

"A TASTE OF THE BALKANS"

Hosted by John Gora

September 28 – October 10, 2023

Ljubljana ■ Lake Bled ■ Zagreb ■ Plitvice Lakes ■ Trogir ■ Split
Medugorje ■ Mostar ■ Kotor ■ Dubrovnik



- SEP 28 THU DEPART USA / CANADA -OVERNIGHT TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT (NOT INCLUDED IN LAND TOUR)**
- SEP 29 FRI Ljubljana (Welcome Dinner)**
Arrive Ljubljana and transfer to hotel. After checking in to our hotel join us for a walking tour of the Old Town and then In the evening join us for our Welcome Dinner.
Overnight at Grand Union Hotel Eurostars in Ljubljana, Miklošičeva cesta 1, tel: +386 1 308 12 70
- SEP 30 SAT Ljubljana - Lake Bled – Ljubljana (Breakfast, Lunch)**
Slovenia is known as “the green heart of Europe” so enjoy the gorgeous mountain scenery during todays excursion to Lake Bled, a glacial lake set in the Julian Alps of Slovenia. A short sightseeing tour includes and Pletna boat ride on the lake and then a visit to the Castle.
Lunch with Slovenian specialties and then return to Ljubljana. Evening free.
Overnight at Grand Union Hotel Eurostars in Ljubljana, Miklošičeva cesta 1, tel: +386 1 308 12 70
- OCT 01 SUN Ljubljana - Zagreb(Breakfast , Lunch)**
Sunday Mass for those wishing to attend and then we depart from Ljubljana to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. During our sightseeing of Zagreb’s historic Upper Town you will see St. Mark’s church, Parliament, the government palace, and many fine old buildings. Evening is free to explore further on your own.
Overnight at Hotel Esplanade in Zagreb, ul. Antuna Mihanovića 1, tel: +385 1 4566 666
- OCT 02 MON Zagreb – Plitvice Lakes (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**
Today we will visit the most beautiful and oldest national park in Croatia . The Plitvice Lakes, under UNESCO protection, consist of 16 lakes connected by waterfalls. The park is located in the Lika mountain region and visited mostly on foot. The visit of the park grounds takes approx. 3 hours. After a light lunch we will visit the park so make sure you have your cameras ready as the waterfalls are breathtaking!
Dinner and overnight at the hotel near Plitvice Lakes.
Dinner and overnight at Hotel Degenija, Seliste Dreznicko 59, Rakovica, tel: +385 47 782 143
- OCT 03 TUE Plitvice – Bibich Winery – Trogir - Split (Breakfast, Wine tasting, Dinner)**
After breakfast we leave Plitvice and drive towards the coast. On our way we will visit the Bibich Winery near Skradin for a gourmet experience that is more than a simple wine tasting. We will taste the dalmatian specialty wines accompanied by delicious Croatian style Tapas. By mid-afternoon we will arrive in Trogir, a UNESCO site, its rich culture was created under the influence of old Greeks, Romans, and Venetians. Trogir has a high concentration of palaces, churches, and towers, as well as a fortresses on a small island. Join us for a walking tour of the historical old town and then a traditional meal at a local “konoba”. Continue to Split.
Overnight at the Radisson Blu Resort & Spa in Split, Put Trstenika 19, tel: +385 21 303 030

- OCT 04 WED Split (Breakfast)**
 Today is for exploring Split, starting with a walking tour. At the heart of the city is the palace which the Emperor Diocletian built for his golden years at the turn of the 4th century. It is still the hub of activity for the citizens of the city as well as tourists. After the tour, you are free to explore at your leisure or relax at the hotel.
Overnight at the Radisson Blu Resort & Spa in Split, Put Trstenika 19, tel: +385 21 303 030
- OCT 05 THU Split – Medugorje - Mostar (Breakfast, Dinner)**
 We leave Split and travel into Bosnia Herzegovina to Medugorje, a place of Catholic pilgrimages since 1981, when the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to six local children. Since then, thousands of visitors have flocked to Apparition Hill to pay respects. We will have time to visit the church and to climb Apparition Hill for those who choose to do so, for those not able to do the climb you will have free time to explore this small town on your own. From Medugorje a short drive brings us to Mostar, most famous for the beautiful historic Ottoman-style bridge Stari Most (UNESCO). Rebuilding of the Old Bridge was completed in 2004, almost 11 years after its destruction, using some of its original stones recovered from the Neretva river. The formerly war-torn city is a lively and beautiful destination once again.
Overnight at Kriva Cuprija Hotel in Mostar, BA BA, Oneščukova 23, tel: +387 36 360-360
- OCT 06 FRI Mostar – Ston - Dubrovnik (Breakfast, Dinner)**
 In the late morning we leave Mostar and the next stop on our journey is Ston. The town is famous for three things: 1/ The stone walls of the city that are longer than those of more famous Dubrovnik. 2/ Saltworks that were established here in the 13th century which contributed to the wealth of the Republic of Dubrovnik. 3/ Oyster beds producing what are often said to be the most delicious oysters in the world! After our visit in Ston we continue to Dubrovnik for dinner and overnight.
Overnight at the Dubrovnik President in Dubrovnik, ul. Iva Dulčića 142, tel: +385 52 465 000
- OCT 07 SAT Dubrovnik (Breakfast)**
 Morning walking tour of Dubrovnik. The afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace. If you are up to the task, walk the walls of the city (\$). The walk will take about 1,5 hours but the view will be breathtaking. Rest of the day at your leisure.
Overnight at the Dubrovnik President in Dubrovnik, ul. Iva Dulčića 142, tel: +385 52 465 000
- OCT 08 SUN Dubrovnik – Cilipi - Dubrovnik (B, Dinner)**
 Attend Sunday mass in Cilipi followed by a Croatian Folklore performance right after the mass. Return to our hotel to relax and enjoy your afternoon at your own pace.
Overnight at the Dubrovnik President in Dubrovnik, ul. Iva Dulčića 142, tel: +385 52 465 000
- OCT 09 MON Dubrovnik – Kotor – Dubrovnik (Breakfast, Farewell Dinner)**
 Today we are off to Montenegro.. Enjoy a boat ride on the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe, to Our Lady of the Rocks. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, Upon return to the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Visit city of Kotor before returning to Dubrovnik. In the evening join us for our farewell dinner.
Overnight at the Dubrovnik President in Dubrovnik, ul. Iva Dulčića 142, tel: +385 52 465 000
- OCT 10 TUE Dubrovnik - end of tour (Breakfast)**

*** itinerary is subject to minor changes that may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances & restrictions ***

Cost of land tour is \$ 4399 CAD / \$ 3700 USD per person based on double occupancy
 Single supplement is \$ 1100 CAD / 950 USD

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