

Christmas Traditions Tour of Croatia and Slovenia

November 30 - December 9, 2016

Hosted by Robert Jerin

Visiting: Zagreb - Maria Bistrica - Varazdin in Croatia
Ptuj - Lake Bled - Ljubljana in Slovenia

We invite you to join noted genealogist, Robert Jerin, for this custom designed tour and celebration of Christmas Traditions in Croatia and Slovenia. These 2 nations share a border and many traditions that date back centuries. The Christmas markets and city center decorations showcase many of these commonalities, and the important and often delicious differences!

We'll also visit the key cultural history museums in each country where key Christmas traditions spanning centuries will be on display. Music is a huge part of the holiday season so we'll be sure to include some excellent local musicians along the way.




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The Christmas and Advent Seasons of Croatia and Slovenia

Join us for this exciting and fun tour of Croatia and neighboring Slovenia where we will enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season as celebrated in the city squares and festive Advent markets. The capital cities of Ljubljana, Slovenia and Zagreb, Croatia have both developed very popular winter season festivals and markets in their traditional city centers. People of all ages engage and enjoy the pagentry and all the delicious foods, not to mention the warming 'Gluhwein' that is served. We'll spend time in the main squares and cathedrals, and also some smaller village celebrations and local craft markets too. You'll be back in time for Christmas, perhaps with a few unique and memorable gifts for your friends and families!



Robert Jerin (216) 991-2310

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 Dubrovnik in Zagreb
- Welcome reception, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Expert local guides and our tour manager for the entire time
- Traditional lunch stop during the tour of Varazdin
- Dinner of rustic local specialties at the Okrugljak restaurant
- Tour of Ptuj Castle Museum and wine tasting at Ptuj City Cellar
- Dinner with local musical entertainment in Ljubljana
- Traditional luncheon with local food and music in Radovljica
- Entrance fees to Lake Bled Castle
- Wine tasting at the Plešivica wine cellar
- Farewell dinner at our Hotel in Ljubljana

\$1525 10 day Tour

(Per Person Double Occupancy)

Single Hotel Room Supplement: +\$350⁰⁰

**Add air from your home city to Zagreb
return from Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Airfare available from most major cities

Price is based on current exchange rate (\$1.15 USD/Euro) and is subject to change if the rate varies by more than 3% at the time of full payment.

**Your Initial Deposit of \$300 per person
secures your hotel rooms,
and the motor coach tour**

**Full Payment is due no later than 60 days
before departure,
September 30, 2016**



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DAY -by- Day Itinerary

Nov 30 USA and Canada

Depart your home city bound for Zagreb, Croatia.

Dec 1 Arrive Zagreb

After clearing customs you will be met by your English speaking tour escort and transferred to the city center. Check in to the Hotel Dubrovnik located on the main square. After short rest, take a stroll from the lobby through the square with our local guide featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, Zagreb Cathedral, the Parliament building. Return for a welcome to dinner at our hotel. D

Dec 2 Friday

Optional visit to national archives for those requesting access. After lunch we head to the Ethnographic museum in hopes of seeing some traditional Christmas displays and crafts. This evening take a walking tour through Tkalčićeva street enjoying music from each corner and some "Gluhwein". Overnight - Zagreb. B

Dec 3 Saturday

After allowing some free time to explore the craft market



just outside the hotel this morning, we'll head to Marija Bistrica, site of Croatia's main shrine. On the way back to Zagreb, we'll stop for wine tasting at Vinski vrh. B, Wt

Dec 4 Sunday

After breakfast we take a short walk to be part of the Holy Mass at the nearby Zagreb Cathedral. (9.00 am). Then we meet our coach and drive to Varaždin, the most beautiful and the best preserved baroque city in Croatia. Here we will walk around the big Christmas fair taking place on all the city squares. We'll arrange to be at one of the traditional concert performances taking place. Enjoy lunch in Varaždin and some free time to enjoy the festivities. Return to Zagreb in the late afternoon, dinner in Zagreb on own. B, L

Dec 5 Monday

We leave this day open in Zagreb giving time for shopping, museums, or family visits! We will also offer an optional excursion to Samobor for the scenic overlook and a chance to do some tasting of the famous "kremšnita " cake as well as the typical flavoured wine 'bermet'. In the evening we've arranged for dinner in the traditional Zagreb restaurant, Gastonica Purgar. B, D

Dec 6 Tuesday - St. Nicholas Day

After breakfast we head to Slovenia, stopping first in the ancient city of Ptuj. We'll visit one of the the oldest wine cellars in Europe then the Ethnographic museum in the castle that overlooks the city. This huge collection of artifacts gives a great feeling for how the people of the region dressed, worked and celebrated life. Continue to Ljubljana – check into the history laden Hotel Grand Union. Evening dinner in the rustic restaurant Gostilna Sokol. We'll look for a Choir and/or music event that is sure to be happening this evening within walking distance of our hotel that sits at the head of the pedestrian zone and river walk area. B, Wt, D

Dec 7 Wednesday

A day to tour and enjoy Ljubljana! We begin with a walking sightseeing tour of the old town from the lobby of our Hotel. We'll stop for lunch (on own) along the way and enjoy shopping the Advent craft markets and artisan stands that line the Ljubljanica river banks. Dinner with local music in the city at a traditional style restaurant. B, D

Dec 8 Thursday

Day trip to Radovlica to tour this perfectly preserved medieval town square. After a visit to the beekeepers museum – enjoy a hearty lunch at Gostilna Lectar on the main square. Then we head north into the Julian Alps to see picturesque Lake Bled for brief tour of the lake and castle and to enjoy a local



pastry and coffee. Back to Ljubljana late this afternoon. We'll enjoy a farewell dinner tonight at the hotel. B, L, D

Dec 9 Friday

Early morning departures from the LJU airport. Those interested may extend their stay in Slovenia or return to Zagreb with the motorcoach this afternoon. B

Terms and Conditions

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE September 30, 2016.

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

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