

SMALL-GROUP TOUR · CROATIA

Croatia Crush

Itinerary, route map and hotels

11 days	Zagreb	Apr 14–24	$5,995 CAD
10 nights	to Dubrovnik	and Sept 10–20, 2027	per person, land-only

Some countries you visit. Croatia you fall into.

Over eleven unhurried days, this small-group journey follows the Adriatic from Zagreb to Dubrovnik through turquoise lakes, Roman and medieval stone cities, island vineyards, village tables and warm local traditions. Expect generous meals, meaningful local encounters and enough free time to enjoy each place at your own pace.

What is in this supplement

- ✓ The route on a map, with every stop
- ✓ The day-by-day itinerary, with dates for both departures
- ✓ Your four hotels, with check-in and check-out dates
- ✓ What the price includes, and how to book

Overnight bases

Zagreb	3 nights
Plitvice Lakes area	1 night
Split	3 nights
Dubrovnik area	3 nights

THE ROUTE

Zagreb to Dubrovnik, along the Adriatic

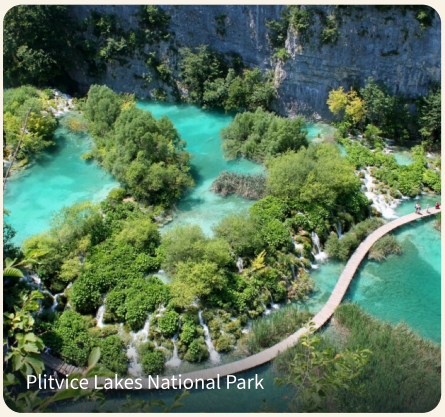


How the route runs

1. **Zagreb**
   Days 1–3 · with a day in the Zagorje countryside
2. **Plitvice Lakes**
   Day 4
3. **Zadar, Trogir, Split**
   Day 5 · Split is your base for 3 nights
4. **Klis and Hvar**
   Days 6–7 · from Split
5. **Mostar**
   Day 8 · en route to Dubrovnik
6. **Dubrovnik**
   Days 8–11 · 3 nights, then home

Overnight base (number of nights)
Stop or excursion
Main route by coach
Excursion from a base

Schematic route map, not to scale. Borders and coastline are simplified.


Plitvice Lakes National Park


Diocletian's Palace, Split


The Old Bridge, Mostar

ITINERARY · DAYS 1–6

Zagreb, Plitvice and Split

Day 1

Wed Apr 14
Fri Sep 10

Zagreb

Welcome to Croatia. On arrival in Zagreb, you are met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. After check-in, join your guide for a private walking tour of the capital and a first taste of local life at colourful Dolac Market, where you sample a few regional specialties straight from the stalls.

HIGHLIGHTS Airport transfer · a private walking tour of Zagreb · Dolac Market tastings

OVERNIGHT Hotel Akademija, Zagreb

Day 2

Thu Apr 15
Sat Sep 11

Zagreb, Trakošćan and Zagorje

Enjoy a free morning in Zagreb to browse, sip coffee or explore at your own pace. In the afternoon, head into the green Zagorje countryside to visit Trakošćan Castle, set above a lake and wooded hills. On the return, stop at a local winery for a tasting and a welcoming dinner of regional flavours.

HIGHLIGHTS Trakošćan Castle · a winery tasting · a welcome dinner

OVERNIGHT Hotel Akademija, Zagreb

Day 3

Fri Apr 16
Sun Sep 12

Zagreb folk evening

A leisurely day in Zagreb gives you time for museums, Upper Town streets, cafés or shopping. In the evening, gather for a cultural dinner and Croatian folk show, where traditional food, music, costumes and dancing offer a lively introduction to the country's regional traditions.

HIGHLIGHTS A free day in Zagreb · a cultural dinner and folk show

OVERNIGHT Hotel Akademija, Zagreb

Day 4

Sat Apr 17
Mon Sep 13

Plitvice Lakes National Park

After breakfast, depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park. The park's lakes, travertine barriers, caves and waterfalls have been shaped over thousands of years and continue to evolve today. Walk wooden pathways and scenic viewpoints before dinner and an overnight stay in the surrounding countryside.

