

# THE BEST OF CROATIA Featuring the Dalmatian Coast, Dubrovnik, Split & Zagreb MARCH 17-25, 2017 FROM \$3,299 AIR & LAND 9 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS INCLUDING HOTELS, MEALS, DAY TRIPS AND AIRFARE FROM MOBILE, AL Early-Bird Special Hurry, at this price the trip will sel out quickly

Undoubtedly the best kept secret in the Adriatic, Croatia is a captivating European country that revels in a year-round mild Mediterranean climate, rich cultural heritage, and stylishly cosmopolitan appeal. Along the Dalmatian Coast you will find exquisite towns and villages...from Dubrovnik to Split and beyond. Its capital city, Zagreb, is justly known as the "city of museums," encompassing more museums per square foot than any other city across the globe. Old Dubrovnik is considered one of the best preserved medieval walled cities in the world. Here you can walk along the city's walls, delve into its resonant cultural heritage, savor the flavors of the Mediterranean tasting the area's food and wine, and make new friends as the warmth of the locals draw you into their world. Shop the open-air markets of Split and experience the area's trendy restaurants. On average this sun-soaked land basks in a splendid 2,600 hours of sunlight each year, earning it acclaim as one of Europe's sunniest seaside settings. With 1,778 kilometers of coastline, plus more than one thousand offshore islands, Croatia is an alluring and attractive beach destination that has become a popular vacation spot waiting to be explored by jet-setters, yachting enthusiasts, and travelers seeking exploration, culture, sun and fun from all over the world.

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# THE BEST OF CROATIA - FEATURING THE DALMATIAN COAST, DUBROVNIK, SPLIT AND ZAGREB

air & land

(4) Dubrovnik - (2) Split - (1) Zagreb

Days



# TOUR FEATURES

- ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION Air transportation from Mobile, AL
- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- SUPERB CUISINE 10 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 3 dinners
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: a city tour of Dubrovnik, including the old walled town, a city tour of Split, including the Diocletian's Palace, and a tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park. Optional tours available.
- PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Dubrovnik
- DELUXE MOTORCOACHES Touring by private deluxe airconditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

# OPTIONAL ZAGREB EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS First-class hotel for 2 nights
- SUPERB CUISINE 3 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts and 1 dinner
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Half day tour of Zagreb and a tour of Kumrovec birthplace of Marshal Tito
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- DELUXE MOTORCOACHES Touring by private deluxe airconditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik, Trogir, the Roman Diocletian's Palace in Split and Plitvice Lakes National Park, gaze the spectacular natural landscapes and beautiful historical towns of Montenegro, explore ancient Ottoman city of Mostar and walk on its famous UNESCO protected Old bridge, experience spiritual Medjugorje, the most important Christian pilgrimage site in the Balkans, discover the culture, arts, music, architecture, history and gastronomy of Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia and learn about Kumrovec, the birthplace of Yugoslavia's former president, Josip Broz Tito.

**Day 1 Depart USA** Depart Mobile, AL for Dubrovnik, Croatia. Meals and refreshments served on board.

**Day 2 Dubrovnik, Croatia** Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Dubrovnik. The over one thousand year old history of Dubrovnik is visible in every part of this city. The city is a living museum and a live stage, and has an ideal connection between its historical past and the modern day. It is surrounded by medieval walls that are 1940 meters long and are preserved in their original form. Mediterranean climate, cobblestone streets, medieval city walls, baroque buildings, fresh local seafood dishes, trendy seaside villages, and the sparkling Adriatic Sea set the scene for your storybook vacation in Croatia. Enjoy an exquisite welcome dinner in this Dalmatian gem of a city. (D)

Day 3 Dubrovnik/City Tour Get ready to discover the treasures of Dubrovnik on your morning walking tour of Old Dubrovnik, considered one of the best preserved medieval walled-cities in the world. Highlights of your tour include the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, Bell Tower Clock, Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its pharmacy-one of the oldest pharmacies in the world. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore this magical place. Here you can walk along the city's walls, delve into its resonant cultural heritage, savor the flavors of the Mediterranean tasting the area's food and wine, and make new friends as the warmth of the locals draw you into their part of the world. (B)

