

# Discover Amazing Croatia & Slovenia

with MCBC's Paul Farmer

**12 DAY TOUR**  
**APRIL 13, 2023**

**San Francisco • Dubrovnik • Split • Plitvice**  
**Opatija • Ljubljana • Zagreb • San Francisco**

*Discover the beauty of the Adriatic with a breathtaking tour of Croatia and Slovenia!*

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This 12-day small-group tour will guide you through the magnificent natural and architectural wonders of Croatia and Slovenia. Prepare for a wonderful introduction to the exciting cities and historic towns along the Adriatic Sea. Begin your journey with a tour of Dubrovnik, the jewel of Croatia. Discover the breathtaking attractions and medieval walls of this historic town before you uncover Roman influence in the ancient cities of Split, Trogir, and Zadar. From there you will visit the Plitvice Lakes National Park, home to 16 breathtaking lakes interconnected by waterfalls and cascades. Discover Opatija, the "Pearl of the Adriatic", known for its wide range of charming hotels. After a magical visit, you will travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, home to a wide variety of baroque town buildings and majestic rivers. End your journey in awe-inspiring Zagreb, home to fascinating history, the significant St. Mark's Church, and gothic cathedrals before your final flight home.

### TOUR LODGING INFO:

10 Nights hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Dubrovnik	2 Nights	Hotel Kompas or similar
Split	2 Nights	Hotel Corner or similar
Plitvice	1 Night	Mirjana Rastoke or similar
Opatija	2 Nights	Hotel Paris
Ljubljana	2 Nights	Hotel Radisson or similar
Zagreb	1 Night	Hotel Sheraton or similar

Hotel may be replaced with similar superior property for operational reasons

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the colorful attractions and well-preserved medieval walls of Dubrovnik
- Bask in the beauty of Mostar with a breathtaking stop in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Explore the World Heritage Sites of Split and Trogir and uncover ancient Roman architecture
- Embark on an excursion to the Istrian Peninsula, with stops in Rovinj, Pula, and Opatija
- Travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia home to a majestic river and scenic cityscapes
- Admire the beautiful greenery, cobblestone glory, and cultural landmarks of Zagreb

### INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from SFO
- 10 Nights' accommodation on double occupancy basis at listed or similar superior hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Transportation in AC vehicle
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Lakes National Park & Bled Old Town
- Service of an English-speaking tour director
- English-speaking local guides
- Air taxes and fuel Surcharges
- All local applicable taxes



### TOUR ITINERARY:

#### DAY 1, THU:

#### SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTURE

Arrive in time at SFO international airport to check-in and board your overnight flight to Europe. Enjoy inflight meals and complimentary services.

#### DAY 2, FRI:

#### DUBROVNIK ARRIVAL

Welcome to Dubrovnik! This historic city is often referred to as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. Upon arrival at Dubrovnik International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Dubrovnik

#### DAY 3, SAT:

#### DUBROVNIK

(B/-/-)

Today, Dubrovnik is the proudest feather in Croatia's tourist cap. It is an elite destination and one of the most beautiful towns in the Mediterranean. The old city is encompassed by medieval walls, which have been preserved in their original form. Dubrovnik was known as the Republic of Ragusa in the Middle Ages and became the only Adriatic city-state to rival Venice. Supported by skilled diplomacy and wealth, the city developed at a remarkable pace — particularly during the 15th and 16th centuries. This morning you will head on a tour with your local guide. The remainder of the day will be spent at leisure.

Overnight in Dubrovnik

#### DAY 4, SUN:

#### DUBROVNIK – MOSTAR – SPLIT

(B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will depart for Split. En route, visit Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mostar is on the banks of the River Neretva and is undoubtedly one of

the most breathtaking cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tour the elegant Bridge on foot, Old Bazaar, and the Mosque. During the 1990s conflict, most of the historic town and the Old Bridge, designed by renowned architect Sinan, were destroyed. The Old Bridge was recently rebuilt and many of the edifices in the Old Town have been restored or rebuilt with the contribution of an international scientific committee established by UNESCO. The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean, and Western European architectural features, is an outstanding example of a multicultural urban settlement. The historic town of Mostar, spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River, developed in the 15th and 16th centuries as an Ottoman frontier town, and during the Austro-Hungarian period in the 19th and 20th centuries. Later, you will drive to Split to check in at your hotel.

