

## Croatia Itinerary 7 Nights / 8 Days

Zagreb – Plitvice – Split - Dubrovnik

*Welcome to Croatia, one of the most popular tourist destinations, famous for pristine landscapes, sparkling seas and fortified towns furnished with quaint outdoor cafes. Many of Europe's greatest empires including the Romans and Venetians left their mark on the architecture, language, art and food. Located at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, Central Europe and the Balkans. Enjoy your week long vacation, from the beautifully preserved medieval cities to the stunning natural wonders.*

### Day 01 Hong Kong – Zagreb

Depart Hong Kong (HKG) EK381 0035hrs, arrive Dubai (DXB) 0420hrs, connecting flight EK129 0830hrs, arrive Zagreb (ZAG) 1235hrs. Meet and greet, hotel transfer, check-in and relax.

### Day 02 Zagreb



**Stone Gate**

After a hearty buffet breakfast at the hotel, your **City Tour** begins with the historic parts of Upper Town, along narrow streets each with their own story. The **Stone Gate**, **Gric Cannon** and **St. Mark's Church** are just some of the Upper Town's most cherished sights. There is also the elegant architecture of **Zagreb's Lower Town**, Austro-Hungarian buildings and parks, as well as charming pedestrian streets and squares where locals love to relax.

After returning to the hotel in the afternoon the rest of the day has been allocated as free time. We suggest you visit one of Zagreb's many unusual museums, such as the **Museum of Broken Relationships**, filled with mementos of relationships that have in one way or another gone wrong, or the **Museum of Illusions**, where you will find things are not quite as what they seem!



**Museum of Broken Relationships**

Optional Dinner at a special restaurant, overnight Zagreb.

**Day 03 Zagreb – Plitvice Lakes**



**Plitvice Lakes National Park**

Hotel breakfast, check-out, you will be driven towards **Plitvice Lakes National Park** with an optional lunch on the way. The beautiful park is a *UNESCO World National Heritage* site, see the lakes, waterfalls and forests. Wooded mountains embrace sixteen crystal turquoise lakes, interconnected by foaming cascades and deep falls. The park includes the spring of the Korana River in the area surrounded by dense forests and

is ornamented with springs and flower meadows.

Enjoy your private tour with an English-speaking guide for a trail of approx. 5km (03-04hrs). Start at South Entrance 02, take a short boat ride across **Kozjak Lake**, followed by a walk upstream to **Proscansko Lake**. A sightseeing train will bring you to the starting point. Visit the **Great and Small Falls** and countless smaller waterfalls.



**Kozjak Waterfall**

Afterwards you will be escorted to Ethno House Plitvice located in the heart of Plitvicka Jezera, about 400 meters from the highest waterfall. Rest of the day at your leisure, optional dinner at hotel restaurant, overnight Plitvice.

**Day 04 Plitvice Lakes – Split**

Breakfast at hotel, check-out, depart for **Plitvice Lakes National Park** for another private tour visit with a boat ride as well as lunch at a local restaurant allowing you to savor local delicacies.



**Barone Fortress**

Transfer to the coastal city of **Split**, stopover at **Sibenik**. Visit **Barone Fortress** with amazing panoramic views, using augmented reality you will see the 17<sup>th</sup> century of the fortification system and the largest Ottoman attacks on Dalmatia. Proceed to the city center and visit the **Cathedral**, one of the most beautiful masterpiece in Dalmatia. Continue to the city of St. Michael before heading to Split, hotel transfer, overnight Split.

## Day 05 Split

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel before embarking on your **City Walking Tour**. Head to the **Open-Air Market** and **Diocletian's Palace**, a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, which constitutes the heart of the old city. Visit the **Ancient Cellars**, **Peristyle** and the **Palace Central Square**. Continue to the **Cathedral of St. Domnius**, one of the most beautiful on the Adriatic coast, former Roman Temples, the famous **Golden Gate** and the **Statue of Grgur Ninski**, a revered Croatian bishop. Lunch included in a beautiful typical Mediterranean ambience of Stella Croatia.



**Diocletian's Palace**



**St. Lawrence Cathedral**

Short drive to **Trogir**, a small medieval town that is also under *UNESCO* protection. Situated on a small island, the historic center lies within the city's walls and was developed from the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Trogir used to be one of the most significant cultural centers in Dalmatia. Stroll through narrow streets and visit the past as you see stone houses, palaces and the city walls. Stop in front of **St. Lawrence Cathedral** and catch your breath before entering what is the city's main attraction, the highlight of this astounding piece of architecture is the Romanesque portal created by the local master Radovan. There will be some free time for shopping and relaxing in one of the cafes situated within the city walls. Hotel transfer, overnight Split.

## Day 06 Split – Dubrovnik

Breakfast at hotel, check-out, depart from Split and head to Dubrovnik, ride by the old coastal panoramic road with one stopover on the road. Head to the border crossing of the Croatian- Bosnian and Herzegovinian border. See the beautiful small city of **Ston**, a historic town which played an important strategic role during the time of the Dubrovnik Republic. Its salt works, from Roman times, were worth a fortune. The 5km long defensive wall, which dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century provided security, famous for being the world's second longest after the Great Wall of China. The Ston Salt Pans are the oldest in Europe and an incredible sight. Hotel transfer, overnight Dubrovnik.

**Day 07 Dubrovnik**

Hotel breakfast, head off on your **City Tour** where each corner of this legendary city is a unique experience.

Your half day excursion will take you through Croatia's most famous medieval city which begins at **Pile Gate**, located at the top of Stradun, the splendid main promenade of Old Town.



**Pile Gate**



**Mount Srd**

Take a funicular to the top of **Mount Srd**, the highest peak, and treat yourself to a stunning view of the city. Visit **Franciscan Monastery**, one of the most magnificent sites in the city. Go to the third oldest pharmacy in Europe, from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Explore **Sponza Palace**, notable for its portico with columns and elaborate stone carvings, currently housing the State Archives.

Visit the cathedral that was built on the ruins of a 12<sup>th</sup> century church and explore the fabled walls of **Old Town**. Hotel transfer, overnight Dubrovnik.

**Day 08 Dubrovnik – Hong Kong**

Buffet breakfast, check-out, airport transfer, depart Dubrovnik (DBV) EK2432 1400hrs, arrive Dubai (DXB) 2125hrs, connecting flight EK382 0315hrs, arrive Hong Kong (HKG) 1525hrs.