

# Travelabout Tours & Cruises 2019

## Best of Croatia & Slovenia



Hvar Harbour,  
Croatia

Featuring Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Hvar Island,  
Korcula Island, Adriatic Coast, Piran, Ljubljana & Lake Bled

*...with Mid Balkans Option*  
Including Macedonia & Albania



Lake Ohrid

*...or Bohemia Option*  
Featuring Prague & Cesky Krumlov



Prague

A well-paced 16 Day tour capturing the spectacular scenery and cultural highlights of Croatia, Slovenia and the magnificent Adriatic Coast... mostly with 2 night-stays

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## 16 DAY DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1 MON 2 SEP AUSTRALIA – INFLIGHT

Depart Australian airports on evening flights with Qatar Airways. O/n Inflight

### DAY 2 TUE 3 SEP DOHA – ZAGREB – LJUBLJANA AT LEISURE

An early morning arrival in Doha and connect with a flight to Zagreb. Arrive at midday and join private transfer to our centrally located hotel in Ljubljana. The afternoon at leisure to relax and independently explore this beautiful capital city. Dinner included. O/n Urban Hotel Ljubljana (D)

### DAY 3 WED 4 SEP LJUBLJANA – LAKE BLEED & BLEED ISLAND TOUR

Today we visit the beautiful lakeside town of Bled, on Lake Bled. We start with a pleasant boat ride in a traditional 'Pletna' wooden boat to the tiny picturesque Bled Island, where we visit the beautiful Gothic church. Later visit the 11th century castle perched on a cliff. Then there is ample time for lunch and wander this beautiful lakeside town. Dinner included. O/n Urban Hotel Ljubljana (B,D)

### DAY 4 THU 5 SEP LJUBLJANA – LJUBLJANA WALKING TOUR – SKOFJA LOKA – POSTOJNA

Firstly, we enjoy a leisurely guided walking tour of Ljubljana, seeing the Town Square, Old Square, Triple Bridge and Ljubljana Castle. With free time and lunch, before our visit to Skofja Loka, one of the most beautifully preserved Medieval towns in Slovenia. Later ending our day in Postojna located on the Pivka River Valley. Dinner is included tonight. O/n Kras Postojna (B,D)

### DAY 5 FRI 6 SEP POSTOJNA – POSTOJNA CAVES & PREDJAMA CASTLE EXCURSION

This morning we visit the impressive Postojna Caves, being the largest subterranean cave system in Europe. Our guided tour will include a special train ride to the walking paths to see spectacular formations of cave halls, drop stones, pillars and translucent limestone curtain. Later visit the astonishing Predjama Castle perched in the middle of a high cliff face. O/n Kras Postojna (B,D)

### DAY 6 SAT 7 SEP POSTOJNA – PIRAN – MOTOVUN EXCURSION

A short drive to the picturesque coastal town of Piran which is one of the most photographed towns on the Adriatic Coast. There is ample free time to wander the medieval town, main square, narrow cobbled streets

and the cliff-top St Georges church. Piran is the birth place of Giuseppe Tartini composer. Later we cross the Croatian border to Motovun, Istria's most famous and tiny medieval hilltop town. We visit the famous 'Zigante' restaurant for a tasting of local products, including home-made pasta with truffles, bread, wine and pastry called 'fritule'. O/n Kras Postojna (B,D)

### DAY 7 SUN 8 SEP POSTOJNA – OPATIJA – PLITVICE

We depart Postojna and cross the Croatia border and travel to the fashionable seaside resort town of Opatija, where is ample time to explore the town and have lunch (at own expense). Later travel inland to Plitvice adjoining the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice National Park. O/n Jezero Plitvice (B,D)