Day 4 Dubrovnik at leisure Full day at leisure to relax or to join the optional tour to Montenegro. The Republic of Montenegro beckons, boasting what was once thought to be Southern Europe's longest and deepest fjord, the Bay of Kotor. In fact it is actually a submerged river canyon or Ria. This amazing and expansive bay is made up of 4 smaller gulfs surrounded by mountains plunging into the Adriatic. Drive past the picturesque towns of Risan and Kotor on your way to the republic's historic capital of Cetinje, the one-time seat of Montenegrin rulers. After a sightseeing tour of Cetinje, you'll head back to the coast to gaze upon the beautiful resort village of Sveti Stefan with its traditional buildings, stone houses, and narrow streets. Budva is the next coastal town you will discover as your upcoming stop reveals this coastal town's enchanting Mediterranean architecture, sandy beaches, and expansive history dating back 3,500 years. Return to your hotel in Dubrovnik. (B,D)

Day 5 Dubrovnik at leisure Full day at leisure to relax or to take an optional tour to Mostar & Medjugorje. The day's exciting activities commence with an early morning breakfast and drive through the Gorge of Neretva River, passing the border of Bosnia and arriving in Mostar. The cultural capital of Herzegovina, Mostar is the fifth largest city in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, named after the bridge keepers that would guard the old bridge over the Neretva in medieval times. On your walking tour of the city you will visit the 16th century stone bridge, explore the remnants of its Turkish quarter, and discover the old city center. After lunch on your own, we then venture on to one of the Catholic world's most famous religious pilgrimage destinations, Medjugorje. In this mystifying place, it is believed that the Virgin Mary has been appearing to faithful pilgrims since 1981, drawing millions of visitors each year. Return to your hotel in Dubrovnik. (B)

Day 6 Dubrovnik - Split/City Tour After breakfast, depart Dubrovnik and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Welcome to Split. This eternally young city with around 200 thousand inhabitants has lived its urban rhythm for 1700 years with Diocletian's palace at its heart, which is also the historical center of the city and a UNESCO world heritage site. Split on average basks in a splendid 2,600 hours of sunlight each year, earning it acclaim as one of Europe's sunniest seaside settings. Experience all that Split has to offer on an insightful tour of the historic city center that takes you to delve into the city's Roman heritage. Discover the Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then explore remnants of the city's past including its Renaissance and Gothic structures, the Peristyle, Cathedral, and Jupiter's Temple. Enjoy the rest of the day to get to know Split at leisure. (B)

Day 7 Split at leisure A full day at leisure to relax and to experience the glittering splendors of Split. Enjoy the day at your own pace shopping in open-air markets, savoring local recipes at trendy restaurants, and taking in her coastal allure, or take an optional tour to Trogir. Trogir is a harmonious stone town on a small island that is connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges. The old town, under UNESCO protection, is a treasure trove for lovers of art, Renaissance and Baroque buildings, Romanesque churches... It is called the town-museum which is visible in the famous portal of Trogir cathedral by the craftsman Radovan in 1240, a Renaissance city lodge, the thousand year old Monastery of Sveti Nikola [St. Nicholas] which has the ancient famous relief of Kairos preserved in it from the 4th century BC. The small, narrow streets and small village squares, numerous restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops and galleries, give this town a special atmosphere of the Mediterranean. Return to your hotel in Split. (B)

**Day 8 Split - Plitvice Lakes - Zagreb** Today we venture northbound to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Here you can explore the breath-taking terraced lakes. Plitvice Lakes, a natural phenomenon, is a jewel of inestimable value. Between the town of Mala Kapela and Plješivica, in the area where the river Korana has its source, there are 16 large and a lot of small lakes which are connected by small, medium and large waterfalls after which the River Korana continues its journey to Karlovac. Due to the natural beauty of the waterfalls, cascades, caves and rocks, which offer a beautiful mosaic of colors, sounds and shapes surrounded by high mountain forest terrain, Plitvice Lakes and its surroundings were, in 1949, declared a National Park, and since 1979 have been under the UNESCO protection. After your outdoor adventure, the capital city of Croatia, Zagreb, welcomes you this evening for you farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)

**Day 9 – Zagreb to USA or extend your stay with an optional Zagreb extension** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)



