

7 DAYS SPECIAL BALKANS

SLOVENIA CROATIA AND BOSNIA AND MONTENEGRO

Valid Till 31 Dec 2018

DAY 01

BLED – BOHINJ – LJUBLJANA

- Arrival to Ljubljana airport
- 9.00 – 10.00 Transfer to Bled
- 10.00 – 12.00 Bled sightseeing with local guide, including entrance to the castle
“Slovenia has only one island but its uniqueness makes it more attractive than many an archipelago. Sheltered by picturesque mountains, the island reigns in the middle of an Alpine lake. Its charm has made it a symbol for centuries of a town to which guests from all over the world love to return. This town, which has already existed for a thousand years, is Bled. The town, already famous at the beginning of the 20th century as the most beautiful health spa of the then Austrian empire, attracted the European aristocratic elite. After WWII, one of the most attractive state residences of the former regime was located in Bled. Many of the world’s most important people thus enjoyed the beauties of Bled. And now, for decades already, the pilgrims of the new age have been discovering this town.”
- Including entrance to Bled castle
- 12.00 – 13.00 Free time for lunch
- 13.00 – 14.00 Transfer to Ljubljana
- 14.00 – 16.00 Ljubljana sightseeing with local guide
“Ljubljana is the capital of a state, but it is small and pretty, easy to get around, and full of surprises. While during winter it is its dreamy central European character that prevails, during summer it has a relaxed Mediterranean feel to it. It is remarkable for its rich tradition, youthful vibrancy, cultural creativity, feel for entertainment, and numerous green spaces.

Ljubljana has preserved evidence of all the five millennia of its history, including, among others, the remains of the Roman city of Emona and the old city centre with its medieval castle and beautiful buildings with Baroque façades, decorative portals and uneven roofs. Other significant bits in the mosaic of Ljubljana are its picturesque bridges across the river Ljubljanica and its vast Tivoli park, stretching into the very city centre.

In the second half of the 20th century, it was the world famous architect Jože Plečnik that put an indelible personal stamp on his native city, and the so called Plečnik's Ljubljana ranks among the 20th century's most prominent total works of art.”

***** Including ride with the funicular to the Old town.**

- Accommodation at hotel and some free time before dinner
- 19.00 Dinner in a local restaurant/hotel
- Overnight. Ljubljana

DAY 02

LJUBLJANA – POSTOJNA – ZAGREB

- Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 – 10.00 Transfer to Postojna
- 10.00 – 12.00 Postojna sightseeing with audio guide
“Postojna Cave is a network of 20 kilometres of passages, galleries and chambers into which experienced guides have accompanied more than 35 million visitors in the last 188 years. It is the largest cave in the “classic karst” and the most visited show cave in Europe. In 1872 railway lines were laid in the cave; electricity arrived in 1884. Today you begin your visit aboard the cave train; the electric lighting allows you to admire the size and splendour of the underground world, where the geological past is recorded in a unique manner. Visitors to the cave are dazzled by a wealth of speleothems: calcite formations, stalactites and stalagmites abounding in a variety of shapes, colours and age. The constant temperature in the caves ranges from 8 to 10° C.”
- 12.00 – 13.00 Free time for lunch
- 13.00 – 16.00 Transfer to Zagreb
- 16.00 – 18.00 Zagreb sightseeing with local guide
“Zagreb has served as the cultural and political focus of the nation since the Middle Ages. The city grew out of two medieval communities, Kaptol to the east and Gradec to the west, each sited on a hill and divided by a (long since dried up) river. Zagreb grew rapidly in the nineteenth century, and many of the city’s buildings are well-preserved, peach-coloured monuments to the self-esteem of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Zagreb is more than just a gateway to Central Europe; it is a melting pot. The city incorporates all the benefits of the West with the promising opportunities of the developing regions in South and East Europe, making it an ideal location for your company. A vibrating city on the river Sava, at the heart of a politically and economically stable market, Zagreb has a long history, rich culture, offers high quality life-style, excellent prospects and a highly educated population boasting over 1 million people. The city offers a uniquely vivacious café life and a year-round programme of heavy-duty art exhibitions and at least one genuine cultural flagship in the shape of the recently opened Museum of Contemporary Art. The Croatian capital’s growing reputation for arty fun also extends into its nightlife, with cutting-edge clubs, live gig venues and summer festivals.”
- 18.00 -19.30 Dinner in a local restaurant/hotel
- Accommodation in hotel, Zagreb

