

# CROATIA & SLOVENIA BY LAND AND BY SEA

ZAGREB – BLED – LJUBLJANA – OPATIJA – ROVINJ/PULA – PLITVICE LAKES – TROGIR – SPLIT – MOSTAR – DUBROVNIK – KORČULA – HVAR – BUDVA – DUBROVNIK

Small  
Group  
Tour

## BENEFITS

- Small group tour, maximum 25 people
- Guaranteed departures
- Tour conducted in English-only
- Privately-chartered Dalmatian Islands cruise
- Fully escorted by professional Tour Leader
- First class tour & comprehensive itinerary
- Exclusive to the Australian & New Zealand market
- Gratuities included

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Dalmatian Coast, spectacular scenery and quaint villages
- Walled medieval city of Dubrovnik, an Adriatic jewel
- Pletna ride on Lake Bled, gem of the Julian Alps
- Postojna, Europe's largest subterranean cave system
- Zagreb's historic Old Town and Ljubljana Castle
- Istrian Peninsula including Rovinji and Pula
- UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes with cascading waterfalls
- Montenegro's ancient Budva and stunning Bay of Kotor
- Medjugorje and Mostar's restored 16th century bridge
- Split's Diocletian Palace and Temple of Jupiter
- Traditional Croatian evening with klapa singing

## INCLUSIONS

- 10 nights first & tourist class hotel accommodation
- 7 nights aboard the new Pape Prvi
- 5-day privately chartered cruise with professional crew
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated: B=Breakfast (17), L=Lunch (10), D=Dinner (9)
- Arrival transfer in Zagreb and departure transfer in Dubrovnik
- Transportation by modern, air-conditioned coach
- Gratuities for tour leader, driver, guides and ship's crew
- Visitor's tax and port charges
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

### DAY 1 THURSDAY ZAGREB

Arrive in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, and meet your driver for a transfer to your hotel. In the evening, meet your fellow travellers and Tour Director for a welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Dubrovnik or similar (4-star). (D)

### DAY 2 FRIDAY ZAGREB

After breakfast, embark on a comprehensive city tour of Zagreb featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, Zagreb Cathedral, the Parliament and Government Palace. After lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon and evening are free for your own further exploration. (B, L)

### DAY 3 SATURDAY ZAGREB – OTOCEC – BLED

This morning you travel towards Bled. On the way, stop briefly at picturesque Otocec. Upon arrival in Bled, you will have an afternoon sightseeing tour of this charming town and take a traditional *pletna* boat to the iconic 15<sup>th</sup> century church located on Bled Island. Tonight, you will enjoy dinner at the imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. Overnight at Hotel Golf or similar (4-star). (B, D)

### DAY 4 SUNDAY BLED – BOVEC – BLED

On today's full-day excursion, discover Slovenia's enchanting alpine region. Passing through Kranjska Gora, a famous winter sports centre, you travel to the highest Slovene mountain pass where you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Julian Alps. The journey continues through the Trenta Valley, and after lunch in the small resort town of Bovec, the road will take you back to Bled for an evening at leisure. (B, L)



PULA – CROATIA

### DAY 5 MONDAY BLED – LJUBLJANA

This morning you depart for Ljubljana. Start your day with a walking tour of the Slovenian capital and visit the most significant sights of the Old Town. You will also take a funicular to Ljubljana Castle to admire the stunning views over the town. You have free time in the afternoon before dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Lev or similar (5-star). (B, D)

### DAY 6 TUESDAY LJUBLJANA – POSTOJNA – OPATIJA

From Ljubljana, you continue to Postojna, home of one of the largest subterranean cave systems in Europe, where you will have a guided tour by miniature electric train. You will also visit nearby Predjama Castle, then travel to the beautiful resort town of Opatija. After check-in, you will have a walking tour of Opatija and dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Bristol or similar (4-star). (B, D)

### DAY 7 WEDNESDAY OPATIJA – ROVINJ/PULA – OPATIJA

Today you will tour the Istrian Peninsula and its quaint, medieval towns that still retain their Italian heritage. Travel along the peninsula's coast to Rovinji where you will have a tour of the Church of Saint Euphemia, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Then continue to ancient Pula which was founded over 3,000 years ago and visit the famous amphitheatre before returning to Opatija for a free evening. (B, L)

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

### DAY 8 THURSDAY OPATIJA – PLITVICE

After breakfast, your coach will take you on a scenic drive to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes and admire the breathtaking scenery of sixteen terraced lakes connected by cascading waterfalls. The afternoon is free with dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Jezero or similar (3-star). (B, D)

