

See the World at a Slower Pace

The world moves so quickly nowadays... Sometimes, regular travel doesn't quite satisfy that desire to "live life like a local". Do you ever feel like you want to spend slower, quality time soaking up a location? Our **Long Stay Programs** give you that chance!

Our Long Stay **Croatia** program has a relaxed itinerary, which allows you to spend time **quality time** in this beautiful country, without rushing.

Explore the very best this stunning Mediterranean country has to offer, as you travel through its ancient cities and along its ragged coastlines, and discover the fascinating history and culture of this off-the-beaten-track travel destination.

We combine **guided tours** and coordinated activities each day, along with **enough free time** to soak up the city. Plus, we've included **daily meals** together, so you can rejoin your group and talk about all the things you discovered that day!

You will have a **Group Leader** at your disposal at all times. Even when you have free time, they can suggest activities, to help you arrange tickets to museums or shows, and even teach you some of the local language!

Our Long Stay itinerary is 15 days long, but we recommend you stay an extra week or two. With quality internet everywhere, it's easy to work remotely, or just relax and soak it up more of our beautiful destination.



The Destination

Split

Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Split (-/-/D)

Welcome to Croatia! Upon arrival in **Split**, 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. 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 Croatia and tell you about its 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, begin your discovery of this wonderful country on a **brief city orientation**. We will point you to the closest exchange places, ATMs, and best souvenir and convenience stores.

Later on, enjoy some local cuisine at a **Welcome dinner**. Free evening at your leisure – take a small walk around Split, and soak up its enigmatic atmosphere!

Day 2 | Split (B/-/D)

Croatia's second largest city and the largest on the Adriatic coast, Split is a coastal city filled with history and atmosphere. 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! Get a better understanding of the city history, culture, and vibe, and get to know the city you will be calling home for the next week!

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.

In the evening, we'll get together to enjoy a **traditional dinner with a folkloric show** in one of our favorite restaurants in the city center.

HOTEL:

'Marul' Hotel or similar

<https://www.hotelmarul.hr/>

7 Nights



The Destination

Split

Day 3 | Split (B/-/D)

After breakfast in the hotel, we'll continue exploring Split and visit its most popular and most important public place, **Diocletian Palace** – one of the best-preserved monuments of the Roman architecture in the world. Explore the historic **Diocletian Palace** with its cellars (featured in the two last seasons of the Game of Thrones), the Peristyle square, with its own intact Egyptian sphinx. Besides, we will visit **Meštrović Gallery** - in this stellar art museum you'll see a comprehensive, well-arranged collection of works by Ivan Meštrović, Croatia's premier modern sculptor, who built the grand mansion as a personal residence in the 1930s.

Afterwards, you can enjoy a **free afternoon**. Take advantage of the many suggestions your Tour Leader will have for you! From museums to art galleries, or you could do some shopping, sit in a quaint coffee shop, or simply relax at the hotel.

We'll meet again in the evening, for dinner in a cozy restaurant.

Day 4 | Split – Brač – Split (B/-/D)

Jump on a boat and enjoy the best of the Adriatic Sea!

Enjoy a boat trip visiting **the Island of Brač**, one of the most beautiful Croatian islands, and **City of Bol**, an internationally famous windsurfers' destination, famous for the most beautiful beach of Croatia – **the Golden Horn**. The beach has a unique shape, like a white tongue stretched into the sea. The setting is sublime - the mountains over the beach, with Vidova Gora being the highest mountain and one of the most beautiful viewpoints of the Adriatic; blue clear water on your left and right, the sound of the waves on the pebbles, a gentle breeze.

Return to Split in the evening. Dinner in a restaurant.

Day 5 | Split (B/-/D)

Free day at your leisure.

PLEASE NOTE: Your Tour Leader will be at your disposal on free days as well! If you are interested in suggested optional tours and would like to book some of them, please contact your Tour Leader. They will assist you with arranging these tours.

OPTIONAL: *Afternoon visit to Trogir, another UNESCO jewel of Dalmatia, and often overlooked coastal town. Its amazing Romanesque and Renaissance architecture will blow you away!*

OR Visit the ancient Klis fortress at sunset. Once a medieval stronghold, and the cradle of Croatian horsemanship, Klis is now a Game of Thrones set, as the ancient city of Mereen! Watch the sunset over the bay from the hilltop fortress.

We'll get back together in the evening, for dinner, to enjoy a meal in one of the most atmospheric restaurants in town.