### DAY 8 MON 9 SEP PLITVICE – PLITVICE LAKES – TROGIR – SPLIT

One of the highlights of our tour is our visit to Plitvice Lakes national park, where we have a guided walking tour of the spectacular lakes. Enjoy a leisurely-paced guided walking tour along paths and wooden promenades as we discover the 16 crystal clear lakes, which are all connected by 92 spectacular cascading waterfalls of rare and unique beauty. Short walking paths are also available. After lunch (at own expense) we continue to Split, via the picturesque UNESCO listed town of Trogir where we independently explore the town that is connected to the mainland by an old stone bridge. Later it's a short drive to our, where we have 2 nights. Dinner in hotel. O/n Cvita Hotel (B,D)

### DAY 9 TUE 10 SEP SPLIT – SPLIT EXCURSION – AT LEISURE

This morning we enjoy a private guided walking tour of the Old Town



of Split, another UNESCO listed site featuring the Diocletian's Palace and the 'Cellars', Palace Peristyle, Jupiter's Temple and the Cathedral. The rest of the day is at leisure, and wonder the cobbled streets of the Old Town, visit the central fish markets, central markets and enjoy a fresh seafood lunch. Late afternoon return to our hotel and relax before another included dinner. O/n Cvita Hotel (B,D)

### DAY 10 WED 11 SEP SPLIT – HVAR – WALKING TOUR – AT LEISURE

We leave Split by catamaran and cruise to the island of Hvar, one of the most beautiful islands in the Adriatic Sea. Hvar Island is the 4th largest and most-greenest of the 1000+ Croatian islands, and we travel to the town of Hvar via Jelsa and Vrboska, passing lush vineyards, pines, olive trees and often the soft scent of lavender. We enjoy a wonderful walking tour of medieval town of Hvar, Hvar Cathedral and its magnificent harbour in a natural setting. The afternoon is at leisure and maybe take a ferry across to the nearby Paklinski Islands. Included dinner is at a local restaurant. O/n Pharos Hvar Bayhill Hotel (B,D)

### DAY 11 THU 12 SEP HVAR – AT LEISURE – DUBROVNIK

Most of the morning is at leisure and later is an included lunch of the island's specialties, then continue with a tour of the island and its beautiful coastal towns and seascapes. Early in the evening we take the ferry to Dubrovnik and enroute enjoy the sunset among the islands. Later arrive in Dubrovnik's Graz Harbour, where we take a private transfer to our hotel conveniently located on the Babin Kuk Peninsula and overlooking the Dalmatia Sea. Also 15 minutes to the Old Town by bus. O/n Hotel Argosy or Lacroma (B,L) *NB Our hotel is well served by regular public and direct bus route #6 to the Old Town (bus stop is 200m from our hotel)*

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## DAY 12 FRI 13 SEP DUBROVNIK – WALKING TOUR – AT LEISURE

We start our day with leisurely-paced guided tour of the charming and beautifully UNESCO listed of the well preserved 13th century Old Town of Dubrovnik. The tour will include Pile Gate, Rectors Palace, Sponza's Palace, Bell Tower clock and Orlando's Column. Also enjoy a ride on the chairlift for spectacular panorama views of the Old Town and Adriatic Sea. The rest of the day is free to explore the 'jewel' of the Adriatic and later return to the hotel. Dinner is anytime dining buffet style. O/n Hotel Argosy (B,D)

## DAY 13 SAT 14 SEP DUBROVNIK – KORCULA ISLAND EXCURSION

Today is a great excursion to Korcula Island and we skirt the coast to Ston, famous for its salt works and longest fortified wall in Europe. Continue along Peljesac Peninsula to the port of Orebic

for a short ferry crossing to Korcula Island. Here we enjoy an easy-paced guided walking tour of the Old Town revealing the beauty and historical highlights including a visit to St Mark's Cathedral. There is ample time for lunch, a swim, visit the house of Marco Polo or just wander the beautiful Old Town. We later return to our Dubrovnik hotel to relax before our included buffet dinner. O/n Hotel Argosy (B,D)

