

24 September – 2 October 2024

The Dalmatian coast has a wealth of historic sites that date from Antiquity through to the Middle Ages and we focus specifically on those situated in and around Split and Dubrovnik. This short but comprehensive tour is based in these two UNESCO listed cultural centres, themselves possessing a hugely rich architectural heritage and we shall have sufficient time to absorb their beauty and atmosphere. We also include visits to the extensive Roman site of Salona, the UNESCO listed medieval town of Trogir and the Venetian treasures on Korcula Island. There are also included excursions into **Bosnia** to spend time in the beautiful historic city of Mostar and **Montenegro** to visit the historic city of Kotor.



Views across the Old Town of Dubrovnik
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Day 1 Fly to Split

Afternoon departure from London Heathrow direct to Split with British Airways. Transfer to the Villa Olea located in the Old Town of Split for three nights. Welcome dinner in the Old Town (D)

Day 2 In Split

We spend the day in Split, Croatia's second city, located on a peninsula in the heart of the Dalmatian coast, set against a backdrop of high coastal mountains. The city itself has a fascinating historic old town with a pretty palm-lined harbour and we will have a guided walking tour of its main highlights including the UNESCO site of Diocletian's Palace and Split Cathedral (B)

Day 3 Visit Salona and Trogir

Today we venture to nearby Solin to visit the extensive ruins of ancient Salona, including the impressive 2nd century AD Roman amphitheatre. We continue to the wonderful UNESCO listed historic town of Trogir for a guided tour of some of its architectural highlights including medieval churches, a Venetian palace and a fortress (B)

Day 4 Drive to Dubrovnik. Boat trip on Neretva River

We depart Split this morning heading east along the picturesque Dalmatian coast pausing at Metković, a pretty town located on the banks of the Neretva River. We visit the town and the new Archaeological museum at nearby Naron, once a Roman settlement. We enjoy a river photo safari in traditional boats along the Neretva delta followed by a traditional lunch with wine. This afternoon we continue our journey by coach along the coast to Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'. Five nights stay at the four star Boutique Hotel Porto located close to Dubrovnik Old town (B,L)

Day 5 In Dubrovnik

We spend the day in the Old town of Dubrovnik which still retains much of its medieval character and charm. We have a guided tour of its main architectural masterpieces including the Franciscan Monastery and the Rectors Palace. Later we have a boat trip on the Adriatic affording panoramic views across the Old town followed by dinner at a harbour restaurant (B,D)

Day 6 Visit Korcula Island

We drive to Korcula for the day. This wonderfully compact walled town has a history that spans the centuries. With its stone cathedrals, winding narrow streets and red terracotta roofs it is a delight to wander around after our guided tour that includes the main Venetian treasures including the Cathedral of St Mark. We stop at Peljesac to enjoy some wine tasting before we return to Dubrovnik in the late afternoon (B)

Day 7 Visit Mostar and Počitelj (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

A full-day excursion to visit the UNESCO listed historic town of Mostar straddling the Neretva River and the medieval town of Počitelj. With a strong Ottoman influence Mostar served as a meeting point of the East and West for centuries. As you walk the narrow streets of the old town, you'll see mosques and Orthodox churches, 16th-century townhouses, traditional hamams and Turkish tea houses. The city's highlight is the Stari Most (Old Bridge), that was destroyed in 1993 but now restored to its former glory (B)

Day 8 Visit Kotor (Montenegro)

Today we view the medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage that have made the city of Kotor, in nearby Montenegro, a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site. We enjoy a farewell dinner in a quality restaurant in Dubrovnik's Old town (B,D)

Day 9 Fly London

Transfer to Dubrovnik International airport for the British Airways flight direct to London Gatwick arriving in the mid afternoon (B)

Cost £2,350.00 per person (excludes international flights)



Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by Patrick Syder
- ▶ Services of Croatian National guides
- ▶ All transportation in private coach
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Quality three/four star hotels in Split and Dubrovnik
- ▶ Two day excursions into Bosnia and Montenegro
- ▶ Included meals as indicated at local restaurants
- ▶ All departure taxes
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities
- ▶ No single room supplement charge

Not included – travel insurance, some meals, drinks, guide and driver gratuities, international flight