The Destination

Split

Day 6 | Split – Zadar – Etnoland – Split (B/L/-)

After breakfast, we'll carry on our journey to **Zadar**, an ancient city which dates back to the Roman Empire. See the Roman and early medieval remains of city fortifications. Head to the sea side to see the incredible Zadar "**Sea Organ**". An incredible collaboration of mankind and the elements, this 230-foot concrete structure harnesses the energy of the winds and waters of the Adriatic Sea to create random but soothing and harmonized notes.

After, we'll get to better understand the spirit of Dalmatia as we visit "**Etnoland Dalmati**". Etnoland Dalmati is a unique combination of culture, tradition and history. It offers a rare opportunity for people to discover old crafts and traditional customs, making it a cultural monument of sorts dedicated to the heritage of the Dalmatian hinterland. Take a tour of the village, and get to know how the Dalmatian people used to live, their culture, traditions and values. Enjoy a delicious **lunch** of local specialties, such as veal, cooked under an iron bell!

We'll return to Split in the afternoon. Enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

Day 7 | Split (B/-/D)

Free day at your leisure.

OPTIONAL: Take a daytrip to visit the **island of Vis, Biševo and Hvar**.

There are plenty of natural pebble beaches on **Vis** and the sea is extremely clean. Being there, visit the **Green cave** situated on the island of Ravnik, near Vis. The emerald green color comes from the sun reflecting on the stones covered with seaweed at the bottom of the cave.

The Island of Biševo is very close to the island of Vis. It has many caves and the most popular one is the **Blue Cave** (Modra špilja) with entrances both above and below sea level. When the sea is calm, the light diffracts and paints the interior of the cave blue.

And finally, visit **the island of Hvar**, famous for its rich history and legacy but primarily for its stunning scenery. Hvar town is the jewel of the island, featuring stately Venetian architecture along a welcoming harbour.

Return to Split in the evening. Enjoy a delicious dinner together.



The Destination

Dubrovnik

Day 8 | Split – Mostar – Dubrovnik (B/L/-)

Breakfast at the hotel then check out, to head to our next long-stay destination - Dubrovnik,. On the way, we'll stop in **Mostar** – the majestic city of bridges and arches, where you'll feel as though you've stepped back into another century. See the incredible **bridge** that linked the two sides of the city. Experience a traditional **Bosnian coffee tasting** at the famous Alma Café, and learn about the coffee culture of Bosnia as you sip coffee and taste Bosnian Delight.

After a delicious lunch and some time for shopping and exploring, we will continue on to the Dubrovnik area. Check into the hotel, then evening at your leisure.

Day 9 | Dubrovnik (B/-/D)

Welcome to Dubrovnik! Known as the pearl of the Adriatic Sea, this picturesque, white-stone city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its beautiful Old Town never fails to take your breath away. Its world-famous cultural heritage and beauty made it one of the most attractive and famous cities of the Mediterranean.

Today we will explore this beautiful city! Take **a tour of** the wonderful and historic **Dubrovnik**, and discover its many stories. 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.

After the tour, you'll have time to explore the culture of this city on your own – shop or visit one of the many interesting museums this place boasts. You may recognize some spots on our tour from Game of Thrones, or Star Wars, as many famous scenes were filmed here! Your tour guide will offer many suggestions of things to see and do.

In the evening, we'll get together for dinner in one of our favorite restaurants.

Day 10 | Dubrovnik (B/-/D)

No visit to Dubrovnik would be complete without a walk around the spectacular **city walls**, the finest in the world and the city's main claim to fame. You should not miss the opportunity to walk up and down the walls and feel the history that lasts for centuries. Explore the town, listen about the legends that are hidden in every stone, see the town from below and above, take a tour with the local tour guide and truly feel Dubrovnik's history.

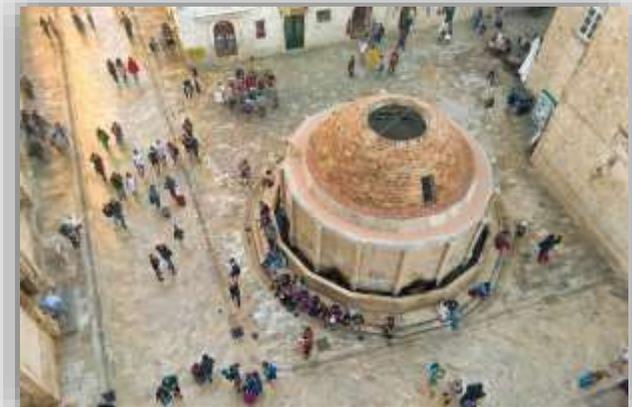
We will conclude our tour with visits to some of the most famous city museums.

