



Dalmatian Coast & Croatia 2019

■ September 15-27 • group capped at 8

- Seaside Piran, Slovenia, founded by Venetians in 1283
- Verdant Istrian Peninsula, home to vineyards and ancient hill towns
- Plitvička National Park – 16 sparkling lakes connected by waterfalls
- Ancient Split, boasting the palace of Roman Emperor Diocletian
- Šibenik, port town from the Middle Ages • Ultra-fresh seafood
- Fine wines from the Pelješac Peninsula • Islands in the sparkling Adriatic
- Majestic, walled, pedestrian-only Dubrovnik, the ‘pearl of the Adriatic’
- Transportation in eight-passenger van • Ravishing Trogir, a medieval gem
- Comfortable hotels and private apartments – all with private bath

Tour cost – \$4,295* per person sharing for land arrangements (airfare not included) • Singles add \$550

SUMMARY	FLY FROM U.S. – Leave Sept. 13, arrive Sept. 14 (overnight, Antony Hotel Venice Airport)
Tour begins at Venice airport,	TOUR BEGINS – At 9 a.m. Sept. 15, lobby, Antony Hotel Venice Airport
ends at Dubrovnik airport	TOUR ENDS – Sept. 27, in the morning, at Dubrovnik, Croatia , airport (you will fly home today)
	12 NIGHTS • TOUR MEALS – Breakfast daily and eight other meals (lunches & dinners)
IMPORTANT NOTE – This tour does not visit Venice. We will help you plan an independent visit to this lovely city.	

Day 1 – Sunday, September 15

We meet in the lobby of the **Antony Hotel** near the **Venice** airport and depart for **Piran, Slovenia**, an enchanting town on the sparkling **Adriatic Sea**. After exploration and lunch, we continue toward **Rovinj**, one of Croatia’s most picturesque towns. There will be time to explore the stairstep streets and admire the stone architecture before **DINNER. OVERNIGHT – ROVINJ**

Day 2 – Monday, September 16

This morning, after an orientation to the **Dalmatian Coast and Croatia**, we explore charming **Rovinj**, one of Croatia’s most beautiful seaside towns. It’s built on a tiny peninsula – formerly an island – and boasts lively cafés, stairstep streets, artist studios and some of the best ice cream on the **Adriatic**. Take a boat ride to a nearby island; explore the **Cathedral of St. Eufemija**, with its campanile inspired by the tower in Venice’s St. Mark’s Square; and admire the compact old town from its seaside promenade. **LUNCH** today. **OVERNIGHT – ROVINJ**

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 17

Just outside **Rovinj** is the beautiful **Limski Fjord**, a deep coastal indentation. From here, we travel across a landscape of green hills to medieval **Poreč**, both a lively coastal town and the home of the **Basilica of St. Euphrasius**, boasting glorious **Byzantine**-era mosaics. After lunch, we head

inland, to **Grožnjan** and **Bale**, stone villages seemingly forgotten by time. Back in **Rovinj**, we enjoy free time. **OVERNIGHT – ROVINJ**

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 18

This morning we leave the **Istrian** peninsula. By noon we are in **Novi Vinodolski**, an old resort on the **Adriatic**, for a break and lunch. In mid-afternoon we leave the coast and enter the limestone-clad uplands called the *karst*. Our destination: **Plitvička Jazera**, adjacent to Croatia’s most renowned national park, the **UNESCO-listed Plitvička Lakes National Park**. **DINNER** at **Lička Kukić**, a typical grill restaurant in the park. **OVERNIGHT – PLITVICKA**

Day 5 – Thursday, September 19

We spend the daytime visiting the remarkable **Plitvička Lakes National Park** – 16 lovely lakes in a mountain valley, each joined to the next by plunging waterfalls. On foot across sturdy boardwalks and by boat we get to know this gorgeous part of Croatia. Late in the day we depart for **Zadar**, back on the coast. Here, we visit the old town on foot. **OVERNIGHT – ZADAR**

