

The Best of Slovenia & Croatia

Ljubljana, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Plitvice



Croatia is a country of dramatic landscapes – stunning mountains and beautiful deep-blue seascapes. Slovenia is quaint and charming with lush green pine forests. Combine the green and the blue hues of these 2 countries to create an exhilarating holiday. This holiday offers you a mix of cities, mountains and beaches - dazzling natural sites like Plitvice National Park, Postonja Caves and the beautiful Dalmation Coast and historical places like Dubrovnik, Lake Bled and Split. Come experience this unique combination of breathtaking landscapes and medieval architecture.

Day 1 – Tuesday 14. June 2016 -- Arrive Ljubljana.

On arrival in Ljubljana, the transfer to the hotel will be arranged for you

You will be booked at **Hotel Lev** or similar for a stay of 2 nights.

Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia, is one of the most charming cities in all of Europe, and is filled with museums, theatre and several historic sites.

This afternoon, on your own, take a walk around Ljubljana's Old Town which is filled with churches and buildings dating all the way back to medieval times.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Ljubljana

Day 2 – Wednesday 15 June 2016 – Ljubljana Panoramic tour & Day trip to Lake Bled

This morning, after breakfast, you will depart on a short panoramic tour of Ljubljana city which will introduce you to the most well-known attractions of the city including an outside view of Ljubljana Castle.

You will then travel to Lake Bled, a magnificent alpine resort and visit the old castle sitting on top of a steep cliff above Lake Bled. The castle terraces offer spectacular views of the lake and its tiny island in the middle.

Your guide will explain everything about the history, cultural and natural heritage of Bled region. Take a boat ride with 'Pletna' which is a traditional boat made by locals, only known in Bled and let the oarsman take you to the only true island in Slovenia. There are 99 stairs leading to the single nave church from 15th century with a 52-meter high free-standing bell-tower where you can ring a 'fortune bell' and enjoy in beauty reflection of the mountains on the lake, sun, peace and fresh air.

Tradition still has it that the groom should carry his bride up all of the 99 steps in order to get married in the island church.

Continue to breath-taking beauty of Bled's Vintgar gorge, where wooden path leads along rushing river Radovna through the picturesque gorge, which measure 1600m and ends with 26-metre waterfall Sum.

Return to Ljubljana. Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Ljubljana.

Day 3 – Thursday 16 June 2016 – Drive to Split via Postojna caves.

The drive from Ljubljana to Postojna caves will take approx 1 hour. **Postojna Cave** is a network of 20 kilometres of passages, galleries and chambers. It is the largest cave in the "classic karst" and the most visited show cave in Europe.

After your visit to Postojna, continue on to Split. (approx 4 1/2 hours)

On arrival in Split, you will be booked for a stay of 2 nights in **Hotel Marul** or similar.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Split.

Day 4 – Friday 17 June 2016 – Split

This morning, after breakfast, you can uncover Split's rich past and colorful present on a walking tour of this town. Visit the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace and hear about the rags-to-riches emperor who built this awe-inspiring palace. Soak up the atmosphere at the fish market and browse the stalls that have served fresh seafood to the locals for centuries. You can also feast on Dalmatian delicacies such as 'pršut' (smoked ham), washed down with wine.

The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Split.

Day 5 – Saturday 18 June 2016 – Split to Hvar

After breakfast, you will take the morning Catamaran to Hvar. (approx timings Dep 7.45 Arr 8.55)

On arrival in Hvar, the hotel will assist you with your luggage to the hotel.

In Hvar, you will be booked at the **Hotel Amfora** or similar for a stay of 1 night.

The rest of the morning will be at leisure.

Known for its hazy-purple lavender fields and hillside vineyards producing velvety red wines, Hvar is Croatia's most glamorous island destination. Old stone houses built into three hillsides, looking onto a pretty yacht-filled harbour, presided over by a lofty 16th-century castle. There is a big pedestrian-only piazza, rimmed by trendy open-air cafes, with a gracious Baroque cathedral at one end. From here, you enter a labyrinth of narrow stone alleys filled with boho-chic seafood eateries, while along the coast you will find several stylish boutique hotels with contemporary minimalist interiors.

Post lunch (on your own), you will enjoy a walking tour of Hvar (2 hours)

Your tour starts with a visit to Hvar's Fortica castle. After learning more about the castle and its history we will begin our gentle stroll down to the city center through lush pine woods until we reach the old part of the town called Groda. At Groda we will stop at Benedictine nunnery museum, where you will see their signature works of art: agava pattern laces, which are protected by UNESCO as the cultural heritage. Afterwards we will discover the city square, the Arsenal, the Theatre, and the Cathedral.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Hvar

Day 6 – Sunday 19 June 2016 –Hvar to Dubrovnik

After breakfast, from Hvar you will travel by speed boat to Dubrovnik (Approx toming Dep 08:44 Arr 12.00)

On arrival, the transfer to the hotel will be arranged for you.

