



CROATIA & the Islands of the Adriatic

Dubrovnik, Korcula, Hvar, Solta Island, Split

Plck your date!

An 11-Day Experience:

Your journey includes round-trip airfare, tourist and superior first class hotels, deluxe motor coaches, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner as outlined, guided tours.

Getting To See:

- Explore the UNESCO-listed medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik with a private guide.
- Discover the island of Korcula with a private guide – birthplace of first world traveler Marco Polo.
- Set off from Hvar with your private skipper on a Dalmatian island-hopping adventure.
- Witness and sample local honey making on Solta Island.
- Unwind at a curated selection of premium accommodations.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN DUBROVNIK // GET IN & REST

Enjoy your private airport transfer to your hotel with vehicle and driver. For your added comfort, an English-speaking assistant/guide will help you to check in and walk you through the welcome package documents, your itinerary and answer your questions.

A Welcome Package with a copy of your itinerary, train tickets (if relevant), and any other information that we deem you may find useful, will be provided to you at your destination.



DAY 2 | DUBROVNIK // A WALK THROUGH THE PAST

Meet your private driver for a transfer into the city center of Dubrovnik, from where you'll set out on foot with your private guide for a walking tour of one of the most beautiful stone-built cities in the world. More than a thousand-year history is reflected in every part of the town. As one of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Dubrovnik owes its special charm to the historic monuments which testify to its rich history. While strolling with your guide down Stradun, the main street, pause for a visit of the Franciscan monastery of the Order of Friars Minors, preserving one of the three oldest pharmacies in all of Europe. Continue down to the 15th century knight statue known as the Orlando Column, and the 16th century Sponza Palace, then visit the Church of St. Blasius, dedicated to the patron-saint of the town. You'll also discover the medieval Rector's Palace, the magnificent structure of the dukes of Dubrovnik, and the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary, home to originals by Tiziano and Rafaelo among other valuable relics. Afterward, you'll part ways with your guide for some time at leisure to explore this stunning town on your own, allowing you to discover some local curiosities nestled in the intricate network of cobblestone streets. Perhaps take a walk along the city walls (1.5 miles around the old town), visit one of the numerous museums, or take a funicular ride to the top of Mount Srd. Afterward, make your way back to the hotel independently.



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DAYS 3-4

DAY 3 | DUBROVNIK // HIDDEN GEMS

Set out with your private guide and driver for an unforgettable excursion to the Dubrovnik Hinterland – the region of Konavle. Home to exceptional beauty, Konavle boasts mountains and valleys, green hills and naked stone, and cozy coves towards small fishing villages. Your first stop is to the ancient Mediterranean town of Cavtat, a former Roman colony. Join your guide for a stroll through this picturesque little town, its cobbled streets, traditional, red-roofed houses, and narrow stairways providing plenty of charm. Wander uphill to discover the extraordinary Mausoleum of Racic Family, a work of Ivan Mestrovic, the most prominent Croatian sculptor. After your walk, the adventure continues to the countryside of Konavle. In the village of Cilipi, you will be welcomed by a local family on their humble rural estate of Bakicevo. Enjoy their hospitality in the unique ambiance of a traditional stone-built house. Your hosts will take you around their garden where they grow various sorts of vegetables in an old-fashioned way. The ingredients that will be used for your lunch today come from their garden. With the alluring scents of the local cuisine, your hosts will prepare the traditional Dalmatian specialty of Peka – food prepared under the iron bell, for you. After this delicious lunch, your guide and driver will take you back to your hotel.

DAY 4 | DUBROVNIK TO KORCULA // WINDING THE WIND-SWEPT SHORELINES

Meet your chauffeur in the hotel for a private transfer to Dubrovnik Marina where you will board your private motorboat for a transfer to Korcula. En route you will stop in Mljet National Park where you can enjoy a self-guided exploration of the island and national park. Located on Mljet Island, believed to be the island of Ogygia mentioned in the famous epic poem ‘Odyssey’ as the paradise island where the Calypso nymph detained Odysseus for seven years. The untouched nature and the beauty of the Great and Small Lakes connected with the open sea by a narrow channel. In the heart of the Great Lake stands the Isle of St Mary with the sleepy 12th century Benedictine Monastery that can easily be reached by a small boat (not included). Do not miss the walks along the lovely wooded paths by the lake, along the ancient pine forest.

