

# 11D8N INSIGHTS OF BALKANS

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## COUNTRY FOCUSED

This insightful trip takes you past the tumultuous history behind Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia to uncover their wealth of hidden beauty and historical gems.

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK, CROATIA



Wifi Router



Whisper System



# HIGHLIGHTS

## BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### SARAJEVO

- Emperor's Mosque
- Sarajevo War Tunnel
- Eternal Flame

### MOSTAR

- Old Bridge
- Old Bazaar

## CROATIA

### DUBROVNIK

- Pile Gate
- Onofrio Fountain
- Sponza Palace
- City Bell Tower
- Orlando's Column
- Church of St. Blaise

### SPLIT

- Diocletian's Palace
- Peristil Square

### ZADAR

- Western Quay
- Sea Organ
- Monument to the Sun
- St. Donatus' Church
- Roman Forum
- St. Anastasia's Cathedral
- St. Mary's Church
- Lion's Gate

### PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

- Electric Boat Ride
- Great Waterfall

### ISTRIA

- Truffle Hunting & Tasting

### ZAGREB

- King Tomislav Square
- Stone Gate
- St. Mark's Square
- St. Mark's Church
- Strossmayer Promenade
- Zagreb Cathedral
- Ban Jelačić Square
- Dolac Market
- Designer Outlet Croatia

## SLOVENIA

### LJUBLJANA

- Old Town
- Central Market
- Town Hall
- Robba Fountain
- Triple Bridge
- Dragon Bridge

### POSTOJNA CAVE

- Electric Train Ride

### LAKE BLEED

- Bled Castle



# EXCLUSIVES

- Truffle Hunting Experience



## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 7 Dinners

### Specialities

- Traditional Bosnian Beef Sahan
- Istrian Truffle
- Western + Bled Cream Cake @ Bled Castle
- Homemade Suckling Pig

## 4-5★ HOTELS

**ZAGREB** Grand Hotel

**SARAJEVO** Hills

**DUBROVNIK** Croatia

**ZADAR** Kolovare

**ISTRIA** Paris

**LJUBLJANA** Radisson Blu Plaza

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.



OLD CITY STREET VIEW, DUBROVNIK

## 01 HOME ▶ ZAGREB

Meals on Board  
Assemble at the airport for your flight to **Zagreb** – the capital of Croatia.

## 02 ZAGREB

Meals on Board, Dinner  
Upon arrival, transfer to **Zagreb** and start off with a guided walking tour of the Upper and Lower Town – catch a glimpse of top attractions like **King Tomislav Square**, the **Stone Gate**, **St. Mark's Square** and **St. Mark's Church**, the **Strossmayer Promenade**, **Zagreb Cathedral**, **Ban Jelacic Square** and **Dolac Market**. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure to do some souvenir shopping or simply bask in the lively street atmosphere of the city.

## 03 ZAGREB ▶ SARAJEVO

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner – Beef Sahan  
Journey to Bosnia and Herzegovina and head for its capital, Sarajevo. Enjoy a walking tour of the city's Old Town – stroll past the **Emperor's Mosque**, the largest mosque in the Balkans; the **Eternal Flame** and the **Sarajevo Roses** that are scattered throughout the city. Visit **Sarajevo Tunnel**, also known as the Tunnel of Hope, which was an underground tunnel constructed during the Siege of Sarajevo during the Bosnian War.

## 04 SARAJEVO ▶ MOSTAR ▶ DUBROVNIK

Breakfast, Dinner  
Proceed to **Mostar** today, where you will follow your tour guide to the magnificent **Old Bridge** for an extraordinary panorama over the river. Bask in the lively atmosphere of the **Old Bazaar**, which winds along one of the oldest parts of Mostar. Thereafter, travel to Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic. Starting from **Pile Gate**, walk along the elegant **Stradun Street** and soak up the buzzing atmosphere. Stroll past **Onofrio Fountain** for a look at the Romanesque-Gothic architecture of the Franciscan Monastery. Wander along the limestone-clad promenade until you reach the beautiful Renaissance-era **Sponza Palace**, which houses the state archives. Other highlights you'll come across include the **City Bell Tower**, **Orlando's Column**, and the **Church of St. Blaise**, which is dedicated to the patron saint of Dubrovnik.

