

# PORTRAITS OF EUROPE

## CROATIA TOUR

Tuesday 23 August – Sunday 28 August 2016



### Day by Day Programme:

Day 01      Tuesday 23 August      Arrival Split

Upon arrival to Split airport you will be transferred to your hotel. Rest of day free at leisure.

Day 02      Wednesday 24 August      Split – Trogir – Split

Morning transfer to Trogir where you will enjoy a walking tour of the town. Trogir is the centre of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint.



This tiny town has a historic centre that is a UNESCO World Heritage site, noted for its orthogonal street plan dating back to the Hellenistic period and its many fine public buildings that have been added by the town's successive rulers. Here we'll see Romanesque churches standing alongside Renaissance and Baroque buildings.

After the tour you will have some free time before returning to Split. Upon arrival to Split you will be met by the local guide for the tour of this magnificent ancient city. Your tour features the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

Immerse yourself in Roman history as we see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. During the tour you will visit the Cellars of Diocletian Palace. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Later you will be transferred by coach to Split Marina for your evening dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Split. (B, D)



### Day 03      Thursday, 25 August      Split – Šibenik & Krka NP – Split

Today enjoy a full day excursion to Šibenik & Krka National Park, A pleasant coach drive through the karsts hinterland of Šibenik Riviera takes you to the first stop, city of Šibenik, the oldest Croatian town on the Adriatic Coast. It is also called Krešimir's town, since it was the residence of King Petar Krešimir IV, the most important ruler of the ancient Croatian state. It grew from an old Croatian fort near the fortress of St Michael, which still overlooks the town.

Upon arrival, you can enjoy sightseeing one of the most valuable sacral monuments in Dalmatia – The St James Cathedral, dating from the 15th century. It is unique, in many ways not only in the Croatian architecture, but in the European as well. After visiting Šibenik we continue our ride

to the famous waterfalls of the Krka River. Here, in beautiful natural surroundings, Krka River forms picturesque waterfalls cascading over 17 natural barriers. We will visit the restored ethnological monuments to become better acquainted with the customs of the region. The preserved watermills are from the 19th century and have exceptional cultural and historical significance. You will see presentations of milling wheat, washing and pounding of cloth, weaving of fabrics and floor masts, horseshoe smithing, ploughing, planting, the preparation of the food in the old kitchens and more. We will walk along the wooden paths to Skradinski Buk, the longest and the loveliest waterfall on the Krka River. This is a spot where stunning beauty is expressed in full, through the perennial play of water & sun.

There is free time for walking, sightseeing, photo moments and swimming in this beautiful environment. Highlights include entrance to- Krka National Park and St James Cathedral of Šibenik, a protected UNESCO World Heritage.

**Note:** To partake in this trip you must be able to walk over varying terrain with approximately 100+ steps (Šibenik & Krka NP). Walk along the Krka National Park, enjoy a swim in the River during free time. There are no life guards, therefore care and safety is your own responsibility. Lunch is not included but there is time for refreshments during the day. Conservative attire (no tank tops or shorts) that covers both shoulders & knees is suggested when visiting the Cathedral in Šibenik. Return to Split for your overnight. (B)



**Day 04      Friday, 26 August**

**Split – Plitvice - Zagreb**

Morning departure for Plitvice. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at Degenija Restaurant, located 6 kms from the entrance to the National Park. Continue towards the entrance of the National Park



Plitvice Lakes and meet with the local guide that will take you through some of the spectacular beauty of the park. There is opportunity to walk some of the paths and enjoy in the natural beauty of your surrounds. After the tour proceed to Zagreb, Croatia's Capital city for your overnight. (B, L)



## Day 05      Saturday, 27 August      Zagreb

Morning sightseeing of Zagreb, begins at the hotel with a walk along the park and onto Ban Jelačić Square and Tkalčićeva Ulica, one of Zagreb's prettiest streets. Continuing to Dolac, Croatia's most famous marketplace, visit the Capitol and Upper Town with entry to the Cathedral and Broken Relationships Museum before taking the funicular ride to the lower town where you will have free time for lunch, shopping and leisure. Later meet at the hotel for a panoramic drive to your Restaurant for farewell dinner where you will have an opportunity to enjoy the local cuisine accompanied by live musicians playing traditional Croatian music. This is a wonderful way to spend your last night in Croatia, reflecting on the experiences of your visit to Croatia before continuing to the next part of your journey. (B, D)





## Day 06      Sunday, 28 August      Depart Zagreb

After breakfast free time until departure to Zagreb airport. (B)

### Included features:

- Accommodation (3 nights Split, 2 nights Zagreb) at selected hotels, taxes included
- Breakfast daily
- Restaurant Lunch – Plitvice Lakes  
Degenija (3-course meal, 0.1l wine, 0.25l water)
- Restaurant Dinner – Split  
Adriatic Grašo – (3-course meal, 0.25l wine, ½ bottle mineral water, coffee or tea)
- Restaurant Dinner – Zagreb  
Okrugljak – Zagreb (3-course meal, 0.25l wine, ½ bottle mineral water, coffee or tea, with live music)
- Arrival transfer from Split Airport to Split hotel on Day 1
- Local transfer for Trogir sightseeing on Day 2
- Day excursion to Šibenik & Krka National Park on Day 3
- Transfer from Split hotel to Zagreb hotel with stop for NP Plitvice sightseeing on Day 4
- Local transfer for Zagreb sightseeing on Day 5
- Departure transfer from Zagreb hotel to Zagreb airport on Day 6
- English speaking Tour Director throughout
- Local guides: Split, Trogir, Plitvice, Zagreb
- Included Entrances: Cellars of Diocletian Palace, National Park Plitvice Lakes, Museum of Broken Relationships, one way Zagreb Funicular
- Porterage at hotels 1 piece in/out per person

### Group Prices Exclude:

- Tips, drinks & personal expenses
- Anything not specified in 'included services' or mentioned in the itinerary

### Hotels Confirmed:

- Split: Hotel Luxe\* Comfort room or similar
- Zagreb: Hotel Esplanade 5\* Superior room or similar  
6 x double, 5 x single. Total 17 pax.