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## PREMIUM PLATINUM TOUR FROM ZAGREB TO DUBROVNIK

**Dates: August 2026**

**Number of participants: 3**

**Duration: 22 days/21 nights**

**Type: self-drive tour in Croatia**

### INTRODUCTION

Croatia is striking for its unusual shape. The arc formed by the country can be explained by its history and very specific challenges, which have contributed to Croatia's wealth and diversity today. The country combines a long coastline with one of the highest concentrations of islands in the world, marked by the Mediterranean context and the Pannonian continental plains closely linked to the Austro-Hungarian plains. These two landscapes are bordered by the Julian Alps to the north and the Dinaric Alps, which extend down to Greece. Whether on the coast or in the plains, Croatians have always been a trading people, benefiting from their position at the crossroads of multiple trade routes dating back to ancient times and even further into the past. The island of **Korčula**, for example, was the site of an ancient Greek colony. The Roman heritage is best linked to the cities of **Pula** and **Split**, where the city center is located within the walls of Emperor Diocletian's palace, which has been recreated throughout history to form a melting pot of architectural styles in perpetual flux.

The tumultuous medieval past can be seen in the Venetian influences on the coastline with the cities of **Rovinj** and **Šibenik**, and Austrian influences inland with **Zagreb**. Croatia's strategic position and wealth have made it a coveted target. All the joy and melancholy of the country can be found in its highly original and typical naive art from the plains, or in the finesse of the Dalmatian stonemasons' sculptures, who surpassed themselves, generating true artistic revolutions such as the cathedral of Šibenik, designed by George the Dalmatian.



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Amidst all this turmoil, the small Republic of **Dubrovnik** developed an extraordinary city-state marked by distinctive art and architecture, jealously guarding its freedom through exceptional diplomacy. Bosnia and Herzegovina is a world apart with a surprising mix of cultures, which is why the bridge in **Mostar** is called “the link between East and West.”

Traveling through Croatia means discovering a wide variety of landscapes and regions that are constantly changing, each with its own unique identity shaped by the influences that have left their mark. This journey will transport you as you discover natural gems on islands such as **Mljet National Park** or on plateaus such as **Plitvice Lakes National Park**... This richness also delights the palate, as it translates into an appetizing diversity of culinary specialties. From the scents of the Mediterranean Sea to the gentle sounds of waterfalls... a total delight for the senses!

**A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE AREAS YOU WILL DISCOVER (LINKS PROVIDED BY CROATIAN TOURIST BOARDS):**

Istria

<https://www.youtube.com/VisitIstria>

Plitvice Lakes National Park

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd30EICG5Qs>

La région de Split

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqhXqlwqQl0>

Šibenik / Knin region

<https://vimeo.com/419883970>

Cruises / Islands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS3PqVGkZs0>

Dubrovnik

<https://vimeo.com/419903021>

Sveta Ana (Video of your agency in Croatia in french) :

<https://vimeo.com/305019269>

Note: Copy the link into your browser if it does not open directly when you click on it.

**YOUR JOURNEY**



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## **PROGRAM**

### **Day 1: Arrival at Zagreb Airport - overnight stay in Zagreb**

Arrival at Zagreb Airport.

Pick up a category K vehicle for a 7-day rental (see “rental conditions”).

Drive to the center of Zagreb. Travel time: 30 min.

Check in at the 5\* Esplanade Hotel. Accommodation in a Deluxe Suite with one bedroom, a living room with a comfortable armchair bed, and a surface area of 60 m<sup>2</sup>. Parking included.

<https://esplanade.hr/hotel-room/deluxe-suite/>

*The Esplanade Hotel is one of the most luxurious hotels in Zagreb, with 5 stars and the Virtuoso label. It was built in 1925 in the heart of the city, at the beginning of the Zrinjevac gardens. Its style blends its Art Deco heritage with modern touches and is constantly adapting to new requirements. It welcomes the most prominent figures visiting the Croatian capital. It features a wellness area and a fitness room. Its fine dining restaurant, Zinfandel, is one of the most renowned in the city and has been awarded a Michelin star. A unique experience in the historic spirit of Zagreb!*



Lunch and dinner not included.

### **Day 2: Zagreb, the capital of Croatia - overnight stay in Bale**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Explore Zagreb at your leisure.

