

# CROATIA 2012

## CROATIA BUDGET TOUR PROGRAMS

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For thousands of years, the dramatic and beautiful land now known as Croatia was prized by many. Now, Croatia's fascinating history and welcoming people can become the highlight of your travel year in 2012 on an intimate, behind-the-scenes tour with Universal Travel Systems!

### ITINERARIES

**NOTE:** A more detailed itinerary with web links to each featured place and attraction will be given to each individual passenger at the time of booking

## Croatia at a Glance

5 days/4 nights from \$995

*Guaranteed Departure in 2012*

Five days, four nights, three UNESCO World Heritage sites! Just enough time for a sampling of Croatia's highlights in a small group with a knowledgeable English-speaking guide, who will assure you leave with maximum memories in minimum time!

### 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 ([de-ghe-nee-ya](#)) 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, 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 dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik at the 4\* Park Hotel.

### Day 5 Sunday

#### DUBROVNIK – Departure

After breakfast, our tour ends with transfer to Dubrovnik Airport, where we'll bid our traveling companions farewell.

#### Tour includes:

- Transfer from Zagreb Airport to hotel and from hotel to Dubrovnik Airport
- Accommodation in 4\* hotels
- Daily breakfast (B) and dinner (D) in hotels of stay
- English-speaking guides on sightseeing tours of Zagreb, Split and Dubrovnik
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Lakes National Park, Cathedral of St. Lawrence in Trogir, Diocletian's Palace and Cathedral in Split; Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik
- Air-conditioned motor coach throughout
- English-speaking (?) Tour Director throughout tour
- All government taxes

#### Hotels:

Zagreb: International 4\*

Plitvice: Degenija 4\*

Split: Dalmina 4\*

Dubrovnik: Park 4\*

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

May	16	23	30
US\$	995	1,190	1,395
Jun	13	20	
US\$	1,455	1,595	

Jul	04	11		
US\$	1,595	1,595		
Aug	01	08	29	
US\$	1,595	1,595	1,595	
Sep	05	12	19	26
US\$	1,495	1,455	1,455	1,395
Single Supplement:				630
Extra Night:				170pp

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

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## Treasures of Croatia

8 days/7 nights

**Guaranteed Departure Tour 2012**

Natural beauty, legendary cities and remarkable history are landmark experiences on this eight-day journey, which offers unbeatable value for money, too!

### Day 1 Sunday

DUBROVNIK – Arrival

Welcome to Dubrovnik, founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD, and on UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. Upon arrival at Dubrovnik Airport, transfer to the 3\* Ivka hotel for dinner with your travel companions, and overnight.

### Day 2 Monday

DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

Our morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik will visit the Franciscan Monastery, whose construction began in 1337, 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. In the afternoon, we'll head to Split, driving along the dramatic Adriatic Coast and the Neretva River Delta. Dinner and overnight in Split at the 3\* As Hotel.



### Day 3 Tuesday

SPLIT – TROGIR – ZADAR

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. For the it's off to Trogir, a picturesque mediaeval town where we visit the Cathedral of St. Lawrence. We'll end the day in Zadar, in central Dalmatia, for a delightful dinner, overnight at the 3\* Kolovare hotel.

#### **Day 4 Wednesday**

ZADAR – ZAGREB

Morning sightseeing tour of Zadar, which was founded by the Romans and has undergone a startling revival in recent years, yet valuing its historic treasures, including the Roman Forum and St. Donatus Church, a magnificent monument of Romanesque architecture. Afternoon departure for Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Dinner and overnight in Zagreb at the 3\* Laguna hotel .

#### **Day 5 Thursday**

ZAGREB - PLITVICE

Our morning tour of 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. In the afternoon we depart for enchanting Plitvice (*plee-tvee-tzeh*) Lakes for dinner, overnight at the 3\* Macola hotel, where we will spend two nights.

