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Accommodation:

****Hotel Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione

S. Marco Mercerie, 760, 30124 Venice,

3 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room, canal view, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

****Hotel Adriatic, Rovinj, Croatia

Obala Pina Budicina 16,

4 nights - One Piazza room, double occupancy, view of the main square, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 11:00pm

****Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Miklosiceva ulica 1, 1000 Ljubljana

4 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 12:00pm

*****Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb, Croatia

Mihanoviceva 1, 10000 Zagreb

2 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 12:00pm

****Hotel Vestibul Palace, Split, Croatia

Iza Vestibula 4A, 21000 Split \

2 nights - One superior double occupancy room, queen bed, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

****Hotel Korsal, Korčula, Croatia

Šetalište Frana Kršinića 80, 20260 Korčula

3 nights - One double occupancy suite, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 11:00am

*****Hotel Excelsior, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Frana Supila 12, 20000 Dubrovnik

4 nights - One Villa Odak deluxe room, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes, included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

*****Hotel Forza Terra, Kotor, Montenegro

Kamp, Dobrota bb, 85330 Kotor

2 nights - One superior double room, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Itinerary

Day 0 – Travel Day Depart the USA

Flight details:

American Airlines – Operated by British Airways, Flight #6997

Lv. 7:25pm – San Francisco International (SFO)

Ar. 1:55pm – London Heathrow (LHR) (+1 day)

Day 1 Arrive in Venice, Italy

8:35pm

Private water taxi transfer - 2 pax + luggage - private water taxi transfer from the Venice airport to your hotel in Venice, with escorted service.

P/U Venice Airport D/O Hotel Splendid Venice

*your driver will be waiting for you at the Venice Airport, carrying a sign VisitCroatia.com – Tasteful Croatian Journeys

Flight details:

American Airlines, Flight #6526

Lv. 5:20pm – London Heathrow (LHR)

Ar. 8:35pm – Venice (VCE)

****Hotel Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione

S. Marco Mercerie, 760, 30124 Venice,

3 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room, canal view, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Evening at leisure in Venice

After your arrival, we recommend taking the remainder of your first day to relax and adjust to the time difference.

Day 2 Venice

Full day at leisure in Venice

Day 3 Venice

Full day at leisure in Venice

Day 4

Venice / Trieste / Rovinj

9:30am

Private water taxi transfer - 2 pax + luggage - private water taxi transfer from your hotel in Venice to the Piazzale Roma with escorted service. (Piazzale Roma is a square near the city's entrance and is the only place in Venice accessible to cars).

P/U Hotel Splendid Venice D/O Piazzale Roma

Note: Exact time and location of your meeting in Piazzale Roma to be coordinated between your driver and the water taxi driver.

10:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + luggage - private, chauffeur-driven transfer from the Piazzale Roma in Venice to your hotel in Rovinj.

P/U Piazzale Roma, Venice D/O Hotel Adriatic, Rovinj

Stop en route to stretch your legs and enjoy a coffee in the Italian city of Trieste, the capital of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region and once a great seaport of the Habsburg Empire. The city boasts an attractive waterfront with impressive neoclassical architecture facing out toward a brilliant blue bay.

From Trieste, continue on, briefly passing through Slovenia, before crossing the border into the Croatian region of Istria.

Istria's inland is an area of exceptional beauty, a rural landscape of undulating hills, perched atop which you will find charming medieval villages. For example, make a stop to visit the hilltop town of Grožnjan. Once all but deserted, artists and musicians began to flock to the town in 1965 after encouragement by the Yugoslav government. The formerly abandoned houses are now home to more than 20 art galleries displaying the works of local painters, potters, and sculptors. Additionally, it is home to a summer music school for young musicians, which often holds recitals and concerts in the town's square.

During your journey, you may wish to stop for lunch at one of the many authentic restaurants in the area. Your local driver knows the area well and will suggest places you might enjoy along your route.

Arrive at your hotel in Rovinj in the late afternoon, latest 4:30pm

****Hotel Adriatic, Rovinj, Croatia

Obala Pina Budicina 16,

4 nights - One Piazza room, double occupancy, view of the main square, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 11:00pm

Evening at leisure in Rovinj

Day 5
Rovinj

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour, private, guided walking tour of the historical center of Rovinj, with a licensed, English-speaking guide

*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Rovinj

After your guided tour, take some time to explore Rovinj at your own pace. Perhaps you would like to make your way up the campanile of 17th-century St. Euphemia, which stands 61-meters high and offers views of the Alps to the north on clear days.

