

Croatia Discovery 2015

Day 1

Zagreb

Arrival to Zagreb. Meet your chauffeur at the airport for a private transfer to Hotel Esplanade 5*.

Mittle-Europäische in heart, Zagreb is a rare combination of a city that embraces the modern but never forgets its glorious past.

In the evening enjoy special "Welcome to Croatia" dinner at Trilogija restaurant, wine included!

Hotel in Zagreb, Meals: welcome dinner



Day 2

Plešivica wine tour

Join your guide in the morning for private tour of Plešivica region where you will visit wineries of Tomac and Korak and taste their great wines. In the afternoon, return to Zagreb.

OPTIONAL (surcharge): Traditional lunch at the local tavern in picturesque little town of Samobor.

Hotel in Zagreb, Meals: breakfast

Day 3

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes - Split

Your Croatian experience continues with the private morning transfer south towards Split. En route stopping at NP Plitvice Lakes (cc 3-4 hour long program). According to legend, the *Plitvice lakes* were created after a long drought. The "Black Queen" took pity on the people and animals that cried for water. Heavy rain began to fall and continued until they formed the lakes we see today. The natural attributes of the Plitvice Lakes National Park, uniqueness and sensibility of that phenomenon, deserve a full attention of our visitors. Plitvice National Park is Croatia's natural masterpiece. Even for seasoned world travelers, the overpowering beauty and grandeur of Plitvice National Park is simply astounding. With waterfalls spilling over impossible hills, *sixteen* different lakes and fascinating flora and fauna, Plitvice is the most visited place in the entire country! Since 1979, it has been under the protection of UNESCO as a rare World Heritage Site. As part of

our experience you will enjoy a cool, serene boat ride across one of the pristine lakes.

Leaving this majestic pearl of nature, you continue to the shores of Dalmatia and reach Split in the late afternoon. Check in to the hotel.

Hotel in Split, Meals: breakfast



Day 4

Split

In the morning enjoy a guided city stroll within the walls of the Diocletian Palace. Originally the palatial walled summer residence of the Emperor Diocletian, Split became a city after Salona, the Roman capital of Dalmatia just 6km north, was sacked in 7thC. Fleeing refugees were given asylum inside the two meter thick walls of the palace and over the next 1000 years, the “city” of Split was such a safe haven, it never grew beyond the same walls that exist today! As a result, the remarkable ensemble of Roman, Gothic, Romanesque, Renaissance and other architectural remains are all still here—and so are more than 3,000 people still living inside these ancient walls. But Split is more than its walled palace, it’s about enjoying the local way of life. And to show you the way, your guide today is part of one of Split’s oldest local families.

Next, continue to nearby town of Trogir for unique cooking class demonstration at 13th century palace! Your host is one of the most amazing and creative chefs in the region! Enjoy exploring local ingredients and Adriatic delicacies through this creative cooking show. Of course, late lunch with wine follows! Evening return to Split.

Hotel in Split, Meals: breakfast, lunch



Day 5

Split - Dubrovnik

Private morning transfer to the magical Dubrovnik. As the car heads to the highway, you will have a great opportunity to enjoy the picturesque hillside of Dalmatia's magical interior: a unique blend of high mountains and small patches of fertile fields.

Check in to the hotel upon arrival in Dubrovnik.

In the afternoon, join your guide for a private walking tour within the walls of the ancient walled city. Dubrovnik truly is a stunning city with its amazing Old Town, which became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979. A magnificent curtain of walls surrounds marble streets and baroque buildings that exude a pearly light in the Adriatic sun. The main pedestrian thoroughfare, Placa, is a melange of cafes and shops with outstanding monuments at either end. Churches, monasteries and museums ornamented with finely carved stone recall an eventful history and a vibrant artistic tradition.

Enjoy evening at leisure.

Hotel in Dubrovnik, Meals: breakfast



Day 6

Pelješac wine tour

Morning departure to Pelješac peninsula that has been known for its excellent wines since ancient times. Discover the natural wonders and beauty of the Pelješac peninsula and enjoy the gastronomic specialties in this area of Dalmatia. But first you will stop in the sleepy town of Mali Ston, home to Croatia's most delicious oysters, carefully grown in beds throughout the bay. A local oysterman will harvest them right out of the sea for you to enjoy oyster tasting on the spot! Then it's on to wine country with stops at some of Croatia's most illustrious producers. The wines of Milos, Grgich, and Bartulovic will give you fascinating insight into this fabled wine-making area of Croatia. Your personal host will be renowned Croatian wine-maker Mario Bartulović and your tour finishes right in its family 500-year-old wine cellar and family estate, where you'll enjoy traditional Croatian lunch. All accompanied by their great wines, of course!

Return to Dubrovnik in the afternoon. Last night Dubrovnik.

Hotel in Dubrovnik, Meals: breakfast, traditional lunch



Day 7

Dubrovnik

Departure day. Meet your chauffeur for a private transfer to Dubrovnik airport.

Meals: breakfast

Tour program includes:

5-star or 4-star accommodation

2 nights in Zagreb

2 nights in Split

2 nights in Dubrovnik

All breakfasts, taxes and VAT

Professional English speaking chauffeurs and local guides throughout

Private airport transfers

Welcome dinner at Trilogija restaurant

Private wine tour of Plešivica region

Private transfer Zagreb – Split with en route tour of Plitvice Lakes (entrance tickets included)

Private walking tour of Split historic centre (entrance tickets to Jupiter’s Temple and cathedral included)

Private cooking class with lunch in Trogir

Private transfer Split – Dubrovnik

Private walking tour of Dubrovnik (entrance tickets to Rector’s Palace and Franciscan monastery included)

Private wine tour of Pelješac peninsula with lunch, round transfer included

2015 Cost per person

January to April, and October to December 2765 Euros

May and September 2997 Euros

June, July and August 3317 Euros

(Based on double occupancy. To be paid in JPY based on the applicable exchange rate.)

The cost does not include:

Meals and drinks not included in the tour program

Booking fee (JPY10,800 for up to 2 persons)

Air fare, insurance

Gratuities, personal expenses

Tour Terms & Conditions

Your deposit is due immediately on booking (30% of program price). The balance is due 30 days prior to departure.

The tour is organized and operated by More Mandić d.o.o.

Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary

Cancellations of confirmed bookings:

- 90 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus a \$350 (per person) administrative fee, booking fee and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g. non-refundable airfare, cruise or hotel deposits).
- 60-89 days will be subject to loss of deposit and booking fee.
- 30-59 days will be subject to loss of 50% of program price and booking fee.

- **29 days or less will be subject to 100% of program price and booking fee.**