

## Travel a path less taken...

Taste the varied mix of cultures on the border cities of Eastern Europe.

Whether it's stunning Croatian coastal cities, historical Hungarian castles, or a Ukrainian town influenced by the cultures Slovakia and Hungary.

The tantalizing blend of cultures and people that you'll experience on this tour will delight all your senses!

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Unparalleled Beauty:** explore the Pearl of the Adriatic Sea – Dubrovnik.
- **Secluded Bay:** relax in Kotor Bay – a natural gem of Montenegro.
- **Roman classics:** travel back in time in historic Split.
- **Breathtaking Nature:** admire the beautiful Plitvice National Park.
- **Cosmopolitan Vibes:** see the modern side of Croatia in its capital – Zagreb!
- **Danube Cruise:** see the city of Budapest lit up at night on a river cruise.
- **Border City:** discover Uzhorod, a city of many cultures and influences.
- **Wedding Traditions:** attend an incredible and exclusive event - a recreation of a Boyko Wedding!
- **Quaint streets:** Explore the charming and beautiful city of Lviv
- **Cobblestone Exclusives:** Attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone Freeway Travellers.



## Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Dubrovnik (-/-/D)

Welcome to Croatia! Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, you'll be met at the airport by your Tour Leader and chauffeured to your hotel, located in the heart of the city center.

*Your **Tour Leader** will be with you throughout your entire trip – every step of the way. More than just a guide - they will be your personal travel host, along with your private driver and vehicle. Together, they'll make sure you get where you need to go, and be available to stop when you need along the way. Not to mention, they'll show you the best places to eat, and help you with all the small details, from using the bank machines to showing you where to find the best gifts at the market - and negotiating for the best price! They'll share the best of these countries, tell you about the history, and if there are any problems, they will make sure everything gets worked out. You're in good hands!*

After check-in and some free time to freshen up, we will provide you with a **city orientation**, so you will know the closest exchange places, ATMs, and best souvenir and convenience stores.

Later on, we will enjoy a delicious **Welcome Dinner** in one of our favorite restaurants with traditional food!

## Day 2 | Dubrovnik (B/L/-)

Today we will begin our exploration of this beautiful city! Take a **tour** of the wonderful and historic **Dubrovnik**, and discover its many stories. This picturesque, white-stone city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll visit iconic places such as the stunning Franciscan monastery and Onofrio's fountains; marvel at the Orlando Column and the St. Blaise Church. You may recognise some spots on our tour from Game of Thrones, or Star Wars, as many famous scenes were filmed here! Afterwards, take a panoramic **boat cruise**, and enjoy the magnificent view of Dubrovnik Old Town and its walls, mirrored on the surface of the Adriatic Sea.

## Day 3 | Montenegro (B/L/-)

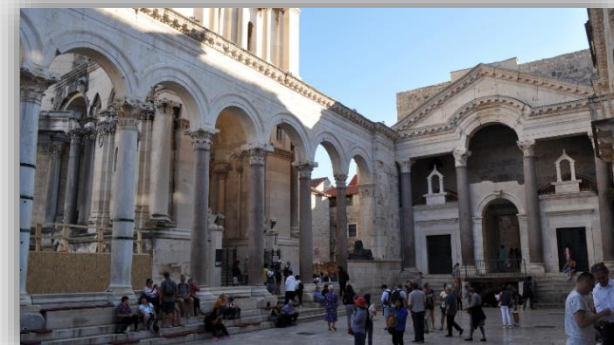
Take a day trip to **Montenegro**. We'll visit the beautiful cities of **Kotor** and **Budva**. Kotor is a World Heritage-listed city, set on a secluded bay amongst tall cliff - "Monte-Negro" literally means "Black Mountain". Wander its crooked alleyways, climb the hills to the ruined castle, and see the stunning panoramic views over the city and out across the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy Budva's charming **Old Town** and its sweeping beaches. In the evening we'll transfer you back to Dubrovnik.

### **HOTELS:**

Hotel 'Vis' Dubrovnik or similar

<http://www.vishotel-dubrovnik.com/index.htm>

3 Nights





## The Destination

## Split - Trogir - Zagreb

### Day 4 | Split (B/L/-)

In the morning, check out and set off for our next destination - **Split**. This vibrant town is known as the soul of Dalmatia. We'll visit its most iconic sights on a walking **tour** –marvel at the roman structures, still standing, and centuries old! Explore the historic **Diocletian's Palace** with its cellars (featured in the two last seasons of the Game of Thrones), the Peristyle square, with its own intact Egyptian sphinx. Split is a town filled with history, and stunning historic buildings – after the waking tour, take some free time to relax in one of the Dalmatian taverns in the city center. Overnight in Trogir.