*Zagreb was a crossroads of trade routes between the continent and the sea, as well as a gateway from Central Europe to the Balkans. Its fair was famous in the Middle Ages. For a long time, it was the easternmost Catholic bishopric in Europe, hence the originality of its fortified cathedral. The city's history is marked by the opposition between Kaptol Hill, the ecclesiastical seat, and Grič Hill, the center of secular power, which grew with the city to become the capital of Croatia. Zagreb is a green city with many parks that host*



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numerous street events throughout the year. It was also an important artistic center, and we particularly recommend visiting its museum of naive art, which is typical of Croatia.

Drive to Bale. Travel time: 2 hours 45 minutes.

Check in at the 5\* Meneghetti Hotel. Accommodation in an Estate Garden Residence cottage. It is arranged over two floors with a bedroom with a large double bed upstairs, a living room on the ground floor with a comfortable armchair bed, a bathroom, and a private garden, covering a total area of 75 m<sup>2</sup>. Parking included.

<https://meneghetti.hr/en/accommodation/residences>

*The Meneghetti Hotel is a family-owned 5-star heritage estate located in the Istrian countryside near the picturesque village of Bale between Pula and Rovinj. The luxury complex consists of several typical stone houses. Each has an outdoor swimming pool. The site also features an indoor swimming pool, a fine dining restaurant, and a wellness and spa area. Guests can book an exclusive maisonette or suite. The estate's vineyards and olive groves stretch out around the buildings. This exceptional and authentic location is listed by Relais & Châteaux and Virtuoso. The sea is nearby, with the beautiful Bale beach. Here, you can fully experience the soul of the region...*



Lunch and dinner not included.

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### **Day 3: Rovinj - overnight stay in Bale**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Rovinj. Travel time: 30 min.

Explore Rovinj at your leisure.

*Rovinj is a town that originally developed on a peninsula dominated by the church dedicated to its patron saint, Saint Euphemia. According to legend, her tomb appeared on the beach and, despite all efforts, nothing could move it. Only a shepherd's child managed to push the tomb to the top of the peninsula. Its winding streets are bustling with life, lined with artists' and artisans' stalls. Its architecture is marked by Venetian heritage mixed with Croatian charm. Its market is one of the liveliest in Istria. A town full of color and surprises.*



Return and overnight stay at the Meneghetti Hotel in Bale.  
Lunch and dinner not included.

### **Day 4: Pula – overnight stay in Bale**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Pula. Travel time: 30 min.

Services of a local English-speaking guide.

Service: Guided tour of the historic center of Pula.

*Pula is an ancient Roman city. Its 1st-century AD amphitheater is one of the best preserved in the world and is still used for concerts and theatrical performances. It houses a museum showcasing Roman heritage. The city center is nearby and also illustrates this ancient past. One of the entrances is an ancient triumphal*



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arch, and the main square was once the forum with the Temple of Augustus, now converted into a museum. It is also possible to visit the 17th-century Austrian fort in the upper part of the city. The city of Pula has many restaurants and cafés and is very lively, like any coastal town in Istria.

Return and overnight stay at the Meneghetti Hotel in Bale.  
Lunch and dinner not included.

**Day 5: Discover the world of truffles with a truffle farmer - overnight stay in Plitvica Selo**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to the village of Paladini. Travel time: 1 hour.

**Private truffle discovery and tasting excursion.**

*Visit the charming village of Paladini, located high above the Mirna River canyon in the municipality of Buzet, not far from the village of Motovun, in the heart of Istria's truffle country. Black and white truffles are among its most famous products. In fact, the largest white truffle in the world was found in the Motovun forest. The producer Karlič welcomes you to his estate, which offers magnificent views of the region. A certified, English-speaking truffle hunter will give you a presentation, followed by a walk in the forest with a dog trained to find truffles, as a demonstration. Afterwards, you will visit their home for a tasting of truffle-based products, including a drink that makes for a delicious hearty snack. The program lasts between 2½ and 3 hours. A unique educational and gastronomic experience!*



Drive to Plitvica Selo in the Dinaric Mountains. Travel time: 3.5 hours.

Check in at the 4-star Hotel Fenomen. Accommodation in a Deluxe Suite with a bedroom featuring a king-size bed for parents and a living room with a comfortable armchair bed. Parking included.

<https://fenomen-plitvice.com/suite-deluxe>

*Located in Plitvice Lakes National Park, the Fenomen Hotel is a collection of high-end (4-star) houses built in the traditional mountain style. It is located in the village of Plitvica Sela near the national park. It offers a specialty restaurant, concierge service, bar, wellness area with jacuzzi and sauna, garden, children's playground, and sun terrace. Accommodation consists of studios, suites, or luxury detached cottages decorated predominantly in wood. Guests have access to a kitchen area and bathroom, while suites also feature a living room and bedroom. An authentic experience combining luxury and nature.*

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Dinner not included.

