

Heritage, History and Cultures of Croatia

May 9 - 22, 2019

Hosted by Robert Jerin

**Visiting: Dubrovnik - Split - Hvar - Plitvice Lakes
Vukovar - Osijek - Bukovelje - Zagreb**

We invite you to join noted genealogist, Robert Jerin, for this custom designed exploration of beautiful Croatia. We'll have a chance to meet with local villagers as well as professionals working in the field of genealogy. Also encountering artisans and experts dedicated to studying the rich history, culture and heritage of Croatia. Not only will we walk the paths of our ancestors and notable figures in history but we will visit several places featured

” “we will learn why the gem we call Croatia has been sought after (or coveted) over the centuries. We'll explore the rugged landscape as we work our way north along the Dalmatian coastline. We'll visit towns with thousands of years of history, and port cities that pre-date Roman history.





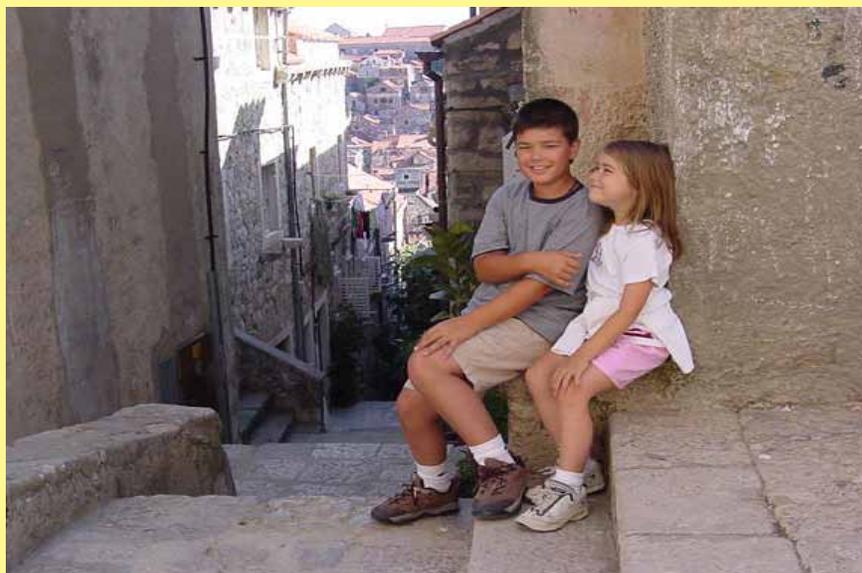
Join us to join this comprehensive tour of Croatia. This will be our 12th organized group trip and a 2nd return to the Slavonia region. We take in the the key highlights and deep history of the region and its people with a program primarily focused on the Inland areas as well as key cities and their influence on the Croatian culture. The capital city of Zagreb is our base for the last few days of the tour, including and sampling the cuisine and products of the country.

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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 Croatia in Cavtat
- Welcome reception, 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Expert local guides, and tour manager Alen for the entire time
- Traditional luncheon with local seafood in Ston
- Klapa group singing performance at dinner in Split
- Boat ride on a tranquil lake in Plitvice Lakes Park
- Dinner of rustic local specialities at the restaurant Purgar
- Dinner with local musical entertainment at the Villa Rubcic
- Traditional Village picnic party in Bukovelje
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Park, Diocletian Palace, Zagreb Archives
- Tamburitza Band and dinner in Osijek
- Farewell dinner at our Hotel in Zagreb



\$2775 13 day Tour

(Per Person Double Occupancy)

Single Hotel Room Supplement: +\$878⁰⁰

Add air from your home city to Dubrovnik and return from Zagreb

(Airfare available from most major cities)

Price is based on current exchange rate (\$1.18 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 \$400 per person secures your hotel rooms, and the motor coach tour

Full Payment is due no later than 60 days before departure, March 8, 2019

Comprehensive Trip cancellation and Travel Insurance available and highly recommended. Cost for this Insurance coverage varies depending on the age of the travelers. Please call for details.

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Day - by - Day Itinerary

Day 1 - May 9 – Thursday

Depart USA for European Gateways

Day 2 - May 10 – Friday, DUBROVNIK

After connecting flights in Europe – arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia midday. You will be met at the airport and transferred



to our hotel innearby Cavtat. The elegant Hotel Croatia hugs the cliff with most rooms overlooking the blue Adriatic. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at the hotel. D

Day 3 - May 11 - Saturday, DUBROVNIK

Breakfast at your hotel. Boat transfer to Dubrovnik - 1 hour cruise. Walking city tour with expert local guide. Dubrovnik is a unique destination on the UNESCO list of cultural heritage. Explore and enjoy – The Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery, old pharmacy, Orlando statue, Rector's Palace, Onophrian fountain. Free afternoon for walking along city the walls, or use the cable car to enjoy view of the city. Transfer by bus back to Cavtat. Dinner at CROATIA, overnight. (B,D)

Day 4 - May 12 - Sunday, CAVTAT - SPLIT

After breakfast check out and transfer direction north towards Split. First stop will be one Ston, the city with longest walls in Europe. We'll take a short boat trip of 45 minutes (The OYSTERS



EXPERIENCE) and a chance for oysters tasting. A delicious sea food lunch will be served in one of the Ston restaurants. After lunch continue to Split and check in to your hotel. HOTEL



SPLIT 4* in Podstrana. Dinner at your hotel with a local Klapa group performance. (B, L, D) Overnight Podstrana.

