

Sterling Travel with Jill Aikin



13 DAYS • 18 MEALS • DUBROVNIK > ZAGREB

DISCOVERY OF CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

Travel Dates: October 10 - 22, 2027

Experience the history, culture, food, and architecture of old-world Europe. Take in 'the Pearl of the Adriatic,' Dubrovnik, and explore the picturesque cities along the Adriatic Coastline in Croatia and Montenegro. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Krka and Plitvice Lakes National Parks before traveling to the quaint cities of Slovenia. Your journey concludes in the charming capital city of Zagreb, Croatia. You'll experience it all on this remarkable journey through four countries.





Bled Castle perched high above scenic Lake Bled

DAY 1 Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

DAY 2 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Welcome to Dubrovnik, commonly known as ‘the Pearl of the Adriatic’. Upon arrival, you’ll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to your hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:30pm. Enjoy time at leisure to familiarize yourself with your new surroundings. This evening, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. [Meal: D](#)

DAY 3 Dubrovnik

Begin discovering this beautiful country with a tour of this historic city. As one of Europe’s best preserved medieval cities, ramparts, watchtowers, and the incredible crystal-clear water of the Adriatic Sea create the charms of its perfect location. Stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage Old Town with the local guide as a treasure trove of history is unveiled. Admire the Rector’s Palace and visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a 14th-century pharmacy. After the tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration. [Meal: B](#)

DAY 4 Montenegro / Kotor

Travel by coach to Montenegro, Europe’s youngest nation and the ‘Jewel of the Mediterranean’. At the mouth of the Bay of Kotor, admire the beauty of this longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe. Visit the charming town of Kotor where a local guide accompanies you on a walking tour as you wander through the winding streets. View the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, Maritime Museum, numerous palaces, and the Old Square where the atmosphere of this medieval town is truly felt. Continue to Budva, a unique walled city on the sea, for a tour with a local guide before the short ferry crossing along the Bay of Kotor and return to Dubrovnik. [Meal: B](#)

DAY 5 Ston /Orebic / Korčula

Today’s adventure discovers the island of Korčula, birthplace of the legendary explorer Marco Polo. Reach the island by boat departing

from Orebic on the Peljesac peninsula. One of the greenest islands in the Adriatic Sea, the name comes from the Greeks, meaning ‘Black Corfu’, for its dark, densely wooded appearance. Explore the town on a guided walking tour, passing its typical medieval architecture, including towers and clusters of red-roofed houses. En-route back to Dubrovnik, stop in a cozy village to visit a winery and taste the local product. One final stop in Ston, a medieval gothic town surrounded by fortified walls, completes the return journey. Dinner is included tonight at the hotel. [Meals: B, D](#)

DAY 6 Dubrovnik – Trogir – Split

Departing Dubrovnik, travel to the town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The small, historic center of this medieval town resembles an outdoor museum, and the streets boast magnificent Romanesque churches and beautiful examples of Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Discover these sights with a local guide during a walking tour. Continue by coach to Split, another UNESCO World Heritage Site and Croatia’s grand 1,700-year-old city. During the guided walking tour, marvel at its rich culture and Renaissance and Gothic architecture. At the heart of the waterfront is Diocletian’s Palace, the 3rd-century ‘retirement home’ intended for the Roman Emperor of the same name. Admire its lovely peristyle courtyard, Cathedral of St. Dominus, ancient columns, and Roman belfries. [Meal: B](#)

DAY 7 Krka National Park / Šibenik

Natural beauty awaits as you visit Krka National Park. Walk through the park with a local guide and witness magnificent waterfalls, including the famous Skradinski Buk Falls – one of Croatia’s most famous sights. As Europe’s largest waterfall, it consists of a chain of cascades, islands and lakes. The park is rich with a variety of flora and fauna, including sixty species and sub-species of plant life. Departing the national park, continue to Šibenik, one of the oldest towns on the Adriatic Coast. This charming town boasts impressive monuments dating back to Venetian times, particularly the marble Cathedral of St. James – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They all await your discovery as you enjoy a walking tour with a local guide. Return to Split for dinner at a local restaurant. [Meals: B, D](#)



