

Croatia & Medjugorje

A JOURNEY OF THE HEART
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Travel Dates: September 16 – 27, 2024

(Includes: Roundtrip flights from Los Angeles, Intl. departure taxes, and standard gratuities)

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**DAY 1 - MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16:
DEPART USA**

Depart for our overnight flights to Dubrovnik.



**DAY 2 - TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 17:
DUBROVNIK**

We arrive in Dubrovnik and transfer to our hotel, which is located along the crystal-clear **Adriatic Sea** and close proximity to **Old Town**. This evening is at leisure to explore the Old Town, "Pearl of the Adriatic." Dubrovnik is renowned for its **Mediterranean cuisine** influenced by Italian, Greek, and other coastal cultures. Self-hosted dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: DUBROVNIK: OLD CITY/ ADRIATIC COAST/ MEDJUGORJE

After breakfast, we enjoy a walking tour of "**Old Dubrovnik**," including St. Blaze Church, the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. After a self-hosted lunch, we drive to Medjugorje along the enchanting Adriatic coast. This afternoon we check in to our hotel in **Medjugorje**, which is close by to St. James Church and Medjugorje Shrine. In the vicinity are the beautiful Kravice Waterfalls. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 4 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: MEDJUGORJE: ST JAMES PARISH and APPARITION HILL

After breakfast we visit **St. James Church**, which is at the heart and main spiritual centers of Medjugorje. We have the option to attend a morning Mass or take some time for quiet reflection. In the afternoon, take a short hike up **Apparition Hill**. This is the location where the apparitions of the Virgin Mary are said to have occurred. It's a place of prayer and reflection. Later, we have time at leisure to stroll through the town and interact with the friendly locals. Dinner is self-hosted. Overnight at our hotel. (B)

DAY 5 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje is a place of religious significance. Whether you are a pilgrim or a tourist, the town's serene atmosphere and natural beauty offer a unique and peaceful experience. Today is at leisure, you may wish to enjoy a morning hike to Cross Mountain (Krizevac). In the afternoon, perhaps spend some quiet time in prayer and

meditation, either at a local church or one of the many peaceful spots around Medjugorje, and/or you may wish to take some time to shop for a special souvenir. Join the candlelight vigil in the evening at St. James Church. This is a powerful and emotional experience appreciated by many pilgrims. (B)

DAY 6 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: MEDJUGORJE / SPLIT

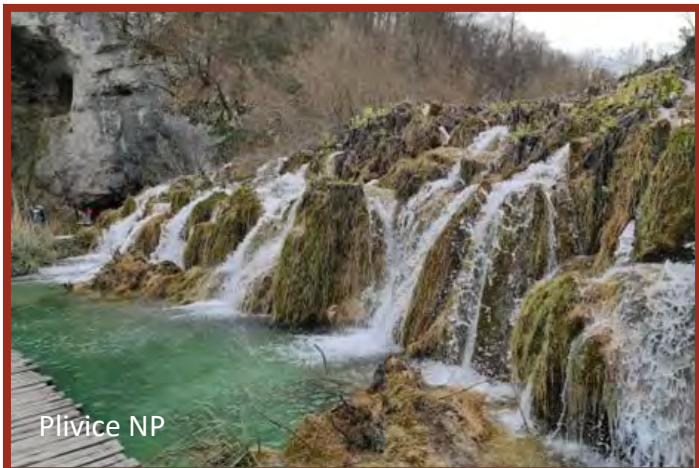
This morning we depart for Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Visit its Roman heritage, the Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. Self-hosted dinner at a local "Konoba" (tavern or cellar) to experience the soul of the **Dalmatian cuisine**. Overnight at our hotel in Split. (B)



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DAY 7 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 : SPLIT / TROGIR / ZADAR / PLITVICE LAKES

