

Croatia – Historic Dalmatia

Tour Code CR

Departing 5 September 2010

The Dalmatian coast has a wealth of historic sites that date from Antiquity through to the Middle Ages and we focus specifically on those situated in and around Split and Dubrovnik. This short but comprehensive tour is based in these two UNESCO listed cultural centres, themselves possessing a hugely rich architectural heritage and we shall have sufficient time to absorb their beauty and atmosphere. We also include visits to the extensive Roman site of Salona, the UNESCO listed medieval town of Trogir and the Venetian treasures on Korcula Island. There are also included excursions into **Bosnia** to spend time in the beautiful historic city of Mostar and **Montenegro** to visit the historic city of Kotor.



Old town of Dubrovnik

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Day 1 Fly to Split – Sunday 5 September

Afternoon departure from London Gatwick with Croatian Airways direct to Split, arriving in the late evening. Transfer to the centrally based President hotel for three nights

Day 2 In Split – Monday 6 September

We spend the day in Split, Croatia's second city, located on a peninsula in the heart of the Dalmatian coast, set against a backdrop of high coastal mountains. The city itself has a fascinating historic old town with a pretty palm-lined harbour and we will have a guided walking tour of its main highlights including the UNESCO site of Diocletian's Palace and Split Cathedral. Dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

Day 3 Visit Salona and Trogir – Tuesday 7 September

Today we venture to nearby Solin to visit the extensive ruins of ancient Salona, including the impressive 2nd century AD Roman amphitheatre. We continue to the wonderful UNESCO listed historic town of Trogir for a guided tour of some its architectural highlights including medieval churches, a Venetian palace and a fortress. We finish the day with dinner at a traditional Trogir restaurant before returning to Split (B,D)

Day 4 Drive to Dubrovnik. Boat trip on Neretva River – Wednesday 8 September

We depart Split this morning heading east along the picturesque Dalmatian coast pausing at Metkovic, a pretty town located on the banks of the Neretva River. We visit the town and the new Archaeological museum at nearby Naron, once a Roman settlement. We enjoy a river photo safari in traditional boats along the Neretva delta followed by a traditional lunch with wine. This afternoon we continue our journey by coach along the coast to Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Five nights stay at the three star Tirena hotel located on the peninsula of Babin Kuk, a short drive from Dubrovnik Old town (B,L)

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Day 5 In Dubrovnik – Thursday 9 September

We spend the day in the Old town of Dubrovnik which still retains much of its medieval character and charm. We have a guided tour of its main architectural masterpieces including the Franciscan Monastery and the Rectors Palace. Later we have a boat trip on the Adriatic affording panoramic views across the the Old town. Dinner tonight is at a harbour restaurant close to our hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 Visit Korcula Island – Friday 10 September

We drive to Korcula for the day. This wonderfully compact walled town has a history that spans the centuries. With its stone cathedrals, winding narrow streets and red terracotta roofs it is a delight to wander around after our guided tour that includes the main Venetian treasures including the Cathedral of St Mark. We stop at Peljesac to enjoy some wine tasting before we return to Dubrovnik in the late afternoon allowing for a variety of dinner options this evening at a harbour or Old town restaurant (B)

Day 7 Visit Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) – Saturday 11 September

A full-day excursion to visit the UNESCO listed historic town of Mostar with its famous bridge, rebuilt since its destruction in the 1990's. We return to Dubrovnik in the late afternoon allowing for a variety of dinner options this evening at a harbour or Old town restaurant (B)

Day 8 Visit Kotor (Montenegro) – Sunday 12 September

Today we view the medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage that have made the city of Kotor, in nearby Montenegro, a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site. We enjoy a farewell dinner in a quality restaurant in Dubrovnik's Old town (B,D)

Day 9 Fly London – Monday 13 September

After a leisurely breakfast we have a mid-morning transfer to Dubrovnik International airport for our Croatia Airways flight direct to London Gatwick arriving in the mid afternoon (B)

Cost £1295.00 per person in twin room (excludes international flight)

Single supplement charge £250.00



Diocletians Cathedral, Split

Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Services of Croatian National guide
- ▶ All transportation in private coach exclusive to the group
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Quality three/four star hotels in Split and Dubrovnik
- ▶ Two day excursions into Bosnia and Montenegro
- ▶ Included meals as indicated at hotels and local restaurants
- ▶ All departure taxes
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

Not included – travel insurance, some meals, drinks, guide and driver gratuities, Croatian Airlines international flight

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