**Day 6: Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Plitvica Selo**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Plitvice Lakes. Travel time: 10 min.

Visit to the national park with the travertine waterfalls in the upper part, electric boat ride on the large central lake Kozjak, and the lower canyon with the large waterfall and tire train.

Distance: 12 km. Actual walking time: 3 hours – Hiking time with breaks: 4 hours – Difficulty level: 2/5. Entrance fee included.

*Plitvice Lakes National Park is located in the Lika region of the Croatian mountains. This natural phenomenon, classified by UNESCO, consists of 16 crystal-clear lakes that flow into each other via magnificent waterfalls. A natural paradise. You will discover the entire park with the travertine waterfalls in the upper part, the electric boat on the large central Kozjak lake and the lower canyon with the large 70 m waterfall. There are rest areas in the national park itself with bistros offering*



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grilled meats and a few simple dishes. The paths are accessible and easy to walk on. Protected since the end of the 19th century, it is one of the most beautiful natural sites in Croatia.

Return and overnight stay at the Fenomen Hotel in Plitvica Selo.  
Lunch and dinner not included.

### **Day 7: Šibenik (UNESCO) and catamaran cruise in the Split archipelago - overnight stay on board the catamaran**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Šibenik. Travel time: 2.5 hours.

Services of a local English-speaking guide.  
Service: Guided tour of the historic center of Šibenik.

*Šibenik is a picturesque Dalmatian village founded by Croats, unlike other Dalmatian cities of ancient origin. A royal city with numerous fortresses, it is famous for its St. James Cathedral, an unparalleled architectural feat that has earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. Šibenik is one of the only cities in Croatia with a beautiful beach close to the historic center.*



Drive to Kaštela Marina in Split Bay. Travel time: 1 hour.  
Drive off the vehicle at Split Marina.

5:00 p.m. Rental of a Lagoon 40 “Sweet Lota” catamaran with 4 + 2 cabins, built in 2023, including the charter pack (cleaning and on-board expenses) with skipper and hostess (who will do the shopping, prepare breakfast and dinner, and do basic cleaning). You will receive clean sheets and a set of bath towels. Rental of 3 paddle boards.

Note: fuel is at your expense, as are mooring fees in ports (you must moor at least 3 times a week to recharge the batteries and water supplies). There are different types of harbors, but you should expect to pay between €80 and €150 per day for mooring. You will also have to pay port tourist taxes (approximately €60 per person, payable on site) and food for yourself, the skipper, and the hostess. You will also be asked to pay a security deposit of €3,000 when you take the boat. This amount will be blocked on your account and automatically released after the cruise if no damage is found.

For dinner, you can eat at restaurants. The skipper will make recommendations, but you will also have our route file.

Lunch and dinner are not included.

### Technical Details

<b>Type:</b>	Catamaran
<b>Charter type:</b>	Bareboat
<b>Yacht builder:</b>	Lagoon-Bénéteau
<b>Build year:</b>	2023.
<b>Length overall:</b>	11.74 m (40 ft)
<b>Beam:</b>	6.76 m
<b>Draft:</b>	1.35 m
<b>Cabins:</b>	4 + 2
<b>Berths:</b>	8 + 2 + 2
<b>Toilets:</b>	4
<b>Max. passengers:</b>	Registered for 12
<b>Main sail:</b>	full batten
<b>Genoa:</b>	furling/roll
<b>Steering type:</b>	Steering Wheel
<b>Number of rudder blades:</b>	2
<b>Engine:</b>	2 x 45.0 HP (2 x 33,10 kW)
<b>Fuel:</b>	Diesel
<b>Fuel tank:</b>	400 l
<b>Water tank:</b>	600 l
<b>Security deposit:</b>	€3.000



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**Days 8-12: Catamaran cruise in the Split archipelago - overnight stays aboard the catamaran.**

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner not included.

The spirit of a private cruise is that you can decide where to anchor with your skipper. This allows you to set the pace of the cruise, but don't forget that you will need to anchor in ports at regular intervals to recharge the batteries and replenish water supplies. We will give the skipper some key places to discover, but he will adapt the itinerary according to conditions on the ground (crowds and weather). We suggest you discover the islands of Brač, Hvar, Biševo and its blue cave, and Vis.