## DAY 14 SUN 15 SEP DUBROVNIK – DAY AT LEISURE

The entire day is at leisure and maybe discover the cultural experience of the Cilipi Folklore Fair, traditionally held every Sunday in the picturesque Cilipi village where locals dress in their national costumes performing traditional dances and music. Or join a popular tour to adjoining Montenegro featuring Budva and Bay of Kotor, or an inland tour to Mostar and Sarajevo discovering



the Arabic influence over the centuries. Again, included dinner is anytime dining buffet style. O/n Hotel Argosy (B,D)

## DAY 15 MON 16 SEP DUBROVNIK – ZAGREB – INFLIGHT

An early morning airport transfer for our flight to Zagreb, and later connect with our mid-morning flight to Qatar. Arrive late in the afternoon and connect with our homebound flight. O/n Inflight (B)

**DAY 16 TUE 17 SEP ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA**  
Arrive in Australia ports in the evening and sadly our tour comes to an end.

## Bohemia Option... is an additional 6 nights and creates a 22 Day tour

### DAY 15 MON 16 SEP DUBROVNIK – PRAGUE

Morning is at leisure until our early afternoon airport transfer for our short flight to Prague. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel adjoining the Old Town of Prague. O/n Atlantic Hotel (B)

### DAY 16 TUE 17 SEP PRAGUE – OLD TOWN & CITY TOUR

Today we join a day tour of the major historical areas of Prague and walk the cobbled lanes of the Old Town to Wenceslas Square, the Astronomical Clock, Charles Bridge and Kampa Island. By coach we tour the city, New Town, Lesser Town and the Jewish Quarter. Later we visit Prague Castle for a guided tour of the largest castle complex in the world, including the St. George's Basilica and Cathedral of St. Vitus. Lunch and a river cruise are also included. O/n Atlantic Hotel (B)

### DAY 17 WED 18 SEP PRAGUE – AT LEISURE – EVENING DINNER CRUISE

The entire day is at leisure to independently explore Prague the 'city of bridges'. This evening enjoy a 3-hour illumination dinner cruise on the Vltava River. O/n Atlantic Hotel (B)

### DAY 18 THU 19 SEP PRAGUE – KUTNA HORA & SEDLEC OSSUARY EXCURSION

Today enjoy a 6-hour hour of Kutna Hora and Sedlec Ossuary, both are UNESCO listed sites to visit All Saints Church, one of Europe's



Hluboka Nad Vltavou (White Castle)

most interesting 'bone church', and St. Barbara's Cathedral, one of the most beautiful gothic cathedrals in Europe. The rest of the day is at leisure. O/n Atlantic Hotel (B)

### DAY 19 FRI 20 SEP CESKY KRUMLOV – OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR – AT LEISURE

This morning we leave Prague and head south to Cesky Krumlov through the unspoilt Bohemian countryside to Cesky Krumlov. Early in the afternoon join a private guided walking tour of this famous fairy tale town, located in the horseshoe bend of the Vltava River. Then experience the wonderful medieval atmosphere with narrow cobbled lanes and over 300 historical buildings of this UNESCO listed cultural town, with its imposing Castle and live bear-pitted moat. O/n Old Inn Hotel (B)

### DAY 20 SAT 21 SEP CESKY KRUMLOV – HLUBOKA NAD VLTAVOU & ROSENBERG EXCURSION

Today we visit the magnificent Hluboka Nad Vltavou castle,

one of the most romantic castles of Southern Bohemia, with many Renaissance and Baroque features, and magnificent gardens. Then continue to Rosenberg a beautiful small town prominently carved out on 3 sides of the Vltava River and has the oldest castle in Bohemia. O/n Cesky Krumlov (B)

### DAY 21 SUN 22 SEP CESKY KRUMLOV – MUNICH – INFLIGHT

A morning transfer to Munich Airport for our morning Qatar Airways flight to Doha. Arrive late afternoon and connect with the evening flight to Australia. O/n Inflight (B)

### DAY 22 MON 23 SEP ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Arrival in Australia early in the morning and sadly our tour comes to an end.