Day 6 – Friday, September 20

From **Zadar** today we push on along the coast road to lively **Šibenik**, home of the world-class **Cathedral of St. Jakov**, with its rich collection of Gothic sculptures. Next is one of Croatia’s most spectacular national parks, **Krka**, a riot of flowing

water and cascades as the **Krka River** rushes out of the limestone *karst* on its way to the **Adriatic**. At day's end we arrive in amazing **Trogir**, set on a tiny island. You will love its intimate, pedestrian-friendly streets paved with glowing marble. **DINNER** and **OVERNIGHT – TROGIR**

Day 7 – Saturday, September 21

From **Trogir** we travel by boat or bus to the handsome port of **Split**, Croatia's second-largest city. Here we take a guided tour of the palace of the **Roman Emperor Diocletian**, built in the 300s. Today it's an amazing combination of churches, shops, marble-clad streets and tenements dating back to the Middle Ages. Later, after **LUNCH** at an authentic Croatian *kanoba* (restaurant specializing in typical cuisine), we'll visit Split's **Archeological Museum**. **OVERNIGHT – TROGIR**

Day 8 – Sunday, September 22

Today is our chance to get to know amazing **Trogir**. We will visit the beautiful **Cathedral of St. Laurence**, with its elaborately carved west portal and the sumptuously decorated burial chapel of **John of Trogir**. Around noon we make the short drive to the coastal area known as the **Kaštela**, where nobles in the 1400s built fortified mansions that resemble castles. **LUNCH** in **Kaštela**. **OVERNIGHT – TROGIR**

Day 9 – Monday, September 23

From **Trogir** we travel today along a spectacular coastal road, drinking in the scenery – arid uplands, rugged mountains and the blue **Adriatic**. Our first stop: ancient **Mostar** in the neighboring nation of **Bosnia-Herzegovina**. In Mostar, Christians and Muslims lived in peace for centuries until the upheavals of the 1992-94 **Bosnian War**. Late in the day we come to **Dubrovnik**, the “pearl of the **Adriatic**.” Here, the most centrally located and convenient accommodations are private apartments. You will appreciate being in the heart of this magical walled city. **OVERNIGHT – DUBROVNIK**

Day 10 – Tuesday, September 24

We spend today savoring beautiful **Dubrovnik**. There will be time to walk the city ramparts, which encompass one of the most complete ensembles of renaissance and Gothic buildings in Europe. The **Rector's Palace** with its **City Museum** is a must, and two old monasteries – **Dominican** and **Franciscan** – are worth a visit. At mid-day, take a break and join us for deli-

cious **LUNCH** at the friendly restaurant **Taj Mahal**, which despite its name specializes in **Bosnian** cuisine. **OVERNIGHT – DUBROVNIK**

Day 11 – Wednesday, September 24

One of the most spectacular sights in this area is the deep **Gulf of Kotor**, south of **Dubrovnik** in the neighboring nation of **Montenegro**. We make a day trip to its lovely shores and to **Kotor**, its old town a warren of alleyways, squares and city walls. Enjoy lunch in the old town. On our return, we stop in picturesque **Perast**, on the dramatic shores of the gulf. **OVERNIGHT – DUBROVNIK**

Day 12 – Thursday, September 26

We make the most of our last day in **Dubrovnik**. In the morning, take free time for last-minute sightseeing or shopping. Around noon, we travel by ferry to the old Croatian town of **Cavtat**, founded by the **Greeks**. After a **FAREWELL LUNCH** in this idyllic seaside setting, return to Dubrovnik or take another ferry to the unspoiled island of **Lokrum** just offshore. **OVERNIGHT – DUBROVNIK**

Getaway Day – Friday, September 27

After breakfast today we fly home from the **Dubrovnik** airport.

Notes

PRICE – \$4,295* per person sharing a room. Single supplement of \$550.

MEALS – All tours include breakfast daily and eight other meals (lunches and dinners), as indicated in **BOLD CAPS** in the itinerary.

OUR LODGINGS

Boutique Hotel Valdibora, Rovinj
Hotel Bellevue, Plitvička
Hostel Kolovare, Zadar
Hotel Fontana, Trogir
Apartments Amoret, Dubrovnik

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS – Subject to availability.

* **TOUR PRICE** – Price is based on a U.S. dollar/euro exchange rate that existed pre-tour and could change in the event of significant exchange rate fluctuations. Call us for details - (800) 676-1247. Price quoted is for land arrangements only and does not include airfare.