Rovinj also offers excellent opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. For example, "Zlatni rt," known as the Golden Cape Forest Park in English, is a protected forest full of cypress trees, pines, and other exotic tree varieties. It is a lovely place for a stroll or a bike ride.

Around Rovinj, several small islands offer the opportunity to explore gardens, parks, and beaches. You'll find boat shuttles connecting the islands to the mainland.

Day 6

Rovinj / Motovun / Rovinj

9:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax - full day excursion to explore and enjoy Croatia's "Truffle Country"

P/U Hotel Adriatic D/O Hotel Adriatic

Istria has a microclimate ideal for cultivating grapes, olives, figs, and fertile meadows that blossom with wild asparagus in spring. The clear, deep waters of the Adriatic keep fishermen's nets full, and the dense forests of the interior are home to wild game. But of all Istria's agricultural blessings, the greatest treasure bestowed upon it is the truffle.

10:00am

Truffle Hunt - 2 pax - This small group experience begins with a welcome drink and introduction, followed by a guided walk through the forest accompanied by well-trained truffle hunting dogs. Follow the dogs as they lead you to unearth a wonderful treasure - summer black truffles or winter white truffles, depending on the season. Once back from the hunt, enjoy a sampling of gourmet truffle products - oils, spreads, cheeses, and sausage - and a cooking demonstration featuring a classic Istrian dish - organic scrambled eggs with freshly shaved truffle. For dessert, chocolate cake topped with truffle honey and freshly shaved truffle offer the perfect finishing touch.

After your truffle hunt with your driver, visit Motovun, one of Istria's most beautiful hilltop towns. The birthplace of racecar driver Mario Andretti, Motovun is dramatically high above vineyards and is one of the best-preserved Istrian medieval hill towns. The historic town center boasts a 13th-century bell tower, municipal palace, cobbled streets, and shops selling local products. For a small fee, you can walk through the city's walls and enjoy breathtaking views of the expansive countryside.

Return to Rovinj in the late afternoon.

Evening at leisure in Rovinj

Day 7
Rovinj

9:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + Guide - full day, private guided excursion to Southern Istria.

P/U Hotel Adriatic D/O Hotel Adriatic

Located on the southernmost tip of the Istrian peninsula, Pula is home to impressive Roman ruins, including the Arena, the Triumphal arch of the Sergii, and the 2000-year-old Temple of Augustus. The Arena of Pula, located in the city's center, is the sixth largest Roman Arena in the world and one of the best preserved. Discover these historical gems and get an introduction to this ancient port city with your Local Guide. After, you may wish to stop for lunch at the stunning Meneghetti Wine Hotel and Winery. What began as a traditional stone estate has since expanded into a chic hotel with several restaurants amidst vineyards and olive groves. A true example of understated elegance, the Meneghetti offers options for wine and olive oil tastings in addition to creative, authentic, and expertly prepared cuisine. Another nearby stop that may interest you is the Chiavalon family estate which produces award-winning extra-virgin olive oil. Stop in for a tour or tasting. Your driver or Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge will be happy to call ahead for reservations.

Note: lunch and/or tastings not included, to be paid on the spot

Evening at leisure in Rovinj

Day 8
Rovinj/ Lipica / Ljubljana

8:45am

Professional Car and Driver -2 pax -full day, private, chauffeur-driven transfer/excursion from your hotel in Rovinj to your hotel in Ljubljana. Along the way, stop to visit the Lipica Riding School, the famed home of the Lipizzan horse and the biggest Lipizzan stud farm in the world.

P/U Hotel Adriatic D/O Grand Hotel Union

11:00am

Visit Lipica Stud Farm with a private guided tour of Stud Farm

Note: Entrance Tickets (16 euro per person) to Lipica Stud Farm and a private guided tour of Stud Farm (100 eur) are not included, to be paid directly on the spot by the clients.

****Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Miklosiceva ulica 1, 1000 Ljubljana

4 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Evening at leisure in Ljubljana

Day 9
Ljubljana

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour, private, guided walking tour of the historical center of Ljubljana with a licensed English-speaking Guide.

*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Ljubljana

Explore Ljubljana at your own pace. Take the funicular to Ljubljana Castle and enjoy the spectacular views from the Outlook Tower, or perhaps lunch at one of the two restaurants on the grounds.