DAY 03

ZAGREB – PLITVICE – ZADAR

- Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 – 12.00 Transfer to Plitvice lakes
- 12.00 – 16.00 Plitvice lakes sightseeing with local guide (including free time for lunch in the park)

“The area of Plitvička jezera, declared to be National park in 1949., is considered one of the the prettiest natural notability of Europe. It is forested mountain area throughout which, one under another, line sixteen beautiful lakes and ponds of crystal blue-green colour. They are filled with water from many streams and brooks, interconnected with foamy cascades and murmuring waterfalls. Throughout the ages water from these lakes was breaking, corroding and melting the rocks and beds through which they have flown. Through sedimentation of calcium carbonate from the flow and through interference of special algae and mosses, spongy kind of rock, sedra or travertin, has been and still is created. Near the lakes there are a couple of caves, and there were even discoveries from ancient history. The national park covers the area of 29.482 hectares in size, most of which falls of on woods, then grasslands with village spaces and waters. This natural resource is rich with diverse flora and fauna. In the park alongside many kinds of birds (around 161 different kinds), butterflies, there is also some small game, followed by large game, bears, wolves, boars and wild cats. Flora of the park is made from about 1200 herb sorts, of which 55 sorts are in the orchid family.”

- 16.00 – 18.00 Transfer to Zadar
- 18.00 – 19.30 Zadar sightseeing with local guide
- Accommodation at hotel and dinner in hotel/local restaurant

DAY 04

ZADAR – SPLIT - SARAJEVO

- Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 – 11.00 Transfer to Split
- 11.00 – 13.00 Split sightseeing with local guide

“Split, Croatia's second largest city, not only serves as a convenient base from which to explore this beautiful country, it also boasts a number of excellent tourist attractions of its own. The city was continuously inhabited for thousands of years starting with the Romans, followed by the Byzantines, Croats, Venetians, and finally the Austrians who only left in 1918. Highlights of Split's beautifully preserved Old Town include the famous Palace of Diocletian; the Archeological Museum; and what many consider to be Croatia's best art museum, the Ivan Meštrović Gallery.”

- 13.00 – 14.00 Free time for lunch
- 14.00 – 19.00 Transfer to Sarajevo
- 19.00 Accommodation at hotel and dinner in hotel/local restaurant
- Overnight. Sarajevo

DAY 05

SARAJEVO – MOSTAR – NEUM

Breakfast at hotel

- 9.00 – 11.00 Sarajevo sightseeing with local guide
“Visit to old Baščaršija from the Ottoman times and a part of the town built during Austro-Hungarian rule. Start with Vijednica (town hall from the 19th century), House of spite, Latin Bridge – the place of assassination of Austro-Hungarian Archduke, Brusa bezistan (covered market), Gazi Husrev Beg mosque and madrasah, the oldest synagogue in Bosnia and Hercegovina, The Sacred Heart Cathedral, Markale market, The Eternal Flame (memorial to the military and civilian victims of WWII), Serbian Orthodox Cathedral and stroll through the streets adorned with nice coffee shops, restaurants and handicraft workshops.”
***** No entrances included.**
- 11.00 – 15.00 Transfer to Mostar (including a short lunch break)
- 15.00 – 17.00 Mostar sightseeing with local guide
“The historic town of Mostar, spanning a deep valley of the Neretva River, developed in the 15th and 16th centuries as an Ottoman frontier town and during the Austro-Hungarian period in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and western European architectural features, is an outstanding example of a multicultural urban settlement. Famous Old bridge of Mostar, a UNESCO heritage site is also considered one of the most exemplary pieces of Islamic architecture in the Balkans and was designed by Mimar Hayruddin, a student and apprentice of the famous architect Mimar Sinan.”
- 17.00 – 17.30 Continue to Blagaj
- 17.30 – 18.00 Photostop in Blagaj *****No entrance included**
“The small town of Blagaj is a famous Dervish tekke situated above the spring of river Buna (the largest karst spring in Europe. Throughout the history Tekke belonged to the different dervish orders.”
- 18.30 – 20.00 Continue to Neum
- Accommodation and dinner at hotel/local restaurant

