Full Itinerary

CHARMING CROATIA

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00 GMT

JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Charming Croatia

DURATION:

11 days / 10 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange flights to arrive into Dubrovnik Airport [DBV] and to depart from Zagreb Airport [ZAG] on Day 11

PICKUP LOCATION:

Dubrovnik Airport [DBV]

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OVERVIEW

18 - 28 Jun, 2026

Journey through Croatia's breathtaking landscapes, from ancient palaces to vibrant cities and serene natural wonders. This immersive land tour offers the perfect blend of culture, history, and relaxation, showcasing the very best of this stunning coastal nation.

Join us as we become captivated by the fascinating country of Croatia! Starting in ancient city of Dubrovnik, whilst it has gained fame in recent years due to its link with Game of Thrones, the fortified town walls tell tales of many more eras of history.

From here, we make our way up the coast, stopping along the way at a mix of historic cities, idyllic coves, stunning national parks and beautiful scenery. Cruising we really get to appreciate the lovely blue waters and quaint islands for which Croatia is so famous. We discover the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Croatia's jewels, the historic city of Split amongst others and our final destination, the vibrant capital, Zagreb. You will discover more and see why Croatia really is one of the most captivating countries there is!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Arrive in Dubrovnik

DAY 2 - Discovering Dubrovnik

DAY 3 - Journey to Ston and Korcula

DAY 4 - Discovering Korcula: A Day of History, Wine, and Relaxation

DAY 5 - Hvar & Split: A Day of Heritage

DAY 6 - Split: Roman Treasures & Dalmatian Tastes

DAY 7 - Day at Plitvice National Park

DAY 8 - Opatija: A Coastal Gem with Rich History

DAY 9 - Istria Peninsula

DAY 10 - Zagreb: A Stroll Through History & Farewell Dinner

DAY 11 - Goodbye Croatia

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN DUBROVNIK

Welcome to to Dubrovnik, Croatia's most famous city. Upon arrival Dubrovnik Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, this evening enjoy a welcome dinner with the group.

Included meals: Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Royal Blue, Dubrovnik (or similar)

DAY 2 - DISCOVERING DUBROVNIK

Today, we embark on a delightful exploration of Dubrovnik, famously known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

Our day begins with a guided walking tour through Old Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll through the charming streets and marvel at the architectural wonders that blend Gothic and Renaissance styles. Visit the Rector's Palace, an exceptional example of this fusion, and admire the monumental Sponza Palace, situated beneath the City Bell Tower on Luza Square. Pause to take in the historic Orlando Tower and step into the serene Franciscan Monastery, home to one of the oldest functioning pharmacies in Europe. Conclude the tour with a walk along the iconic Dubrovnik city walls, offering breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea and the city's red-tiled rooftops.

Following the tour, enjoy some free time to explore the old town at your leisure. Whether you choose to visit the Cathedral, take a boat ride to Lokrum Island, or ascend Mount Srd via cable car for stunning panoramic views, the choice is yours.

In the afternoon, unwind at your hotel before we gather for a special dinner on the beach with a picturesque view of the old town. Delight in the traditional sounds of Dalmatian klapa singers and an enchanting folklore show, celebrating the rich heritage of the region.

After this memorable evening, return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Royal Blue, Dubrovnik (or similar)

DAY 3 - JOURNEY TO STON AND KORCULA

After breakfast, we leave Dubrovnik to explore the charming town of Ston, famed for its impressive medieval walls and ancient salt pans. As we wander through the old town, we'll learn about the rich history and significance of salt production that has sustained the area for centuries.

Next, we make our way to the picturesque oyster bay, where we indulge in a delightful lunch at a local restaurant, savoring the region's renowned fresh seafood.

In the afternoon, we embark on a scenic drive across the Pelješac Peninsula, a region celebrated for its exceptional wines and stunning landscapes. Upon reaching the coast, we board the ferry to Korcula Island, the legendary birthplace of Marco Polo.

Upon arrival, we check into our hotel and enjoy an orientation walk through the enchanting old town, where centuries of history and culture come to life through its charming streets and historic architecture. The evening is free for you to explore at your leisure and enjoy dinner on your own in one of Korcula's inviting restaurants.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch
Accommodation: Hotel Liburna, Korcula (or similar)

DAY 4 - DISCOVERING KORCULA: A DAY OF HISTORY, WINE, AND RELAXATION

Korcula is one of the best-preserved islands with medieval towns in the Mediterranean, inspiring travelers for centuries.

Start the day with a guided city tour of Korcula Town, exploring its narrow streets and rich history. Afterward, enjoy a delightful wine tasting accompanied by traditional Dalmatian snacks at a charming local winery.

The rest of the day is yours to relax at leisure—perhaps take a refreshing swim in the Adriatic or simply unwind in the peaceful surroundings. In the evening, savor a dinner of your choice in the town of Korcula.

