

# Croatia & Slovenia

10 days

## Tour Description

Enjoy the quiet back roads, medieval cities and magnificent scenery of undiscovered Croatia and Slovenia. Experience the natural wonders of Plitvice National Park, the Postojna caves and the Bay of Kotor, the deepest fjord in Southern Europe as well as the magnificent man-made structures of imposing Bled Castle, Ljubljana's Baroque Town Hall and the city whose beautiful architecture earned it the nickname, "Pearl of the Adriatic", Dubrovnik.

# **Highlights**

- Visit the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site
- Explore beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park
- ❖ Miniature electric train ride through some of the largest caves in Europe
- **❖** Tour the oldest castle in Slovenia

# Sample Tour Itinerary

### Dubrovnik - 3 nights

## Day 1: Arrive in Dubrovnik

Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, you'll be met and escorted to the hotel. Enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers at the welcome dinner.

## Day 2:

Morning tour of Dubrovnik including views of Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, the Sponza Palace & the Dominican Monastery. Entrance to the Rector's Palace and Franciscan Monastery.

#### Day 3:

After breakfast, travel to the Republic of Montenegro. Head towards the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. See the little towns of Risan and Kotor. Then proceed to Cetinje, once the seat of Montenegrin rulers, today a city-museum. After sightseeing in Cetinje, travel to the coast for a short stop at the villages of Sveti Stefan and Budva before returning to Dubrovnik

## Split - 1 night

#### Day 4:

Depart Dubrovnik and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral.



## Sibenik - 2 nights

#### Day 5:

After breakfast head north along the coast to Trogir, the center of artistic activities, where scholars from around the world gather to study and paint. Continue to Sibenik to visit the oldest native Croatian town on the Eastern shores of the Adriatic.

#### Day 6:

Today head north towards the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park. Upon arrival have your camera ready and take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation.

## Ljubljana- 3 nights

## Day 7:

Return to the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to its popular resort, Opatija. After some free time, journey north to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour the fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train and enjoy a short concert. Afterwards, continue to Ljubljana.

### Day 8:

Morning walking tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Visit the most significant sights of the old city center: the Baroque Town Hall and Robba's Fountain as well as the picturesque Central open-air market and the Three Bridges, the latter designed by famous architect Joze Plecnik,.

### Day 9:

Morning drive to Bled to enjoy a sightseeing tour of the charming town with the lakeshore, and imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure for optional activities, such as visiting the small island in the middle of the lake. Return to Ljubljana in afternoon.

# Day 10:

This morning we transfer to Ljubljana International Airport with ample time to check your luggage and board your flight back to the USA.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- Accommodations: Dubrovnik 3 nights, Split 1 night, Sibenik 2 nights, Ljubljana 3 nights
- o Meals: Continental breakfast daily, lunch and dinner as noted in itinerary
- Ground transportation via air conditioned luxury coach
- English speaking assistants and guides
- Admission tickets as outlined in the itinerary