



Heritage and History Tour of Croatia with Robert Jerin

September 26 - October 9, 2014



Join noted genealogist, Robert Jerin, for this custom designed exploration of Croatia's history and heritage. We'll have a chance to meet with local villagers as well as professionals working in the field of genealogy while we tour this country rich in tradition and benefiting from a confluence of cultures for thousands of years.

Visiting: Dubrovnik, Peljesac, Medjugorje, Makarska, Split, Brac Island, Plitvice Lakes, Karlovac, Zumberak, Samobor, Zagreb



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Discovering my Croatian heritage began as an exciting hobby more than a decade ago and has since developed into a passion that I am thrilled to share with Americans of Croatian descent all across this country. Having traveled to Croatia ten times in the past, I am convinced that to truly get in touch with one's roots, it is essential to visit the land of one's forefathers. I invite you to travel with us as we visit several key regions in Croatia that have given so many of its sons and daughters to America in the several waves of emigration. We'll visit the towns and villages and learn about the techniques genealogists use to uncover lineage, heritage and impart a sense of origin. This promises to be a unique and enriching travel experience.

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All This is Included in Your Land Tour:

- Escorted throughout by our experienced host; Robert Jerin
- Private air-conditioned deluxe motor coach for all transfers
- Welcome dinner and drink at our Hotel in Dubrovnik
- English speaking Tour manager throughout the tour
- Local guides for city sightseeing in Dubrovnik, Split, Zagreb
- European style buffet breakfast daily at hotels
- Local Konavle style dinner in a Cavtat restaurant
- Lunch of local specialities in Ston on the Peljesac peninsula
- Wine tasting in Pelješac at a top local vineyard
- Dinner at a local restaurant in Medugorje
- Guided sightseeing tour of wonderful Plitvice National Park
- Dinner of local specialities at the Villa Rubcic Rakovica
- Day trip to the Island of Brac with lunch at an Island restaurant
- Lunch in a local village during Zagorje tour
- Tamburitza and folk dinner in Zagreb
- Farewell dinner at the Restaurant Okrugljak in Zagreb

\$2595 12 day Escorted Tour

(Per Person Double Occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: +\$685⁰⁰

**Add group air from Chicago to Dubrovnik
& return from Zagreb, Croatia**

\$1395 total with all taxes

Comparable Airfare available from
most major cities

Price is based on current exchange rate
(\$1.36 USD/Euro) and is subject to change if the rate varies,
by more than 3% at the time of full payment.

**Comprehensive Trip cancellation and Travel
Insurance is available and highly recommended.**

**Group Cost for this tour is \$275 per person
regardless of age. (based on double occupancy)**

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Our Day By Day Itinerary

26 SEP FRI DEPART US CITIES

Depart Home cities and fly to Dubrovnik via Frankfurt or Munich if using our group fare on Lufthansa.

27SEP SAT ARRIVE DUBROVNIK Arrive in Dubrovnik, long known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. We meet our guide and waiting motorcoach for a transfer to our hotel on the scenic Babin Kuk peninsula. Check in and enjoy some free time to relax and get adjusted to your new surroundings and time zone. We rendezvous in the lobby before dinner for an orientation talk by our guide and an introduction to Genealogy "Searching for Croatian Ancestors" by our host Bob Jerin. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Dubrovnik. D

28SEP SUN DUBROVNIK and CAVTAT

After breakfast start the day with a guided walking tour of Old Dubrovnik. We'll see many newly displayed artifacts of ancient Croatian history as we tour the rectory, the ancient pharmacy, and stroll the smoothed marble center street or 'Stradun'. Much of the art work now on display was hidden for many years. Our guide will offer suggestions as to where to spend some free time for an optional lunch. This afternoon we head to Cavtat to walk the waterfront of this quaint city and visit the folk culture museum. Dinner tonight at the rustic Konavle restaurant, Mlinica Sapro. B, D



29SEP MON PELJESAC - STON

We journey north and onto the Peljesac peninsula which juts out into the Adriatic. Its ideal location has made it a center of wine production for nearly 3,000 years! The red Zinfandel grape traces its heritage to this area and some of Croatia's best wines are produced here. Our day tour of ancient towns and vistas will include a wine



tasting visit with lunch of local specialties in the old town of Ston. Back to Dubrovnik tonight to enjoy the nightlife. B, L

30SEP TUE MOSTAR - MEDJUGORJE

An excursion into Herzegovina today will take us to the old city of Mostar which straddles the Neretva River. Then to the village of Medjugorje, famous as a reported site of apparitions of the Virgin Mary. We'll tour the village's major sites and then enjoy an early dinner at a local restaurant with local specialties. Return to Dubrovnik. B, D