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DAYS 5-7

DAY 5 | KORCULA // ISLAND TIME

Meet your private guide and driver for a tour of the beautiful island of Korcula. Discover the island's picture-perfect landscape of vineyards, olives fields, and old villages with typical Dalmatian's stone houses. Wander inside its ramparts for a visit to the Cathedral of St. Marko, an architectural masterpiece in Gothic and Renaissance style. You'll also visit the quaint Museum of Icons to discover a unique collection of Byzantine Icons and ceremonial pieces, collected by 17th and 18th-century Korcula sailors on their journeys around the world. Explore the sleepy village of Zrnovo, one of the oldest settlements on the island. Here you'll visit the unique eco farm of the Marovic family, learning about their organic production while being treated to a light snack of their homemade jams, olive oil and grappa. Through the idyllic landscape of vineyards, olives fields and quaint villages, you'll continue to the town of Lumbarda, home to the island's most beautiful sandy beach. Visit the Bire family winery, famous for cultivating the Grk Bijeli grape varietal. Indulge in a private wine tasting before your tour concludes with a transfer back to your hotel.

DAY 6 | KORCULA TO HVAR // THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Board a shared transfer by catamaran from Korcula to Hvar. Approximate travel time is 1.5 hrs. Set out with your private local guide to explore incredible Hvar. The adventure begins with a visit to the largest square in Dalmatia, previously bordered by gardens. The picturesque square is surrounded by grand palaces and beautiful historic edifices, such as the town loggia and the Gothic and Renaissance palaces. A stroll through the town's narrow streets will reveal numerous other monuments, such as the Franciscan and Benedictine Monastery and the mighty Arsenal, a 13th century warehouse for the communal war galley that today houses the Hvar theatre – the oldest theatre in Europe dating from 1612. After the tour of the town, you may wish to visit the Hvar Fortress, a 16th-century citadel built in the time of Venetian rule. Perched on a hill above the ramparts, it dominates the town and offers spectacular views of Hvar and the Pakleni islands. Even though there is some 25 – 30 minutes of a walk up to the top, the stunning views make is all worthwhile.





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DAYS 7-9

DAY 7 | HVAR // ALL ABOARD

Enjoy a half day private boating excursion along Croatia's Dalmatian coast aboard ship with an English-speaking skipper. Includes 2 hours of active cruise, while the rest of the time you will spend on an island or anchored enjoying the sun.

DAY 8 | HVAR TO SOLTA ISLAND // VENTURE INTO THE OUTDOORS



Discover the beauty of the Pakleni islands en route from Hvar to Solta Island in today's private transfer, which includes a private boat tour on stunning azure water. With a private skipper guiding your 3-hour cruise, you'll enjoy an exclusive excursion on a speed boat or deluxe motorboat. The Pakleni islands derive their name from 'paklina', referring to a pine resin once used to build ships, and offer secluded beaches and shaded coves to explore. The series of isles boast crystal-clear waters and either white sand or pebbled beachfront. Enjoy time at leisure to swim, sunbathe, and wander through the natural beauty of these stunning, sun-drenched islands. Conclude your memorable boat excursion by continuing your private transfer to Solta Island.

DAY 9 | SOLTA ISLAND // EXPLORE WITH AN EXPERT



Meet your private guide and driver for a half day tour of Solta Island, an undiscovered gem of Croatia. Local winding roads will take you past olive groves, lush vineyards, and beautiful bays. You'll first explore Srednje Selo, the smallest and the least populated settlement on the island, boasting rustic houses and irregular stone-paved alleys. Continue to Gornje Selo, a small village protectively overlooking the rest of the island, with a church bell tower that stands out in every view. Here you'll enjoy a private olive oil tasting at the Kastelanac family olive groves, learning about their organic production, and even sampling their best fare. Finally, you'll journey to the village of Grohote, Solta's oldest and largest settlement. Grohote is the home of the Tvrđić family who have been beekeeping and producing honey on the island for three generations. You'll enjoy a tasting of their award-winning rosemary honey, an experience not to be missed. At the end of the tour, your guide and driver will take you back to your hotel.



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DAYS 10-11

DAY 10 | SOLTA ISLAND TO SPLIT // STROLLING THE MAGICAL STREETS

Meet your private driver for a transfer to Split. Approximate travel time is 2 hours, including a public ferry ride. Set out on foot with your private guide for a walking tour of historic Split, a 1700-year-old town widely recognized as home to Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit this impressive living monument, initiated back in 293AD as a place for Roman emperor Diocletian to live out his final days. Discover the basement halls of the Palace and the unique role they played in the city's history. View the Peristyle, the monumental courtyard of the Palace which gave access to the imperial apartments, Diocletian's mausoleum, and the three temples built to the west. Continue on to the Cathedral of St. Domnus (named after the patron-saint of Split), the temples of the Palace, and the emperor's suites. Afterwards, explore the city's waterfront promenade, the lively open market, and monuments not only from antiquity, but also from the Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Baroque periods. When your tour concludes, feel free to enjoy some time at your leisure to immerse yourself in the town's famous Mediterranean charm, the mixture of historic layers, and the silent beats of history.