Later on, you may enjoy a free afternoon at leisure. In the evening, your guide will be happy to take you to a cozy restaurant to enjoy a delicious dinner in this medieval city.

HOTEL:

[Hotel 'Kompas'](#) or similar

7 Nights



The Destination

Dubrovnik

Day 11 | Dubrovnik (B/-/D)

Free day at your leisure.

OPTIONAL: get set to experience a land of crumbling medieval remnants, snug coves and dense hillsides. **Koločep** – or locally known as *Kalamota* – is the closest Elaphiti Island to Dubrovnik, so it's great for boat trips to explore the UNESCO site. Most of the island is dense forest interspersed with vineyards, olive groves and citruses. On the island, there are also two small, car-free villages to check out.

In the evening, get together with your group for dinner and share what you experienced today.

Day 12 | Dubrovnik – Pelješac - Korčula (B/L/-)

If you are wine and/or nature lover, this will be a great day for you! First, we'll visit an enchanting Medieval **town of Ston**, famous for its more than 3-mile-long (5 km) fortified defensive wall: the longest in Europe and the second longest in the world.

We will cruise past some of the most amazing landscapes of Croatia, to come to the island and city of **Korčula**. Allegedly, Marco Polo the famous navigator was born here! Enjoy a delicious lunch before heading on the tour of the city. After, take some time to discover some of the local artisans – the most famous jewelry stores of Croatia can be found in the narrow alleyways of Korčula. Get gold, silver, and coral – all at reasonable prices. On the way back to Dubrovnik, we'll stop to **taste** some of the best **Croatian red wines!** The **Peljesac** area here is famous for its premium red wines, such as Dingac and Postup, - discover some of the best examples before returning to Dubrovnik. Free evening at leisure.

Day 13 | Dubrovnik (B/-/D)

Dubrovnik is also famous for its intricate **filigree jewelry**. We will have a unique opportunity to meet with a local jeweler for a **demonstration** on how they make their unique pieces of art.

We're sure you'll love the experience and might want to buy some accessories to take home!

Get to know

Become more familiar with Dubrovnik continues on a **cable car ride** from the Old Town. You'll be treated to a panoramic view of Dubrovnik, showcasing the greatness of the entire city and its surrounding hills and centuries-old Dubrovnik rooftops, looking out onto the glittering Adriatic Sea.

Free afternoon at leisure, followed by dinner in one of the restaurants. Enjoy local cuisine in an authentic, lively atmosphere.



The Destination

Dubrovnik

Day 14 | Dubrovnik (B/-/D)

Free morning to further explore Dubrovnik, or relax on the beach.

OPTIONAL: *In the afternoon explore Konavle area – the southernmost tip of Croatia, running from Cavtat south to the Montenegrin border. The scent of the sea intermingled with the aroma of lush Mediterranean vegetation is thick in the air in Konavle Valley. Life goes by slowly in this part of the world, making it the perfect spot for relaxation.*

*Visit the picturesque charming town of **Cavtat**, the most famous place in Konavle region, situated only 18 km from Dubrovnik. It has a stunning waterfront lined with palm trees and has been described as closely resembling Saint Tropez. Being there, we'll enjoy a stunning sunset over the Adriatic.*

We will sum up our stay in the city on a high note, having a **farewell dinner** in the **hinterland** of Dubrovnik. **Konavle** is another wine-area gem famous for rich, flavored red wines. Taste some real delicacies of the region and experience true Croatian hospitality. Enjoy a performance of traditional Dubrovnik dance, and maybe even join in to show us your moves! This will be an unforgettable way to round off your trip!

Day 15 TOUR END DATE | Dubrovnik departure (B/-/-)

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we will have to say our goodbyes.



OPTION: Dubrovnik Add-on!

Extending your trip by 7 days and further explore beautiful Dubrovnik!

Contact us for the full itinerary, or to add this on to your trip!



Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Private Transfers
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- Breakfast daily and second meal dinner or lunch, 2 rich meals per day
- 14 nights in a hand-selected hotel
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travelers
- Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt
- Transfers
- Ferries

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



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