

Heritage and History Tour of Croatia and its Islands

September 14 - 30, 2018

Hosted by Robert Jerin

**Visiting: Dubrovnik - Korcula - Makarska - Split
Sibenik - Opatija - Pula - Motovun - 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 in major American motion pictures." "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.



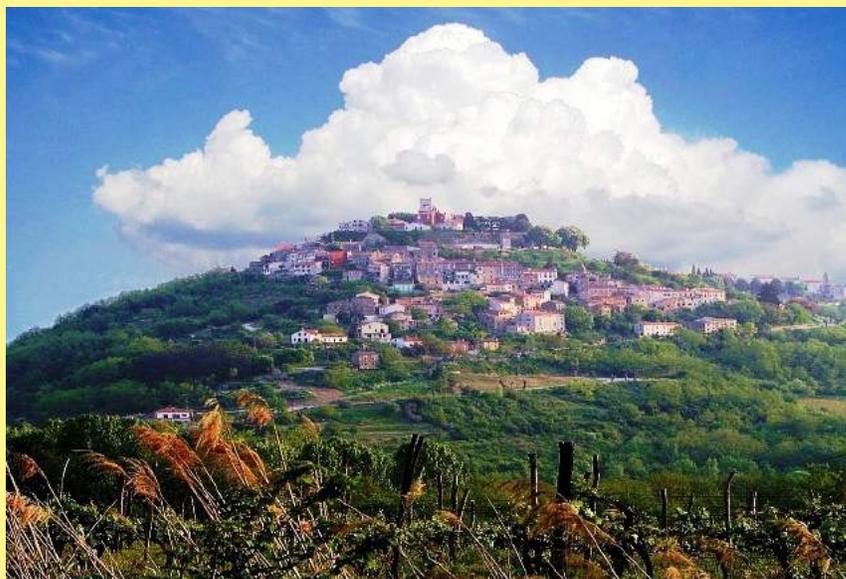
We invite you to join this comprehensive tour of Croatia. This will be our 11th organized group trip and by far, our most ambitious itinerary yet. We take in the the key highlights and the deep history of the region and its people with an itinerary focused on the coast and its influence on the Croatian culture. The capital city of Zagreb is our base for the last few days of exploring 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 Lero in Dubrovnik
- Welcome reception, 15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 8 dinners
- Expert local guides, and tour manager Alen for the entire time
- Farewell dinner at our Hotel in Zagreb
- Boat ride on the Adriatic from Orebic to Korcula
- Dinner of rustic local specialties at the restaurant Purgar
- Traditional Village picnic party in Bukovelje
- Dinner with local musical entertainment at the Villa Rubcic
- Traditional luncheon with local food Rovinj and Zadar
- Entrance fees to Plitvice Park, Diocletian Palace, Zagreb Archives
- Boat ride and lunch stop along the Neretva River Valley
- Farewell dinner at our Hotel in Zagreb



\$3095 17 day Tour

(Per Person Double Occupancy)

Single Hotel Room Supplement: +\$955⁰⁰

**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,
July 14, 2018**

**Comprehensive Trip cancellation and Travel
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Cost for this Insurance coverage varies depending
on the age of the travelers.
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Day - by - Day Itinerary

Day 1 – FRIDAY – September 14

Depart USA for European Gateways

Day 2 – SATURDAY - September 15

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



to our hotel located within walking distance of the Old Walled City, the Hotel Lero . Some free time this afternoon and then an early welcome dinner at our hotel. D

Day 3 – SUNDAY - September 16

After breakfast, we begin a walking overview tour of Dubrovnik to include guided sightseeing of the ancient city including St Blaze Cathedral. The afternoon is open for independent wandering of the city. A myriad of artist shops and excellent restaurants line the walkways and alleys. Dinner on own. B

Day 4 - MONDAY - September 17

Enjoy a leisurely seaside morning before we head inland to visit the art shop AR ATELIER to meet the owner and artist Antonia Rusković Radonić in the town of Gruda. Later tonight we enjoy a traditional dinner tonight at the rustic Konavle restaurant, Mlinica Sapro near Cilipi. Back to Dubrovnik to enjoy the sunset. B, D



Day 5 - TUESDAY - September 18

Today is dedicated to exploring the ancient and emerging wine making traditions of Croatia as we tour the famous island of



Korčula and the Peljesac Peninsula, each area known for the unique varietals being produced there. First we drive to Orebić where we'll take a boat across to Korčula Island. Korčula City is considered to be birthplace of Marco Polo. We'll enjoy a delightful lunch paired with local wine tasting and some free time to wander the small streets lined with little shops along the way. On the way back, again boat to Orebić, then drive along the peninsula, stop for wine tasting. We'll stop at the wine cellar MILOŠ and you'll discover why these wines are so appreciated by experts around the world! Our coach will bring us back to our hotel in the early evening. Overnight at our hotel. B, L-Wt

