



## TCHEQUIE TOUR



## AUTHENTIC CROATIA

## ACTIVE HOLIDAYS ON THE ADRIATIC COAST

## OPTIONAL / IN ADDITION

## EXTRA DAY – SLOVENIA – IMPRESSIVE KARST

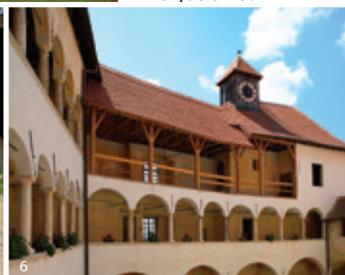
Excursion to **the Postojna Cave in Slovenia**, one of the largest cave systems you can visit in the world. In one pool you can see a particular animal, the olm or “proteus anguinus”, also known as the “human fish”. It is a fish with legs and can live up to 70 years, and only lives in caves. A visit of **Predjama Castle** and its 6 km long cave network is planned for the afternoon. The Castle, a magnificent construction set in the middle of a towering cliff, has been described as an inaccessible nest. The castle was a place of many fantastic adventures, and it offers a unique insight into the medieval lifestyle. The excursion of the caves and visit of the castle can be exchanged for a visit of **the Lipica Stud Farm** where Lipizzan horses, the famous horse breed with white hairs, are bred.

Following this, you will depart to **Ljubljana**, the Slovenian capital; a city on which the French revolutionary Napoleon had a significant impact. A walking tour through the beautiful streets of this colourful city will reveal the distinct character of each quarter: medieval, Art Nouveau and Austrian-influenced Baroque – the best example of which is Saint Nicholas’ Church. Dinner and overnight stay in Ljubljana.



## DAY 1 – ZAGREB – FOLLOWING TITO, THE POLITICAL LEADER (130 KM)

Arrival to **Zagreb**. This visit of the capital will get you familiar with this young and animated city. You will discover such places as the flower square, Kaptol in the upper town of Zagreb where the seat of the Roman Catholic archbishop of Zagreb and Gradec is located, part of the town situated on the hill of Grič, where the government is seated. You will visit the **Croatian Parliament** and **Croatian Naive Art Museum**. Lunch on the road. Arrival to **Kumrovec**. Houses with painted facades and thatched roofs form the Ethnological Museum where you can, due to the permanent exhibition, discover the daily life and examples of craftsmanship of the inhabitants of Krumovec in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will also find here the birthplace of Josip Broz, also known as “Tito”, the leader of the communist party in the former Yugoslavia.



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Detour to **Veliki Tabor Castle** for a visit of the **Veliki Tabor Castle**, which is one of the most interesting historical monuments in Croatia (13 km from Kumrovec).



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## DAY 2 – PLITVICE LAKES – AQUATIC ACTIVITIES (196 KM)

After breakfast, you will depart for the village of Rastoke and enjoy **rafting on the Korana river** which is a real natural gem. Its watercourse and waterfalls are to be admired – and adventure and amusement are guaranteed. Lunch will be served on site.

You will then depart for the **Plitvice National Park** for a trekking tour in the beautiful mountainous region of Lika. The walking trail will lead you along the bright blue Plitvice lakes and waterfalls.

The lake system is comprised of 16 lakes with crystal water, one cascading into the next. They are hiding between mountains covered with green forests. This natural paradise was internationally recognised with its inscription onto the UNESCO World Heritage List.

After dinner, you will stay overnight in **Otočac**, a village situated in an idyllic setting on the riverbank of the Otočas river, well known for its pure water and 20 species of trout living in it.



## DAY 3 – NORTH DALMATIA – NATIONAL PARKS (208 KM)



Breakfast at the hotel. On the way to the Krka National park, you will go close to the **Velebit National Park** and the Velebit mountain range, which is the largest in Croatia. It stretches 200 km, and the highest peaks reach 1800 m. You will arrive in Skradin, where the entrance to the **Krka National park**, known for its large and fast waterfalls, is found. You will cruise along the canyon river, by the Skradinski buk waterfall, across the forest and end up in the Lozovac village, where you can see the ethnological monuments presenting the original customs (water mills, smithing, weaving of fabrics ...). Lunch in the national park is followed by an excursion to **Dubrava**, which houses a centre for the rehabilitation of birds of prey. The ancient Croatian tradition is maintained in this falconry centre. Next up is the arrival to **Šibenik**, a town founded by Croats in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, which spreads over a rocky hill which dominates the sea. This charming maritime village is well known especially for the Cathedral of St. James, whose unique architecture helped gain it a place on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Dinner and overnight stay in Šibenik.

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You will board a ship of a local shipowner to get to the **Kornati archipelago** and cruise with **Croatian fishers**. For lunch, you will have grilled fish, on board the boat. The cruise starts at 9 am and finishes at 7 pm. **The Kornati National Park** includes the densest archipelago in the world, and it is reminiscent of a giant puzzle spread out between the shore and the sea.

You can enjoy bathing and swimming in the turquoise water.



