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\$3,695

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

Experience the diverse, scenic landscapes and the vibrant cultural heritage of Croatia, a treasure trove of historic cities, pristine parkland and mile after mile of sun-drenched Adriatic coastline. On a 10-night journey, explore the best of this crossroads of central Europe and the Mediterranean. Visit four cities: the inland capital of Zagreb; the striking seaside towns of Split and Hvar; and the walled city of Dubrovnik. Experience the breadth of Croatia's fairy-tale panoramas, from the misty waterfalls and clear lakes of Plitvice Lakes National Park to the lovely vineyards and lavender fields of Hvar, where you'll indulge in a wine tasting and discover the ancient ruins and landmarks of Croatia's past.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three nights** in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe **Esplanade Zagreb Hotel**.
- **Two nights** in Split at the first-class **Cornaro Hotel**.
- **Two nights** in Hvar at the boutique **Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel**.
- **Three nights** in Dubrovnik at the deluxe **Grand Villa Argentina**.

Transportation

- All boat rides and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend **Welcome and Farewell Receptions and Dinners**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 10 breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of **leisure time** to try the **local cuisine** independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides & drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Your exclusive **Small-Group experience** is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- **Elegant hotel accommodations** with every modern convenience and amenity in four locations.
- Enjoy **tours** of Croatia's historic and architecturally stunning cities and towns, from metropolitan **Zagreb**, to **Split**, to the Adriatic island town of **Hvar**, to remarkably well-preserved **Dubrovnik**.
- Witness the stunning **Dalmatian Coast** and experience the history, culture and traditions of Croatia.
- Visit the picturesque **Hvar wine country** and delight in a wine tasting and dinner featuring local specialties.
- Explore four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**: Plitvice Lakes National Park, Diocletian's Palace in Split, Stari Grad Plain and the Old City of Dubrovnik.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Zagreb, Croatia.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ ZAGREB

Upon arrival, transfer† to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner, featuring regional wine.

DAY 3 ~ ZAGREB

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Croatia.*

Excursion: *Zagreb.* Satisfy your curiosity about Croatia's capital city on a panoramic tour. See the fortified Upper Town, a historic center and cultural hub, and discover the city's detailed art nouveau architecture. Admire Zagreb's iconic landmark, the 13th-century St. Mark's Church.

DAY 4 ~ ZAGREB

Independent Exploration. Enjoy a full day at leisure in Zagreb.

DAY 5 ~ PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK/SPLIT

Excursion: *Plitvice Lakes National Park.* Explore the 16 cascading, crystal blue lakes, the beautiful caves and the spectacular waterfalls of Plitvice Lakes National Park, the largest in Croatia, on a full-day excursion. Thousands of years of water flowing over limestone and chalk formed this serendipitous series of natural wonders. Enjoy lunch near the area's lush forests.

This afternoon, continue to Split and check in to the Cornaro Hotel.

DAY 6 ~ SPLIT

Educational Focus: *Croatia's Seafaring History.*

Excursion: *Split.* Visit the ancient harbor of Split and set off on a walking tour. Enjoy a guided visit of Diocletian's Palace. Built in A.D. 305, it is one of the most famous and historically significant buildings in Croatia.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a fresh lunch featuring local specialties.

DAY 7 ~ HVAR

This morning, cruise to Hvar and check in to the Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel.

Excursion: *Hvar.* Enjoy a walking tour of Hvar, a small island town rich in history and culture. Largely designed by the Venetians, Hvar is home to a lovely baroque cathedral, numerous

picturesque squares and a 13th-century arsenal. The town's theater, opened in 1612, is one of the oldest surviving theaters in Europe.

DAY 8 ~ HVAR

Educational Focus: *Food and Wine of Croatia.*

Excursion: *Wine and Stari Grad.*

Experience a full-day excursion to the island of Hvar's sunshine-soaked wine country, a celebrated area since the Greeks planted the first vines here in the fourth century B.C. Witness the sweeping Stari Grad Plain, ancient Adriatic settlements and rolling vineyards and lavender fields. Indulge in a tasting at a local winery and enjoy a special Peka dinner.

DAY 9 ~ DUBROVNIK

Today, transfer to Dubrovnik via boat and a drive along the Adriatic coast. Arrive in Dubrovnik and check in to the Grand Villa Argentina.

DAY 10 ~ DUBROVNIK

Excursion: *The Pearl of the Adriatic.* In Dubrovnik, known as the Pearl of the Adriatic, explore the beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains on a half-day walking tour. Walk to the city's famous Franciscan Monastery and the Rector's Palace, then stroll through Old Town.

DAY 11 ~ DUBROVNIK

The day is at your leisure. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 12 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Croatian Countryside. On Day 4, enjoy a drive to Hrvatsko Zagorje, Croatia's scenic north country. Visit Klanjec, its Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery, and see the Church of Saint Mary. Continue to the old quarter of Kumrovec.

ACCOMMODATIONS

ESPLANADE ZAGREB HOTEL

Zagreb

Built in 1925 as a luxurious sanctuary for passengers of the equally grand Orient Express, the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel upholds its reputation for impeccable service and sumptuously appointed accommodations. Zinfandel's, the hotel's fine-dining restaurant, is considered by many to be the best in the country. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

CORNARO HOTEL

Split

The elegant Cornaro Hotel puts you in the center of Split, just steps from Diocletian's Palace and the city's beautiful waterfront. The hotel boasts a relaxing Terrace lounge. The well-appointed guest rooms include a Smart TV, minibar and a desk. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

ADRIANA HVAR SPA HOTEL

Hvar

Hvar's leading spa boutique hotel offers world-class amenities in a relaxing, romantic atmosphere. Guest rooms are designed to complement the soothing health benefits of the Sensori SPA. Enjoy the rooftop pool. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA

Dubrovnik

A member of the Adriatic Luxury Hotels group, the Grand Villa Argentina leaves no detail unattended. Built as a private residence, this beachfront getaway has a spa, three restaurants, a bar, extensive gardens and a convenient location just outside the fortified walls of Dubrovnik. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

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