LUXURY, CULTURE & CUISINE AT THE CROSSROADS OF EMPIRES

A fully customizable 9 day/8 night, 5-Star, luxury itinerary through Zagreb & Istria, created by the team of destination specialists at Tasteful Croatian Journeys
THE TASTEFUL DIFFERENCE

Custom Luxury Itineraries

Composed of Discovery, Culture & Relaxed Elegance
Wanda S. Radetti

President and Founder

Having organized trips to Croatia since the formation of the Independent Democracy, Wanda has overcome political and economic barriers. Her philosophy of borders as opportunities to build bridges of friendship and cultural exchange has served as a guiding principle in her international work. Wanda aims not only to create unforgettable experiences for her travelers but to form a treasured network of personal relationships along the way. For the sophisticated, educated traveler, she opens a little-known country to reveal her deep insights into its untainted natural beauties and ancient local traditions.

Wanda crafts customized itineraries like a composer arranging a musical masterpiece, collecting notes about each individual traveler’s desires and needs, forming them into a harmonious journey of a lifetime. Her lyricism and expertise of Croatia is second to none.

Today, Wanda continues to be the heart and soul of VisitCroatia.com – Tasteful Croatian Journeys. For more than 25 years she has led her team, serving travelers as, “Caretakers of Wonder” creating trips of a lifetime to Croatia and the surrounding regions. She has had the distinct pleasure of serving travelers from around the world, sharing with them her exquisite vision.
9 days/ 8 Nights
Private, Custom Journey

ZAGREB
Croatia's elegant capital city

OPATIJA
Croatia's wellness riviera

MENEGHETTI WINE HOTEL & WINERY
Elegant, traditional Istrian style

ROVINJ
The darling of Istrian seaside towns
Included:

HOTEL ESPLANADE, ZAGREB 5* - 3 Nights  
- Junior Suite

IKADOR LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, OPATIJA 5* - 2 Nights  
- Premium room with sea view & Terrace

MENEGHETTI WINERY & WINE HOTEL, BALE ISTRIA 5* - 1 NIGHT  
- Executive Suite

THE GRAND PARK HOTEL, ROVINJ 5* - 2 NIGHTS  
- Deluxe Sea View Room with private plunge pool & balcony

With daily Breakfasts, all taxes and VAT

5 Star Accommodations  
Professional, Local Guides  
Private Car & Professional Driver  
Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge  
Access to private, local experiences

Starting at $5385 per person

*Based on double occupancy
ZAGREB

• 5-star accommodations - 2 Nights
• Private car & driver

Arrival Day - Relax and adjust to time difference

Effervescent, avant-garde and always elegant, Zagreb beautifully embraces its many identities.

A metropolitan capital city, its long history is evident in every structure and sidewalk, while its vibrant and cutting-edge art scene energizes contemporary society. Zagreb’s location intersects boundaries between cultures, governments, and ancestry; it is at once a part of Central Europe and the Mediterranean, a former Kingdom in its own right, and for centuries part of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

A dynamic metropolis, Zagreb beckons one to stroll, relax, and observe, with its many squares and parks, as well as with the unspoiled nature which encircles the city in a verdant embrace. It is place to enjoy music spanning from the waltzes of Austria-Hungary to the modern beats pumping at the annual INmusic festival.

Zagreb is not to be missed when discovering Croatia.
Dating back to 1925, The Esplanade Zagreb is a property of distinction – it speaks to tradition, elegance, and exceptional service. Near the upper town, with 4 chic restaurants, a lavish cocktail bar, an elegant lounge & an opulent ballroom. The Esplanade offers luxurious rooms, a health spa, and fitness center. Chef Ana Grgic, a young star of the culinary scene of Croatia, leads the hotel's award-winning collection of restaurants.
ZAGREB

Morning - Your professional, local guide will meet you at the hotel Esplanade where you will begin a 2-hour walking tour of the Upper town & Lower town of historic Zagreb. Visit Zagreb’s main square, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića and the bustling Dolac Market, the city’s famous open-air farmers’ market.

Afternoon - Both the political and cultural capital of Croatia, Zagreb has more museums per square foot than any other city in the world. The Croatian Naïve Art Museum, housing artworks by self-taught Croatian artists, and the Museum of Broken Relationships, displaying the sentimental artifacts of love stories that have ended, are particular favorites. Spend your afternoon discovering these, or one of more than 50 other museums in Zagreb.

