

# *The Best of Croatia*

*Zagreb, , Plitvice, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik*



Croatia is a country of dramatic landscapes – stunning mountains and beautiful deep-blue seascapes. Combine the green and the blue hues to create an exhilarating holiday. This holiday offers you a mix of cities, mountains and beaches - dazzling natural sites like Plitvice National Park, Hvar Island and the beautiful Dalmation Coast and historical places like Dubrovnik and Split. Come experience this unique combination of breathtaking landscapes and medieval architecture.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ *Experience a perfect mix of sapphire waters, ancient towns, picturesque villages and stunning architecture*
- ❖ *Visit sparkling lakes and an array of beautiful waterfalls in Plitvice National Park*
- ❖ *Sail to Hvar, perhaps the sunniest place in Europe*
- ❖ *A drive down the spectacular Dalmation coast with oyster tasting enroute*
- ❖ *A trip to the beautiful town of Kotor in Montenegro*
- ❖ *Visit dazzling Dubrovnik, one of the prettiest cities in the world*

## **Day 01 – 10 October 2019 - Arrival Zagreb**

Arrive at Zagreb International Airport. Following customs and baggage collection, our driver will meet you as you exit the arrival terminal building after which you would be transferred to your hotel.

*A complimentary transfer from Zagreb airport will be arranged at 1000 hours. For any other timings, an additional cost will be applicable.*

You will be booked at the **Hotel Duborvnik or similar** for a stay of 1 night.

*The city of Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on the historic and political threshold between East and West, illustrates both the continental and Mediterranean spirit of the nation it spearheads. Zagreb is the cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre of the Republic of Croatia, and is home to the Croatian Parliament, Government and President. Its favourable location between the Pannonian plain, the edge of the Alps and the Dinaric range has allowed it to become a crossing point for mass international communication.*

Over the centuries, the city was inhabited by people coming from all over Europe; and, in recent years, by people coming from different parts of Croatia, ensuring a rich cultural life. Zagreb is a safe city whose doors are always open; a city with a tumultuous history teeming with interesting personalities; a city that warmly invites all those who wish to get to know it, and a city that will surely fulfill your expectations. In this city, you can easily meet remarkable people, make new friends and enjoy special moments. The façades of Zagreb's buildings reflect the ebb and flow of history, while its streets and squares bear witness to the coming together of the many cultures that have shaped the identity of this laid-back capital.

Dinner tonight is included.

### **Overnight at the Hotel**

## **Day 02 – 11 October 2019 - Zagreb – Plitvice Lakes**

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out.

Morning sight-seeing tour with English speaking local of Zagreb, Croatian capital city, during which you will have the opportunity to see the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical centre, St Mark's church with its multi-coloured roof, the Cathedral, Croatian National Theatre and the University. You will have a chance to ride in Zagreb Funicular, with only 66 meters long railroad the shortest funicular in the world for public transport and visit the Museum of Naive Art.

Free time for lunch and further exploring of the city.

One of the most fun things to do is people watching while having coffee at a cafe. Drinking coffee is an important ritual in Croatia and you will have many opportunities in Zagreb to experience it. Strolling the streets is a wonderful way to get a feeling for this lovely city.

Afternoon depart to Plitvice Lakes.

Upon arrival check in at the Hotel.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Degenjia or similar** for a stay of 2 nights.

Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

### **Overnight at the hotel.**

### **Day 03 – 12 October 2019 - Plitvice Lakes**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today's sightseeing tour commences with a visit to the 16 crystal blue lakes cascading into 92 spectacular waterfalls. Walk on the wooden promenades with magnificent views on the waters where every turn leads to a breathtaking scenery and yet another waterfall. Surrounded by dense woods, Plitvice lakes are a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. Plitvice National Park is so glorious that it was made a Unesco World Heritage Site in 1979.

Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

**Overnight at the hotel.**

### **Day 04 - 13 October 2019 - Plitvice Lakes – Split**

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out.

Today the road will take you to Split.

Upon arrival check in at the Hotel.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Dioklecijan or similar** for a stay of 2 nights.

Afternoon sight-seeing of Split with a local guide English speaking.

The story of Split is already 17 centuries old, dating to the time the Roman Emperor Diocletian decided to build his Palace right on the peninsula near the great Roman city Salona, where he wanted to spend the last years of his life. During these 1700 years the Palace slowly turned into a city, which to this day lures with its rich tradition, glorious history and beauty of its natural and cultural heritage. Diocletian Palace and the entire historical core of Split have been on the World Heritage UNESCO list ever since 1979, and not only for the extraordinary preservation of the Palace, but also because the Palace and its city (or the city and its Palace, if you like) continue to live a full life. All historical layers from the old Rome, middle ages till today are still visible and alive in this structure. A walk through the ancient city takes you through time, along the great examples of ancient architecture like Peristyle, the middle-aged Romanesque Church and Gothic Palace, Renaissance portals of the noblemen's houses, Baroque facades and modern architecture superbly merged in the rich heritage.

Later you will have some free time to buy souvenirs or indulge in gelato while strolling the streets of Split.

Dinner tonight will be in a traditional Dalmatian restaurant.

**Overnight at the hotel**

### **Day 05 – 14 October 2019 - Split – Hvar – Split**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Full day excursion to Hvar island.

Transfer from Split Hotel to Split Port where you will catch the catamaran for Hvar island. (approx. 1H ride)

Upon arrival sight-seeing tour of Hvar.

Hvar, a Croatian island in the Adriatic Sea, is best known as a summer resort. Highlights of the port town Hvar include its 13th-century walls, a hilltop fortress and a main square anchored by the Renaissance-era Hvar Cathedral. You'll set out to explore Hvar, one of the biggest hotspots on the Mediterranean for the rich and famous. Everyone from Bill Gates to Napoleon, Prince Harry to Brad Pitt, no less than three James Bonds (Sean Connery, Daniel Craig and Pierce Brosnan), Ellen DeGeneres as well as Beyonce & Jay-Z all chose to holiday here — and once you spend some time here, you'll understand why.