***Brač** is an island with magnificent Mediterranean landscapes known for the quality of its limestone, which has been used to build numerous monuments, not only in Croatia but throughout the world, such as the parliaments in Vienna and Budapest, the upper part of the Sacré Cœur in Paris, and the facade of the White House in Washington. Even today, the tradition of stone cutting and sculpture continues on the island and attracts artists from all walks of life. Zlatni Rat beach in the fishing village of Bol is the island's main attraction and is ranked among the 20 most beautiful beaches in the world! The Vidova Gora peak is the highest on the Dalmatian islands and offers unforgettable views. The island is known for its gastronomy, such as Brač almond cake, lamb, and cheese.*



***The island of Vis** is known for being an ancient Greek colony founded under the name Issa in the 4th century BC. Its entire history has been shaped by its unique strategic position: it is one of the most remote islands in the Croatian archipelago. An important stopover for ships sailing offshore. After the Greeks, the Romans and then the Croats occupied the island, under constant pressure from Venice. The population lives mainly from agriculture and fishing. During Tito's Yugoslavia, the island was an important military base for controlling territorial waters. It was closed to visitors until the 1980s, which allowed it to preserve its original Mediterranean character*



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and peaceful way of life better than elsewhere, far from the excitement of modern economies. As with many islands, the island's capital bears the same name as the island. One unique feature of its archipelago is the blue cave, where the sun's rays enter at a particular angle into an excavation in the rock at water level, creating a strange turquoise light.



**Hvar** is an island with a very mild climate and plenty of sunshine, ideal for growing lavender, from which essential oils are extracted for medicines and perfumes. These conditions led to the development of tourism there, as in Dubrovnik and Opatija, from the end of the 19th century. The town of Hvar is marked by Venetian influences while preserving the character of Dalmatian ports with their stone architecture. Hvar has always attracted the world's elite for its magical setting and continues to do so today.



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### **Day 13: End of the cruise - overnight stay in Split**

Arrival at Kaštela Marina in the late afternoon. End of the cruise.

Transfer by private car from Kaštela Marina to the historic center of Split.

Travel time: 30 min.

Check-in at the 4\* Hotel Santa Lucia. Check-in to a 50 m<sup>2</sup> Deluxe apartment consisting of a large space with two king-size beds separated by a curtain.

<https://hotelsantalucia-central.com/apartment-deluxe/>

*The Santa Lucia Hotel is a heritage hotel located in a Renaissance palace on one of the main squares in the historic center of Split, Narodni Trg. This beautiful boutique hotel has 35 elegant rooms, a small garden, a renowned restaurant, and the option of dining on the top-floor terrace with a beautiful view over the rooftops of Split. The location is ideal for experiencing Split, particularly its center, which includes Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a living monument, but also for taking boat trips to the islands of its archipelago.*



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are not included.

### **Day 14: Split (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Split**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Services of a local English-speaking guide. Service: Guided tour of Split's historic center.

*Split is a unique monument in that it is alive. The original Roman palace has been constantly transformed throughout history, with each era leaving its mark to create a melting pot of architectural styles in constant flux. Today, it is the center of Croatia's second largest city and the country's second largest port. Its cathedral is the oldest in the world and a beautiful illustration of the spirit of Split, as it was the mausoleum of the greatest persecutor of Christians, Emperor Diocletian. The paradoxical state of preservation of Diocletian's Palace has earned it a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. You will discover an extraordinary monument!*



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Return and overnight stay at the Santa Lucia Hotel in Split.  
Lunch and dinner not included.

**Day 15: Canyoning on the Cetina River - overnight stay in Mostar**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Pick up a category K vehicle for an 8-day rental in the historic center (see “rental conditions”).

Drive to the village of Zadvarje in the Split hinterland. Travel time: 1 hour.

Private excursion with a canyoning instructor on the Cetina River, including shoe rental.

The first level, known as “classic,” is accessible to all and requires no special equipment.

In its lower reaches, the Cetina River carves a deep canyon with steep walls between the limestone mountains. The action of the water creates organic shapes typical of the karst landscape of the Dinaric Alps.

Canyoning will take you from waterfall to waterfall in an idyllic landscape where the waters have carved out organic shapes. A specialized team manages the descent and provides you with all the necessary equipment: shoes, neoprene wetsuit, life jacket, and helmet. Distance of the route: approximately 2.5 km.

The excursion lasts approximately 2.5-3 hours.



Drive to Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Journey time: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Check in at the 4-star Villa Fortuna hotel. Accommodation in a Deluxe Suite including a bedroom with a double bed, a living room with a sofa bed, and a bathroom. Surface area: 60 m<sup>2</sup>.

<https://www.villafortuna.ba/accommodation.php>

Parking included.

