



TREASURES OF CROATIA - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Luxury Small Group Journeys



Europe, Croatia



8 days from AU\$12,110 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Stroll Split's lively daily market to experience life as locals do, and ponder history on a visit to the majestic ruins of Diocletian's Palace
- On a Chef's Table culinary experience in Hvar, visit a family-owned winery for a tasting accompanied by a variety of locally produced foods
- Explore the charming fishing town of Ston and sample some of its famous oysters
- Soak in the ambiance of historic Dubrovnik, walk the ramparts of its medieval walls and view the city by water on a private cruise
- Learn about daily life during wartime from a civilian survivor of the siege of Dubrovnik who shares memories of the costly battle for Croatian independence



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Split, Croatia

Arrive in Split, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Resident Tour Director and fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

Hotel Park | Meals: D

Day 2: Split | Palace Of Diocletian

Explore Split, starting with the Palace of Diocletian and its synagogue, and view St. Domnius Cathedral. Stroll Split's old town and harbour-front promenade. Visit the daily market, and then enjoy your afternoon at leisure, before dinner with a *klapa* (a capella singing) concert.

Hotel Park | Meals: BD

Day 3: Hvar | Wine Tasting at a Family-Owned Winery

Ride Like a Local by public ferry along the stunning Dalmatian coastline to picturesque Hvar, a lush, mountainous island, where Venetian palaces grace narrow backstreets and secluded coves beckon. Upon arrival, visit the family-owned winery of renowned winemaker Andro Tomic for a Chef's Table experience that includes a wine tasting. Later, on the scenic drive back to Hvar Town, stop to view the gleaming limestone Spanjol Fortress. Tonight, enjoy fine dining at a local waterfront restaurant.

Palace Elisabeth | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Hvar | A Stroll Through Historic Streets

This morning, walk the historic centre of Hvar Town, pausing to take in the Cathedral, the Arsenal and the Benedictine Nunnery where resident nuns produce the world-famous agave lace.

Palace Elisabeth | Meals: B

Day 5: Dubrovnik | Oysters & the Old City

Head to Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic," stopping en route in Ston, renowned for its oysters, which you may wish to sample when you enjoy lunch in a typical Dalmatian restaurant.

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Dubrovnik & Konavle | Walking Tour & Silk Weaving

Stroll through Dubrovnik with your local guide to see the Dominican Monastery, the Rector's Palace and Dubrovnik Cathedral. Mingle with local traders and craftspeople in its markets. Then, listen as a survivor of the Balkan War shares memories of the conflict that secured Croatia's independence from the former Yugoslavia. Hear about daily life in a city under siege and gain insights into how community members supported one another during their darkest hour. Later, watch silk weavers at work on a fascinating artisan visit in Konavle. Return to Dubrovnik for a private cruise, enjoying a Scenic Sundowner and taking in the fantastic city views.

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik | Meals: BL

Day 7: Dubrovnik | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Take Part in a Cooking Class with Wine Tasting**, and then savour what you created for lunch.
- **Embark by Sea Kayak** on a refreshing, tranquil paddle around Dubrovnik's Old Town and Lokrum Island.
- **Visit *Game of Thrones* Shooting Locations** on a walking tour, led by a local who worked as an extra on the series.

Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner in a fine local restaurant.

Hotel Excelsior Dubrovnik | Meals: BD

Day 8: Depart Dubrovnik

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Departures may operate on an alternative itinerary. Please contact A&K for details.

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Extensions



Slovenia & Zagreb Pre-Tour
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Montenegro Post-Tour
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Accommodation

Hotel Park, Split



Hotel Park is Split's oldest hotel and dates from 1921. Centrally located and set in gardens with a palm-lined terrace for open-air dining, and a pool, the hotel offers an elegant refined stay, with 72 rooms and suites, and a small spa and gym.

Hotel Excelsior, Dubrovnik



Hotel Excelsior with its 158 rooms is just a short walk from the heart of the ancient city of Dubrovnik. The rooms and suites are tastefully furnished with understated décor counter-pointed against local colour in the form of original paintings by Croatian artists. With the fabulous Energy Clinic & Spa and heated indoor swimming pool opening onto the sunbathing terrace, the Excelsior is an oasis of calm. Try the relaxed beach restaurant for fabulous Mediterranean cuisine.

Why we like it

- Perfectly located near the Old City of Dubrovnik, only a short walk from the cultural and heritage centre of the city
- Three restaurants serve authentic local, national and international cuisine - including the signature fine dining restaurant Sensus
- The Energy Clinic Spa and Wellness Centre at the Hotel Excelsior. It offers an extensive range of high quality health and beauty services
- The hotel has an indoor pool and a number of Jacuzzi pools
- Sea view rooms with a balcony are a must to admire the lights of Old Dubrovnik at night whilst suites have their own terrace

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Sep 1, 2024 - Sep 8, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$5,225	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 8, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024

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AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$5,225	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 15, 2024 - Sep 22, 2024

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AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$5,225	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 22, 2024 - Sep 29, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$12,110 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Oct 6, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$12,110 pp	AU\$4,145	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Oct 13, 2024 - Oct 20, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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