

# CROATIA 2012

## CROATIA BUDGET TOUR PROGRAMS

*All Tours Are Guaranteed Departures*

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(phone lines answered by live person MON-FRI 9-9, SAT & SUN 9am-5pm Eastern Time)



## Balkan Explorer

CROATIA, MONTENEGRO,  
ALBANIA & MACEDONIA

12 days/11 nights

*Guaranteed Departure in 2012*

### Day 1 Wednesday

ZAGREB – Arrival

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, transfer to hotel. Meet the tour guide, dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 Thursday

ZAGREB – PLITVICE

Morning city tour of Zagreb, including the fortified Upper Town, city's historical centre, St Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and the University. Afternoon departure for Plitvice and then tour the Plitvice Lakes National Park on the UNESCO's List of World Natural Heritage. Sixteen lakes, each at a different level, are connected in a series of cascading waterfalls.

Surrounded by dense wood, Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon of a rare and unique beauty. Dinner and overnight in Plitvice.



### Day 3 Friday

PLITVICE – TROGIR – SPLIT

Morning departure for Trogir, where we visit the Cathedral of St. Lawrence. Continuation to Split; city tour of Split, including the Diocletian's Palace on the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage with the Peristyle, the Jupiter's Temple and the Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Split.

### Day 4 Saturday

## **SPLIT – DUBROVNIK**

After breakfast, departure for Dubrovnik. Sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, included on the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. You will visit the Franciscan Monastery with Europe's third oldest pharmacy, the Rector's Palace and the Cathedral. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

## **Day 5 Sunday**

### **DUBROVNIK**

Day at leisure in Dubrovnik. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 6 Monday**

### **DUBROVNIK – BUDVA / Montenegro – SHKODRA /Albania – TIRANA**

Departure for Tirana; we drive inland to Budva known for its Old City encircled by walls from the Venetian period. Continuation to Shkodra, once the capital of the Illyrian Kingdom (3rd century B.C.). Dinner and overnight in Tirana.

## **Day 7 Tuesday**

### **TIRANA – OHRID/Macedonia**

Morning sightseeing tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania, including Skender Beg Square, the Mosque of Ethem Beg, and a visit to the National Museum representing the flow of Albanian history, also housing the finds from archeological sites across the country. Afternoon departure for Ohrid, driving via Elbasan and crossing the Macedonian border at Cafasan. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid.

## **Day 8 Wednesday**

### **OHRID**

Full day in the lakeside resort of Ohrid, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site. Through the activity of St. Clement and St. Naum of Ohrid, the first pan-Slavic University in Europe, the famous "Ohrid Literary School", was founded here. Morning sightseeing tour includes the Church of St. Sofia (11th century), the most eminent mediaeval monument in Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and St. Clement Church with its icon of Annunciation. Afternoon short drive to St. Naum Monastery, built on the shores of Ohrid Lake in 900 A.D. and dedicated to the Slavic missionary and educator St. Naum of Ohrid. Return to hotel for overnight.

## **Day 9 Thursday**

### **OHRID – SKOPJE**

Morning departure for Skopje. Sightseeing tour of Skopje, including the Kale Fortress, Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut woodcarving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. We drive to the slopes of the Vodno Mountain where we visit the Monastery of St. Panteleimon with its 12th century iconostas and frescoes ranking among the highest achievements of Byzantine art of this period. Dinner and overnight in Skopje.

## **Day 10 Friday**

### **SKOPJE – KOLAŠIN / Montenegro**

Morning departure for Kolašin, driving via Peć and Berane and along the impressive Morača River Canyon. Afternoon arrival at Kolašin, the town spreading on the left bank of the river Tara, situated at the altitude of 954m. The whole area is surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica Mountain and is a popular skiing and air spa resort. Dinner and overnight in Kolašin.

## **Day 11 Saturday**

### **KOLAŠIN – CETINJE – KOTOR – DUBROVNIK**

Morning departure for Cetinje where we visit King Nikola's Museum, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I Petrović. Continuation to Kotor, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural

Heritage site, where we visit its Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to St Triphon, the city's patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik, driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Day 12 Sunday**

**DUBROVNIK – HOME**

Breakfast followed by transfer to Dubrovnik Airport.

