



**The Olive Odysseys**  
**Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast**  
By Land & By Sea  
with Prague & Budapest  
September 3-15 2018

## **Day Six September 8** **Zadar, Croatia**

*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 'monument to the sun' down by the seaside, we will walk to dinner together for local specialties.*

*Breakfast / Walking tour of Plitvice 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*

**Plitvice Lakes** area, a World Heritage site, is full of lovely panoramas and is also the oldest national park in this Balkan (the word Balkan comes from Ottoman Turk word for 'range of wooded mountains') nation. Its bright waters are an intense blue and green tone provided by the abundance of minerals that are suspended in it. There are a total of 16 lakes, connected through dozens of waterfalls and creeks. Lush green forests contrast with the blue/green water. The park is vast and many parts are closed to visitors so that the brown bear (*Ursus arctus*) the grey wolf (*Canis lupus*) and the Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*) and countless other species of vertebrates and invertebrates can raise their young in protected areas.

**The Sea Organ** or *Morske Orgulje* was finalized in 2005 and is a unique architectural elements, showcasing the way to integrate man-made and natural elements. Designed by local architect Nikola Basic, it consists of a system of 35 steel pipes and whistles integrated within a 75-meter long set of stone and marble stairs that descend into the sea. The raising tides and the waves pushing air and water through it creates wistful sighs and mesmerizing sounds. The sea organ is located on Zadar's seaside promenade and it is also a perfect spot sunset viewing.

**The Monument to the Sun** is yet another Zadar engineering piece, that offers a hypnotic experience. Also designed by Nikola Basic, the Monument to the Sun is a set of more than three hundred multi-layered glass plates of different thickness and size forming a large circle of 22 meters of diameter. Under the glass there are a series of photovoltaic cells that absorb sunlight during the day and radiate light when it gets dark. After Zadar's beautiful sunset by the waterfront, this place becomes a magical light experience, and it is also practical, since the photovoltaic panels of this monument capture electricity for the city of Zadar.

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