

# CROATIA 2012

## CROATIA BUDGET TOUR PROGRAMS

*All Tours Are Guaranteed Departures*

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## Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina

9 days, 8 nights

*Guaranteed Departure in 2012*

Experience the rich culture, heritage and scenery of this fascinating region, with time to explore the intriguing cities of Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik and Sarajevo, complemented by the natural beauty of Plitvice National Park and wine-tasting in the charming town of Osijek.

### Day 1 Wednesday

ZAGREB – Arrival

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet your tour guide, have dinner with your fellow guests and a restful overnight stay at the 4\* International Hotel.

### Day 2 Thursday

ZAGREB – PLITVICE

Your morning city tour of Croatia's impressive capital, Zagreb, will include the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical center, St. Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and the University. Next, we'll drive to Plitvice (pronounced *pleet-vee-tzeh*), and tour the Plitvice Lakes National Park, named to UNESCO's List of World Natural Heritage in 1979. Sixteen lakes, each at a different level, are joined in a series of cascading waterfalls and surrounded by dense woods, a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. Enjoy dinner and overnight at the 4\* Degenija Hotel in Plitvice.

### Day 3 Friday

PLITVICE – TROGIR – SPLIT

In the morning, we'll depart for Trogir, one of the oldest cities on the Croatian side of the Adriatic, where we'll visit the Cathedral of St. Lawrence. In Split, our city tour highlight is Diocletian's Palace,

on UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage with its monumental Peristyle, Jupiter's Temple and the Cathedral. Much to discuss during dinner; overnight at the 4\* Dalmina Hotel in Split.

### **Day 4 Saturday**

#### **SPLIT – DUBROVNIK**

After breakfast, we'll depart for Dubrovnik, founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD, also on UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Our sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, will visit the Franciscan Monastery, whose construction began in 1337 and home to Europe's third oldest pharmacy (from 1317, and still working); the Rector's Palace, a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance styles; and the Cathedral, completed in 1713 after its predecessor was destroyed in the Great Earthquake of 1667. Our last evening together, with inner and overnight in Dubrovnik at the 4\* Park Hotel.



### **Day 5 Sunday**

#### **DUBROVNIK**

You'll have an entire day to explore "the pearl of the Adriatic," as Lord Byron dubbed Dubrovnik.. A leisurely stroll around the city's distinctive walls, built between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, could begin your exploration. The Sponza Palace contains a priceless collection of manuscripts, some dating back a thousand years. For a magnificent view of the city, peer through the telescopes on Mt. Srd, just a four-minute cable car ride. Stop

for lunch at a traditional café, try squid at typical Mediterranean spot – and for variety, there's always Mexican! Snap a photo at the famous Onofrio Fountain, built in 1438. Compare experiences with your fellow guests over dinner, and enjoy another restful night at the 4\* Park Hotel.

### **Day 6 Monday**

#### **DUBROVNIK – MOSTAR – SARAJEVO (Is lunch included today?)**

Morning departure for Mostar, whose Old City was recently added to UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. We'll tour its elegant Bridge, spanning the Neretva River, and visit the Old Bazaar, the Mosque and a typical Turkish house. Continuing to Sarajevo, we'll enjoy an afternoon touring the city, including the fascinating jumble of cobbled lanes, cafes, artisan shops that is Baščaršija. Highlights include the Gazi Husref Bey Mosque and Tunnel War Museum. An enjoyable dinner with the group, and overnight at the 5\* Radon Plaza.

### **Day 7 Tuesday**

#### **SARAJEVO – OSIJEK**

After breakfast, we drive northwards to Slavonski Brod where we'll stop for lunch. Continuing to Osijek, a large and prosperous city at the confluence of the Drava and Danube rivers, and the economic and cultural hub of the eastern Croatia region of Slavonia. A typical dinner, and overnight at the 4\* Osijek hotel will position us perfectly for tomorrow's sightseeing.

## Day 8 Wednesday

### OSIJEK – ZAGREB

Our morning city tour of Osijek, visiting St. Trinity Square, and the Baroque Fortress, with its Water Gate, the only remaining entrance to the fortress from Habsburg times and other highlights. Then we'll follow the wine trail to 1526 cellar for wine tasting, before continuing to Zagreb for dinner, and overnight at the 4\* International hotel.

## Day 9 Thursday

### ZAGREB – Departure

After breakfast, we'll bid farewell to our travel companions, and transfer to the airport.

### Tour includes:

- RT transfer in Zagreb
- 7 nights' accommodation in 4 and 5star hotels in DBL rooms
- Daily breakfast and dinner, some lunches
- English-speaking guides throughout tour
- Entrance fees to all attractions on this tour
- Wine cellar and wine tasting in Osijek
- Air-conditioned modern bus throughout tour
- All government taxes and fees

### Hotels:

Zagreb: International 4\*

Plitvice: Degenija 4\*

Split: Dalmina 4\*

Dubrovnik: Park 4\*

Sarajevo: Radon Plaza 5\*

Osijek: Osijek 4\*

### Departure Dates and Rates per person/double:

May	13	20	27
US\$	1,695	1,825	1,995
Jun	10		
US\$	2,225		
Jul	01	08	29
US\$	2,225	2,225	2,225
Aug	05	26	
US\$	2,225	2,225	
Sep	05	12	19
US\$	2,225	2,225	1,995
Single Supplement:	850		
Extra Night:	170pp		

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

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