DAY 8 | SPLIT // PACK YOUR BAGS

Enjoy a private airport transfer with vehicle and English speaking driver.



TRIP DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners.
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hotel portage of 1 bag per person.
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Handpicked, high quality hotels, all tried and trusted.
- Gratuities to Travel Director, Coach Drivers, and Local Experts.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

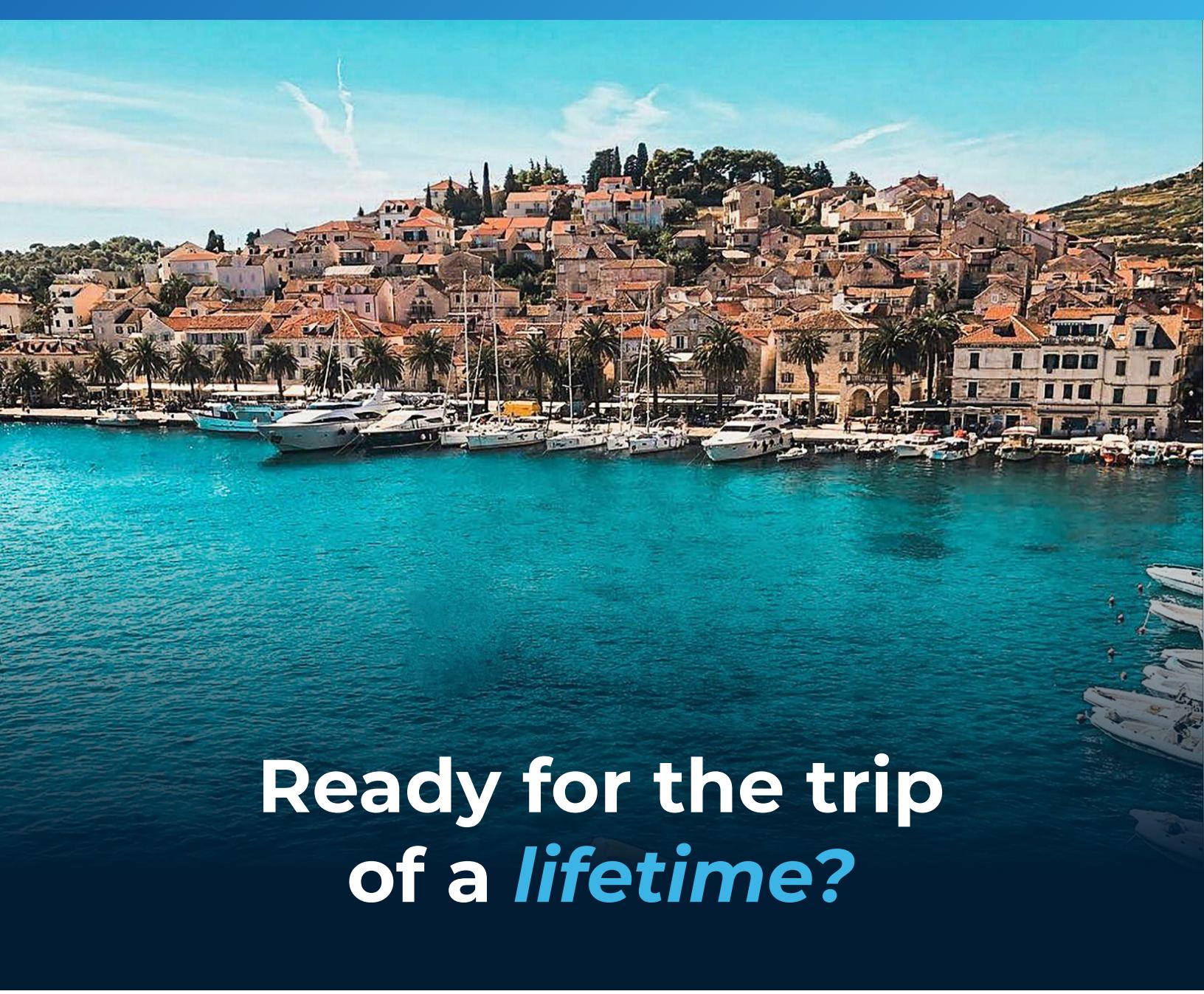
- No early check in / late check out.
- International or domestic air.
- Travel insurance, visas, and items of a personal nature.

PRICING

Full Tour	Varies
Land Only	Varies
Single Supplement	Varies
Deposit	Varies

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Deposit payment of \$750 per person to hold space.
- Final payment due



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