*Surrounded by a typical regional garden with an outdoor swimming pool, the Villa Fortuna hotel is just 200 meters from the old bridge of Mostar, protected by UNESCO. All rooms and apartments are air-conditioned and rated 4 stars. The Villa is an ethnographic stone house, an authentic way to experience the city of Mostar.*



*This accommodation has validated our code of conduct for our partners for sustainable development. It is aligned with your vision of ethical and responsible tourism. It is itself actively committed to concrete measures validated by a label or certificates.*

Lunch and dinner not included.

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**Day 16: Mostar (UNESCO) in Bosnia and Herzegovina - overnight stay in Orebić**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Services of a local English-speaking guide.

Service: Guided tour of the historic center of Mostar.

*The city of Mostar is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site because it illustrates a very original blend of Eastern and Western cultures. This diversity can be seen in the people, the architecture, the cuisine... creating a striking atmosphere that challenges all preconceptions. It is famous for its Turkish-influenced bazaar, but above all for the bridge over the Neretva River, with its highly original and unparalleled concave structure.*



Drive to Orebić in Croatia. Travel time: 2 hours.

Ferry transfer from Orebić to Dominče (Korčula). Ticket included.

Navigation time: 20 minutes.

Drive to Korčula. Travel time: 10 minutes.

Check in at the 4\* Hotel Korsal. Accommodation in a 42 m<sup>2</sup> suite with a queen-size bed, a comfortable armchair bed, sea view, and balcony.

<https://hotel-korsal.com/smjestaj/>

Parking included (you will leave your car with the hotel concierge service, who will park it in their car park. You can arrange with them to have your car delivered to you as needed).

*Located in a pedestrian area, by the beach, the hotel is only a 5-10 minute walk from the old town of Korčula, where the catamarans dock. This is a charming 4-star boutique hotel in a former stone shipowner's residence. An authentic and original setting combining tradition and modern design. The hotel restaurant's cuisine is one of the hotel's highlights.*



Lunch and dinner not included.

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**Day 17: Korčula, Marco Polo's birthplace, and bike tour - overnight stay in Korčula**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Walk to the center of Korčula. Travel time: 5-10 min.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Private excursion on electric or regular bikes with an English-speaking instructor.

Several routes are available. We recommend visiting the seaside village of Lumbarda, then passing through Žrnovo in the interior of the island to get a complete view of its landscapes. The agency and guide will inform you of the possibilities and provide you with a map. Please let us know your height so we can reserve the right bike for you. You will be provided with a helmet for the excursion.



Explore Korčula at your leisure.

*Korčula embodies the spirit of the Dalmatian islands, marked by the Venetian presence and the influences of the Republic of Dubrovnik. Its history is particularly marked by the brotherhoods that are still active today. An important seaport in the Middle Ages, it was the birthplace of the great merchant and traveler Marco Polo. The island is renowned for its olive oil and wines. Ferry lines connect it to the islands of Mljet and Hvar and the cities of Dubrovnik and Split. Its waters are exceptionally clear and a paradise for swimming.*



Return and overnight stay at the Korsal Hotel in Korčula.

Lunch and dinner not included.

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**Day 18: Mljet Island National Park - overnight stay in Korčula**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Walk to the center of Korčula. Journey time: 5-10 min.

Transfer by catamaran from Korčula to Pomena (one of the gateways to Mljet National Park).

Navigation time: 40 min.

Explore Mljet National Park at your leisure. Entrance fee included.

We recommend visiting the islet of St. Mary with its ancient 11th-century monastery.

Actual walking time: 3 hours - Hiking time with breaks: 5 hours - Difficulty: easy 2/5

*Mljet is the island of the Odyssey where Ulysses is said to have stopped... in the arms of the nymph Calypso, for seven beautiful years. Pine and oak forests cover its territory, a third of which is part of the national park. Its main feature is two lakes connected to each other and to the sea by a narrow passage. On the larger of the lakes there is another island, making it an island within an island! This unique configuration was created by rising waters around 10,000 BC, giving rise to exceptional flora and fauna. On the islet of St. Mary's there is an ancient Benedictine monastery dating from the Middle Ages, which now houses a restaurant. This is an ideal place for swimming, as the water temperature in the lakes is higher than that of the sea. A stroll around the area will quickly make you understand why Ulysses never wanted to leave.*



Transfer by catamaran from Pomena to Korčula. Ticket included.

Return and overnight stay at the Korsal Hotel in Korčula.

Lunch and dinner not included.

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**Day 19: Pelješac Peninsula - overnight stay in Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to the ferry terminal in Dominče. Travel time: 10 min.

Ferry transfer from Dominče to Orebić. Travel time: 20 min. Ticket included.