### Day 5 | Trogir (B/L/-)

Get to know the often overlooked coastal town of **Trogir**. Its amazing Romanesque and Renaissance architecture will blow you away!

Afterwards, we'll visit the nearby village of **Klis**, home to an ancient **fortress** - a medieval stronghold, featured in 'Game of Thrones'! Watch the sunset over the bay from the hilltop fortress. Return to Trogir in the evening.

### Day 6 | Plitvice – Zagreb (B/L/-)

Check out in the morning, as today we're heading to **Zagreb**. On our way we'll visit the **Plitvice National Park**. This collection of lakes and pools, provide some of the most spectacular natural scenery in Croatia. We'll walk around the upper and lower lakes, exploring small bays under the pine trees, and feel at one with nature. Have a light lunch in the park before continuing the trip.

Upon arrival to Zagreb, check in at the hotel. Evening at your leisure.

### Day 7 | Zagreb (B/-/D)

Welcome to Zagreb - the largest city and capital of Croatia. Explore the historic old-town with its medieval feel on a **city tour**. Visit the open-air markets to stock up souvenirs and taste some of the wonderful cuisine that Croatia has to offer! After – enjoy an afternoon at your leisure in this wonderful city. Explore the many cafes, museums and galleries Zagreb has to offer.

*Take an **optional** half day trip to Trakošćan castle and Varaždin – the Baroque Capital of Croatia.*

### Day 8 | Balaton Lake – Budapest (B/-/D)

After breakfast we will check out, as we head to our next destination and country – beautiful **Budapest** in Hungary! On our way we will stop by the largest lake in the central Europe – **Balaton Lake**. Here we will have some time to enjoy the picturesque nature around us. Upon arrival to Budapest, check in at the hotel and spend the evening at your leisure.

### HOTELS:

Hotel 'Trogir Palace' or similar  
<https://hotel-palace.net/>  
2 Nights

Hotel 'International' Zagreb or similar  
<http://www.hotel-international.hr/homepage>  
2 Nights



## The Destination

## Budapest – Uzhorod – Carpathian Mountains

### Day 9 | Budapest (B/-/D)

Discover the beauty of Budapest today. Firstly - the Buda side: take a **panoramic tour** of the Budim Castle & Citadella hill, which will provide stunning views over the city and Danube River. In the afternoon, stroll on the Pest Side, down Andrassy street, through Heroes square and the quaint Jewish quarter, and on up to St. Stephen's Church. This evening – a special treat! You are invited to dinner in a Traditional **Hungarian Csarda**. Taste local food, and see some Traditional Hungarian **dancing** and singing in a **Folk Show** by local artists, to round off the day!

### Day 10 | Budapest (B/-/D)

Today, enjoy a free day in Budapest.

*Take an **optional** day tour to Hungarian countryside Castle Godollo, and learn the secrets of the royal family. Watch a Hungarian horse show, featuring races and incredible skills.*

*OR **optionally**, enjoy some of the famous city spas, shopping areas, museums or galleries.*

In the evening, we'll get back together for our final evening in Hungary. We'll get an exciting send off - a cruise down the Danube River, enjoying traditional Hungarian dishes and the beauty of the Parliament building lit up against the night sky.

### Day 11 | Uzhorod (B/-/D)

In the morning we'll check out and depart for **Uzhhorod**. This Ukrainian city borders Slovakia and Hungary, and has therefore created a multicultural atmosphere in this city. Upon arrival, take some time to rest. In the evening, we will be welcomed to Ukraine with a **traditional Ukrainian dinner**, with local dishes.

### Day 12 | Uzhorod (B/-/D)

Today, explore Uzhorod on a **city tour** - walk through the streets and alleys of the downtown area, located on the banks of the Uzh River. Discover Uzhorod's rich history and experience the coming together of many cultures at this crossroad in Europe. In the afternoon, step back in time at Uzhorod's castle, where you can taste local wines in ancient surroundings. Did you know - Transcarpathia is an up and coming wine region in Ukraine and Eastern Europe? In the evening we will party and dine together with the **Uzhorod Folk Ensemble**, who will perform local folk songs and dances!

### Day 13 | Uzhorod – Mukachevo - Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Today, we are heading up into to very heart of Carpathian Mountains - to Slavske.

On the way, we will stop in the ancient city of **Mukachevo** – a cozy, historic city, which dates back to the times of the Kyivan Rus! Stop to admire the impressive medieval architecture of the town hall. Marvel at of the local castle, **Palanok castle**, situated up on a hill overlooking the city. An impregnable fortress, this castles has not once been conquered in all its time as a protector of Transcarpathia. Upon arrival to Slavske, check in at the hotel, and take the rest of the evening to relax and enjoy the mountain views.

