

INSIGHT VACATIONS

CARROLL
UNIVERSITY



Essence of Croatia



The Art of Touring in Style

10 days / 9 nights
CUSTOM GROUP



ITINERARY

Day 1: 14 May 2027

WELCOME TO ZAGREB (3 NIGHTS)

Your Croatian adventure begins in the Capital, Zagreb. Relax and settle in or perhaps head for the romantic chestnut-lined Stross Promenade for your first views over the city. Take your one group transfer to the airport.

This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant evening with wine at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Welcome Dinner.

Hotel(s): Sheraton Zagreb or similar

Day 2: 15 May 2027

ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Take a walk to see the Art Pavilion, the Academy of Sciences and Arts, and pass by Zrinjevac Park. Then board the city's funicular to St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower, before walking back down through the Stone Gate and returning to the Square. The afternoon is at leisure—relax and enjoy your hotel's amenities, or perhaps take an Optional Experience to Kumrovec, the birthplace of Tito.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Day 3: 16 May 2027

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Today, travel through the rolling countryside of central Croatia as you journey to the breathtaking Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Europe's most spectacular natural wonders.

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species.

This evening, return to Zagreb and enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.

Hotel(s): Sheraton Zagreb or similar

Day 4: 17 May 2027

ZAGREB TO SPLIT (3 NIGHTS)

Today, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a 'Local Specialist'. The stone town is connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges and will delight lovers of art, and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We continue our journey to Split, where we'll join a 'Local Specialist' for a sightseeing tour, which includes entry into Diocletian's Palace, built for the emperor's retirement.

This evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in the historic Old Town.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.



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Day 5: 18 May 2027

ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

Discover the historic city of Split, where the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his magnificent palace, now the heart of the city's Old Town. With your Local Expert, explore the remarkably preserved 1,700-year-old palace cellars and uncover the story of the infamous emperor. Continue through the labyrinth of cobblestone streets and elegant arcaded squares to visit St. Dujе's Cathedral, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the impressive Golden Gate.

Your island-hopping adventure begins as you board a ferry and cruise across the sparkling Adriatic Sea to the enchanting island of Hvar, renowned as Croatia's sunniest island and celebrated for its charming harbor, historic streets, lavender fields, and breathtaking coastal scenery. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the picturesque town, browse local boutiques, relax at a waterfront café, or take in panoramic views from the historic hilltop fortress.

Later this afternoon, return by ferry to Split, where you'll enjoy the evening at leisure.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Day 6: 19 May 2027

SPLIT AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at leisure to experience Split at your own pace. Stroll along the vibrant Riva Promenade, where cafés and palm-lined walkways overlook the sparkling Adriatic Sea, or lose yourself in the narrow stone streets of the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Discover charming boutiques, local markets, and hidden courtyards tucked within the walls of Diocletian's Palace, or simply relax with a coffee while soaking up the city's Mediterranean atmosphere.

Perhaps venture to one of Split's nearby beaches for a refreshing swim, visit one of the city's fascinating museums, or indulge in fresh Dalmatian cuisine at a traditional konoba. However you choose to spend your day, Split offers the perfect blend of history, culture, and coastal charm before you continue your Croatian adventure.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Day 7: 20 May 2027

JOURNEY TO DUBROVNIK VIA THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA (3 NIGHTS)

Depart Split and travel south along Croatia's spectacular Dalmatian Coast to the picturesque Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its scenic vineyards, crystal-clear waters, and exceptional seafood. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of Mali Ston Bay while taking in the untouched natural beauty of the coastline and enjoying a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. Visit a local shellfish farm to meet an oyster farmer and learn about the region's centuries-old oyster cultivation before savoring a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of freshly harvested oysters, perfectly paired with a glass of local wine.

Continue to the magnificent walled city of Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Join your Local Expert for a guided walking tour through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, where centuries of history unfold along its gleaming limestone streets. Pass Onofrio's Fountain, admire Saint Blaise's Church, and marvel at the grandeur of the Cathedral and Franciscan Monastery while gaining insight into the city's rich cultural heritage.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps unwind at your luxury hotel overlooking the Adriatic or explore more of Dubrovnik's captivating Old Town before settling in for your three-night stay.

Meal(s): Breakfast.



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Day 8: 21 May 2027

MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

Today, visit Montenegro, traveling along the coast to the pretty port town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A photographer's dream, capture one of the most beautiful parts of the bay and learn about some of the compelling history of this area.

Return to Dubrovnik and enjoy an evening at your leisure. Perhaps start at a trendy wine bar, followed by dinner at a romantic sidewalk cafe?

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Day 9: 22 May 2027

DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Relax by the pool, shop in the markets or perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat, one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia.

This evening, should weather permit, you're invited to embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Savor authentic flavors of local specialties over dinner with your fellow travelers.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Farewell Dinner.

Day 10: 23 May 2027

DEPART DUBROVNIK

After breakfast, bid farewell to Croatia as your unforgettable journey comes to a close. Transfer with your included group departure transfer to Dubrovnik Airport for your onward flight home, taking with you lasting memories of the country's breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and warm Mediterranean hospitality.

Meal(s): Breakfast.