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DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

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COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

Discover the pristine landscapes, idyllic islands and sun-dappled seas of Croatia, where fortified towns of cobblestone and terracotta echo a time when Venice ruled the waves

APRIL 29-MAY 13, 2018

\$4,475.00 per person | twin share | land only*

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- **Postojna:** At the world famous cave-system, take a mini-train into the caves before walking through an illuminated fairyland of stalactites and stalagmites.
- **Opatija:** Spend a day discovering the 'Jewels of Istria' - the sparkling seas of Rovinj and the gleaming white stone of the Roman arena at Pula.
- **Plitvice Lakes:** Marvel at the water wonderland of Plitvice National Park as you walk along stunning cascades, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- **Split:** Explore above and below ground within the walls of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's palace.
- Plus much more!

AUTHENTIC REGIONAL FLAVOURS

- **Peljesac:** Stop at a cellar to taste the celebrated wine, considered by many to be the country's finest. Treasure the ruby colour and full-bodied flavours with a wine expert.
- **Dubrovnik:** Dine at a classic Dalmatian restaurant for a gastronomic Celebration Dinner that embraces the best of both Western and Eastern cuisines, all washed down with abundant local wine.
- 1 Welcome Dinner (WD), 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 4 three-course table d'hôte Dinners with wine, plus tea or coffee (D) and 1 Celebration Dinner (CD).

ADDITIONAL FIVE STAR SERVICES

- An expert Insight Tour Director, at the pinnacle of their career, will guide you on your journey. Serving as your "travelling concierge", this skilled guide will act as a consummate organizer and be your 'friend in a foreign land'.
- Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom. It's business class comfort.
- Hotel and restaurant tips included - you'll never have to worry about how much to give, nor search for foreign currency. Plus we include all taxes and portage charges at hotels.
- Baggage handling everywhere, with seamless and prompt delivery to your door at every hotel.
- Insight Flourishes - from time to time, your Tour Director will enchant you with local tidbits, each representing authentic food or beverages unique to the destination.
- Included airport transfers at scheduled times on arrival and departure days.

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DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Board your overnight flight to Europe (please ask about our great deals).

DAY 2: WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Group transfer to your hotel depart from Zagreb Airport. Relax and settle in or perhaps head for the romantic Chestnut-lined Stross Promenade for your first views over the city. Later, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and an opportunity to get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb
Welcome Reception and Dinner

DAY 3: ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

RS Join a Local Expert for sightseeing of the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town to the cathedral. Then walk through the medieval Upper Town to see the Stone Gate, the colourful Church of St. Mark and Lotrščak Tower. The afternoon is at leisure, relax and enjoy your hotel's facilities or perhaps take an experience to the Zagorje region to learn about the local traditions and visit the house of Marshall Tito?

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 4: THE POSTOJNA CAVES AND ON TO BELLE-EPOQUE OPATIJA

Detour into Slovenia to visit the world-famous caves of Postojna. Aboard the cave train, descend into a subterranean world of stunning stalactites, stalagmites, columns and curtains. Be dazzled by the five-metre tall 'Brilliant' and come face-to-face with the eyeless, dragon-like human fish. Back in Croatia, your hotel is in the Belle Époque seaside resort of Opatija, nestled at the foot of Mount Učka. Take time to stroll by the luxurious villas along the tree-lined seafront promenade.

Hotel: Hotel Bristol, Opatija
Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 5: DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Cross the heart-shaped peninsula to explore the jewels of Istria with a Local Expert. Start with a visit to the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula — scene of brutal gladiatorial battles in Roman times. The day's final highlight is a visit to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. Wander through the cobbled streets lined with tempting shops, pastel-coloured bars and cafés.

Hotel: Hotel Bristol, Opatija
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 6: PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Zig-zagging timber footbridges will lead you through the crystal blue-green beauty of Plitvice National Park; a scenic wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes, flanked by waterfalls and primeval forest. With a Local Expert, visit Korana Canyon to see the 70-meters-high falls and spectacular panoramic views.

