

BEST OF CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

11 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES

14 MEALS

TRACE THE WALLS OF ANCIENT CAPITALS, PRETTY ADRIATIC SEASIDE RETREATS AND NATURAL ICONS LIKE PLITVICE AND LAKE BLEĐ – AN ENCHANTING JOURNEY TO TRAFALGAR HIGHLIGHTS IN CROATIA AND SLOVENIA.



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ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR** with a Local Specialist in Zagreb, Rovinj, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik
- **ORIENTATION** of Ljubljana, Bled, Pula, Opatija and Ston
- **VISIT** the Church of Assumption on Bled Island, Plitvice National Park, Diocletian's Palace in Split and the salt pans in Ston
- **VIEW** the Park of Sv. Jakov in Opatija and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park
- **SEE** Zagreb's Ban Jelačić Square, the Opera House and Castle of Ljubljana and the Old City of Dubrovnik
- **SCENIC CRUISE** to Bled Island



DAY

1 ARRIVE ZAGREB Embark on an off-the-beaten track discovery of Croatia. The capital city of Zagreb is your springboard to an enchanting journey through what was once a troubled region and is today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. **(WR) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn/Park 45**

2 ZAGREB SIGHTSEEING – BLEĐ (2 NIGHTS) Spend the morning exploring Zagreb with a 'Local Specialist' before travelling through romantic landscapes to the lakeside resort town of Bled, where we'll stay the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Park**

3 BLEĐ ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME Enjoy some free time today to connect with this enchanting setting, but not before you sail on Lake Bled's crystal-clear waters to Bled Island to view its Church of the Assumption. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your terms, or consider joining an Optional Experience to Slovenia's largest glacier lake. This evening, savour local Slovenian flavours as you 'Connect With Locals' at a traditional 'Be My Guest' dinner with a local family. **(B, BMG, ☺)**

4 BLEĐ – LJUBLJANA – OPATIJA (2 NIGHTS) We leave the beauty of Bled behind for one of Europe's smallest capitals. Embark on an orientation tour of Ljubljana this morning, admiring its Old Town, bridges and Castle. We continue to the seaside resort of Opatija. **(B) Hotel: Remisens Kristal**

5 PULA AND ROVINJ EXCURSION AND OPATIJA FREE TIME Seaside splendour is on the agenda today and you'll start your day in the coastal city of Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula. View Pula's 1st-century arena, with your 'Local Specialist', and learn about the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II, before heading to the fishing port of Rovinj. Wander through the Old Town and witness its Mediterranean influences. We return to Opatija for some time on our own. See the statuesque nymph, her hand outstretched to cradle a seagull as a symbol of this region, and admire the *belle-époque* architecture. **(B)**

6 OPATIJA – PLITVICE The extraordinary natural beauty of Plitvice takes centre stage today as we embark on a guided walking tour. Admire the cascade of spectacular waterfalls and crystal-clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes. Enjoy dinner at your hotel against this picture-perfect backdrop. **(B, D) Hotel: Jezero**

7 PLITVICE – TROGIR – SPLIT (2 NIGHTS) Today, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a 'Local Specialist'. The stone town is connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges and will delight lovers of art, and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We continue our journey to Split, where we'll join a 'Local Specialist' for a sightseeing tour, which includes entry into Diocletian's Palace, built for the emperor's retirement. Spend the evening on your own, or join an Optional Experience to enjoy traditional Dalmatian flavours. **(B) Hotel: Atrium**

8 SPLIT FREE DAY OR OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO A DALMATIAN ISLAND Delve into centuries of heritage on this free day in Split. Consider a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian islands. Ascend

the bell tower for magnificent views of the sprawling terracotta roofs and white marble façades that edge onto the Adriatic. Or savour the city's delicious gastronomy at cafés tucked away in hidden lanes. **(B)**

9 SPLIT – STON – DUBROVNIK (2 NIGHTS) The terracotta rooftops of Dubrovnik beckon, but not before we stop to admire the extraordinary walled city of Ston, with its dramatic views and laid-back fishing village atmosphere. 'Dive Into Culture' and visit Europe's oldest salt pans where you'll hear how salt has been harvested here since ancient times. We continue to Dubrovnik where you can wander through the colourful lanes or maybe climb the medieval city walls. **(B, ☼) Hotel: Grand Park**

10 DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING Tread in the footsteps of Lord Byron and George Bernard Shaw, who were intoxicated by the allure of Dubrovnik. With your 'Local Specialist', you'll embark on a sightseeing tour past the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, before spending time on your own. As our journey comes to an end, join your travel companions for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD)**

11 DEPART DUBROVNIK Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Transfers are available to Dubrovnik Airport. Conditions apply. **(B)**

CROATIA SMALL-GROUP CRUISE
EXTENSION

Extend your trip through Croatia and Slovenia with a 7-night 'Pearls of the Adriatic' Croatian small-group cruise from Dubrovnik to Opatija. See pages 208 - 209 for trip details or visit trafalgar.com and view the full itinerary for the 'Best of Croatia, Slovenia and Pearls of the Adriatic'

Trip code: CISL



TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

Walk along the famous Lungomare in Opatija – a seaside promenade built in 1889. You'll have the opportunity to admire magnificent villas, local monuments and symbolic statues before resting on a secluded beach in the shade of 100-year-old trees.

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Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$670 PP
Exceptions 28 Jun 20 to 13 Sep 20: US\$760 PP

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OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings **SAVE US\$290**
2. Multi Trip Savings **SAVE UP TO US\$79**
3. Triple Share Savings **SAVE UP TO US\$100 PP**
4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here's just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.



CONNECT WITH LOCALS

On their fifth-generation-owned family farm in Bled, you'll enjoy an exclusive 'Be My Guest' dinner and guided walk around the farm with Monika, Gregor, their children and the resident farm animals. **(Day 3)**



DIVE INTO CULTURE

In Ston, visit the salt pans that back to the 2nd century BC and are surrounded by expansive fortifications still intact to this day. **(Day 9)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport Transfers: On arrival at Zagreb Airport transfers will operate at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Dubrovnik Airport at 5am, 9am and 11.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$160 per person.

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Stays With Stories



Dive Into Culture



Make A Difference

WR Welcome Reception

L Lunch

RD Regional Dinner

BMG Be My Guest

B Breakfast

D Dinner

FD Farewell Dinner