**Tour includes:**

- Transfers in Zagreb and Dubrovnik
- Eleven (11) night accommodation in 3\* and 4\* hotels as indicates below
- Daily breakfast and lunch except in Ohrid on Day 8 (breakfast only)
- English-speaking guide throughout tour
- Entrance fees to all attractions and National Parks on itinerary
- Air-conditioned bus throughout tour
- All government taxes

**Hotels:**

- Zagreb: International 4\*
- Plitvice: Macola 3\* or Degenija
- Split: As 3\* or Dalmina
- Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*
- Tirana: Sky Tower 4\*
- Ohrid: Metropol 4\*
- Skopje: Karpoš 4\*
- Kolašin: Lipka 4\*

**Rates and departure dates:**

May	30
US\$	2,415
Jun	n/a
US\$	
Jul	11
US\$	2,695
Aug	08
US\$	2,695
Sep	05
US\$	2,695
Single Supplement:	1,165
Extra Night:	170pp



**DISCOUNTS:** For Jun, Jul & Aug Departures 4 passengers or more traveling together, deduct \$150 per person

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# Balkan Sampler

CROATIA, MONTENEGRO,  
ALBANIA & MACEDONIA

8 days/7 nights

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## Day 1 Sunday

DUBROVNIK – Arrival

Upon arrival at Dubrovnik Airport, transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 2 Monday

DUBROVNIK – BUDVA/Montenegro – SHKODRA/Albania – TIRANA

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## Day 3 Tuesday

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Morning sightseeing tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania, including Skender Beg Square, the Mosque of Ethem Beg and a visit to the National Museum representing the flow of Albanian history and housing the finds from archeological sites across the country. Afternoon departure for Ohrid, driving via Elbasan and crossing the Macedonian border at Cafasan. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid.

## Day 4 Wednesday

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## Day 5 Thursday

OHRID – SKOPJE

Morning departure for Skopje (*sko-pye*). Sightseeing tour of Skopje, including the Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut woodcarving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. We drive to the slopes of the Vodno Mountain where we visit the Monastery of St. Panteleimon with its 12th century iconostas and frescoes ranking among the highest achievements of Byzantine art of this period. Dinner and overnight in Skopje.



## Day 6 Friday

SKOPJE – KOLAŠIN/Montenegro

Morning departure for Kolašin (*ko-la-sheen*), driving via Peć (*pe:ch*) and Berane and along the impressive Morača (*mo-ra-cha*) River Canyon. Afternoon arrival at Kolašin, spreading on the left bank

of the river Tara, situated at the altitude of 954m. The whole area is surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica (*bye-la-see-tza*) Mountain and is a popular skiing and air spa resort. Dinner and overnight in Kolašin.

### Day 7 Saturday

KOLAŠIN – CETINJE – KOTOR – DUBROVNIK

Morning departure for Cetinje (*tze-tee-nye*) where we visit King Nikola's Museum, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I Petrović. Continuation to Budva and Kotor, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage, where we visit its Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to St. Triphun, the city's patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

### Day 8 Sunday

DUBROVNIK – Departure

Breakfast followed by departure transfer to Dubrovnik Airport.

### Tour includes:

Round Trip transfers in Dubrovnik

Seven (7) night accommodation in 4\* hotels (except in Dubrovnik, a 3\* hotel) as indicated below

Daily breakfast and dinner except in Ohrid on Day 4 (breakfast only)

English-speaking guide throughout tour

Entrance fees to all attractions and National Parks in itinerary

Air-conditioned bus throughout tour

All government taxes

### Hotels:

Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*

Tirana: Sky Tower 4\*

Ohrid: Metropol 4\*

Skopje: Karpoš 4\*

Kolašin: Lipka 4\*

### Rates and departure dates:

Jun	03
US\$	1,895
Jul	15
US\$	2,085
Aug	12
US\$	2,085
Sep	09
US\$	2,485
Single Supplement:	765
	170
Extra Night:	pp

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