#### **Day 6 Friday**

PLITVICE

After breakfast, we'll 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.



#### **Day 7 Saturday**

PLITVICE – TRILJ – DUBROVNIK

Morning departure for Dubrovnik, driving via intriguing Trilj (*tree-ly*) and along the valley of the Cetina (*tze-tee-nah*) River. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik at the 3\* Ivka (*eev-kah*) hotel.

#### **Day 8 Sunday**

DUBROVNIK – Departure

After breakfast, our tour ends with your transfer to Dubrovnik Airport.

#### **Tour includes:**

- Transfer in Dubrovnik and in Dubrovnik
- 7 nights accommodation in 3\* hotels on DBL occupancy basis
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- English-speaking guides throughout tour
- Entrance fees to all attractions and National Parks
- Air-conditioned bus throughout tour
- All government taxes

#### **Hotels:**

Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*

Split: As 3\*

Zadar: Kolovare 3\*

Zagreb: Laguna 3\*

Plitvice: Macola 3\*

### Rates per person in DBL and departure dates:

May	13	20	
US\$	1,535	1,695	
Jun	10	17	
US\$	1,855	1,925	
Jul	08	15	
US\$	2,125	2,125	
Aug	12	19	
US\$	2,125	2,125	
Sep	09	16	23
US\$	2,125	1,955	1695
Single Supplement:			650
Extra Night:			170 pp

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## Jewels of Dalmatia

5 days, 4 nights

**Guaranteed Departure in 2012**

Your knowledgeable English-speaking guide will assure that you'll experience Dalmatia's highlights on this affordable and memorable journey.

### Day 1 Sunday

DUBROVNIK – Arrival

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### Day 2 Monday

DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

Our morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik will visit the Franciscan Monastery, whose construction began in 1337, 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. In the afternoon, we'll head to Split, driving along the dramatic Adriatic Coast and the Neretva River Delta. Dinner and overnight in Split at the 3\* As Hotel.

### Day 3 Tuesday

SPLIT – TROGIR – ZADAR

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**Day 4 Wednesday**

**ZADAR – ZAGREB**

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**Day 5 Thursday**

**ZAGREB – Departure**

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**Tour includes:**

- Transfer in Dubrovnik and Zagreb
- Four (4) nights accommodation in 3\* hotels as indicate below
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- English-speaking guides throughout tour
- Entrance fees to all attractions and National Parks on itinerary
- Air-conditioned bus throughout tour
- All government taxes

**Hotels:**

- Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*
- Split: As 3\*
- Zadar: Kolovare 3\*
- Zagreb: Laguna 3\*

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

May	13	20	
US\$	995	1,195	
Jun	10	17	
US\$	1,375	1,455	
Jul	08	15	
US\$	1,455	1,455	
Aug	12	19	
US\$	1,455	1,455	
Sep	09	16	23
US\$	1,455	1,325	1,195
Single Supplement:		490	
Extra Night:		170pp	

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# The Best of Croatia

9 days/8 nights

**Guaranteed Departure Tour 2012**

*Experience the scenic beauty and rich history of Croatia in just eight days on this affordable adventure.*

## **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 3\* Laguna 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 3\* Macola Hotel in Plitvice, where we will spend two nights.

## **Day 3 Friday**

PLITVICE

After breakfast, we'll 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.

## **Day 4 Saturday**

PLITVICE – TRILJ – DUBROVNIK

Morning departure for spectacular Dubrovnik, driving via intriguing Trilj and along the valley of the Cetina River. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik at the 3\* Ivka 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 3\* Ivka Hotel.

## **Day 6 Monday**

DUBROVNIK – SPLIT

Our morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik will visit the Franciscan Monastery, whose construction began in 1337, 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. In the afternoon, we'll head to Split, driving along the dramatic Adriatic Coast and the Neretva River Delta. Dinner and overnight in Split at the 3\* As Hotel.