Later, see the embossed Vače situla – a Celtic pail from the 6th century BC that was unearthed near Ljubljana in the National Museum of Slovenia.

Day 10
Ljubljana/ Lake Bled / Ljubljana

9:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax - full day, private, chauffeur-driven excursion from your hotel in Ljubljana to explore the fairytale landscape of Lake Bled, a shimmering turquoise lake set against the dramatic backdrop of the Julian Alps.

P/U Grand Hotel Union D/O Grand Hotel Union

In the center of the lake is a small island, home to a picturesque church. The island is accessible only by small rowboats, known as pletnas, propelled by a single, standing ferryman. Visiting the church demands a climb up the 99 stone-step staircase. (Tradition still has it that for marrying couples, the groom should carry his bride up all of the 99 steps to get married in the island church). In addition to the church, the island offers other exciting attractions such as a bell tower, chaplain's house, provost's house, small hermitage, and some mysterious legends! Overlooking the lake, a medieval castle clings to a rocky cliff, offering spectacular views of the dreamscape below. The castle's restaurant is a perfect option for lunch with a view.

Note: Entrance fees to attractions are not included; they are to be paid on the spot. Current entry prices are Bled castle 13 Euro per person, Pletna boat to Bled Island 15 Euro per person, Church on Bled Island 12 Euro per person.

Evening at leisure in Ljubljana

Day 11

Ljubljana / Triglav National Park / Ljubljana

9:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + Guide - full day, private, chauffeur-driven excursion from your hotel in Ljubljana to experience the beauty of Lake Bohinj, the pristine jewel that is Slovenia's largest natural lake and the heart of Triglav National Park. If the weather permits, ride the cable car to the top of Mount Vogel (5036 feet) with a spectacular view of the Julian Alps and Mount Triglav, Slovenia's highest peak and a symbol of the country.

P/U Grand Hotel Union D/O Grand Hotel Union

Note: Cable car tickets are not included; they are to be paid on the spot. The current cost of round-trip Cable Car tickets is 24 Euro per person

Evening at leisure in Ljubljana

Day 12

Ljubljana / Zagreb

11:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + luggage - private, chauffeur-driven transfer from your hotel in Ljubljana to your hotel in Zagreb with a suggested stop for lunch at Restaurant Gabrek 1929 which has been owned and managed by the same family for the past 91 years. The restaurant is located in the picturesque medieval town of Samobor.

P/U Grand Hotel Union D/O Hotel Esplanade

*****Hotel Esplanade, Zagreb, Croatia

Mihanoviceva 1, 10000 Zagreb -

2 nights - One Deluxe double occupancy room with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 3:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Zagreb

Day 13

Zagreb

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour private, guided walking tour of the historical center of Zagreb, with a licensed, English-speaking Guide

*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Zagreb.

In Croatia's political and cultural capital, 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. So spend your afternoon discovering these, or one of more than 50 other museums in Zagreb.

Day 14

Zagreb / Plitvice Lakes National Park

8:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + luggage - private, chauffeur-driven transfer from your hotel in Zagreb to your hotel in Split. Stop along the way to enjoy a guided tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park.

P/U Hotel Esplanade D/O Hotel Vestibul Palace

10:00am

Professional Guide - Private, a guided walking tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park, with a licensed, English-speaking Guide

*Exact time and meeting point at Plitvice Lakes National Park to be arranged between your driver and your guide.

Your Guide can tailor the program to your needs and wishes. The shortest route is 1 – 1.5 hours long, taking the trail above the canyon of the Lower lakes, enjoying views from the viewpoints, but not descending down to lake level. The slightly longer route option takes 2 – 2.5 hours to complete and includes walking through the canyon of the lower lakes before returning to the entrance via the trail above the canyon.

Please find Plitvice Lakes National Park enclosed in your Travel Package

Croatia's oldest and largest national park, Plitvice Lakes, has long been renowned for its pristine natural beauty. The park consists of 16 crystalline lakes, emerald-blue in color and connected by a series of more than 90 cascades and waterfalls. A series of wooden footbridges and pathways snake over the lakes and around their shores, providing gentle trails for visitors to wander, explore, and take in the breathtaking views. Highlights within the park include Veliki Slap, also known as the Great Waterfall. At 78 m high, it is the tallest waterfall not only in the park but also in all of Croatia. From certain viewpoints, the Sastavci waterfalls appear to be an extension of this, creating a dramatic scene from which the Korana River springs up and flows north toward the town of Karlovac. The eastern ridge of the canyon, which overlooks the Lower Lakes, also provides breathtaking views, which will surely be familiar to those who have seen images of the park in magazines or on postcards.