We depart Split early this morning and drive to another historic town of Croatian Dalmatia. **Trogir** was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1997 as the best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic town in Central Europe. Our city walking tour includes a stroll around the cobbled streets of this small and charming town it is worth stopping by the **Cathedral of St. Lawrence** from the 13th century, the city gate, the City Hall, the Kamerlengo Tower Fortress, the Čipiko Palace, and the Church of St. Nicholas. Our next visit is **Zadar**, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Croatia, located on the Dalmatian coast. In its old town, you will find the Church of St. Donatus from the 9th century, the veritable trademark building of this city, and the belltower which dominates Zadar from the Cathedral of St. Anastasia. The city is an open-air museum with many architectural and cultural heritage sights. We arrive this evening at **Plitvice Lakes**. Dinner is self-hosted. Overnight at our hotel. (B)



DAY 8 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: PLITVICE LAKES / RIJEKA / OPATIJA

Wherever you are in **Plitvice**, it is easy to see why its travertine marble formations are such an extraordinary natural phenomenon. The national park was internationally recognized in 1979 when it was declared as UNESCO World Heritage. (Please note: expect a moderate amount of walking, so wear comfortable shoes and clothes).

After a self-hosted lunch, we depart for Opatija, once favored by European royalty. We stop in Rijeka to visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Trsat**, which was built to commemorate the transfer of the Holy House of Nazareth from Jerusalem to Loreto. This evening we arrive in the coastal town of Opatija for overnight. Dinner is self-hosted. (B)

DAY 9 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: OPATIJA/ POSTOJNA/ PREDJAMA/ LJUBLJANA

This morning we have some leisure time in **Opatija** to explore this **traditional seaside resort**. We travel to Postojna to visit the halls and chambers of the mystic underground Cave. It is the most prominent karst cave in the world, which was first described in the 17th century and was ready to visit more than 200 years ago. Our next visit is the **idyllic village of Predjama** where lies a fairy tale medieval stone-built castle that has been perched in the middle of a 123-meter-high cliff for more than 800 years. The Predjama Castle is listed as the World's largest cave castle in the Guinness World Records!

This evening we arrive in **Ljubljana**. We have a walking tour of the old city centre, which offers one-of-a-kind Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture and masterful creations by the 20th century architect Jože Plečnik. Self-hosted dinner and overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

DAY 10 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: LJUBLJANA: BLEED CASTLE and LAKE

Today we explore **Ljubljana**, the capital of Slovenia, and visit the open-air market, City Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges and the Parliament. We have time to visit **Bled Castle** and enjoy a boat ride on Lake Bled. We return to Ljubljana for a self-hosted dinner and overnight. (B)

DAY 11 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: LJUBLJANA/ MARIJA BISTRICA/ ZAGREB

We depart for Zagreb with a stop in **Marija Bistrica**. The city has an old Marian shrine of the Black Madonna, which is a place of pilgrimage and visited by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims every year. On October 3, 1998, Pope John Paul II visited Marija Bistrica and beatified Croatian Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac in front of a crowd of 500,000 Croats.

Late this afternoon we arrive in **Zagreb**, the capital and largest city of Croatia. After meeting with our local guide, we will take a pleasant walk in the city center, visiting the city's most memorable sights to get a taste of the capital - the historical old town, the Government Palace, and the Cathedral. We gather tonight for our farewell dinner and overnight in Zagreb. (B, D)

DAY 12 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: ZAGREB/ RETURN USA

Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our departure flights home. (B)

NOTE:

- This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on ancient archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and easily climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible and cannot be accessed by persons with limited mobility.

- While we do our best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary or require its alteration, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, traffic, political climate, time constraints, other conditions beyond our control, or changes by your group hosts and/or guides.



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Trip Information

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Trip price includes: round trip group coach air from Los Angeles; US and Intl. departure taxes; visas for U.S. citizens; group transfers from group flights to group lodgings; accommodation and sightseeing per itinerary; certain meals per itinerary (listed as "B", "L" or "D" in the daily itinerary); entrance fees to sights visited as noted in the itinerary; destination group ground transportation; local guide(s); and all standard taxes and gratuities. Prices based on a **minimum group size of 30**.

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