside right outside of our hotel for cocktails as the sun sets.

Join us later for dinner together in a quayside spot that we love!

*Breakfast/ Private Transportation to Trogir and Split/ Ferry to Hvar/ Guided tour of Trogir and Split/ Dinner together/ UNESCO World Heritage city of Trogir/ UNESCO World Heritage city of Split/ Island of Hvar/ Overnight Hvar \*Always weather permitting. In the case of bad weather the boat might not be able to leave the port.*



**Day Nine September 11  
Island of Hvar**

Join us as we take a walking tour of the fortified town of Hvar town, The site of an ancient Illyrian settlement (500BC).

We will then take to the road to explore some of the outposts of the island, with stops at a local winery for a tour and a tasting.

After our tour, you can have lunch on your own with plenty of recommendations from us.

In the afternoon you can do several things. Shop, sit in a seaside cafe, go for a swim just down the seaside. Hvar will be yours to explore.

We will be on hand to recommend a restaurant for dinner on your own.

*Breakfast/ Guided Tour of Hvar town/ Winery stop and tasting / Overnight Hvar*



**Day Ten September 12**

**Island of Korcula**

We are off by boat to the charming island of lovely Island of Korcula\* for a two night stay. Full of vineyard and olive grove delights, it offers the finest in island living. Said to produce the best white wines in all of Croatia, we will sample them for ourselves to see!

Join us just before dinner as we have a local cook show us how to make hand-rolled Zrnovo makaroni, a Croatian specialty. Afterwards we will enjoy our work during dinner together.

*Breakfast/ Ferry to Hvar/ Exploring Hvar/ Ferry to Korcula/ Cooking demonstration/ Dinner together/ Overnight Korcula* \*Always weather permitting. In the case of bad weather the boat might not be able to leave the port.



**Day Eleven September 13**

**Island of Korcula**

This morning we are off to the island of Mljet by private launch\*, for a look around.

Mljet is a national park and the home to the largest pine forest in the Adriatic. We will also be stopping the boat to jump in for a swim and later lunch together on board.

In the afternoon, join us back in town as we head to some of the lovely small villages of Korcula. We will have a local guide that will take us around so that we can see the highlights that this island has to offer. There might be some wine drinking on our travels.

All in all a great day for exploring.

*Breakfast/ Mljet National Park for boat tour/ An afternoon of exploring Korcula with a local/ Overnight Korcula*

\*Always weather permitting. In the case of bad weather the boat might not be able to leave the port.



**Day Twelve September 14**

**Dubrovnik, Croatia**

We take to the seas again by ferry boat today to chart our course for Dubrovnik\*.

After we check into our hotel, we will have a tour of this town, including a walk on the walls. Join us tonight for our farewell dinner.

*Breakfast/ Ferry transfer to Dubrovnik/ Tour of Dubrovnik/ UNESCO World Heritage Site -Old City of Dubrovnik/ Overnight Dubrovnik* \*Always weather permitting. In the case of bad weather the boat might not be able to leave the port.

**Day Thirteen September 15th**

We say goodbye this morning in Dubrovnik. You can stay on for a few more days to relax or go on to other parts of Europe. Your choice!

Breakfast

**What do you get with this tour-**

Three Countries-

The Czech Republic, Hungary & Croatia

7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

The city of Prague

Local Tour of Prague

The city of Budapest

Food tour of Budapest

Zagreb

Zadar

[Plitvice Lakes National Park](#) entrance & tour

Boat tour of [Kornati Islands National Park](#)

Island of Trogir

Split

Roman Palace of Diocletian

Island of Hvar

Island of Korcula

Island of Mljet

The old city of Dubrovnik

Wall walk Dubrovnik

Ferries/ private boat tours

Flight Prague-Budapest\*

Private bus transfers

Private boat transfers & touring

Coastal touring

	<p>11 full breakfasts  1 winery lunch  2 onboard lunches  1 picnic lunch  7 multi-course dinners with wine (one with beer-Prague)  Cooking demonstration  Tours with local guides  Winery visits  Wine tastings  Comfortable centrally located hotels  All transportation from the beginning of our tour except when you are on your own  Guides with 19 years' experience  Attention to detail</p>
	<p>Trip Cost-per person with double occupancy.  14 participants - \$4590  12 participants and over- \$4690  10 participants and over- \$4790  8 participants and over- \$4890</p> <p>Single room rate is \$625 per person extra added to the cost of the trip</p>
	<p>The Details-This trip is limited to 14 people on a first come first serve basis. All deposits of \$1000 are due by March 31 2018. However, to hold your place on this trip we recommend that you pay a hold deposit of \$400 as soon as possible. This is deducted off your deposit that is due March 31, 2018. You can do this on line by hitting the button below. ALL DEPOSITS ARE REFUNDABLE AT ANY TIME UNTIL FINAL PAYMENT DUE-NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Final payment is due for this trip by June 4, 2018. After the final payment no refunds are possible. Trip insurance is the responsibility of each trip participant.</p>

<p><b>What is your responsibility</b></p> <p>Airfare to the start of our tour and returning at the end of our tour</p> <p>Some meals where indicated on the itinerary</p> <p>Transportation from the arrival airport to our starting hotel</p> <p>Transportation from our last hotel to the departing airport</p> <p>Any other transport you might use during time on your own</p> <p>Communication costs/ and medicines needed/ any medical needs during the tour</p>	<p>* Includes one checked-in bag 20 kilos max and one carry-on 8 kilos max. All other luggage costs to you.</p> <p>Note- Our tour starts in Prague on September 3. We recommend that you arrive one day before (September 2) our tour and overnight there. We can help with hotel reservations for our starting hotel for that extra night if you wish. Our tour ends in Dubrovnik and your hotel is included for that night (Day Twelve-14 September). Your flight back to the States should be for the 15 September.</p>
<p>Note- Your best bet is to arrive in Prague and depart from Dubrovnik on your flight from.....→</p>	<p>and to the States. We can help with recommendations for airlines.</p>