Arrival in Split in the late afternoon hours.

****Hotel Vestibul Palace, Split, Croatia

Iza Vestibula 4A, 21000 Split - Tel. +385 21 329 329

2 nights - One superior double occupancy room, queen bed, with breakfast and all taxes included

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Evening at leisure in Split

Day 15

Split

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour private, guided walking tour of Diocletian's Palace, with a licensed, English-speaking Guide

*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Split

We recommend taking time to explore and enjoy Split at your own pace. You may want to walk/hike the nearby Marjan Hills Park, which offers beautiful panoramas. We also think you will enjoy a visit to the Mestrovic Gallery - this small gallery is the former studio and residence of the Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović. Works are placed inside the home and throughout the garden. The atmosphere is very welcoming for a relaxing and inspiring visit.

Either of the above options is within an easy walk or a short drive from the historic center of Split, where you will be staying.

Day 16

Split / Hvar / Korčula

TBA

Transfer with El. Cart - 2 pax + luggage - from your hotel Vestibul to the Port of Split.

9:00am

Krilo Catamaran - Public Catamaran from the Port of Split to the Port of Hvar.

Lv. 9:00am - Split

Ar. 9:50am - Hvar

Please find the catamaran tickets enclosed in your travel notes

Morning and afternoon at leisure in Hvar

6:10pm

Krilo Catamaran - Public Catamaran from the Port of Split to the Port of Korčula.

Lv. 6:10pm - Hvar

Ar. 7:45pm - Korčula

Please find the catamaran tickets enclosed in your travel notes

7:45pm

El. cart transfer from the port of Korčula to your hotel

P/U Port of Korčula D/O Hotel Korsal

*Your driver will be waiting for you at the disembarkation point from your catamaran, carrying a sign VisitCroatia.com – Tasteful Croatian Journeys.

****Hotel Korsal, Korčula, Croatia

Šetalište Frana Kršinića 80, 20260 Korčula

3 nights - One double occupancy suite, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes included.

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 11:00am

Day 17

Korčula

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour private, guided walking tour of the medieval town of Korčula, with a licensed, English-speaking Guide.

*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Korčula

Take some time to Visit St. Mark's Cathedral, which took three centuries to build, and if interested, climb the stairs of the bell tower for spectacular 360-degree views of the island.

Day 18

Korčula

Full day at leisure in Korčula

For a unique cultural experience, see a performance of the Moreska Sword Dance in the Evening. On the UNESCO intangible heritage list, this sword dance-drama combines pantomime, spoken word, and dance and takes the form of a dispute over a girl between two groups of dancers, one clad in red and the other in black, each led by a king. Let us know if you'd like us to arrange tickets for you.

Day 19

Korčula / Dubrovnik

10:30am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + luggage - half day - private, chauffeur-driven transfer/excursion from your hotel in Korčula to your hotel in Dubrovnik along the Pelješac Peninsula. Includes a short car ferry from the Island of Korčula to the town of Orebic. Stop en route to enjoy lunch.

P/U Hotel Korsal D/O Hotel Excelsior

For a traditional local culinary experience, visit the Konoba and family farm Antunović to enjoy authentic cuisine and local history. Located in a charming village, the Konoba (tavern) home is over 300 years old. Enjoy their fresh, family-grown produce, house-made cheese, delicate meats, and quality wines. For a traditional experience, your Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge will make an advance request for the Peka – a dish that slow cooks meat and vegetables under an iron dome, heated by burning embers. Note: Cost for lunch not included; to be paid on the spot.

*****Hotel Excelsior, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Frana Supila 12, 20000 Dubrovnik

4 nights - One Villa Odak deluxe room, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes, included.

Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

At the Hotel Excelsior, we recommend you to the kind attention of Mr. Ivo Besjedica, Front Office Manager, to assist with your needs and requirements.

Day 20
Dubrovnik

10:00am

Professional Guide - 2-hour private, guided walking tour of the walled city of Dubrovnik, with a licensed, English-speaking Guide
*your Guide will meet you at your hotel

Afternoon and Evening at leisure in Dubrovnik

After you have completed the guided tour of the walled city, we recommend taking some time to explore Dubrovnik in greater depth.