Natural beauty abounds in Krka National Park

DAY 8 Split – Plitvice

After breakfast, depart by coach for the breathtaking scenery of Plitvice Lakes National Park, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have your camera ready as you take a walk around several of the lower lakes in the park. The scenery of this natural wonder is spectacular, with 16-terraced lakes, descending 300 feet in 4 miles, surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. After free time to explore, continue to the hotel for check in and dinner. *Meals: B, D*

DAY 9 Plitvice – Postojna, Slovenia – Ljubljana

It's time to leave Croatia and cross the border into Slovenia, home to the world's most captivating cave. Tour Postojna Cave, a fantastic subterranean world, on an unforgettable miniature electric train ride followed by a walk with the local guide. Shaped by tiny droplets of water over millions of years, the caves are an underground paradise with magnificent formations and diverse fauna. After the visit, a stop is made at Predjama Castle for a photo opportunity before arriving in Ljubljana for the next 2 nights' accommodations and dinner at a typical local restaurant. *Meals: B, D*

DAY 10 Bled

Today's adventure is the visit to Bled, situated on the pristine shores of Lake Bled in the spectacular Julian Alps. Explore Bled Castle, perched on a cliff overlooking the lake, with the local expert. Continue to the delightful town of Radovljica for lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Ljubljana for a tour of this capital city. View its open-air market, the Baroque Venetian inspired City Hall, Triple Bridge which connects the old and new city, and Robba Fountain – inspired by Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain in Rome. *Meals: B, L*

DAY 11 Ljubljana - Maribor - Zagreb, Croatia

Depart Slovenia with sightseeing enroute to the final destination of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Visit Maribor, one of the most important cultural centers of Slovenia. A local guide will point out the highlights and you'll see its historic castle which has remained practically unchanged since the 15th century. In the center of town, see the Old Vine, the oldest vine in the world. With an age spanning 400 years, it's in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the oldest noble vine in the world still bearing grapes! After a wine-tasting, return to Croatia for a late afternoon arrival and evening at leisure. *Meal: B*



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 18 Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Travel to three countries: Croatia, Montenegro, and Slovenia
- Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Admire the longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe
- Discover charming towns on guided walking tours
- Taste local wine in a cozy village
- Visit Diocletian's Palace along the waterfront in Split
- Experience natural beauty in Krka and Plitvice Lakes National Parks
- Ride a miniature electric train through Postojna Cave
- Explore Bled Castle
- See the oldest grape-bearing vine in the world
- English-speaking guides for local excursions

DAY 12 Zagreb

The final day begins with a tour discovering the city's highlights. Wander through the charming streets of the Upper Town, see iconic landmarks such as St. Mark's Church, the Lotrscak Tower and the vibrant Dolac Market. Enjoy free time to relax or do any last-minute shopping before gathering for a farewell dinner. *Meals: B, D*

DAY 13 Zagreb / USA

Bid a fond farewell to these historic and scenic countries as you transfer to the Zagreb airport and return home with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. *Meal: B*

Itinerary subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 5 – Hotel Neptun or similar, Dubrovnik, Croatia
Days 6 and 7 – Hotel Corner, Split, Croatia
Day 8 – Lyra Hotel or similar, Plitvice, Croatia
Days 9 and 10 – Lev Hotel, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Days 11 and 12 – Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb, Croatia

DISCOVERY OF CROATIA AND SLOVENIA



See the impressive Predjama Castle

Discovery of Croatia and Slovenia		Tour Code 508CS
2027 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 10	\$6,400	+ \$3,299

**Price includes land and air out of DEN.
Call for rates from your city.**

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$449 per person with Mayflower air

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

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- 91 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 50% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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