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WONDERS OF SLOVENIA AND CROATIA

(LG18) • 13 days: Ljubljana – Postojna – Bled – Zagreb – Plitvice – Split – Dubrovnik – Montenegro



FEATURES

- Accommodation at selected hotels, service charges & hotel taxes, luggage handling
- Breakfast daily, dinners and lunches as per program
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional tour director throughout



HIGHLIGHTS

- Postojna Caves – world-famous cave system
- Plitvice Lakes – listed by UNESCO
- Island of Korcula – birthplace of the adventurer and traveller Marco Polo
- Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Traditional food and local wines, including lobster dinner and oyster tasting



ITINERARY

Day 1: Ljubljana

You will be met at Ljubljana airport and transferred to a selected hotel. **(0)**



LJUBLJANA



Day 2: Ljubljana – Postojna – Nova Gorica

After breakfast, city tour of Ljubljana with its open air market, City Hall, Three Bridges and the Parliament. After lunch, we take you to the world-famous and biggest Slovenian cave system – the Postojna Caves, and Predjama Castle, hanging dramatically in the middle of a rocky cliff. Continue to Nova Gorica to gamble your night away at Casino. **(B,D,0)**

Day 3: Nova Gorica – Kobarid – Kranjska Gora

After breakfast, drive through the wonderful valley of the Soca river to Kobarid, where you will visit the stunning First World War museum. Afterwards your journey takes you over the mountain pass of Vrsic, where you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the valley, to the picturesque alpine resort of Kranjska Gora. **(B,D,0)**

Day 4: Kranjska Gora – Bohinj – Bled

Continue to Bled, the pearl of the Alpine region, with its magnificent lake. After a bus ride around the lake, a guided tour of Bled castle will start. Then you will be taken by a special Bled "pletna" boat to the island. Afterwards, you visit Lake Bohinj and Mt. Vogel above it. From here you can have a view of the highest Slovene peak, Mt. Triglav. **(B,D,0)**

Day 5: Bled – Zagreb

Afternoon drive to Skofja Loka, and follow its narrow streets from the 15th century. Afterwards, you will be transferred to Zagreb. **(B,D,O)**

Day 6: Zagreb – Plitvice

Experience the past and present of Zagreb by passing through the streets of the Lower and Upper Town, by visiting the famous arcades and sculptures in Mirogoj Park Cemetery, by entering Zagreb Cathedral, or by taking in the everyday lively atmosphere of Dolac Market. Continue to Plitvice National Park, protected by UNESCO. **(B,D,O)**

Day 7: Plitvice – Trogir – Split

After we reach the coast, we have lunch in Trogir. The heart of this beautiful city full of history is a small islet lying between gentle hills on the mainland and the coast of the island of Ciovo. Afterwards, we continue to Split. We tour the 3rd century Diocletian Palace, where we visit the cellars, the Peristyle, the Golden and Silver Gates, the Cathedral, the Temple of Jupiter and other historical sights. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 8: Split – Korcula island

We take a ferry ride to the island of Korcula, known for its beauty and for being the birth place of the world's most famous traveler, Marco Polo. **(B,D,O)**

Day 9: Korcula island

After breakfast, we will take you through the old town of Korcula. The beautifully preserved main town is undoubtedly the main highlight of this lush green Adriatic island, with its cluster of lovely beaches. After lunch at a local restaurant, we take you to a boat ride. Leaving the town of Korcula behind, we sail towards the Korcula archipelago, consisting of some twenty islands and islets. Badija, with its 15th century monastery; Vrnik, famous for its two quarries, and Majsan with prehistoric remains, are among the best known islands in the archipelago. Most of the islands are uninhab-



KORCULA ISLAND

ited, boasting lush vegetation and a crystal clear sea. The boat takes you to the town of Lumbarda in a picturesque cove, where the summer residences of former patrician families can be seen. Enjoy fresh lobster at a local restaurant. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 10: Korcula island – Dubrovnik

Morning ride by ferry and coach to Dubrovnik, with a short stop at the town of Ston. After a snack in a Dalmatian cellar, we continue to Dubrovnik. A pleasant walk through the old part of Dubrovnik will show you the city's highlights, its exceptional beauty and rich cultural heritage. **(B,D,O)**

Day 11: Dubrovnik

We begin the morning with a walking tour of the city, which is on UNESCO's List of Cultural Heritage. This ancient town surrounded by ramparts and fortresses is a treasure trove of architectural and cultural master places, scrupulously preserved over the centuries. A pleasant walk will take you to the Rector's Palace, the Franciscan Monastery with its pharmacy, as well as to the other places of interest. Lunch and afternoon free. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 12: Dubrovnik – Montenegro

Hardly one hour from Dubrovnik, the neighboring country of Montenegro provides incomparable natural beauties and an abundance of historical sites. Our drive takes us to the mouth of the Bay of Kotor and along the curving road through the towns of Risan and Perast to Kotor. Our descent from the heights will take us to Cetinje, the former seat of Montenegro's ruler, today a city museum. Afterwards, we return to the coast with a short stop above Sveti Stefan and Budva. Our return drive to Dubrovnik will be shortened by a ferry ride across the bay. **(B,D,O)**

Day 13: Dubrovnik

After breakfast, transfer to Dubrovnik airport. **(B)**



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