Consider taking the Dubrovnik Cable Car a short ride up to the top of Mount Srđ for a bird's eye view of the Old Town of Dubrovnik, the expansive blue Adriatic Sea, and the nearby islands. Also, at the top, you will find the Homeland War Museum and Restaurant Panorama, the ideal place to enjoy a meal or drink while soaking in the spectacular views.

Day 21
Dubrovnik

Full day at leisure in Dubrovnik

We recommend getting an early start to climb the City Walls and its system of forts and towers. One of the city's main attractions, the walls offer spectacular views over the rooftops of Dubrovnik and out to the sea beyond. The walls run an uninterrupted course of approximately 1,940 meters (6,360 ft/1.2 miles), encircling most of the old city, and reach a maximum height of about 25 meters (82 ft). Walking the walls takes between 1.5 and 2 hours. As the fortifications offer little shade, it is recommended to bring plenty of water.

After, you might enjoy taking a ferry or water taxi to the nearby Lokrum Island. Visit this oasis to enjoy its lush forests, numerous swimming holes, rocky beaches, and the wild peacocks which roam freely around its interior.

Lokrum Island has an interesting and mysterious history. According to legend, in 1192, when Richard the Lionhearted found himself stranded on Lokrum after a tempest, he was so enchanted with the island that he made a generous donation for a monastery to be built there. The Benedictine order that established the monastery used their island to warn the mainland of approaching dangers such as pirates or tempests. As a result, the inhabitants of Dubrovnik learned to watch for fires coming from the island's hilltop or incessant bells ringing from the monastery church. Today, you can visit the ruins of the monastery and its Botanical Garden with palm trees and exotic plants.

Day 22
Dubrovnik

9:15am

Professional car and Driver - 2 pax - full day private, chauffeur-driven excursion from your hotel in Dubrovnik to the region of Konavle.
P/U Hotel Excelsior D/O Hotel Excelsior

Authentic Croatian Culture in the Konavle Valley...

Just southeast of Dubrovnik, nestled between Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro, lies the fertile region of Konavle. Often referred to as the "Konavle Valley," this verdant area is home to olive groves and vineyards, mills and monasteries, villages and fortresses – it is a place where time stands still and authentic Croatian culture, traditions, and heritage can be experienced. On this full-day excursion, you will be introduced to this fascinating border region's beauty, history, and cuisine.

Begin your excursion with a short stop in Cavtat, a quaint coastal town offering a picturesque harbor, charming traditional architecture, and pretty pebble beaches. Its tree-lined waterfront is dotted with sea-facing restaurants, the perfect place to enjoy a cup of coffee and soak in the view.

Next, continue to the village of Čilipi, where every Sunday at 11:15am, visitors can enjoy watching a traditional folk dancing ensemble perform in local costumes. We also recommend a short visit to the town's museum, dedicated to preserving and sharing the region's cultural heritage.

After, stop by the AR Atelier, where local artist Antonia Rusković Radonić offers her artwork in addition to hand-painted silk, pottery, and traditional embroidery.

Return to Dubrovnik in the late afternoon.

Evening at leisure in Dubrovnik

Day 23
Dubrovnik / Montenegro

8:00am

Professional Car and Driver - 2 pax + luggage - full day private, chauffeur-driven transfer/excursion from your hotel in Dubrovnik to your hotel near Kotor, Montenegro, via a stop in Kotor's old town for a guided tour.
P/U Hotel Excelsior D/O Hotel Forza Terra

11:00am (approx.)

Professional Guide - 2 hours private, guided walking tour of Kotor with a licensed, English-speaking Guide.
*Exact time and location of your meeting in Kotor to be coordinated between your driver and your Guide.

Discover the magic of Kotor, a stunning UNESCO-protected town where the markings of the Venetian Republic are still visible even though they ruled the area from the 15th to the 18th century. The Old Town is surrounded by 4.5 kilometers of city walls, built at various times between the 9th and 19th centuries. These offer protection from invading armies of Turks, Astro-Hungarians, and Napoleon's forces.

After your guided tour, enjoy free time to have lunch and explore at your leisure before rejoining your driver. Your driver will be at your disposal until 3:00pm.