Evening - Enjoy dinner at one of Zagreb’s fabulous restaurants. As rich and varied as the city itself, Zagreb’s dining scene offers a culinary landscape befitting of any grand European capital - from street-food and fusion to modern bistros and fine dining. A new generation of chefs dig into Croatia’s collective memory, examining the country’s gastronomic identity, and emerge with innovations which are redefining the cuisine while still honoring tradition.
ZAGREB to OPATIJA

- Private luxury car & driver
- 5-star accommodations - 2 Nights

Morning- Your professional Car and Driver will bring you from your hotel in Zagreb to Opatija via private, chauffeur driven excursion/transfer. Enjoy a comfort stop before arriving to the Ikador Luxury Boutique Hotel & Spa.

Enjoy the afternoon & evening at leisure in Opatija

Every customized itinerary includes Tasteful Croatian Journey’s personally vetted, detailed suggestions for sightseeing, dining, shopping, and other leisure activities; our “Travel Notes”. In this digital document, you will also have access to details about the history and culture of each destination. Our team is constantly updating our selections to bring the latest and finest of Croatia to our guests.
Amid the timeless beauty of the Opatija Riviera, Ikador is an oasis of Mediterranean luxury with 16 elegantly designed rooms and suites overlooking the endless blue Kvarner Bay.
DAY 4 - OPATIJA

OPATIJA
Queen of the Adriatic

In the late 19th century, at the golden age of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, this quiet seaside village blossomed into its identity as an elegant and glamorous Eastern Riviera resort town. An attractive destination for all seasons, health and wellness have remained at the fore.

Opatija rests where the wooded slopes of Mount Ucka descend to the coastline over the Kvarner Bay. The thirteen-kilometer-long Lungomare seafront promenade provides perfect shade for a leisurely and restorative walk. Opatija's architectural styles whisper of the "belle époque", with elegant promenades and lush parks and gardens, glowing in an air of comfortable refinement.

Also known as "the town of festivals", Opatija boasts a variety of events throughout the year. The theatrical performances and concerts that take place at the magnificent Open-Air Théâtre are particularly impressive. Revel in the scenic mountain backdrop, elegant architecture and gardens, and embrace the therapeutic climate and cuisine in lovely Opatija!
OPATIJA/ VILLA MENEGHETTI

- Private walking tour of the Roman city of Pula, with expert local guide
- 5-star accommodations - 1 Night
- Full Day Excursion/ Transfer with Private car & driver

Morning - Depart late in the morning to Pula with your private, professional car & driver, and local guide. Private guided walking tour of the Roman town of Pula. Enjoy Pula at your leisure before continuing to the Villa Meneghetti.

Enjoy the afternoon & evening at leisure

We suggest dinner at the restaurant Meneghetti for creative Istrian cuisine, and of course their fantastic wines.

"What nature has to offer here in Istria with a seasoning of creativity and imagination, that is what we offer to the quests that choose to dine with us while striving to provide a memorable story along the way."
- Chef Andrew Gaskin
THE VILLA MENEGHETTI - HOTEL, WINERY & RESTAURANT

In the heart of Istria, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves, this luxurious and secluded hotel is a refined setting offering highly personalized service and privacy. As has been done in Istria since Roman times, the Meneghetti produces premium wine and olive oils. Their chef's fresh, healthy dishes enhance and complete your experience for a memorable stay.
VILLA MENEGHETTI to ROVINJ

- Full Day Excursion/Transfer with Private car & driver
- Winery Visit & Tasting
- 5-star accommodations - 2 Nights

Morning - Depart late in the morning for a chauffeur driven excursion/transfer from the Villa Meneghetti to visit the hill towns of Istria. This is Croatia’s truffle country; an area famed for its wine, olive oil, and cuisine. The first stop is the picturesque town of Motovun. Stroll the town's ancient streets and enjoy lunch at one of the local konobas before continuing on to the town of Groznjan, a 14th-century Venetian fortress town and thriving arts colony. Finally, visit Kabola winery for a tasting of local wines and small bites.

Afternoon - Arrive Rovinj - This captivating, colorful, ancient fishing port is arguably one of the most breathtakingly beautiful seaside towns in the entire Adriatic.