01OCT WED DUBROVNIK - MAKARSKA - SPLIT

We leave Dubrovnik and head north along the coast, through Neum, Ploce and on to Makarska. We'll do a brief sightseeing tour of this delightful seafront town, then free time for lunch on our own. Continue north past the towns of Baska Voda and Omis to the bustling port of Split. Check in and then start a late afternoon walking sightseeing tour of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, the center piece of Split which dates to around 300AD. Free time this evening to explore this lively city and its many fine restaurants. Overnight Hotel Slavija. B

02OCT THU FERRY TO BRAC ISLAND - SPLIT

Following breakfast we board a local ferry for a day tour to the Island of Brac. We'll tour the old town of Pucisca and the picturesque beach at Bol known as Zlatni rat. The island is famous in the U.S. for its white marble quarry; the source for many monuments in Washington D.C. Lunch in a local island restaurant Lucica in Pucišća. This afternoon we head back to Split where you'll have a chance to explore this lively city.



Dinner on own in Split. B, L

03OCT FRI INLAND DALMATIA - PLITVICE LAKES PARK

Today we journey inland and north to experience the natural rugged beauty of the interior and its importance to Croatian heritage. We will take our time winding our way through the very rugged limestone hinterlands above Split and the coast line. This is the old Dalmatia. We travel on small roads and see small villages that recall life from centuries ago. Traveling via Knin, and Gracac with a stop in Smiljan, which is the birthplace of Nikola Tesla. After a tour of the museum

dedicated to Tesla, we continue into the forest. We'll arrive in the late afternoon and check into our hotel in the middle of this wonderful National park and UNESCO World Heritage site. Some free time at your hotel before heading to dinner tonight with local entertainment at the rustic Villa Rubcic Rakovica. Overnight at Hotel Jezero. B, D

04OCT SAT PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel in the wondrous natural cathedral that is Plitvice National Park. Our guided tour of the multiple lakes includes walking along the shores of these fascinating cascading lakes, and riding an electric boat across the placid waters of one of the largest. Lunch on your own at one of the offerings in Plitvice park. Free time to enjoy the park, the pool at the hotel, and the wonderful fresh forest air. Dinner at our hotel. B, D

05OCT SUN VILLAGE LUNCH - ZAGREB

We leave Plitvice and we drive north to Cetinograd or Slunj with a possible stop for mass.. Early this afternoon we arrive in the rustic village of Gornje Bukovlje for a grand lunch and greeting from local community. We arrive late this afternoon in Zagreb. B, L

06OCT MON ZAGREB

After breakfast, begin the day enjoying the sights of Zagreb during a guided walking city sightseeing tour for those interested. We tour the Upper Town - Old town and the grand Ban Jelacic Square. The afternoon is reserved for enjoying the sights of Zagreb on your own. Perhaps you'll take in a visit to one of the many museums or perhaps a theater. For those interested in history and nature we recommend



a visit to Mirogoj Cemetery, selected as one of the most beautiful in Europe and a Bird sanctuary. Others may choose to visit relatives, do some shopping in this bustling capital city. Dinner on own. B

07OCT TUE ZAGREB - ZAGORJE

After breakfast at our hotel, we head north into the Zagorje region - the rugged hills and valleys have preserved a way of life that recalls the past century. We'll tour the area and stop for lunch in a local restaurant VUGLEC BREG serving traditional specialties of the region. Our route will include a trip to Samobor and a stop at the shrine of Marija Bistrica. Back to Zagreb this evening for an authentic Tamburitza and folklore dance show with dinner at restaurant Ivica I Marica within walking distance of the hotel. B, L, D

08OCT WED ZAGREB

Free day for individual pursuits, follow up sightseeing, visit some museums, or just go shopping as the city is full of goods from all over the region! Be sure to pick up an original Croatian Cravat. An optional meeting with the local Croatian Genealogy Society and a chance to visit the Archives for some more history collection. Gather for a farewell dinner tonight at the rustic local restaurant; Restaurant Okrugljak. Return to our hotel. B, D

09 OCT THU ZAGREB - DEPARTURE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flights home.

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FULL PAYMENT IS DUE August 9, 2014.

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I am enclosing my deposit of \$_____ (\$300 per person required) as reservation for this tour.

I have read and understand the above tour conditions. **PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

Please print your name(s) as they appear on your passport and include a copy of the picture page.

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