



HERITAGE AND HISTORY TOUR OF CROATIA WITH ROBERT JERIN

September 12 - 26, 2015

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: Split, Hvar & Brac Islands, Gorski Kotor - Fuzine, Istra Peninsula, Plitvice Lakes, Osijek, Marija Bistrica, 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:

- ☐ Hosted throughout by our experienced host; Robert Jerin
- ☐ Private air-conditioned deluxe motor coach for all transfers
- ☐ Expert tour manager Alen Miocevic escorting the tour
- ☐ European style buffet breakfast daily at hotels
- ☐ Welcome dinner and Klapa Music group at our Hotel in Split
- ☐ Local guides for sightseeing in Split, Istria, Osijek, Zagreb
- ☐ Dinner overlooking the Adriatic at the Konobe Opacak
- ☐ Boat to the Island of Hvar with wine tasting an Island vineyard
- ☐ Wine tasting and lunch at a local island vineyard in Hvar
- ☐ Dinner of local specialties at the Villa Rubcic Rakovica
- ☐ Lunch of local specialties and regioanl wines in Istra
- ☐ Guided sightseeing tour of Plitvice National Park
- ☐ Visit Mrkopalj for a local festival in a Gorski Kotor village
- ☐ Picnic festival with our hosts in the village of Bukovlje
- ☐ Tamburitza and folk dinner in Zagreb
- ☐ Farewell dinner at the Sheraton in Zagreb

\$2755 15 day Escorted Tour

(Per Person Double Occupancy)

Single Room Supplement: +\$698⁰⁰

Add group air from Chicago to Split & return from Zagreb, Croatia on Lufthansa

\$1445 total with all taxes

Comparable Airfare available from most major cities

Price is based on current exchange rate (\$1.20 USD/Euro) and is subject to change if the rate varies, by more than 3% at the time of full payment.

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Our Day By Day Itinerary

12SEP Saturday DEPART US CITIES

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

13SEP Sunday ARRIVE SPLIT Meet and greet by your favorite tour guide Alen and transfer to hotel SPLIT in nearby Podstrana. 8 km from city center. Welcome dinner with local Klapa at the hotel. Overnight. D

14SEP Monday SPLIT Morning sightseeing tour Split, including the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, the center piece of Split, which dates to around 300AD. Afternoon tour of the coast via Omiš and Makarska a city noted for its palm-fringed promenade with fashionable cafes, bars and boutiques overlooking the pretty harbour. The center of Makarska is an old town with narrow stone-paved streets, a Franciscan monastery houses a sea shell collection featuring a giant clam shell. Continue inland and up to Gornji Tučepi to enjoy a rustic dinner and views from the mountain from the restaurant or 'Konoba' OPAČAK. Back to Split for overnight. B, D

15SEP Tuesday SPLIT - Dalmatian Coast

Earlier breakfast. Head to the port of Split to board our private boat for a full day excursion to islands Hvar and Brač. After a delightful two hours cruise on the Adriatic we arrive in the city of Hvar, the Croatian Monte Carlo. We'll take a city tour including a visit to the lace museum.



We'll head to an island vineyard for lunch and a tasting of the local wines. In the afternoon return by boat to Split, stopping enroute for a coffee in Milna at the island of Brač. Disembark in Split and enjoy some free time this evening to explore this lively city and its many fine restaurants. Overnight in Split. B, L

16SEP Wednesday SPLIT – FUZINE

Check out from Split hotel and head to Krka National Park. It is the seventh national park in Croatia and was proclaimed a national park in 1985. We'll see the waterfalls of Skradinski buk. Further along and



up the coast we stop for lunch in Zadar and visit the excellent archaeology museum. The pre-Romanesque Church of St. Donat dates back to the 9th century, and it is certainly Zadar's most famous spot. Continue

to Fužine in the afternoon and arrival to the Hotel Bitoraj in time for dinner with local music. Overnight in Fužine. B, D