DAY 06

NEUM – DUBROVNIK – KOTOR – BUDVA – PODGORICA

- Breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 – 10.00 Transfer to Dubrovnik
- 10.00 – 12.00 Dubrovnik sightseeing with local guide
“Dubbed the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” beautiful Dubrovnik offers a wealth of attractions for visitors. Famous for its spectacular seafront location on the Dalmatian coast coupled with its evocative and historic old city center, Dubrovnik was founded in the 7th century and has enjoyed its greatest growth in the 15th and 16th centuries, a fact reflected in the impressive architecture and its designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Home to Croatia’s artistic and intellectual elite, Dubrovnik offers numerous cultural activities and festivals. Highlights of a visit include walking around its picturesque old streets and alleys while visiting such excellent attractions as its splendid cathedral and treasury, the broad Stradun pedestrian walkway, and its many fine old palaces and fortifications.”
- 12.00 – 13.00 Free time for lunch in Dubrovnik
- 13.00 – 16.00 Transfer to Kotor
- 16.00 – 17.30 Kotor sightseeing with local guide
- 17.30 – 18.30 Transfer to Budva
- 18.30 – 19.30 Dinner in a local restaurant
- 19.30 – 21.00 Transfer to Podgorica
- Accommodation in hotel
- Overnight. Podgorica.

DAY 07

PODGORICA – FINAL DEPARTURE

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- END of services.

NO OF PAX	RATES IN EUR € (in TWN or DBL)			
	JUL – AUG	JUN – SEP	APR , MAY & OCT	NOV – MAR
15	967	908	887	839
20	866	819	789	742
25	805	759	731	684
30	764	719	691	645
35	735	691	664	617
40	714	670	643	596
SGL Supplement	240	247	243	221

RATES INCLUDE

- 6 nights accommodation in 4**** hotels:
 - Austria Trend 4* or similar <https://www.austria-trend.at/de/hotels/ljubljana>
 - Phoenix 4* or similar <http://www.hotelphoenix.hr/>
 - Hotel Kolovare 4* or similar <http://www.hotel-kolovare.com/>
 - Terme Sarajevo 4* or similar <https://hoteliilidza.ba/spa-hotel-terme/>
 - GH Neum 4* or similar <http://www.hotel-neum.com/>
 - City Podgorica 4* or similar <http://www.cityhotelmn.com/>
- 49 seater bus 7 days on disposal, including all expenses, parking, tolls, insurance, driver's accommodation and meals
- English speaking tour guide 7 days on disposal, guide's accommodation and meals
- Additional local guides in: HD Bled, HD Ljubljana, HD Zagreb, HD Plitvice, HD Zadar, HD Sarajevo, HD Mostar, HD Dubrovnik, HD Split, HD Kotor
- Including entrance to: Ljubljana cable car, Bled castle, Postojna cave+ audio, Zagreb funicular, Zagreb Cathedral, Plitvice lakes NP, Diocletian's palace (underground structures not included), Kotor cathedral, Kotor tax
- Meals: 6 local dinners in restaurants/hotels included
- Other: 1* Dubrovnik bus tax, 1* Kotor bus tax

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