Scenic drive along the Pelješac Peninsula to Ston Veliki. Travel time: 1 hour.

*Pelješac is Croatia's longest peninsula and a place of wild beauty with crystal-clear coves. It is renowned for its wines, particularly Dingač, produced in the Potomje vineyard, which is one of the best reds in the country.*



Explore Ston at your leisure.

*The village of Ston is located where the Pelješac peninsula connects to the mainland. It is known for its mariculture, particularly the farming of Mediterranean oysters, a specialty not to be missed! It is also home to the salt pans of the former Republic of Dubrovnik, which are still in operation today. However, its most remarkable monument is its walls, which are among the longest in Europe, a true feat of human engineering!*



Drive to Dubrovnik. Travel time: 1 hour.

Check in at the 5\* Excelsior Hotel. Accommodation in a Junior Suite comprising a bedroom and a living room with a comfortable armchair bed, balcony and sea view. Parking included.

<https://www.adriaticluxuryhotels.com/hotel-excelsior-dubrovnik/rooms-and-suites/junior-suite-exc/>

*The Excelsior Hotel is located on the edge of Dubrovnik's historic center. In just a few minutes' walk, travelers are immersed in the past. It offers magnificent views of the medieval city, the sea, and the island of Lokrum. It hosted many celebrities, including the Queen of England, Prince Charles, Pierce Brosnan, and John Malkovich. Part of the hotel is a former patrician residence. It is located directly on the seafront, 50 meters from the famous Banja beach, and is equipped with swimming pools and a wellness and fitness area. It is listed by Mr. & Mrs. Smith and Small Luxury Hotels of the World.*

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*This accommodation has validated our code of conduct for our partners for sustainable development. It is aligned with your vision of ethical and responsible tourism. It is actively committed to concrete measures validated by a label or certificates.*



Lunch and dinner not included.

**Day 20: The Pearl of the Adriatic: Dubrovnik (UNESCO) - overnight stay in Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Services of a local English-speaking guide.

Service: Guided tour of the historic center of Dubrovnik.

*Dubrovnik was a Mediterranean city-state that managed to preserve its freedom and avoid conflict through skillful diplomacy. It abolished slavery as early as the 15th century, its hygiene measures prevented major epidemics, and its facades are all identical to avoid social unrest... so many astonishing measures of this avant-garde system in history. The scale of its trade can be seen in every stone of this city, which is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the world. The "Pearl of the Adriatic," listed by UNESCO, is Croatia's top tourist destination and will surprise you with its beauty and exceptional culture at the crossroads of Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East.*



Explore at your leisure. We recommend visiting the Rector's Palace, the Franciscan monastery for its old pharmacy, and the Dominican monastery for its collection of paintings typical of Dubrovnik, not to mention its imposing ramparts!

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From Dubrovnik's old town, the following options are available:

- Swimming at Banja Beach, located just east of the old town. This is Dubrovnik's most famous beach, where many celebrities such as Jackie Kennedy, John Malkovich, Nick Nolte, Roger Moore, and the Queen of England have swum.
- Take the cable car up to St. Serge Hill with Napoleon's Imperial Fort, which now houses a museum about the Yugoslav Wars.
- Take the ferry to visit Lokrum Island, a little gem of nature known for its 11th-century Benedictine monastery. The crossing takes 15 minutes. Napoleon built a fortress there, then the Habsburgs took possession of it and developed it. Lokrum Island also offers a rich botanical garden and is now a protected nature reserve, uninhabited, with lovely walks, a café, and a restaurant. It is a favorite swimming spot for the inhabitants of Dubrovnik.
- Sea kayaking tour along the ramparts... or other sports activities (jet skiing, parasailing, diving...)

Return and overnight stay at the Excelsior Hotel in Dubrovnik.  
Lunch and dinner not included.

### **Day 21: Quad bike tour, rural lunch in Konavle - overnight stay in Dubrovnik**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to the Kojan Koral center in the village of Radovčići. Travel time: 45 min.

#### **Quad bike excursion in Konavle.**

Presentation of equipment and instructions.

One quad bike for two people (one adult and one child) + one quad bike for one person

You will leave the village of Radovčići and descend into the Konavle plain, crossing the Ljuta River several times before climbing back up to the village of Čilipi and returning to Radovčići along the cliffs. Coffee break (coffee not included) in the village of Čilipi halfway through the tour and visit to the small museum of Konavle traditions and refreshments at the end of the tour: juice or water.