With a picturesque Venetian port, traffic-free marble streets, medieval towers, and a beautiful central piazza, Hvar is old-world charm at its finest.

After sight-seeing, you will have some free time for lunch (own expense) and to explore this beautiful island on your own.

Afternoon depart by catamaran back to Split.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

### **Overnight at the hotel**

#### **Day 06 – 15 October 2019 - Split – Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out.

Today your road will take you down the beautiful Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik.

On the way to Dubrovnik we will stop in Mali Ston.

Located in the Dubrovnik-Neretva county, the bay of Mali Ston has been famous for seashell cultivation since the days of the Roman Empire as it hosts the largest oyster cultivation facilities in the Adriatic. The reason why these oysters – known as *Ostrea edulis*, or European flat oysters – are so good has to do with the unique and distinctive nutrient blend that naturally occurs in Mali Ston Bay. While the bay is already loaded with salt, the nearby Neretva River discharges fresh, mineral-heavy water from the karst springs that flow into it. Add in a sea floor that is packed with phytoplankton, and you have a natural recipe for some of the planet's best raw oysters.

You will have a private panoramic boat ride on a beautiful wooden boat through the Bay of Mali Ston all the way down to the oyster beds with the farm owner. Oyster tasting will be on the boat including homemade „rakia” (brandy), 03 oysters per person, bread, lemon.

Continue to Dubrovnik.

Upon arrival check in at the Hotel.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Lapad or similar** for a stay of 3 nights.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant.

### **Overnight at the hotel**

#### **Day 07 – 16 October 2019 – Dubrovnik Sightseeing**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Morning sightseeing with English speaking local guide.

The residents call it the City. Others call it the pearl of the Adriatic, a paradise on Earth or Croatian Athens. Its beauty, harmony and importance for European culture, art and science are widely acclaimed and praised by poets. Historians regard Dubrovnik as a symbol of freedom, order and harmony between desires and possibilities. The glory days of the Dubrovnik Republic are today revived in the Festivity of St. Blaise, the patron



of Dubrovnik, which has been a part of the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List since 2009. Traces of past socio-economic prosperity are visible to this day in the architectural beauty of palaces, churches and monasteries embraced with its mighty walls all of which are on the UNESCO World Heritage List. You will visit the Franciscan Monastery including old pharmacy, Cathedral and the treasury, walk the city Walls.

With cobblestone streets, marble pavements, arguably the finest medieval city walls in the world, and cafes and little shops tucked in every nook and corner, it's very easy-on-the-eyes as well as an explorer's delight.

Afternoon at leisure.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant.

### **Overnight at the hotel**

#### **Day 08 – 17 October 2019 - Dubrovnik – Kotor – Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Today, you will enjoy a dull day excursion to Kotor, Montenegro, a wonderfully preserved coastal town.

Upon arrival sight-seeing tour with English speaking local guide.

The Old Town of Kotor lay in the shadows of the fearsome St. John's Hill and the walls protecting this town are a fortification masterpiece at up to 15 meters wide and 20 meters high each. These walls are skillfully crafted into the natural steep slopes of the hill and the view of this town on approach is one of the amazing sights, not only of the Mediterranean, but of the world. A person's first look at Kotor, whether from the sea or from the road, always leaves a strong impression. Kotor is unique for several reasons. It is located on the only natural fjord of its kind in the world and in a bay that has made the list of Most Beautiful Bays in the World.

You will also have some free time to explore a little on your own.

Return to Dubrovnik in the evening.

Dinner tonight will be in a local restaurant.

### **Overnight at the hotel**

#### **Day 09 – 18 October 2019 - Depart Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the Hotel and check out.

The transfer to Dubrovnik International Airport will be arranged for you.

*A complimentary transfer to Dubrovnik airport will be arranged at 0600 hours. For any other timings, an additional cost will be applicable.*

\*\*\* Return Home with wonderful memories \*\*\*

**Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: INR 1,73,900**

**Single supplement: INR 47,000**

### Price Includes:

- Accommodation as per the itinerary in **4 star** hotels for 8 nights
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinner
- Transportation services in a private air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- All tours and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Ferry to Hvar & back
- Oyster tasting in Mali Ston
- A qualified English speaking guide for all sightseeing tours
- Services of an Odyssey Tour escort

### Price excludes

- International Air ticket to Zagreb and return from Dubrovnik
- Meals and Sightseeing not mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities (recommended at US\$ 8 pp per day)
- Visa for Croatia
- Overseas Medical Insurance policy
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, tel expenses, room service, alcoholic beverages, etc.
- **5% GST**
- Any other services not specified in the itinerary

### Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 14h00 onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- ROE calculated at 1 EUR = Rs 84. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together**

### Map of Croatia



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- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation in Zagreb or post tour accommodation in Dubrovnik.
- ROE calculated at 1 EUR = Rs. 82. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together**

## Terms & Conditions

### BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 30,000 per person will be payable before 31st July 2019. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made by 25th August 2019.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

### CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you be forced to amend / cancel the booking you must advice us in writing.
2. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
3. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
4. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Cancellation effected between 1st August and 25th August 2019 will attract a service fee of Rs 30,000 pp
  - b. Cancellation effected between 26th August and 10th September 2019 will attract a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour cost.
  - c. Cancellation effected after 11th September 2019 will attract a cancellation charge of 100% of the tour cost.
  - d. No refund will be due after commencement of travel.
5. Refunds due can take upto 5 weeks to process.