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Included meals: Breakfast & Wine Tasting
Accommodation: Hotel Liburna, Korcula (or similar)

DAY 5 - HVAR & SPLIT: A DAY OF HERITAGE

After breakfast, we board a high-speed ferry for a 1-hour transfer to Hvar town on Hvar Island. Upon arrival, we are greeted by a local guide for a short city tour, where we will explore the town's 13th-century walls, a hilltop fortress, and the main square dominated by the Renaissance-era Hvar Cathedral. Following the tour, enjoy some free time to explore Hvar at your leisure and have lunch on your own.

In the afternoon, we take another high-speed ferry to Split. Arriving in Split, the second-largest city in Croatia, we will visit the UNESCO-protected Roman Emperor's Palace, the heart of the city's origins. After check-in at our hotel, enjoy a delightful dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: AC Hotel, Split (or similar)

DAY 6 - SPLIT: ROMAN TREASURES & DALMATIAN TASTES

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Split, including a visit to the remarkable Diocletian Palace, the largest and best-preserved Roman palace in the world. Stroll through the cobbled streets of Split's Old Town, where Roman architecture dominates. Explore the Roman Peristyle, the Cathedral of St. Domnius, and the Temple of Jupiter, guarded by a headless black sphinx.

Afterward, enjoy some free time in Split. Later, prepare for an adventure driving the iconic Supermini, a classic FICO old-timer from Yugoslavia (either on your own or with a driver). In the evening, savor Dalmatian cuisine at a local restaurant.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: AC Hotel, Split (or similar)

DAY 7 - DAY AT PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we travel from Split to Plitvice National Park. Plitvice National Park, located in central Croatia, is the country's largest and oldest national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is renowned for its stunning chain of 16 terraced lakes, interconnected by waterfalls and set within a lush forest landscape. The park spans nearly 300 square kilometers and features wooden walkways and hiking trails that allow visitors to explore its breathtaking scenery.

After a day of exploration, we will check into our hotel and unwind before gathering later in the evening for dinner.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Lyra, Plitvice (or similar)

DAY 8 - OPATIJA: A COASTAL GEM WITH RICH HISTORY

After breakfast, drive through the picturesque Lika region, stopping for a leisurely lunch en route. Arrive in Opatija and check in to your lovely hotel, which boasts a private beach and direct access to the famous 12 km long scenic seafront promenade.

Enjoy some free time to explore Opatija at your own pace.

In the evening, dinner is on your own to discover the local culinary delights.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hotel Ambassador, Opatija (or similar)

DAY 9 - ISTRIA PENINSULA

Today, immerse yourself in the essence of Istria. Istria is the largest green oasis of the North Adriatic, known for its lush pine forests, green macchia, and stunning coastline. The region is famous for its olives, wine, and truffles, making it one of Croatia's most visited destinations. Rovinj, with a history dating back to the 5th century, is a romantic coastal city renowned for its preserved heritage. The old town is perched on a headland, with tightly packed houses that cascade down to the seafront. A walk through its maze of cobbled streets leads to the hilltop church of St. Euphemia, offering beautiful views of the nearby islands.

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Begin with a tasting of various brandies, liqueurs, and rakija, experiencing the region's rich distilling tradition. Afterward, head to Rovinj, a romantic coastal town steeped in history. Enjoy a unique Batana rowing boat trip around the ancient urban center, offering a scenic view of the town's charming waterfront.

Next, visit a small family farm for an authentic olive oil tasting, accompanied by traditional Istrian snacks. After this delightful experience, return to Opatija for a relaxing dinner in your hotel restaurant.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Ambassador, Opatija (or similar)

DAY 10 - ZAGREB: A STROLL THROUGH HISTORY & FAREWELL DINNER

Today, we explore Zagreb, the vibrant capital of Croatia. Our city tour begins with a walk through the charming downtown promenade, leading us to the historic Upper Town. We'll visit Kaptol Square, home to the monumental Zagreb Cathedral, and continue to Kravi Most before arriving at St. Mark's Square, dominated by the famous St. Mark's Church with its colorful roof and the Parliament building. Along the way, we'll pass the 17th-century Jesuit Church of St. Catherine and conclude our tour at Ban Jelacic Square, Zagreb's central hub, where you'll have free time to explore.

After checking in to your hotel, enjoy some leisure time in the capital before gathering for a farewell dinner. For some guests, this dinner will mark the end of the trip, as they may not continue with the Slovenia extension.

Included meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Sheraton, Zagreb (or similar)

DAY 11 - GOODBYE CROATIA

After breakfast, its time to bid farewell to Croatia. You will be transferred to Zagreb Airport for your flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: none

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Dubrovnik Airport on arrival
- Transport as detailed in the itinerary
- Hotel Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size being reached)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airport transfers outside of tour dates
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Visas, travel insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2 - 3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90-0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.
- Please consult your doctor for advice on vaccinations and innoculations before travel.
- A valid passport, with an expiration date longer than 6 months after the date of return, is required of all passengers.

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