### Day 7 Tuesday

SPLIT – TROGIR – ZADAR

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### Day 8 Wednesday

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### Day 9 Thursday

ZAGREB – Departure

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

### Tour includes:

- Transfer in Dubrovnik and in Zagreb
- 7 nights Accommodation in 3\* hotels on DBL occupancy basis
- Breakfast and dinner daily
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- Air-conditioned bus throughout tour
- All government taxes

### Hotels:

Zagreb: Laguna 3\*

Plitvice: Macola 3\*

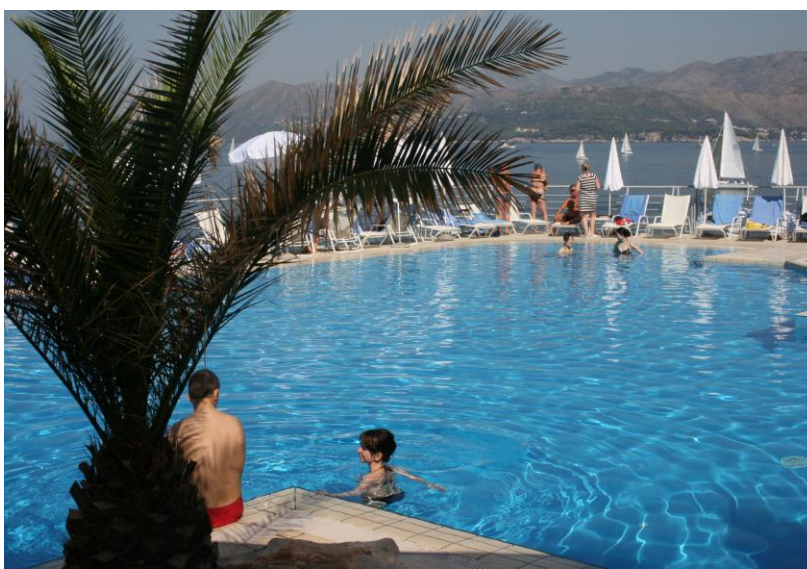
Dubrovnik: Ivka 3\*

Split: As 3\*

Zadar: Kolovare 3\*

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

May	16
US\$	1,535
Jun	13
US\$	1,855
Jul	11
US\$	2,125



Aug	15	
US\$	2,125	
Sep	12	19
US\$	2,125	1,855
Single Supplement:		777
		170
Extra Night:		pp

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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

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### Day 3 Friday

PLITVICE – TROGIR – SPLIT

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### Day 4 Saturday

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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**

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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

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# Balkan Explorer

**CROATIA, MONTENEGRO,  
ALBANIA & MACEDONIA**

**12 days/11 nights**

**Guaranteed Departure in 2012**

**Day 1 Wednesday**

ZAGREB – Arrival

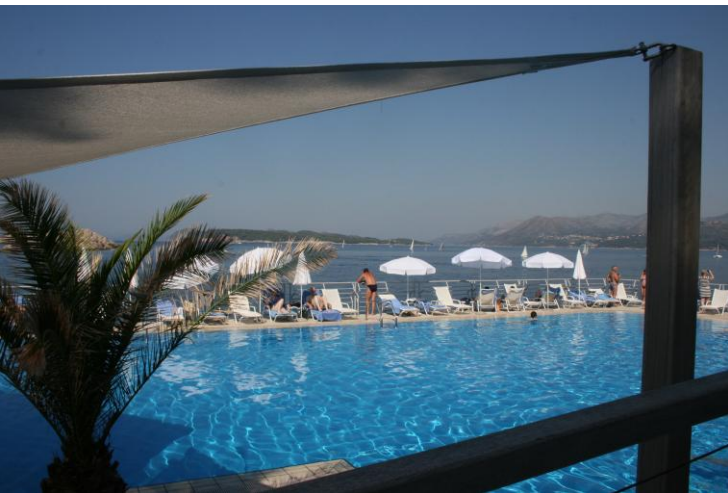
Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport, transfer to hotel. Meet the tour guide, dinner and overnight.