## DAY 4 – CENTRAL DALMATIA – MEDIEVAL AND ANCIENT TREASURES (88 KM)

After breakfast, we will venture down the road to **Trogir** (UNESCO) and visit the medieval city, a former Greek colony from 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE. The town has a rich commercial history, which we can still recognise due to the various architectural styles, its palaces and cathedral – one of the gems of the Croatian sacred heritage. The labyrinth of twisted lanes where the old is in harmony with the new will charm you. Afterwards, we will travel to **Split** (UNESCO) and have lunch in a typical restaurant. You will discover this city in the context of a **treasure hunt**, and you will find such important monument as **Diocletian's Palace** – belonging to Roman Emperor Diocletian. Venetian constructions, Austrian architecture and stylish bars are mixed in this city. It was founded in the Roman era and 2000 years of history are concentrated here. Dinner and overnight stay in Makarska (possibility of **bathing in Makarska** – it is the most popular part of the Croatian coast with 2 km long beach. Overnight stay near Makarska in this case).

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You will take a scenic coastal path as you go **canyoning on the Cetina river**, a river which has created a deep canyon with steep river banks in limestone mountains. You will be jumping from cascade to cascade with idyllic scenery in the background and where the river creates mystical shapes in its bed. Professional guides will accompany you through this adrenaline experience and will provide you with all necessary equipment: wetsuit, life-jacket and helmet. Duration of tour: 3.30 to 4.30.





## DAY 5 – BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – FAMOUS BRIDGE (327 KM)

Breakfast. On the 5th day, you will cross the border of **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and discover **the ancient town of Mostar** (UNESCO). This architectural treasure, where most of the constructions were built in Ottoman Medieval style, had become one of the martyred cities of Balkan conflict. The suburbs and the modern city on the other bank of the Neretva river still retain their wounds. This city shows the original mixture of the Oriental and Occidental cultures.



Lunch in a traditional restaurant followed by a visit of the small town **Ston** also called "salt town", which houses **the longest stone walls in Europe** (5,5 km). Wine production is the main economic activity of this town. Followed by a journey to Dubrovnik, with dinner and overnight stay.

## DAY 6 – SOUTH DALMATIA – FORTIFIED BRIDGE (74 KM)

After breakfast, you will go on a guided tour of **Dubrovnik** (UNESCO), which is the "pearl of the Adriatic Sea". The town is situated on a cliff, and the sea water washes stone walls around the town. Narrow lanes and small squares abundant in flowers are a must see. During the guided tour you will discover monuments such as Pile Gate, Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, Sponza Palace, churches and fortifications. After lunch in a traditional restaurant, the excursion continues in **adrenalin park Sveta Ana** in the village of Poljice. There are plenty of entertaining attractions to choose ("the Climbing Polygone", archery, a relay race with zorbing balls, paintball, sumo wrestling etc.). In Poljice you will also find an ancient stone house and oil mill with an old kitchen. Then you will continue to the southernmost Croatian region **Konavle**, where you will find beautiful cypress forests, especially near the town of Cavtat. If there is any time left, you can visit the museum of popular traditions of Konavle, which boasts embroideries from the region. Dinner and overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

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**A Rural festive evening** with a traditional dinner (you can have as much wine as you can drink) and animated with Dalmatian musicians. You will taste steamed dishes prepared with the sous-vide cooking method. This evening will take place in an agritourism-class restaurant located in the countryside of Konavle on the south of Dubrovnik. Waitresses wearing traditional costumes will welcome you with a glass of local spirit and dried figs (traditional Dalmatian welcome). Excursion to a rural house for a presentation of the sous-vide cooking method. Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.



## DAY 7 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Return.

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## DAY 8 – MONTENEGRO – BYZANTINE METROPOLIS (209 km)

After breakfast, you will travel to **Montenegro**, a country of orthodox Balkans. Its maritime location and trade activities form the character of the country. Cities Budva and Kotor are the best examples of this union, and are located in breathtaking mountainous surroundings. After a visit of **Perast**, a village with Baroque palaces which recall its glorious maritime history, you will travel to **Kotor** (UNESCO) where you will discover the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon and its well-known maritime museum. Kotor is located in a bay with countless creeks and steep mountainsides, which remains a fjord. You will then head to **Budva**, a historical city with a 2 500 year long tradition, and there you can take advantage of bathing on beautiful sandy beaches. Return and overnight stay in Dubrovnik.



**RATES April – October (excluding public holidays, July and August)**  
starting from 492 € / person in multi-occupancy room (base 30 pax)

### SERVICES INCLUDED:

- 6 nights with half board in hotels or hostels in Zagreb, Otočac, Šibenik, near Makarska and Dubrovnik
- 6 lunches in traditional restaurants, 3-course menu, bread
- admissions: Croatian Parliament, Croatian Naive Art Museum, Krka National Park, Plitvice National Park
- special activities: rafting on the Korana river, falconry in Dubrava, treasure hunt in Split, The Sveta Ana Adrenalin Park

- services of English speaking guide
- services of local guides in Zagreb, Trogir, Mostar and Dubrovnik
- local taxes

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

- coach transport
- see blue boxes

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