Evening at leisure in Rovinj
From a gentle slope along the marina, the property cascades toward the Adriatic Sea, designed to have a minimal impact on the natural landscape. The interior's soft earth tones are designed to contrast the blue of the sea and sky, the effect of which seems to enhance the spectacular view of Rovinj across the bay. Be sure to enjoy the fantastic spa and excellent dining options.
• Private walking tour of Rovinj with a local guide

**Morning** - Your professional, local guide will meet you at the Grand Park Hotel where you will begin a 2-hour walking tour of the Rovinj old town and waterfront.

**Enjoy the afternoon & evening at leisure in Rovinj**

We suggest an early evening ride on a "batana" - a flat bottom wooden boat, the symbol of Rovinj's fishing culture, listed in the UNESCO register for intangible heritage. Sail into the sunset with your personal oarsman as the lights of the city begin to glow and embrace the romantic nostalgia of the experience.

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**Rovinj (Rovigno), the darling of Istrian seaside towns**

*Often compared to Venice due to the style of its architecture, the old town of Rovinj has a fascinating mix of Gothic Renaissance, Baroque and neoclassical styles. Its winding narrow backstreets reveal a profusion of red-tiled buildings and unique exterior chimneys, all dominated by the imposing Cathedral of St. Euphemia, which stands imperiously on its hill-top location in the very heart of the peninsula, swelling into the blue Istrian sky, the landmark building of Rovinj.*

*For 17 centuries, Rovinj has drawn its wealth, way of life, culture, and development from the azure blue waters of the Adriatic Sea. Today, it offers the atmosphere and excitement of an alluring tourist paradise with an impressive selection of quality hotels, restaurants, and shops which blend effortlessly with its ancient history, extraordinary beauty, and serenity.*
ROVINJ to ZAGREB

- Full Day Excursion/ Transfer with Private car & driver
- Agritourism visit with option for lunch
- 5-star accommodations - 1 Night

Morning - Professional Car and Driver - private, chauffeur driven excursion/transfer from your hotel in Rovinj to Zagreb.

Afternoon - Enjoy a comfort stop, with option for lunch at an authentic agritourism farm and restaurant.

Enjoy the afternoon & evening at leisure in Zagreb
Departure day

- Private car & driver

Depart Croatia with memories to treasure for a lifetime

FROM YOUR TEAM AT TASTEFUL CROATIAN JOURNEYS,

Thank you

FOR TRAVELING WITH US
Upon arrival in Croatia, our travelers gain exclusive access to our local Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge who works to ensure all services are executed to perfection. Our Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge is at your service to provide assistance and to support with booking of additional experiences such as VIP dining reservations and wine and olive oil tastings, as well as to provide care and support that might be required due to unforeseen circumstances.
Luxury, Culture & Cuisine at the Crossroads of Empires

Included

- 3 NIGHTS – 5* HOTEL ESPLANADE, ZAGREB 5* - JUNIOR SUITE
- 2 NIGHTS – 5* IKADOR LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, OPATIJA - PREMIUM ROOM WITH SEA VIEW & TERRACE
- 1 NIGHT – 5* MENEGHETTI WINERY & WINE HOTEL, BALE ISTRIA - EXECUTIVE SUITE
- 2 NIGHTS – 5* THE GRAND PARK HOTEL, ROVINJ - DELUXE SEA VIEW ROOM WITH PRIVATE PLUNGE POOL & BALCONY
- PRIVATE CHAUFFEURED AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN LUXURY VEHICLE
- 2-HOUR PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ZAGREB’S UPPER & LOWER TOWN WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, LOCAL GUIDE
- PRIVATE TRANSFER FROM ZAGREB TO OPATIJA IN LUXURY VEHICLE WITH CHAUFFEUR
- 2-HOUR PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF THE ROMAN CITY OF PULA WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, LOCAL GUIDE
- FULL DAY PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM OPATIJA TO THE MENEGHETTI WINERY, STOPPING IN PULA, IN LUXURY VEHICLE WITH CHAUFFEUR
- PRIVATE, FULL DAY EXCURSION TO THE HILL TOWNS OF ISTRIA WITH WINERY VISIT & TASTING, LUXURY VEHICLE WITH CHAUFFEUR
- 2-HOUR PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF ROVINJ’S OLD TOWN WITH PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED, LOCAL GUIDE
- FULL DAY PRIVATE TRANSFER/EXCURSION FROM ROVINJ TO ZAGREB WITH SUGGESTED STOP FOR LUNCH, IN LUXURY VEHICLE WITH CHAUFFEUR
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