*****Hotel Forza Terra, Kotor, Montenegro
Kamp, Dobrota bb, 85330 Kotor
2 nights - One superior double room, sea view, and balcony, with breakfast and all taxes included
Check-in 2:00pm Check out 12:00pm

Evening at leisure in Montenegro

Day 24
Montenegro

Full day at leisure in Montenegro

Take a short (20-minute) taxi ride to visit the neighboring town of Perast. Marvel at the fjord-like Bay of Kotor as you stroll around the picturesque seaside town. You may also want to visit Our Lady of the Rocks, a small island in the bay home to a church and one of the area's top attractions.

Day 25 – Travel Day
Depart Montenegro

6:00am

Professional Car and Driver – 2 pax + luggage – private, chauffeur-driven transfer from your hotel near Kotor to the Podgorica Airport.
P/U Hotel Forza Terra, Kotor D/O Podgorica Airport

Flight details:

Turkish Airlines, Flight #TK1086

Lv. 9:10am – Podgorica (TGD)

Ar. 11:55am – Istanbul (IST)

Flight details:

Turkish Airlines

Lv. 1:15pm – Istanbul (IST)

Ar. San Francisco (SFO)



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Please ensure that you have adequate space for stamps on your passport pages to avoid the risk of being denied entry.

For each segment of service, contact names and phone numbers are included in your Travel Notes.

Professional Car & Drivers: The first of your professional drivers will meet you, as noted in the details of your itinerary. They will carry the following sign for identification:

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Your driver/s will be at your disposal as described in your itinerary. Our drivers are trained professionals that speak several languages and know the territory well. They are trained to provide comfort, safety, and privacy. They are at your service and will provide answers to your questions.

We value your privacy and quality time with each other. Therefore, we note that you should not feel obliged at any time during your journey to engage the driver, or for that matter, any of the other service providers on your itinerary, to share your meals, drinks, or special moments.

Hotels: As per the details provided in your itinerary – You must present your passport when you check in at the hotels. Although the hotels are prepaid, except when noted otherwise, you will be asked to present your credit card for incidentals, such as phone calls, room service, SPA treatments, etc. Other service purchases not explicitly listed in your itinerary are your responsibility and obligation to pay directly to the hotel.

Money: Croatia's currency is the Croatian Kuna (HRK); it has a fixed exchange rate tied to the Euro. In most other European countries you will be visiting while in our care, the Euro is widely accepted. ATMs – Automatic Teller Machines, where we experienced the most favorable exchange rates, are nearly everywhere. Credit Cards (Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, and American Express) are accepted at most hotels and department stores. However, many smaller restaurants and shops cannot afford to accept credit cards and operate cash only, and they are more likely to accept the local currency. US Dollars, Euros, and local currency are welcome as gratuity. We found that a supply of one US\$ bill makes for quick and easy tips, especially to porters, chambermaids, and courteous staff anywhere.

Mobile Phones/Internet: Check with your service provider if your phone works in the countries you visit and ask for special arrangements/special deals they can offer. If you have a GSM phone, we recommend installing WhatsApp and informing our team of the telephone number you will use while on your journey in our care. **We will be communicating with you while on the journey; please let us know the best way to reach you.**

Shared Travel Notes: The hotels, drivers, and owners/managers of restaurants here suggested will receive a copy of your Travel Notes. They will all be informed of your journey's details and provide uniformity of service and support.

Electrical current: The voltage in Croatia and surrounding countries is 220V; the frequency is 50Hz. Plugs are two round prongs used throughout continental Europe (The US uses two flat prongs, 120V/60Hz).

Depending on your usage, **you may need a transformer, adaptor, or both.** They are not the same thing! A transformer converts the electrical current, while an adaptor simply allows the prongs to fit in the wall. Many, if not most digital cameras, laptops, cell phone chargers, and other electronic paraphernalia will automatically switch between currents. All you will need is the plug adaptor to charge up your device. Most hairdryers (except travel hair dryers) will require a transformer and an adaptor; otherwise, they will burn out.

All the hotels booked by Tasteful Croatian Journeys will provide you with a hairdryer. In addition, most hotels and private accommodation can supply you with an adaptor if required.

Dress Code: Casual to smart casual attire is appropriate for dining in restaurants. Depending on the season, evenings can be cool, and you will want to have a sweater or light coat with you. Shorts and tank tops are not permitted in houses of worship anywhere in Europe. Consider this before you go on a guided tour or explore independently.

Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge: We are proud of our unique service available exclusively to our travelers to provide support and assistance upon arrival in Croatia or its surrounding regions. Our Concierge is integral to Tasteful Croatian Journeys and collaborates to craft your itinerary from the first moment you request our services. The Concierge is informed in detail of every moment and service designed and booked for you. You will receive attentive and careful support in every instance. We will secure that special table with a view at most in-demand restaurants, reserve the right seat for concerts and other entertainment events, and provide extraordinary special access to unique experiences.