Duration of the excursion: 3.5-4 hours

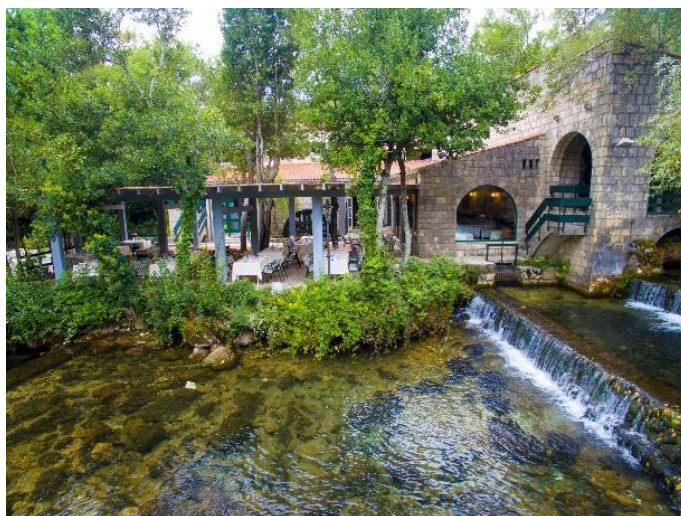
A beautiful, easy excursion to discover the Dubrovnik hinterland known as Konavle, famous for its microclimate created by the Sniježnica mountain range, which rises to 1,234 m, and the sea. The area is known for its cypress forests surrounding its typical stone villages.



Drive to the place called Ljuta. Travel time: 20 min.

Lunch at the renowned Konavoski Dvori restaurant.

*Konavoski Dvori means “the palaces of Konavle.” It was a vast complex of water mills that harnessed the power of the Ljuta River (meaning “the furious”). During the Yugoslav era, part of the complex was restored to create one of the most renowned restaurants in southern Croatia. Although other restaurants in the Dubrovnik area could claim to offer fine dining, the tradition and setting of Konavoski Dvori remain unmatched. The waitresses are dressed in traditional costumes and the food is entirely organic. The natural setting is magical.*



Cooking under a bell (very original)

*The principle is that veal and lamb with potatoes flavored with herbs are placed on a dish set on a bed of embers. It is covered with a bell with a metal ring so that the embers are also kept on top. Cooking takes about three hours. The food becomes crispy on the outside and tender on the inside... paired with local wines, it's a real treat!*



#### Menu

*Local aperitif: liqueur or brandy*

*Starter: Dalmatian smoked ham and cheese from the island of Pag with olives*

*Main course: veal and lamb with potatoes cooked under a bell*

*Dessert: carob cake*

Return and overnight stay at the Excelsior Hotel in Dubrovnik.

Lunch and dinner not included

#### **Day 22: Departure from Dubrovnik Airport**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Drive to Dubrovnik Airport. Travel time: 30 min.

Return the vehicle at Dubrovnik Airport.

Departure flight

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### **VEHICLE DESCRIPTION**

For 3 people: rental of a K or SUW category car such as a Kia Sportage, Opel Grandland, Seat Ateca, etc.

It is of course possible to rent any other category of vehicle.



### **RENTAL CONDITIONS:**

- Unlimited mileage and the option to cross borders and travel to islands
- CDW insurance (any damage to the vehicle will be charged up to a maximum amount blocked on your card, depending on the type of vehicle rented); civil, third-party, and public insurance covering damage you may cause to other people or private or public property; theft insurance.
- Second driver

### **NOTES:**

- It is important that you provide us with your arrival and departure flight times as soon as possible, as there is an additional charge for vehicle pick-ups and drop-offs outside of the rental company's office hours (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).
- Please let us know the number of drivers for the vehicles, as there is a surcharge for additional drivers.
- It is also important to let us know the age of the travelers, as it is not possible to rent a vehicle for people who have had their driver's license for less than 2 years. In addition, there is a surcharge for travelers under 21 and over 75 years of age.
- You must have a credit card when picking up the vehicle for the security deposit, which is systematically requested (amount frozen for the duration of the trip and released when the vehicle is returned). Please note that American Express cards are not accepted.
- In the event of an accident or fine, it is essential to immediately inform the Sveta Ana Agency on the same day by calling the assistance number indicated in your road file and by emailing your agent.