Day 5 - May 13 - Monday, HVAR

Earlier breakfast and transfer by bus to SPLIT PORT to catch a ferry for island Hvar and its port Stari Grad. The cruise on the Adriatic takes app 2 hours, upon arrival stop in Stari Grad for a sightseeing tour and visit the home of Petar Hektorović,



the most popular building in a picturesque small city. Continue to city of Hvar (15 km) and enjoy the rest of the afternoon admiring the beauty of this amazing town, with its fortress, the island archipelago Paklinksi otoci, and the ancient narrow streets. Late afternoon we head back to Stari Grad to take the ferry back to Split and your hotel where dinner will be served. (B, D) Overnight Podstrana

Day 6 - May 14 - Tuesday, SPLIT – RAKOVICA/PLITVICE

After breakfast, check out from the hotel then begin a city tour with a local expert guide to learn about the deep history of Split during a walking tour. The guide who will share stories about this city, more than 1700 years old. We'll walk the harbor front promenade, tour the famous Old city and Diocletian's Palace, Cathedral of St. Domnius, the statue of Bishop Grgur of Nin, the Golden gates and many other unique treasures in this lived in and loved city. We'll have a lunch break in Split before we

board the coach and head inland to the Plitvice region, check in. The Villa Rubcic will host us with a welcome dinner and overnight stay. (B, L, D)



Day 7 - May 15 - Wednesday, PLITVICE

After breakfast time to explore Plitvice lakes National Park - the most popular National Park in this part of Europe. It is a complex of 16 lakes, waterfalls, and cascades with breathless



scenery and rich biodiversity (both flora and fauna). This evening enjoy an event organized by the family RUBČIĆ. That means lots of food, grappa, wine, music, folk dances with a local band to put

everyone in a happy mood! Overnight Villa Rubcic. (B, D)

Day 8 - May 16 - Thursday, PLITVICE - ĐAKOVO - OSIJEK

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, then begin our journey to the Slavonia region and the charming city of Djakovo. We'll stop for a lunch break en route and before our early afternoon arrival to Đakovo for a city tour with a local guide. The sightseeing tour will



include a visit of the main cathedral, and the Lipizzaner stables. The Đakovo Cathedral or Basilica of St. Peter is the center of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Đakovo-Osijek and is the biggest sacral newly built building of Croatian historicism. Continue to Osijek for 1 more hour and then check in to the Hotel OSIJEK 4*. Dinner and overnight in Osijek. (B, D)

Day 9 - May 17 - Friday, OSIJEK - VUKOVAR - OSIJEK

After breakfast begin an excursion to Vukovar for a moving sightseeing tour. We call Vukovar "the city hero" as it has a very special place in hearts and mind of all Croats. Continue to Ovčara, a mass grave and Memorial Center, and on your way back to Vukovar visit Memorial Cemetery of Homeland War Victims. In Memorial Center of the Homeland War you will learn about the chronology and events that occurred in Croatia at that time, and admire their courage and their wish to defend



the town. At the end of the tour, visit the impressive Cross at the confluence of the Vuka and Danube rivers. Back to Osijek for dinner at one of local restaurants with Tamburitza music, like the band KAS. (B,D) <http://www.kasovci.com/>

Day 10 - May 18 - Saturday, OSIJEK - ZAGREB

Depart Osijek today and drive across the fertile plains of Slavonia as we head toward the capital city of Zagreb. We'll

check into our centrally located hotel and then start a walking and driving tour of the Old and New city with local guide. Zagreb is a capitol of Croatia, a cultural, historic and business metropolis with many beautiful attractions such as: Ban Jelacic square, the main Cathedral, the old Upper town, Stone gate, St. Marco's church, tower of Lotrscak, Botanical garden, etc. We'll stop for an organized lunch in local restaurant serving traditional Croatian food. Overnight Zagreb. (B, L)

Day 11 - May 19 - Sunday, ZAGREB – BUKOVLJE

After a leisurely breakfast and some free time, we to the rustic



village of Gornje Bukovlje for picnic with or friends and local residents. Enjoy local music, homemade specialties and a fun time with our hosts. After a whole day of eating, drinking and entertaining with new friends, it's back to Zagreb for a free evening in the city at the Hotel DUBROVNIK, Overnight. (B)

Day 12 - May 20 - Monday, ZAGREB

This morning we've arranged a meeting at the Croatian Archives for those interested in the treasure trove of genealogy data they have stored here. Our local hosts and curators will give us feeling for the work they do here to preserve Croatian history and heritage.

The afternoon is left open giving you some free time for exploring, shopping, relaxing! Dinner on own B



Day 13 - May 21 - Tuesday, ZAGREB - ZAGORJE

Those interested will enjoy a coach tour into the rolling hills and valleys of the Zagorje region north of Zagreb. The region is steeped in the history of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and maintains its bucolic and charming feel. Lunch with some local treats is included. Back to Zagreb this afternoon for some shopping time before we rendezvous for our Farewell dinner (B, D)

Day 14 - May 22 - Wednesday ZAGREB AIRPORT

Breakfast, check out and transfer to Zagreb airport.



Terms and Conditions

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE March 8, 2019.

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

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Your personal and/or bank check welcome. If paying by Credit Card please circle: Visa, Discover, Mastercard, Amex

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