

# SUGGESTED ITINERARY

# ITINERARY PREPARED WITH LOVE AND DEEP PASSION FOR CROATIA AND EASTERN EUROPE!

If your Mediterranean fantasies feature balmy days by sapphire waters in the shade of ancient walled towns, Croatia is the place to turn them into reality.

Don't just listen to what they say. Go. Explore. Enjoy.

The Republic of Croatia is at the crossroads of Central Europe, the Balkans, and the Mediterranean. Its capital and largest city is Zagreb. With more than a thousand islands off the Adriatic coast, Croatia is a "Jewel" in the Mediterranean region.













Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to be your local host in Croatia and/or Eastern Europe during your vacation. Based on your preferences given by your travel consultant we put together itinerary for your upcoming trip and we truly hope it is just to your liking, if not let us know and we will be more than happy to make any revisions to meet your budget, type of travel, and/or preferences.

Before you read your suggested itinerary, we would like you to know the following information about this proposal and the services that you are getting on the destination during your stay:

- 1. This is just the draft and further customization is possibly as per your requests. Please give comments to your travel consultant and we will make sure to further customize and adopt the trip towards your further ideas and wishes.
- 2. The given price is the price based on the inclusions mentioned under ''price includes'' section and based on current availability. No space is reserved nor held until we receive the down deposit needed to secure your space. Since this is the first draft, please talk to your agent if the given is under or above your travel budget. By making changes in rooms, hotels, transfers, tours, and guides the price can be adopted to your desired budget.
- 3. By booking this trip you are getting your own personal 24/7 concierge service for any help along the way. Concierge offers you the flexibility to tweak the itinerary on the spot, add on activities along the way, get any restaurant recommendations and reservations. Also, the concierge will make sure your trip runs smoothly without any issues pre-checking your hotels and transfers. If there are any delays, the concierge will let you know so you are aware of it ahead of time. Concierge will be assigned to you 45 days prior to your arrival and you can get in touch with her/him before your trip if you have any questions about the trip or just to say hi and get comfortable with the person who will be your best local friend on the destination.
- 4. Private car transfers on the destination are always done with 2 years old vehicles or newer and all drivers speak English. In all vehicles there will be refreshments available and majority have the wi-fi free of charge for you to use.
- 5. All our guides are licensed, hand selected and have passed our internal vetting and training, so you can be certain that you are always getting the best guides in each location. They all perfectly speak your language.
- 6. All offered accommodation is pre-checked by our team and both the rooms and the service and staff met our criteria to offer you the best possible hospitality during your stay.
- 7. When availability allows, our guests always get priority check in and late check out, this is strictly based on the availability but if there is the possibility we will make sure to have it arranged for you











Discover some of Croatia's historic treasures and experience the extraordinary beauty Of Croatia's Dalmatian Coast

# **DAY 01**





Arrival to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, a beautiful cosmopolitan city with a rich history dating from Roman times. Zagreb has more museums than any other city in the world! For centuries it has been a focal point of culture and science and now of commerce and industry. Located in the northwest of the country, on the southern slopes of the Medvednica mountain range and along the Sava River. Private transfer to your hotel. After a long trip hotel amenities will help you to relax and rejuvenate.

This evening we will organize a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. While leisurely strolling to the restaurant hear all the interesting stories about Zagreb on a short walking tour of Croatia Capital.

After dinner transfer will be organized back to the hotel.

Overnight in Zagreb.













#### **DAY 02**



The beauty of the National Park lies in its sixteen lakes, inter-connected by a series of waterfalls, and set in deep woodland populated by deer, bears, wolves, boars and rare bird species. Take a walk with our local guide through this heaven on earth and enjoy scenery of beautiful waterfalls and untouched nature. And don't forget to make a wish under the largest waterfall as it is supposedly making your wishes come true.

After free time to relax will continue your day with a transfer to Split, the second largest city in Croatia and the city that has all: Roman ruins and grand museums alongside fashionable cafes and trendy shops. Without hiding their pride, the people of Split will tell you that their city is "the most beautiful one in the world and beyond". You better not discuss this with them for well spirited Split will convince you in this as soon as you discover it!

Overnight in Split.





#### **DAY 03**



After leisurely morning breakfast travel back in time on our walking tour of Split, discover the largest city of the Dalmatia region with a local guide. During this Split tour we will walk around the walls and throughout the narrow streets of Diocletian's palace and the old town of Split. On this walking tour you will get to know Split and its history in an interesting way.

In the afternoon embark on a private boat and start your sea adventure, the perfect way to experience the extraordinary beauty of Croatia's Dalmatian Coast is to Sail from Split and cruise south to Dubrovnik. Experience the best of Croatia from your bike as you cycle from the stunning island of Hvar to the paths around the shimmering lakes of Mljet National Park. Your bikes will be waiting for you on your boat.

This evening you will be anchored on Island Brač, whose picturesque natural stone houses border the deep bay.

Overnight on a boat.











#### **DAY 04**



Welcome to the Croatian's oldest city of Stari Grad.

We'll cycle through its field, one that is on a UNESCO World Heritage List, founded by ancient Greeks 2300 years ago all the way to the Hvar town. From Stari Grad we have numerous options where to go, depending of the route you take you will pass also through some of small beautiful traditional villages in the interior of the island. Our guides will decide about the route depending of the group and their fitness level, we want to make shore that you will enjoy the day.

Besides historical sites, you will discover quite charming towns and roads where you will be biking, passing next to private gardens, along the coast and olive groves.

This evening explore Hvar on your own.

Overnight on a boat.