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### **TRIP PRICE**

The price includes:

- Accommodation for 15 nights in 4- or 5-star hotels: 1 night at the 5-star Hotel Esplanade with breakfast in Zagreb, 3 nights at the 5-star Hotel Meneghetti with breakfast in Bale, 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Fenomen with breakfast in Plitvica Selo, 2 nights at the 4\* Hotel Santa Lucia with breakfast in Split, 1 night at the 4\* Hotel Villa Fortuna with breakfast in Mostar, 3 nights at the 4\* Hotel Korsal with breakfast in Korčula, 3 nights at the 5\* Hotel Excelsior with breakfast in Dubrovnik.
- Gourmet lunch at the Konavoski Dvori restaurant in Ljuta
- Rental of 2 category K vehicles for 6+8 days (see “rental conditions”).
- Services of local French-speaking guides. Services: Guided tours of the historic centers of Pula, Šibenik, Split, Mostar, and Dubrovnik.
- Rental of a Lagoon 40 Sweet Lota catamaran including the charter pack (cleaning and on-board costs) with skipper and hostess with 3 paddle boards.
- Entrance fees mentioned in the program (Plitvice and Mljet).
- Transfer by private car from Kaštela Marina to the historic center of Split.
- Return ferry transfers between Orebić and Dominče (Korčula).
- Return catamaran transfer between Korčula and Pomena (Mljet).
- Private truffle-hunting excursion with a truffle farmer, including tasting and snacks.
- Private canyoning excursion on the Cetina River.
- Private bike tour with instructor in Korčula.
- Quad bike tour in Konavle.
- A road book including a detailed itinerary, a folder with information about tourist sites to visit (history, facts) and various practical information about the country (restaurant recommendations, parking locations, useful addresses).
- 24-hour concierge assistance from the Sveta Ana agency in French. An emergency number is provided in case of incidents or other major problems
- Tourist taxes and assistance, insurance, and organization fees for the Sveta Ana agency

### **NOTE:**

Travel times are given for normal driving conditions and are only indicative, as they may vary depending on random factors such as roadworks, accidents, traffic jams, bad weather, etc.

### **THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Child seats.
- Gasoline.
- Tolls and parking fees.
- Entrance fees to monuments and national parks mentioned in the program.
- International flights and airport taxes.
- Meals not mentioned in the program.
- Repatriation assistance/insurance.
- Drinks and personal expenses.
- Tips.

### **SUPPLEMENTS :**

L'agence Sveta Ana met à disposition des prestations supplémentaires afin que vous puissiez réaliser votre voyage en toute sérénité :

- Super CDW, WUG, and PAI combined insurance policies that cover damage to the car regardless of who caused it (any damage to the vehicle is charged up to a maximum amount blocked on your card, which depends on the type of vehicle rented); civil liability insurance, comprehensive and public insurance covering damage you may cause to other people or private or public property; theft insurance. These cover damages the bodywork, external plastic parts and the engine. However, a security deposit is blocked on the traveler's account when the vehicle is picked up to cover any costs not covered by the insurance. Damage to the chassis and interior of the vehicle, as well as damage resulting from traffic violations, are not covered. Damage must be reported to the police, otherwise it will not be covered. The price per day depends on the vehicle category. It corresponds to "comprehensive" insurance.
- Child seat
- GPS (in English)
- English-speaking guides. In Croatia, the law requires a licensed guide for visits to tourist sites. Licenses are issued on a regional basis.
- "Private Travel" package with a driver, including their daily expenses and those of the vehicle (accommodation, food, gas, tolls, parking). The driver may be a professional French-speaking tour guide. Please note that a person driving a vehicle cannot always concentrate on providing commentary while on the road. Their services cannot be the same as those of a tour guide dedicated to providing commentary. It is possible to have a tour guide and a driver, bearing in mind that guided city tours must be conducted by local guides, who are charged as extras.  
An estimate of the cost of an English-speaking driver-guide = €450.00 per day + accommodation in a single room with dinners (vehicle rental must also be added).  
The prices for private trips with a driver are lower but should be checked.

### **INSURANCE**

Sveta Ana does not sell insurance other than vehicle insurance. We recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance and comprehensive vehicle insurance. In the event of partial or complete cancellation of the trip or damage to the vehicle, we will assist you in preparing the necessary documents for travel insurance (travel confirmation letter from the agency and invoice declared paid, with a calculation of the costs of services not used, if applicable).

Credit cards (Gold, Privilege, Premium, etc.) often include this insurance if the trip is paid for with the card. Check with your bank or insurance company to find out when to open the file. This often needs to be done when signing the travel contract or paying the first deposit.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

All cancellations must be made by email to the local agency. The amount of the cancellation fee varies depending on when the cancellation is made:

- more than 31 days before departure: 30% of the trip price,
- between 30 and 16 days before departure: 50% of the trip price,
- between 15 days before departure and the day of arrival: 100% of the trip price.