### DAY 9 FRIDAY PLITVICE – ZADAR – TROGIR

Travel to Zadar, one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic. Here you will have a sightseeing tour that includes the ruins of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century Roman Forum, Zadar Cathedral and St. Donat Church. En route to Trogir, you stop at an ethnological park for an early dinner to experience typical Dalmatian food and customs. Continue to Trogir for overnight at Hotel Fontana or similar (3-star). (B, D)

### DAY 10 SATURDAY TROGIR – SPLIT – TROGIR

You start the day with a tour of medieval Trogir, a quaint, artistic centre where scholars gather to study and paint. From Trogir, travel to the nearby port city of Split for a comprehensive tour that includes the historic Old Town built around Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant followed by some free time before returning to Trogir for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

### DAY 11 SUNDAY TROGIR – MEDJUGORJE – MOSTAR – DUBROVNIK

After breakfast, you depart for Bosnia & Herzegovina. Your first stop will be Medjugorje, one



DUBROVNIK – CROATIA



MOSTAR – BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

of the most visited pilgrimage sites among Roman Catholics. Then continue to Mostar, famous for its old stone-arched bridge built in the 16th century. Travel back into Croatia and continue to Dubrovnik for embarkation on your private vessel, *Pape Prvi*, and an evening meal on board. (B, D)

**DAY 12 MONDAY CRUISE: DUBROVNIK – MLJET**

This morning you will have a sightseeing tour of medieval Dubrovnik, listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site. Your tour of the Old Town includes visits to the cathedral and Franciscan Monastery which houses Europe's third oldest pharmacy. Return to the boat for an afternoon departure and lunch as you cruise towards the island of Mljet. Upon arrival you may take an optional visit to Mljet National Park. (B, L)

**DAY 13 TUESDAY CRUISE: MLJET – KORČULA**

This morning you cruise to the island of Korčula. After lunch on board and a stop for swimming, you arrive for a guided tour of Dalmatia's most beautiful Old Towns and its mighty fortress and impressive city walls. Evening at leisure. (B, L)



LAKE BLEED – SLOVENIA



**DAY 18 SUNDAY DUBROVNIK**

Your "Croatia & Slovenia by Land and by Sea" tour concludes after breakfast on the ship. Upon disembarkation, a departure transfer will be provided for your onward journey. (B)

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE**  
**\$500 per person**

If booked and paid in full by:

- 1 December 2009 for the June tour
- 1 March 2010 for the September tour



KOTOR – MONTENEGRO

**DAY 14 WEDNESDAY CRUISE: KORČULA – HVAR**

You depart after breakfast and cruise towards to the island of Hvar, the longest, sunniest and perhaps most popular island known for its moderate climate and lovely lavender fields. On arrival, you will have a walking tour of Hvar Town, a labyrinth of narrow streets beneath the town's fortress that is rich in historical and cultural heritage. Evening at leisure. (B, L)

**DAY 15 THURSDAY CRUISE: HVAR – TRSTENIK**

From Hvar, you continue to the mainland town of Trstenik. After swimming and lunch on board, you will arrive at this picturesque town and enjoy a special captain's dinner. The evening is free for a stroll along the town's lovely beach. (B, L, D)

**DAY 16 FRIDAY CRUISE: TRSTENIK – DUBROVNIK**

Today, relax on board and admire the stunning scenery as you have lunch and cruise back to Dubrovnik. Enjoy a free evening for your own activities, such as a romantic stroll along Dubrovnik's wall that encircles the city. (B, L)

**DAY 17 SATURDAY DUBROVNIK – BUDVA / KOTOR – DUBROVNIK**

Today, travel by coach to the newly independent state of Montenegro. First you will visit ancient Budva, a UNESCO world heritage site, and tour its Romanesque cathedral, then travel along the bay to Kotor where you will have a city tour. A boxed lunch will be provided. Return to Dubrovnik for your final evening and farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring traditional Croatian *klapa* singing. (B, L, D)

Your ship, *Pape Prvi*, was recently constructed and sailed its first season on the Adriatic in 2008. The vessel has 15 cabins, an experienced crew including captain and cook, indoor dining area and sundeck. Cabins are basic (most with two beds), but very clean and comfortable with private facilities. Half-board including full English breakfast and lunch or dinner will be served daily, featuring local specialties.



ESCORTED COACH TOUR & CRUISE		Price per person	
		Single	Twin
10–27 June & 2–19 September	Category A	9,300	6,900
	Category B	8,600	6,500
	Category C	7,500	5,900

Category A cabins are above the main deck and have twin beds or a double bed plus bunk bed  
 Category B cabins are on the main deck and have twin beds  
 Category C cabins are below the main deck and have twin beds or a double bed plus bunk bed