## Bohemia

### 7 Day/6 Night option

**\$1860pp** (twin share)

Single price is **\$2370**

### TOUR & PRICE INCLUSIONS IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE STANDARD TOUR

Dubrovnik/Prague flight, 6 nights superior hotels with breakfast, 2 private day tours, 1 scheduled tour, private Cesky Krumlov walking tour, Prague dinner cruise and 3 airport transfers.

## Mid Balkans Option... is an additional 6 nights and creates a 22 Day tour

### DAY 15 MON 16 SEP DUBROVNIK – BUDVA – SHKODRA – TIRANA (ALBANIA)

This morning is at leisure in the Old Town and later departure Dubrovnik and cross the Montenegro border. Pass the Bay of Kotor to Budva, then travel inland to Tirana and cross the Albanian border at Shkodra. Dinner is included. O/n Tirana-Sky Tower (B,D)



### DAY 16 TUE 17 SEP TIRANA – OHRID (MACEDONIA)

We enjoy a tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania and see Skender Bey Square, the Mosque of Ethem Bey and visit the National Museum representing the flow of Albanian history. Later travel via Elbasan and crossing the Macedonian border at Cafasan, enroute to Ohrid. Dinner is included. O/n Ohrid Metropol (B,D)

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. Dinner is included. O/n Ohrid Metropol (B,D)

### DAY 17 WED 18 SEP OHRID – EXCURSION

Today is spent in the lakeside resort of Ohrid a UNESCO Listed Cultural Heritage site. Morning sightseeing tour includes the church of St. Sofia, the most eminent medieval monument in Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco

### DAY 18 THU 19 SEP OHRID – SKOPJE

We continue north to Skopje, where our sightseeing tour of Skopje includes the Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior, Old Bazaar and stone Bridge. We drive to Vodno Mountain where we visit the Monastery of St. Panteleimon with its 12th century iconostas and frescoes. Dinner is included. O/n Skopje Karpos (B,D)



### DAY 19 FRI 20 SEP SKOPJE – KOLAŠIN (MONTENEGRO)

This morning we travel to Kolasin via Pec and Berane, and along the impressive Moraca River Canyon. We arrive in Kolasin, located on the Tara River and surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica Mountains. Also a skiing and spa resort. Dinner is included. O/n Kolasin Bianca (B,D)

### DAY 20 SAT 21 SEP KOLAŠIN – CETINJE – KOTOR – DUBROVNIK

Today we travel to Cetinje and visit the King Nikola Museum, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I. We continue on to the UNESCO Listed Kotor, where we visit its Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to St Triphun the city's patron saint. Then we drive along the picturesque Bay of Kotor to Dubrovnik, where we have our farewell dinner. O/n Hotel Ivka (BD)

### DAY 21 SUN 22 SEP DUBROVNIK – ZAGREB – INFLIGHT

This morning we take a transfer to Dubrovnik airport for our short flight to Zagreb, then check-in for our mid-morning on Qatar Airways to Doha. Arrive early evening and connect with our homebound flight. O/n Inflight (B)

### DAY 22 MON 23 SEP ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Australia in the evening and sadly our tour comes to an end.

## Balkans

7 Day/6 Night option

**\$1560pp** (twin share)

Single price is **\$1990**

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

3 & 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, arrival and departure transfers, English speaking tour director, deluxe coach, local tour guides in Dubrovnik, Tirana, Ohrid and Skopje, service charges and taxes. Also entrance fees to Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik; National Museum in Tirana, St. Sofia, St. Clement and St. Naum in Ohrid; Church of Holy Savior and Monastery of St. Panteleimon in Skopje; Residence of King Nikola I Petrovic in Cetinje; St. Triphun Cathedral in Kotor.

**Please note... that you can select another airline of your choice and/or redeem your frequent flyer points or pay the 'land only' prices**

The price reduction for return economy international airfares/ and internal flight is **\$1850pp** from the package prices

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