## 05 DUBROVNIK

Breakfast  
Enjoy a free day of leisure for some shopping or sightseeing at your pleasure in **Dubrovnik**. You may wish to embark on an optional half-day tour of **Montenegro Blue**. Surrounded by high mountains reflected in the blue waters, the fjord-shaped Bay of Kotor is one of the most spectacular landscapes on the Mediterranean. Drive along the bay past **Risan** and the picturesque Perast to reach the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## 06 DUBROVNIK ▶ SPLIT ▶ ZADAR

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Wander through the Croatian countryside to wind up in **Split**, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast that was founded by Emperor Diocletian in AD 305 to construct his retirement palace. Tour this seaside city with a guide, who will bring you to enter the massive **Diocletian's Palace** and explore all its nooks and crannies, including the remains of the original palace, and the **Peristil Square**. Visit Stella Croatica, a family-run traditional estate, as you learn more about olive oil production and its different varieties as well as the local ingredients and Mediterranean delicacies. Then continue to **Zadar**, a city built in the centre of the Croatian Adriatic that's steeped in three thousand years of tumultuous history. Embark on a guided promenade of the city and visit the **Western Quay** for an close-up look at the **Sea Organ** and the Monument to the Sun, followed by **St. Donatus' Church**, **the Roman Forum**, **St. Anastasia's Cathedral**, **St. Mary's Church**, and the **Lion's Gate**.

## 07 ZADAR ▶ PLITVICE ▶ ISTRIA

Breakfast, Lunch - Homemade Suckling Pig, Dinner  
A drive through the Croatian highlands reveals the splendid alpine scenery as you arrive in one of Europe's most impressive national parks – the **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Take pleasure in a guided tour of the beautiful landscapes within the UNESCO National Heritage Park, adorned with sixteen lakes that are interconnected by a series of waterfalls and deep woodland populated by deer, bears, wolves, boars, and rare bird species. Savour the riveting beauty of nature from a different perspective on the waters as you join an **Electric Boat Ride**.

Note: In the event of bad weather conditions where the boat ride is unable to proceed, there will be no replacement activity.

## 08 ISTRIA ▶ POSTOJNA CAVE ▶ LJUBLJANA

Breakfast, Istrian Truffle Lunch, Chinese Dinner  
After breakfast, journey to the Istrian peninsula, a region in northwest Croatia. Set off on a walking tour into the forest, accompanied by well-trained truffle dogs and their owners, to hunt for underground Istrian treasure – the exclusive **truffle**, before doing some **truffle tasting**. After which, journey to Postojna and embark on a unique cave tour of the renowned **Postojna Cave** – one of the world's largest karst monuments. Board the unique **Electric Train** for an exciting adventure through dark passages to the Great Mountain, where you will disembark and continue foot across the **Russian Bridge** into the caves comprising of the Spaghetti Hall, the White Hall, and the Red Hall. Press on further to view the renowned



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OLD BRIDGE, MOSTAR



LAKE BLEED, SLOVENIA

stalagmites in the Brilliant Passage and get a look at the **Vivarium Proteus**, otherwise known as the human fish. Finally, head to the capital of **Slovenia, Ljubljana**.

## 09 LJUBLJANA ▶ BLED ▶ LJUBLJANA

Breakfast, Lunch - Western Meal + Bled Cream Cake, Traditional Slovenian Dinner  
After breakfast, make a photo

stop at the stunning **Lake Bled**. This alpine lake holds the only island in Slovenia in its centre and is noted to be a world-renowned paradise for centuries. Next, you may wish to join an optional excursion to visit Lake Bohinj, the largest glacial lake in Slovenia. Visit Bled Castle, which overlooks the lake, and enjoy a delicious local lunch there. Continue to **Ljubljana** and embark on a guided tour of the **Old Town** for some of the best-preserved medieval houses, visit the open-air **Central Market**, the baroque **Town Hall**, the stunning **Robba Fountain**, and the grandiose **Triple Bridge** and **Dragon Bridge**.

## 10 LJUBLJANA ▶ ZAGREB ▶ HOME

Breakfast, Meals on Board  
Make a pit-stop at the **Designer Outlet Croatia** for some last-minute shopping before proceeding to the airport for your flight home.

## 11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.



### Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.

\*Minimum group size may apply.

- Montenegro – Kotor Half Day Tour + Boat Ride: €100
- Lake Bohinj & Vogel Cable Car: €60
- Lake Bled Pletna Boat ride: €30

### Service Fee Guideline: (based on 11D8N)

- €88 per person

### Notes:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated without prior notice.