



CROATIA

JOURNEY INTO THE BALKANS (TOUR CODE: 12389)

STARTS AND ENDS

Dubrovnik to
Zagreb

TRAVEL PERIODS

24 Jun 23 - 02 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

New morning and another capital city. Rugged hinterland sceneries of Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Serbia slowly melt into the spectacular blue of the Adriatic Sea.

Highlights

- **Modern air-conditioned vehicle with driver** at group's disposal as per itinerary!
- **Experienced tour leader** throughout the trip.
- **Hotel accommodation on half board basis** (breakfast & dinner) as per itinerary except on days 6 and 7.

One spectacular Escorted Group Tour that takes you through four countries, four capital cities and countless breathtaking sceneries. See the differences between South (Croatia), East (Serbia) and West (Bosnia and Herzegovina). It will be an experience beyond your imagination.



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Dubrovnik at Hotel Valamar (4 stars) or similar
- 1 night in Sarajevo at Hotel Colors In (4 stars) or similar
- 1 night in Belgrade at Hotel Zira (4 stars) or similar
- 1 night in Osijek at Hotel Osijek (4 stars) or similar
- 1 night in Zagreb at Hotel Astoria (4 stars) or similar
- Air-conditioned tour transportation
- Arrival transfer from Dubrovnik Airport/Hotel to Dubrovnik
- Departure transfer from Zagreb to Zagreb Airport/Hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Meal: 2 lunch and 5 dinners
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Exclusive wine tasting
- Bilingual tour escort
- Entrance tickets to Ethno Village included

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Dubrovnik

You'll be met at the airport in Dubrovnik and transferred to your hotel in Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, check in your accommodation, then the rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city centre on your own.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik at **Hotel Valamar** or similar.

Dinner



Day **2**

Dubrovnik

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Starting from Pile square on the eastern side of **Dubrovnik Old Town**, take a walking tour through its maze of narrow streets and lively piazzas, admiring stunning palaces like Sponza and churches like **St. Blaise** all the way to the **Cathedral and the Rector's Palace**, where you will discover a fine synergy between governance and faith that kept Dubrovnik afloat as the independent Republic of Ragusa for 450 years.

Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik at **Hotel Valamar** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Dubrovnik Montenegro Dubrovnik

Delight yourself with breakfast at the hotel.

Join us for an off-the-beaten-path tour of Montenegro, a small south-east European country with big things to offer: the **UNESCO-listed Bay of Kotor** and the eye-pleasing **city of Kotor**, located within Europe's southernmost fjord. Spend some time exploring on your own before taking a ride across the Bay of Kotor on your way back to Dubrovnik.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik at **Hotel Valamar** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4 Dubrovnik Mostar Sarajevo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and depart for **Mostar**, the **city of bridges**, where visitors from the south get their first glimpse of the continent beyond. Take time to enjoy the sightseeing and have lunch.

The next stop is to depart for **Sarajevo**, Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital. **Sarajevo** is one of Europe's most historically interesting cities, a melting pot of different cultures, and a charming town. City tour of Sarajevo upon arrival.

In the evening, have dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Sarajevo at **Hotel Colors In** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5 Sarajevo Belgrade

Depart early in the morning for **Belgrade**, Serbia's capital. Then a short stop in **Zvornik**, a charming little town on the Drina

River in northeastern Bosnia.

Belgrade is where the Sava River meets the Danube. There are certain places in Belgrade that you must see and experience: streets, squares, monuments, parks, fountains, and archaeological sites are just a few examples and have given to be a cultural asset. Upon arrival, a guided tour of this beautiful city between two rivers famous for their sunsets.

Have dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Belgrade at **Hotel Zira** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

Belgrade Novi Sad Osijek/Vukovar

Delight yourself with breakfast at the hotel. The driver will pick you up and depart for **Novi Sad**, Serbia's second-largest city on the Danube River. Novi Sad's location at a true crossroads of the continent, and its history as a multinational commercial and transit centre, have endowed it with historical and cultural sights that even much larger cities struggle to match.

Following the guided tour of Novi Sad, we will proceed to **Ilok**. Taste wines in one of Croatia's most famous wine cellars, "**Iloki Podrumi**", followed by a traditional lunch.

On our way to Osijek, we will stop in **Vukovar**, the largest Croatian river port located at the confluence of the Vuka River in Danube. The town is also known as a symbol of the Croatian war for independence, as it arose from the ashes of the '90s into the proud city that it is today. Tour will end late in the afternoon.

Overnight stay in Osijek or Vukovar at **Hotel Osijek** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 7

Osijek/Vukovar Zagreb

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel. You will have your day with a city tour of **Osijek**, the largest city in eastern Croatia, beautifully situated on the banks of the Drava River. The city tour includes stops at the **Cathedral and the Tvrdja (Old Fort)**. We continue our journey, and the first thing you notice when approaching **Djakovo** from either side is the brightness and beauty of the bricks of its Cathedral's two towers and cupolas.

The next stop is to depart for **Zagreb**, followed by a visit to one of the region's ethno villages for a tasty meal infused with local flavours.

Overnight stay in Zagreb at **Hotel Astoria** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 8

Zagreb

After a breakfast at the hotel, take a transfer to Zagreb airport.

End of the tour.

Breakfast



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Croatian

LOCAL CURRENCY

Kuna (HRK)

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.
- This coach tour is not suitable for persons with restricted mobility.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package