## **DAY 05**



Today start with your bike ride on Korcula Island to its most magnificent walled Korcula old town, still well-preserved and almost intact for centuries. **Pedal a hilly route around Korčula Island, lush with vineyards, olive groves and savor lovely ocean vistas as you cycle past charming villages.** We'll have to work hard, but it will be worth the effort to go from one end to the other in two days. Our starting point is Vela Luka.

Overnight on a boat.

## DAY 06

Our second day on Korcula will take us toward magnificent town of Korcula, one that developed inside the fortress; a miniature version of Dubrovnik. But on our way there, we have a list of things to see, places to go, bays to swim in. In the evening explore Korcula town on your own or enjoy local food with a view of Peljesac peninsula.

Overnight on a boat.

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Continue cruise to Island National Park Mljet, the most beautiful and most forested island in the Adriatic. Untouched nature, the island's mysticism, olive groves, vineyards and rich forests are ideal places to research the rich flora and fauna, and to peacefully enjoy the pristine beauty of the natural surroundings.

Ashore at Pomena on Mljet we cycle across the green and forested island – known as the honey island. Your route will take you around the salt lakes, through villages Babine Kuce and Soline, around lakes back to the starting point.

Overnight on a boat.

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Today, for your final ride, you will be cruising along Peljesac peninsula. Start in Trstenik and enjoy the great views Peljesac is offering you, Mljet and Korcula Island on your right and mainland on your left. The ride today has a couple of hills, coastal rides, vineyards... Our last destination is Prapratno, home to one of the most beautiful beaches in Croatia.

# Overnight on a boat.

# **DAY 09**

Morning disembarkation. Leave your bikes on a boat and start exploring rest of the Pelješac Peninsula. We will stop in Ston, a small town in the Dubrovnik area, located at the south of the peninsula Peljesac and it is by and large known for three things – it's very well preserved town walls, its salt works, and its mussels! Here you will get a chance to taste its famous oysters and some of the finest wines.

In the afternoon continue to the Pearl of Adriatic. Dubrovnik lies in the extreme south of Croatia, basking in glorious Mediterranean sunshine for much of the year. A fairytale fortress of beautiful Baroque, Gothic and Renaissance churches, aristocratic palaces, red-roofed townhouses, magnificent monasteries and fascinating history, it is almost impossible to feel anything but uplifted and inspired here.

# Overnight in Dubrovnik.











#### **DAY 10**



Today explore the wonders of Dubrovnik's Old City Centre, a UNESCO heritage site and one of the most important living historical monuments in this part of Europe. Your expert will take you around this magical medieval town full of legends and give you a glimpse of the incredible history that makes Dubrovnik such a unique city.

Afternoon at leisure to find idyllic spots for lunch and dinner. For those of you with more enthusiasm, we recommend to walk the famous walls 1,940 m long and take a stroll along the walking street "STRADUN" - both a street and a square, a promenade inside the city walls.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.











# **DAY 11**

Private transfer to Dubrovnik airport.

Fly out of Croatia. ⊗

#### **REMARK:**

- 1. This itinerary is subject to change dependent on group abilities and preferences, weather and special events. Our guides and Tour Leaders will do their utmost to ensure the best possible experience without compromising safety. This may mean changing the original itinerary to avoid discomfort or risk which could be caused by exceptional heat or cold, stormy weather, heavy traffic or other reasons beyond our control.
- **2.** On the boat CAPTAIN (skipper) is the responsible one and as such is free to make decisions on his own. In case of bad weather CAPTAIN (skipper) has the right to change the route. In case that route has been changed because of the bad weather, guests don't have the right to money refund.





## **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- All private transfers mentioned in the itinerary
  - ✓ Airport pick up and drop off
  - ✓ Transfers between the destinations
  - ✓ Transfer to and from the tours
- Hotel Accommodation for 04 nights
  - → Breakfast daily
- Private boat charter from Split to Dubrovnik
  - → Boat rental and skipper are included
  - → Fuel, Marina Fees, One Way Fee, Food and Drinks and Final Cleaning are excluded
- Bike rental for during the charter
  - → Delivery is included
- Knowledgeable English-speaking licensed guides during your biking tours (5 days)
- Private Zagreb walking tour
  - → Local Hand-picked English speaking guide
- Traditional dinner in local restaurant Zagreb
- Private walking/hiking tour of NP Plitvice Lakes
  - → Local Hand-picked English speaking guide
  - → Entrance fee
- Private Split walking tour
  - → Local Hand-picked English speaking guide
- Oyster tasting in Ston
- Private Dubrovnik walking tour
  - → Local Hand-picked English speaking guide
- All local taxes





# PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International flights (possible to provide)
- Any suggested add-ons
- Travel insurance
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Any other items not mentioned above





| ACCOMMODATION (MAY 2019.) |                    |             |            |
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| DESTINATION               | HOTEL              | ROOM TYPE   | DATES      |
| ZAGREB                    | Hotel Esplanade 5* | Double room | <b>1</b> n |
|                           | Hotel Palace 4*    |             |            |
| SPLIT                     | Hotel Park 5*      | Double room | <b>1</b> n |
|                           | Hotel Cornaro 4*   |             |            |
| DUBROVNIK                 | Hotel Lapad 4*     | Double room | <b>2</b> n |
|                           | Hotel Hilton 5*    |             |            |

# VIA CROATIA PERSONAL CONCIERGE

By booking with us you are getting your personal local travel assistant that will be available to you 24/7 and will help with any suggestions along the way. If you need to change pick up times, reserve a local restaurant, and/or need any further suggestions on the destination our travel assistant is here to help you along the way. Your travel assistant is familiar with your itinerary and has all the local knowledge to help you make the most out of your visit even if you don't have anything planned for that day. **Enjoy your stay!** 

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