**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



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## Balkan Sampler

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**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

Morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, included in 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. Departure for Tirana; we drive inland via Budva, crossing the Albanian border at Shkodra, once the capital of the Illyrian Kingdom (3rd century B.C.). Dinner and overnight in Tirana.

### Day 3 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 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

### 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 renown "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. In the afternoon a short drive to visit 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 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

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

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# **Dalmatian Island-hopping Cruise and Cycling Tour**

Split-Makarska-Island of Mljet-Island of Sipan-Dubrovnik-Peljesac Peninsula-Korcula-Hvar-Split

**8 days/7 nights**

**From US\$1,995**

***Guaranteed Departure in 2012***



## **ITINERARY**

Just pack a few T-shirts and a bathing suit or two, and spend seven unforgettable days sailing on the southern Adriatic Sea from one beautiful island to another. Relax and let the captain and his crew (especially the cook) take care of you. During the day you can bike, swim, snorkel, sunbathe, and explore the underworld of the Adriatic Sea. The evenings are free: find a good restaurant, or discover old churches or other historical monuments.

## **SATURDAY**

## SPLIT – MAKARSKA (approx. 38 miles of cycling)

Departure from Split harbor towards Makarska at 1pm. We will spend the afternoon swimming at one of the beautiful beaches on the Split Riviera, followed by an early BBQ dinner to get to know your crew and fellow passengers. Feeling adventurous? Join our white water rafting excursion on the Cetina river, and meet the ship in Makarska this evening. Overnight in the port of Makarska, one of the most attractive resorts on the Croatian coast, framed by the dramatic Biokovo (*bee-o-ko-vo*) mountains, rising nearly 6,000 feet just a few kilometers away. Strolling along the streets of Makarska, you will come across numerous churches and other architectural and cultural sites.

## SUNDAY

### MAKARSKA – MLJET (approx. 12 miles of cycling)

Early morning departure towards Mljet (*mlyet*), Croatia's greenest island, with the first stop on the Peljesac (*pe-lye-shatz*) peninsula for a refreshing swim. The whole afternoon is free to look at the salt lakes in Mljet National Park and enjoy the sun and sea on this peaceful island. In the middle of the large lake, inside the National park, we can visit an old abbey and church, or just roam around the National park in a small boat. Overnight in port Polace (*po-la-cheh*)/Pomena



## MONDAY

### MLJET – DUBROVNIK (approx. 30 miles of cycling)

After breakfast we depart for Dubrovnik, the highlight of this cruise. En route we'll just have time for a short swim. Enjoy the beautiful sights of nature along the way towards "the heaven on earth," as Dubrovnik was called by the writer George Bernard Shaw. Arrive in the afternoon and explore on your own, or join our guided tour of Dubrovnik with an English-speaking guide. Take a walk through STRADUN – both a street and a square, a promenade inside the city walls. Energy to spare? Enjoy a walk on top of the nearly 6,000-foot-long city walls! We'll overnight in the port of this magical town.

## TUESDAY

### DUBROVNIK – SIPAN/TRSTENIK (approx. 35 miles of cycling)

Explore Dubrovnik on your own this morning: its monuments, little streets, elaborate churches, and more. Around noon, we leave this magnificent town, cruising towards the charming isle of Sipan (*shee-pan*), a favorite summer retreat for noble families in the 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> centuries, or a little town of Trstenik on the Peljesac (*peh-lye-shatz*) peninsula, with the 14<sup>th</sup> century Ljubostinja (*lyu-bo-stee-nya*) Monastery nearby. We'll swim or relax in the afternoon, and spend the night in port.