Overnight in Split

**DAY 5, MON: SPLIT - TROGIR - SPLIT (B/-/-)**

Today you will visit two World Heritage sites: Split and Trogir. Split is a town of ancient history, built and preserved over 1700 years by its loving inhabitants. During your walking city tour, you will explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace with its Peristyle, Temple of Jupiter, and Cathedral. Diocletian Palace is one of the most significant original structures of late ancient architecture, a sort of Imperial Palace. From there you will visit Trogir, a pearl-like town in the heart of Dalmatia. Here you will see the influence of the Roman Empire in the walls of the Cathedral of St. Lawrence; a Roman Catholic triple-naved basilica constructed in Romanesque-Gothic style. In the afternoon you will return to Split.

Overnight in Split

**DAY 6, TUE: SPLIT - ZADAR - PLITVICE (B/-/-)**

Depart for Zadar, one of the most beautiful historic cities of Dalmatia. This city has been the center of this Adriatic region since Roman times, and today it is a city with rich cultural heritage found on every corner.

Enjoy free time to explore the city before you depart for Plitvice.

Overnight in Plitvice

**DAY 7, WED: PLITVICE – OPATIJA (B/-/-)**

This morning, depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. There are 16 interlinked lakes between Mala Kapela Mountain and Pljesevica Mountain. The lake system is divided into the upper and lower lakes. The upper lakes are separated by dolomite barriers, which grow with the formation of travertine, forming thus travertine barriers. The lower lakes were formed by the crumbling and caving-in of the vaults above subterranean cavities, through which water of the upper lakes disappeared. From there you will depart for Opatija, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Adriatic. Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and "Queen of Tourism", this little town offers the largest number of hotels in relation to population! Enjoy a breathtaking tour of the city with the services of a local guide.

Overnight in Opatija

**DAY 8, THU: OPATIJA – ROVINJ – PULA – OPATIJA (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, you will depart for a full-day excursion to the peninsula of Istra. Our first stop will be in Rovinj. Rovinj is a charming, picturesque town and one of the most romantic places in the Mediterranean! It was originally an island until 250 years ago when the narrow channel which separated it from the mainland was filled in. This city is delightfully pretty and lively with its wide range of cafes, restaurants, and galleries. Depart from Rovinj and travel to Pula, a 3000-year-old town, home to a famous Roman Amphitheater and underground chambers, city gates and walls, Triumphal arch of Sergians, Roman Forum, Roman mosaic, and Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

Overnight in Opatija



**DAY 9, FRI: OPATIJA - LJUBLJANA (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, you will drive to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and home to one of the oldest Philharmonics in the world. Explore the baroque town buildings and stroll alongside the majestic Ljubljana River which flows through the center of town. Many bridges cross the river; the most famous is Tromostovje (Triple Bridge). Baroque and art-nouveau have marked this exceptional city, together with new, modern architectural styles. The Old Town is the main attraction of the city. It was built on a hill as a fortress, from which you will see Ljubljana and its magnificent surroundings.

Overnight in Ljubljana

**DAY 10, SAT: LJUBLJANA – BLEĐ – BOHINJ – LJUBLJANA (B/-/-)**

Today, you may enjoy a full-day tour of Bled with its mountainous surroundings, stunning topography, and the breathtaking Bohinj area. Lake Bled, together with its surroundings, ranks among the most beautiful Alpine resorts. Visit the Old Town and castle with a local guide before you continue to the nearby Lake Bohinj.

Overnight in Ljubljana

**DAY 11, SUN: LJUBLJANA – ZAGREB (B/-/-)**

After breakfast, you will travel to Zagreb. This historic city is rich with gorgeous greenery, famous for its parks and well-preserved natural environment. Your tour of Zagreb will guide you through the rich history of this fascinating city. In the historic Upper Town, you will discover St. Mark's Church, with its famous multi-coloured mosaic-tiled roof, on the square where the Croatian Parliament and seat of Government are located. You will also pass by the University and the city's gothic Cathedral with the fountain in front, sculpted by the world-famous sculptor Ivan Meštrović. You cannot miss the Croatian National Theatre, housed in the present-day Old City Hall and home to Zagreb's drama, opera, and ballet productions. Here is a perfect example of the city's diversity: it is not only a cultural and historical landmark but also a favourite hang-out spot for skateboarders!

Overnight in Zagreb

**DAY 12, MON: ZAGREB – SAN FRANCISCO (B/-/-)**

Today you will be transferred to Zagreb International Airport for your flight back home.

**DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
  - Travel insurance
  - Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Any other items not under inclusion
- Visa fees if applicable