Hotel: Jezero Hotel, Plitvice
Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 7: THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

The green forests give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Witness a dramatic change in landscape, from lush green forests to Mediterranean olive groves on our way to Trogir, founded by the Greeks in 400BC. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the old town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Dujče's, (originally Diocletian's Mausoleum), the Temple of Jupiter (today, a baptistery) and the Golden Gate, before venturing underground. This evening, don't miss the opportunity of dinner in a traditional 'Konoba'.

Hotel: Hotel President, Solin
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 8: ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

Your island hopping adventure begins here! Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar - the island famed for being the sunniest in the country, which is dotted with aromatic fields of lavender, rosemary and heather.

Hotel: Hotel Amfora, Hvar
Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 9: EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

RS While here, you will have plenty of time to enjoy the secluded beaches, old monasteries, tiny fish restaurants and lofty peaks from where there are magnificent views over the island and bejeweled seas.

Hotel: Hotel Amfora, Hvar
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 10: ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

Journey to Korčula, an island of exceptional grace, history and culture. Perhaps, explore Korčula town with its ramparts and well-known legends.

Hotel: Liburna Hotel, Korcula
Buffet Breakfast, Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

DAY 11: CAPTIVATING KORČULA

RS In the morning, your walking tour with a Local Expert takes you to the cathedral, the town museum and the Bishop's Palace. The locals also claim Marco Polo was born here and you will see his ruined house next. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the narrow streets, beautiful churches and magnificent palaces of this charming medieval town.

Hotel: Liburna Hotel, Korcula
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 12: DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

RS Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac peninsula. Stop amid the age-old vines to see how wine is produced and have a taste. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik - 'paradise on earth' according to George Bernard Shaw. During your exceptional three-night stay, join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, as well as the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 13: OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

RS There is an optional experience to Montenegro. Start with Kotor, situated on the only fjord on the Adriatic coast. Capture forever on film one of the most beautiful parts of the bay, and learn some of the compelling history of this area. Then head to the picturesque town of Budva where lunch finds you. Return to Dubrovnik for an evening at leisure.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace
Buffet Breakfast

DAY 14: DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

RS Make the most of a day at leisure in this 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Relax by the pool, shop in the markets or perhaps take an optional experience to Cavtat - one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia? During the evening Celebration Dinner, loosened in spirit and bonded by magical miles, expect a hubbub of clinking glasses, laughter and conversation. The food will be fragrant and fresh, the setting out of this world, and the memories unforgettable.

Hotel: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace
Buffet Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

DAY 15: DUBROVNIK AIRPORT

Your tour draws to a close after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik Airport at 09:00 & 11:30.

Buffet Breakfast

PLEASE NOTE: Itinerary is subject to changes.

TERMS: **Price is in Canadian Dollars, land only per person, based on sharing a twin room. Single & triple rooms are on a request basis. \$200.00 non-refundable deposit due by Sep 29, 2017. Insurance is highly recommended, please inquire for details. Final payment due by February 28, 2018 or by **Early Payment Discount, make Full Payment before January 11, 2018 and receive 10% off. This offer can be reduced or withdrawn at any time. *Save an additional 5% off if you have travelled with Insight Vacations or selected Travel Corporation sister brands. Excludes: Any item not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses, drinks, optional experiences, Group Transfer: If flights are booked outside of the group transfer, guests can make their own way to the/from hotels/airports or can arrange for transfers at an additional cost. No refund for missed or unused transfers. Excludes: Any item not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses, drinks, optional excursions, gratuities to your assigned Tour Director, Driver and Local Guides. We reserve the right to alter, cancel arrangements or adjust pricing according to the number of confirmed guests. We reserve the right to vary itineraries/hotels/venues should circumstances (i.e. weather, traffic or timing) dictate, as well as cancel in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. For more details and full booking conditions, please contact Village Travel & Cruises, T: 604-535-5565 OR 1-800-578-5565, and E: info@villagetravel.ca