## WEDNESDAY

### SIPAN/TRSTENIK – KORCULA (approx. 28 miles of cycling)

After breakfast depart for Korcula (*kor-chu-la*), the name of both the island, and its largest town, reputed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo, and the largest island in the archipelago. We'll have lunch on board near Lumbarda, a small fishing village of around 1,200 inhabitants. Arrive to Korčula city late afternoon, where we'll overnight in port. Here, you'll find more legends, tales and monuments than anywhere else we've visited. Listen to the story of the stone walls, built more than two centuries ago. Great cycling, too!

## THURSDAY

### KORCULA –HVAR (approx. 15 miles of cycling)

Early morning departure for the Pakleni Islands (Hell's Islands), contrary to the meaning of their name, some of the most beautiful in the Adriatic. We will have a lunch and some swimming, then sail to Hvar after lunch. Hvar is the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, and the center of the Hvar Riviera, green and lush with an abundance of rocky coves. Intricately carved Venetian architecture beckons, and a wide, welcoming seaside promenade is made for strolling. Visit St. Stephen's cathedral with its original Renaissance tower; the

oldest community theatre in Europe was founded here in 1612. City of Hvar offers abundant entertainment, full of restaurants, bars and cafes that are open late into the night.

**FRIDAY**

HVAR (Bol) – SPLIT (approx. 28 miles of cycling)

Our next stop will be the island of Brac (*bra:ch*), third largest in the Adriatic. After cycling, swimming is planned at one of the most beautiful beaches in Dalmatia – Zlatni Rat near Bol (the Golden cape - its gravel promontory shifts from side to side as the wind and waves constantly change in shape). Bol was a typical fisherman’s town, now a popular tourist destination. After lunch we will begin our journey back to Split for our last overnight . We’ll enjoy one last swim-break in one of the many bays on the island of Brac. We’ll arrive in Split in the late afternoon, enjoying the view of the “Split Riviera” Join our guided tour of Croatia’s second-largest city with an English-speaking guide, or explore on your own. Split is under UNESCO protection that belongs not only to Croatians, but also to you, as a part of the world heritage. Here we find an abundance of Roman architecture – of special interest is **Diocletian's Palace**, on UNESCO’s List of World Cultural Heritage with its monumental Peristyle, Jupiter's Temple and the **Cathedral**.

**SATURDAY**

SPLIT

Early breakfast after which it is time to say goodbye to the crew and all your new friends. Disembarkation at 9 am.



**Departure Dates & Pricing**

Per Person in US\$ based on DBL Cabin

SAILING DATES-SATURDAYS	LOWER DECK	UPPER DECK
APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30	1,995	2,155
May 7	2,155	2,295
May 14	2,195	2,305
May 21	2,255	2,405
May 28	2,305	2,455
September 10, 17, 24	2,195	2,305
October 1	2,195	2,305
October 1, 8, 15	1,995	2,155
Single Supplement	60%	
Port Taxes	US\$113.50	
Extra bed in Cabin	60%	

**DISCOUNTS:**

For 4 passengers or more traveling together apply \$100 discount per person

For groups of 16 or more apply 25% discount per person plus one goes free\*

\*Free passenger is responsible for VAT tax (14.5%), port taxes (\$113.50) and bike rental (\$200), or \$100 for bike handling (if bringing own bike).

**Included in Tour Price:**

Seven (7) night cruise o/b air-conditioned motor yacht with choices of cabins

Daily breakfast and lunch o/b

Welcome dinner and cocktails

Captain’s Dinner (informal)

Bike rental with all gears  
Bike handling on and off boat  
1.5L. of bottled water daily  
Bike assistance during rides  
Use of all equipment o/b (snorkeling, lounge chairs)  
English-speaking guide throughout tour  
VAT tax

**Not Included**

Airfare to and from departing port  
Transfers to and from boat  
Any extra hotel accommodation  
Tours and excursions except as indicated  
Dinners except as specified (dinners are left for you to explore local cuisine in each island)  
Port taxes \$113.50  
Drinks and beverages o/b yacht