#### **HOTELS:**

Hotel 'Ibis Styles' Budapest or similar

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/2997/index.en.shtml>

3 Nights

Hotel 'Uzhorod' or similar

<http://www.hoteluzhgorod.com/english/>

2 Nights





## The Destination

### Day 14 | Carpathian Mountains (B/L/-)

Today - you are cordially invited to a traditional **Ukrainian Wedding!** We will stop in a picturesque village, located on a mountain pass, where you will learn traditional songs and customs of the “Boyko” people! We’re sure you’ve never been to a **Zabava** quite like this! No celebration in Ukraine goes without a delicious meal – enjoy a real feast of homemade dishes and drinks, you’ll never want to leave! Here you’ll make memories for a lifetime! Spend the rest of this day at your leisure.

### Day 15 | Lviv (B/L/-)

After breakfast we will travel to picturesque **Lviv**. This ancient, historic city in Western Ukraine is quickly becoming one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ukraine, and for a good reason! With its quaint charm, cobblestone streets and classical architecture, you won’t fail to be charmed by this city of love and UNESCO heritage site. Famous for its beer, coffee and chocolate, but also for being a place where time stands still – Lviv truly is a city of a laid-back, café culture where you can pick a spot, relax, and watch the world go by...

Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Take some time to freshen up, before heading out on a city orientation, to get acquainted with this cobblestone city.

### Day 16 | Lviv (B/L/-)

Today, we’ll get to know Lviv’s history more. We’ll take you on a **city tour** on a retro train, and later on a walking city tour, to explore this city’s rich culture. After lunch, we’ll head to the iconic **Lviv Opera house**, and even attend a performance\* in its stunning interior! *\*Subject to availability*

### Day 17 | Lviv (B/-/D)

This morning, we’ll visit the **Lychakiv Cemetery**, a place where many famous Ukrainian writers, artists and other public figures have been buried, and their gravestones are a sight to behold! After, we’ll visit **Shevchenkivskyi Hai** - a famous open-air museum, of Ukrainian village life, and a living reproduction of Western Ukraine from centuries past... Explore the reconstructed wooden houses, authentic artefacts and get a feel for Ukrainian village life.

*Option to get involved in some masterclasses or workshops in Ukrainian folklore!*

In the evening we will hold a final farewell **Zabava** with local dishes and music -it's going to be one for the books!

### Day 18 TOUR END DATE | Lviv (B/-/-)

After a free morning to stock up on souvenirs we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we will have to say our goodbyes!

## Carpathian Mountains - Lviv

### HOTELS:

Hotel ‘Tsarynka’ Slavske or similar  
<http://www.tsarynka.com.ua/index.php/uk/>  
2 Nights

Hotel ‘Reikartz Medieval’ Lviv or similar  
<https://reikartz.com/en/hotels/medievale-lvov/>  
3 Nights





## Options while in Lviv

Take a tour of Lviv's castles on a day tour!



Climb the High Castle Hill to get scenic panoramic view of the city!



Visit the weapon museum located in the former City Arsenal



Take a Ukrainian Cookery Class!



Taste the best varieties of local beer and learn its long history in Lvivarnya Beer Museum.



Join a mysterious Lviv Night Guard tour to hear the eerie legends of the city!



Contact us to arrange your tour add-on today!

\*not included in tour price.

## Tour Details

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 17 nights in hand-Selected hotels
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travellers
- Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra days before/after the tour
- Events and Services not included in the itinerary or marked as **Optional**
- Alcoholic beverages
- Meals not listed in Itinerary
- Flights not listed in Itinerary
- Tips for guides / drivers/ maids
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry & Telephone Services



### OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

- Extend your trip
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room
- Do a side trip – visit Family
- Ukrainian Family History researched with our Genealogy service



## On our Cobblestone Freeway Tour, enjoy:

Delicious, hand chosen local food, and more inclusions than most other tour operators



Enjoy exclusive Folk dance/ music performances



You will be escorted by a full-time Cobblestone Freeway Tour Leader



## CROATIA - HUNGARY - UKRAINE TOUR 18 Days / 17 Nights

### TOUR DATES & PRICES:

Sept 16 - Oct 3, 2021	\$ 4,937 USD
June 15 - July 2, 2022	\$ 5,432 USD
Sept 16 - Oct 3, 2022	\$ 5,432 USD

Prices subject to change.

Secure this price with your full \$500 USD deposit.

### TOUR LAND PRICE:

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy

Single Supplement: \$1,680 USD

Early Bird Discount: Save \$200 USD if you book at least 6 months prior to tour date.

Does not include Airfare or Travel Insurance



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