Day 6 - WEDNESDAY - September 19

We leave Dubrovnik this morning and journey north along the Dalmatian Coast line. First we explore the fertile delta region of the Neretva Valley by boat. This area is famous for fruit and



vegetable production. We'll enjoy a local lunch here before we continue north along the coast stopping for a walk along the promenade in Makarska. Perhaps you'll have time to visit the Malakoloski Muzej, a museum dedicated to sea shells. Expect an early evening arrival in Split to the Hotel Split in the Podstrana district. Enjoy a dinner at our hotel tonight. B, L, D

Day 7 - THURSDAY - September 20

Today we learn about the deep history of Split during a walking

tour with our local 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. Free time to wander and enjoy Split this afternoon. In the late afternoon we suggest taking an optional sunset cruise from Split port. This cruise takes about 2 hours and includes snacks, wine & soft drink, live music. Overnight Hotel Split B

Day 8 - FRIDAY – September 21

Continue along the coast and stop in Sibenik whose old town is still very much intact and wonderful to walk through. With steep stairs down to the waterfront area, stunning architectural details on doorways and facades and the quiet beauty of these back alleyways are a real treat. And situated on its own magnificent square overlooking the sea is the city's main claim to fame– the Cathedral of St. James (Jacov in Croatian), dating



from the 1400's, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000. Continue toward a lunch stop in Zadar, famous for its Roman ruins, and church from the 1300's. Then on to a special dinner party and overnight stay at the rustic Villa Rubcic. B, L, D.



Day 9 – SATURDAY - September 22

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Villa Rubcic on the outskirts of 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. Some free time before returning to the Villa Rubcic Rakovica. Overnight at Villa Rubcic. B

Day 10 – SUNDAY - September 23

From Plitvice Lakes - Head to Gornje Bukovlje for our famous Picnic with the locals. We journey into the rugged inland regions of Croatia to our village friends in Gornje Bukovlje for our traditional village picnic party. After a whole day of eating, drinking and entertaining with new friends, we'll turn back toward the coast and the Opatija Riviera. Overnight at the Hotel Park in Lovran. B, PL

Day 11 - MONDAY – September 24

Opatija is one of the first touristic towns in Croatia. It's located on the east coast of the Istrian peninsula and at the foot of the



mountain Ucka, now a Nature Park. Impressively decorated parks and gardens, long promenades, remarkable centuries-old Austrian villas, beautiful beaches and the warm climate keep this area a mecca for tourists. Free time this evening to stroll the Promenade. Dinner on own – overnight Lovran. B

Day 12 - TUESDAY – September 25

Today we tour the famous towns of the Istrian Peninsula. Rovinj is one of the most developed seaside resorts in Croatia, offering a whole range of opportunities to visitors in a picturesque ambience of the ancient town, surrounded by luxuriant pine forests. During our guided visit of Pula, we'll visit the old colosseum in Pula and all the other roman monuments. We'll stop for lunch with a chance to sample the local wines as we head into the hilly middle of the region to visit the town of



Motovun. You'll see why the view from its vantage point has attracted a flourishing artist colony. Back to Lovran this evening for a dinner and overnight at our hotel. B, L-Wt, D

Day 13 – WEDNESDAY – September 26

Head across the rugged inland regions of the Gorski Kotor region, stopping in Lekenik where scenes from the famous movie 'Fiddler on the Roof' were filmed. Then we continue to the capital city; ZAGREB. We'll stay at the centrally located Hotel Palace, a wonderful classic hotel built in 1891 at the height of the Austro Hungarian Empire. Enjoy a welcome



Dinner at our Zagreb Hotel. B, D

Day 14 – THURSDAY – September 27

Zagreb is the bustling capitol of Croatia, a cultural, historic and business metropolis with many beautiful attractions. We'll get to know this evolving city during our walking and driving tour of the Old and New city. Our hotel is across from the central park area, walking distance to Ban Jelacic square. We'll visit the Cathedral, The Upper town area with its Stone gate, St. Marco's church, the tower of Lotrscak, and in the lower town, the Botanical garden and Museum of Archaeology. In the afternoon we meet with Matica, the institution responsible for keeping in touch with Croats abroad. Dinner tonight at the RESTORAN PURGAR featuring traditional foods of the region. B, D

Day 15 – FRIDAY - September 28

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 16 – SATURDAY - September 29

For some, this will be a free day to visit relatives or perhaps ancestral villages. Other may enjoy our optional excursion to SAMOBOR & BIZELJSKO this afternoon. 1pm we depart for Samobor Mountain for lunch at the restaurant KOD MRVE. Then we head to the wine region of Bizeljsko just across the border in Slovenia for tasting their unique wines including the highly prized sparkling Rose they produce. Enjoy a tasting of several wines with local snacks of homemade sausages, bacon, and bread. Return to our hotel in Zagreb in time for tonight's farewell dinner at the hotel B, D

Day 17 – SUNDAY - September 30

Depart from the Zagreb Airport

Terms and Conditions

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE July 20, 2018.

1. Because airline space is limited at special group rates, we urge your deposit of U.S.D. \$400 per person as soon as possible. After all airline group space is gone, fares are subject to increase. Minimum of 20 passengers will be needed to operate this tour at the advertised price. Prices are subject to change if the Euro varies by more than 3% at time of final payment.
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I have read and understand the above tour conditions. **PASSPORT REQUIRED.**

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