17SEP Thursday FUZINE

Early today we begin a day trip to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Our guided tour of the multiple lakes includes walking along the shores of these fascinating cascading lakes, along with riding an electric boat across the placid waters of the largest lake. Lunch on your own at one



of the offerings in Plitvice Park. On the way back to Fužine we stop for dinner at RAKOVICA with our friends the Rubčić family. Overnight in Fužine. B, D

18SEP Friday FUZINE

Full day coach tour for sightseeing of the coast and inland Istria. First stop will be Motovun, in the northern part of Istria, overlooking the Mirna River valley, lies surely the most famous and attractive Istrian medieval town of Motovun. This captivating hilltop town is one of the characteristic symbols of the Istrian interior. Groznanj is a 14th-century Venetian town, known nowadays as the Town of Artists - an arts colony, where, since 1965, painters, sculptors and musicians comes to live and work. Lunch will be served at a local vineyard where you will enjoy not just typical food of the region, but also wines like red wine TERAN or white wine MALVAZIJA. Also the beautiful city of Rovinj, located on western coast of Istria. Return via the highway to Hotel Bitoraj. Dinner on their own. B, L

19SEP Saturday FUZINE

Today features sightseeing of the Gorski Kotar area, Delnice, Risnjak - the national park, The population density of Gorski Kotar is low, but the highest in Mountainous Croatia. Gorski Kotar is on the karstic plateau about 35 km in length and has an average altitude of 800m. The highest point is Bjelolasica at 1534m followed by Mt. Risnjak. The region is known as the 'Green Heart of Croatia'. Visit the village of Mrkopalj and stop for the festival scheduled to take place today. Dinner at the Hotel Bitoraj in Fuzina, overnight. B, D

20SEP Sunday FUZINE - OSIJEK

Free morning then head to the village of Bukovlje for an afternoon

of picnic festivities which starts at noon. After plenty of food, drinks, music and folk dances, it's on to Osijek and our hotel in the capitol city of Slavonia, the Hotel Osijek. Check in and then enjoy a 'Welcome to Slavonia' wine and cheese reception at the hotel. Dinner on own for those with any room! B, L

21SEP Monday OSIJEK

Start the day sightseeing with an expert local guide as we tour the city of Osijek. Located on the banks of the Drava River just 25km upstream from the Danube, Osijek is the fourth largest city in Croatia and the largest city in Eastern Croatia. Osijek is divided into two main regions - the upper town, with its imposing city square, Trg Ante Starčevića, and Tvrdava, the preserved fortress town to the east of the town centre. Then head to Baranja to visit the museum and famous wine celler JOSIĆ for a tasting and snack. Return to Osijek. Dinner outside the city in the restaurant RUŽA with live local music. B, snack, D

22SEP Tuesday ZAGREB

Check out from Osijek hotel and drive in the direction of Zagreb. Stop in ĐAKOVO to see St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral - Pope John the XIII stated that this is the most beautiful church from Venice to Constantinople. Its foundations were laid back in the 13th century. Time permitting, we'll visit the famous Lippizanner stable that has been here for many years. Afternoon arrival to Zagreb and our centrally located Hotel Sheraton. Dinner on own. B

23SEP Wednesday ZAGREB

Full day tour outside of Zagreb to explore the surrounding countryside. We begin with a visit to the famous Croatian pilgrimage site of Marija Bistrica. We'll visit the beautiful Cathedral and scenic grounds then head to the lovely historic town of Samobor. This is a great location to find authentic craft gifts and traditional mementos of Croatia. We'll stop for lunch to enjoy flavors of the region. Return to Zagreb. B, L

24SEP Thursday ZAGREB

In morning we enjoy the sights of Zagreb during a guided walking city sightseeing tour from our hotel. We tour the Upper Town - Old town and the grand Ban Jelacic Square. Those interested will have a hosted visit of the Archives planned for the end of the sightseeing tour. The late 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. Others may choose to visit relatives, do some shopping in this bustling capitol city. Dinner on own. This evening, rendezvous at the hotel before heading to a nearby venue, the IVICA I MARICA restaurant for a Folklore show with dinner tonight. Overnight in Zagreb. B, D

25SEP Friday 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 our hotel. Sheraton Zagreb. B, D

26SEP Saturday

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

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