#### **OPTIONAL ZAGREB EXTENSION**

Day 9 Zagreb/City Tour Zagreb is justly known as the "city of museums," encompassing more museums per square foot than any other city across the globe. From its main square you will discover the storied history and modern pulse of this enigmatic place as you stroll through its pedestrian center or sit for a spell at an open air café. Your included city tour showcases Zagreb's historic center, featuring the opportunity to take-in its acclaimed churches and cathedral, Parliament, and Governor's Palace. This afternoon and evening, you have the opportunity to experience Zagreb like a local as you explore the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 10 Zagreb/Tour of Kumrovec Enjoy the breathtaking scenery on a short drive to the village of Kumrovec, situated along the Sutla River and on Croatia's boarder with Slovenia. Best known as the birthplace of Yugoslavia's former president, Josip Broz Tito, travelers will have the opportunity to visit the birth house turned museum of this popular Yugoslavian leader. The town's premier attraction is its old village known as the Ethnological Museum Staro Selo that showcases approximately 40 extremely well preserved houses and farms from the turn of the century (19th to 20th). A drive through the Zajorge Hills takes you to experience the regional gastronomy at Gresna Gorica, which translates to mean The Hill of Sin. This rustic and rural setting, boasting spectacular views of Castle Veliki Tabor, offers the ideal ambiance to savor a delicious dinner with wine, featuring Zagorje specials made with local ingredients including locally sourced cheeses, produce, and meats as well as homemade sausages and smoked ham. (B,D)

**Day 11 Zagreb to USA** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (D) - Dinner

#### **TOUR PRICE**

Tour price is **\$3,299** per person, double occupancy.

For single occupancy, add \$399

Fuel surcharges and taxes are included in the price and are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

The price of \$3,299 is an early bird special if the program is reserved with a deposit by September 29, 2016. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,399) after this date.

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries at guide's discretion due to local conditions.

#### **Optional Zagreb extension:**

Zagreb extension: \$599 Double Occupancy or \$898 Single

HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)	
Hotels	City
Hotel Lacroma	Dubrovnik
Hotel Atrium	Split
Hotel Westin	Zagreb

### MOBILE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THE BEST OF CROATIA FEATURING THE DALMATIAN COAST, DUBROVNIK, SPLIT & ZAGREB March 17-25, 2017

#### PLEASE PRINT-NAMES MUST BE LISTED AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT

To register for this trip, please complete the form below and e-mail it with a clear copy of your passport information page to Leigh Perry-Herndon at lherndon@mobilechamber.com or fax to (251) 431-8646. Reservations can also be made on our online booking engine www.centralholidayswest.com/booking. The group booking code is: B002087

Passenger 1:						Date of Birth:	M / F
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Montenegro:		\$109 per person	Yes;	No	How many:		
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 Trogir:
 \$79 per person
 Yes; \_\_\_\_No
 How many: \_\_\_\_

 Zagreb extension: Double occupancy \$599 per person / Single Occupancy \$898 \_\_\_\_Yes; \_\_\_\_No
 How many: \_\_\_\_\_

A minimum of 15 passengers are required for the optional tours and 20 passengers are required to operate the Zagreb extension. The Zagreb extension must be reserved and paid for at the time of registration.

#### TRAVEL PROTECTION (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED):

I want Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance: 🖵 Yes 🖵 No

The policy price is based on the total cost of the tour, including taxes. Insurance premium for trips \$3,001 to \$3,500 per person is: \$277, for trips \$3,501 to \$4,000 per person is: \$317, for trips \$4,001 to \$4,500 per person is: \$357, for trips \$4,501 to \$5,000 per person is: \$407 (The premium is calculated on base program and any optional tours).

Central Holidays strongly recommends protecting your investment with our optional travel insurance. The premium must be paid with your initial deposit or within 15 days of your initial deposit/payment for your trip to qualify for the preexisting conditions policy. The policy (without preexisting conditions) can be purchased all the way to final payment but not afterwards.

For a disclosure of coverage, terms and conditions of our travel protection plan please visit: http://www.centralholidays.com/files/Travel-Protection.pdf

#### **PAYMENT METHOD & REQUIREMENTS:**

Deposit: \$500 per person at the time of registration, plus any optional tours or optional travel insurance. I am including payment for \_\_\_\_\_\_ people. Reservations are on a first come first served basis. Please sign up early to secure your place. Final payment is due: 90 days before departure

Checks: Make checks payable to Central Holidays West and send to: Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce - 451 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602

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#### CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations with more than 90 days prior to departure 10% of total cost per person (or a minimum of \$325 per person) is retained

Cancellations between 89 and 46 days prior to departure: 30% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations between 45 and 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations between 30 and 15 days prior to departure: 75% of total cost per person is retained

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to departure, or no show: 100% of the package price is retained Note: A person becoming a single as a result in the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

I have read the schedule of activities for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce – Croatia program – March 17-25, 2017 and accept the terms and conditions outlined on our website www.centralholidayswest.com/terms