You will be booked at **Grand Hotel Park** or similar for a stay of 2 nights.

After lunch, will be at leisure.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Day 7 – Monday 20 June 2016 –Morning Dubrovnik City tour

Discover what makes Dubrovnik so special on this historical walking tour of the city's ancient walls. Dubrovnik is one of the best-preserved medieval walled cities in the world, and its Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is home to beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains. On this captivating historical tour, learn the interesting history of this walled city from your knowledgeable local guide as you wander around Dubrovnik's City Walls and see Fort Revelin, Minceta Tower and other Dubrovnik landmarks.

Afternoon will be at leisure.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Day 8 – Tuesday 21 June 2016 –Dubrovnik to Plitvice

The morning will be at leisure.

Post lunch, you will be driven to Plitvice National Park (approx 5 hours). This drive along with Dalmation Coast is stunning.

In Plitvice, you will be booked at the **Hotel Jezero** or similar (3*) for a stay of 2 nights.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Plitvice.

Day 9 – Wednesday 22 June 2016 - At leisure in Plitvice

Experience a unique blend of continental and maritime Croatia on sixteen remarkable cascade lakes. Timeless beauty of waterfalls thrills in every season in a different way. The perfect picture nature has been creating for several millenniums, leaving everyone breathless. Enjoy thousands of sparkling falls, clean pure air, the great Splasher, idyllical boat ride on Lake Kozjak, endemic flora and fauna and Lika's food. Take a walk on one of 18 kilometres marked trails in unspoiled countryside or relax while driving on electric boat or small train.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Plitvice.

Day 10 – Thursday 23 June 2016 – Plitvice to Zagreb

This morning, you will leave PLitvice and head towards Croatia's capital city – Zagreb. (2 hours).

On arrival in Zagreb, you will check into the hotel.

Before lunch, a 2 hour tour of Zagreb will be arranged for you.

Zagreb grew up on two neighbouring hills: Kaptol - the centre of spiritual and religious life of north-western Croatia and Gradec - the commercial centre of skilful tradesmen and craftsmen. Visit the Upper Town with its Gothic Cathedral, the beautiful and ornate St. Catherine's church or the massive St. Mark's church with its famous colour-tiled roof. Continue to the medieval Stone Gate and "Dolac", the open-air market which are a must for all visitors. Take a scenic drive to the Lower Town with its colourful turn-of-the-century architecture best represented in the lovely building housing the Croatian National Theatre and Opera House.

You will be booked at the **Arcotel Allegra** or similar for a stay of 1 night.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure for you to do some last minute shopping.

Dinner tonight will be included.

Overnight in Zagreb.

Day 11 – Friday 24 June 2016 –Fly back home

The Transfer to the airport will be arranged for you for your flight back home.

**** Come home with wonderful memories ****

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: Rs. 138,500

Single supplement: Rs. 39,500

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations in 4 star hotels
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinners
- Porterage in the hotels (1 bag pp)
- Arrival and Departure transfers on a private basis
- Transportation in an air-conditional vehicle
- Local English speaking guides
- Sightseeing tours as mentioned
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Services of an Odyssey Tour escort

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare and airport taxes (International)
- Visa for Slovenia and Croatia
- Meals and Sightseeing not mentioned
- Overseas Medical Insurance
- Early check-in and late check-out
- Tip, drinks, personal expenses and others
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

Approx airfare for this journey is between Rs 52000 and Rs 55000 on Turkish Airlines or Swiss.

Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 14h00 onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- **Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.**
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have atleast 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation in Ljubljana or post tour accommodation in Zagreb.
- ROE calculated at 1 EUR = Rs. 74. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 12 people travelling together**

Terms & Conditions

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 10,000 per person will be payable before 15th April 2016. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made by 15th May 2016.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you be forced to amend / cancel the booking you must fill and sign the amendment / cancellation advice, which will entail cancelling your particular reservation, thereby the cancellation charges will apply. Should you wish to cancel any part of a confirmed booking / reservation all such cancellations must be advised in writing. Given below is the cancellation policy.
2. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
3. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
4. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Cancellation effected before 15th April 2015 will attract a service fee of Rs 3000 pp
 - b. Cancellation effected between 45 to 30 days prior to departure will attract a cancellation charge of 30% of the tour cost.
 - c. Cancellation effected 29 – 15 days prior to departure will attract a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour cost
 - d. Cancellation effected 14 days prior to departure will attract a cancellation charge of 100% of the tour cost.
 - e. No refund will be due after commencement of travel.
5. Refunds due can take upto 5 weeks to process.

Map of Croatia & Slovenia