Your Tasteful Croatian Journeys Concierge lives in Croatia. She will be at your service from when you arrive in our care to when it is time for your happy return home. During your journey, she will regularly check in with you and the team assigned to provide service to ensure that everything is fine and to your satisfaction. We invite you to reach out to her for any assistance you might need.

Restaurant Reservations:

Included in the location notes attached, you will find our list of recommendations for restaurants handpicked by Wanda and our team. We have only included options where we have enjoyed excellent meals and service with every visit. Wanda and our team have a personal connection with the managers and owners, and we have recognized their passion and professionalism, which we find deserving of our recommendation. We have tried to offer a combination of fine dining with casual and traditional selections.

After selecting your preferences for dining reservations, we ask that you send your *Croatia Concierge* a list of your choices and your preferred dining hour time frame. Please report any food allergies you may have to allow us to inform/advise the manager of the restaurant. We recommend you submit your list of choices for reservations as soon as possible to ensure your top selections are secured. If you choose to make reservations on your own, to ensure that you receive full attention, announce yourself as clients of VisitCroatia.com - Tasteful Croatian Journeys and of Wanda S. Radetti

Cancelation and changes: If you need to change or cancel reservations, please notify your *Croatia Concierge* as soon as possible. Restaurants may not be able to accommodate changes due to limited availability.

If you wish to make changes to your reservations within 24 hours of the reserved time, please request the assistance of the front desk of your hotel to help you.

If you need to cancel your reservation as soon as possible, request the assistance of your *Croatia Concierge* or the front-desk staff. Calling to cancel a reservation is a courtesy that is very much appreciated by the restaurant staff.

Tipping Suggestions: And general information for your party.

Currency

Gratuities can be offered in Kuna, Euros, or US Dollars.

Professional Car Drivers

Minimum: (always for efficient, caring, and attentive service)

Transfers: 1-2 hours:	Suggested: US\$ 15.00
2-4 hours & more:	Suggested: US\$ 30.00
Half-day excursions:	Between US\$ 30.00 and US\$ 40.00
Full-day excursions:	Between US\$ 40.00 and US\$ 50.00

Taxis

The equivalent of a couple of US\$ in any currency will always be welcome.

Luggage transport to/from ports:

In our experience, depending on the amount of luggage and number of travelers, a gratuity of approximately \$10.00 will be very much appreciated.

Professional Private Guides

Minimum: (always) - Depending on the number of travelers.

Two hours:	Suggested: US\$15.00
Half-day:	Suggested: US\$25.00
Full day:	Suggested: US\$45.00

Cooking Experiences

In our experience, depending on the number of participants, a gratuity of approximately \$30.00 - \$40.00 will be very much appreciated.

Day Excursion Yacht Crew

Suggested: \$50 - \$60 per crew member/day

Restaurant Waiters

Most restaurants in Europe include a "service" charge in their bills. However, we have found that an "extra" left for the service provider is always appreciated. We suggest leaving about 10% of the bill and sometimes more if exceptional service and attention are warranted.

Croatia Concierge

Gratuities for the Croatia Concierge can be authorized by sending your instructions to Tasteful Croatian Journeys. Ideally, we can charge the credit card on file for you if you provide a specific authorization message to concierge@visitcroatia.com.

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Terms & Conditions

Tasteful Croatian Journeys and/or its agents act only as agents for the services described herein upon express conditions that they shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delays, or irregularity, which may be occasioned because of being engaged in carrying out the services described. All services included in the itinerary package are prepaid and non-refundable. Should any of the guides or drivers identified in the Tasteful Croatian Journeys' Travel Notes not be available for reasons beyond our control, we will arrange for an approved substitute.

Ferry & Catamaran transfers, wine tastings, meals, entrance fees, and gratuities are omitted unless expressly noted in your itinerary.

Cancellations of any segment/component of the confirmed itinerary package are not refundable.

A \$50.00 amendment fee will be charged for each change made to confirmed itineraries.

We thank you for choosing Tasteful Croatian Journeys.

The Tasteful Croatian Journeys team wishes you a safe and most enjoyable journey.
We remain at your service until your safe return home.

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Tia Lovisa-Moreira, Mirela Benić & Diego M. Abatte

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