HIGHLIGHTS Plitvice Lakes · wooden pathways and viewpoints

OVERNIGHT Hotel 16 Lakes, Plitvice area

Day 5

Sun Apr 18
Tue Sep 14

Zadar, a Dalmatian village, Trogir and Split

Continue to Zadar, where Roman ruins, medieval churches and fortifications reveal layer upon layer of history, and hear the Sea Organ, played by the motion of the Adriatic. Later, visit a traditional Dalmatian heritage village and enjoy a lunch of local specialties, including meat prepared under a traditional iron bell (peka), before an afternoon visit to UNESCO-listed Trogir and arrival in Split.

HIGHLIGHTS Zadar and the Sea Organ · a heritage village lunch with peka · Trogir

OVERNIGHT Hotel Art, Split

Day 6

Mon Apr 19
Wed Sep 15

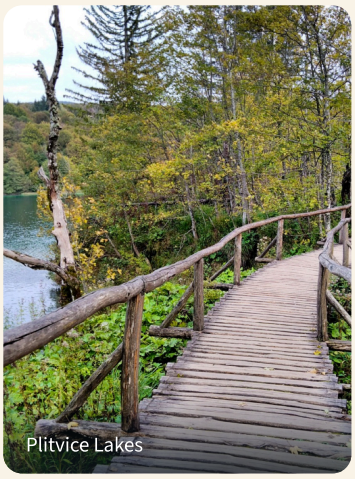
Split, Klis and a sunset picnic

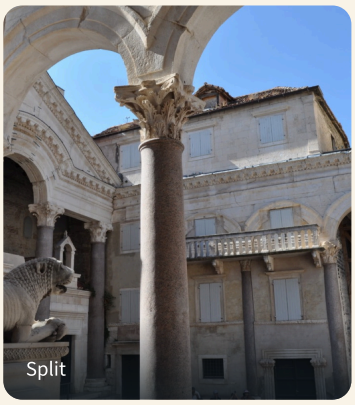
Discover Split, Croatia's second-largest city and home to Diocletian's Palace. Walk through the ancient palace complex and learn how daily life still unfolds within its Roman walls. After free time for lunch and personal exploration, continue to dramatic Klis Fortress, then end the day with a relaxed open-air picnic at sunset.

HIGHLIGHTS Diocletian's Palace · Klis Fortress · a sunset picnic

OVERNIGHT Hotel Art, Split


Zagreb


Plitvice Lakes


Split

ITINERARY · DAYS 7–11

Hvar, Mostar and Dubrovnik

Day 7

Tue Apr 20
Thu Sep 16

The island of Hvar

Travel by boat to Hvar, one of the Adriatic's loveliest islands. Explore Hvar Town, visit its historic fortress and discover one of Europe's oldest public theatres. Later, visit an award-winning vineyard before returning to the Split area for dinner in a traditional konoba, with local wine, live music and Dalmatian hospitality.

HIGHLIGHTS A boat trip to Hvar · Hvar Town and its fortress · a vineyard · a konoba dinner

OVERNIGHT Hotel Art, Split

Day 8

Wed Apr 21
Fri Sep 17

Mostar and Dubrovnik

Journey south toward Dubrovnik, stopping in Mostar, one of the most evocative cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Learn about the tradition of Bosnian coffee, enjoy a tasting and take time for lunch, shopping and a stroll through the historic quarter before continuing to the Dubrovnik area.

HIGHLIGHTS Mostar · a Bosnian coffee tasting

OVERNIGHT Hotel Lero, Dubrovnik area

Day 9

Thu Apr 22
Sat Sep 18

Dubrovnik

Today is devoted to Dubrovnik. Join a local guide for a walking tour through the walled city, known to many visitors as King's Landing and celebrated for its maritime and architectural history. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch and independent sightseeing: perhaps a museum, a seaside swim or a relaxed coffee in Old Town.

HIGHLIGHTS A guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's walled city

OVERNIGHT Hotel Lero, Dubrovnik area

Day 10

Fri Apr 23
Sun Sep 19

Dubrovnik and a farewell dinner

A free day lets you experience Dubrovnik at your own pace. Continue exploring Old Town, take the cable car up Mount Srđ, shop for souvenirs or relax by the sea. In the late afternoon, travel into the countryside for a traditional Croatian farewell dinner with local delicacies, regional music and warm hospitality.

HIGHLIGHTS A free day in Dubrovnik · a countryside farewell dinner

OVERNIGHT Hotel Lero, Dubrovnik area

Day 11

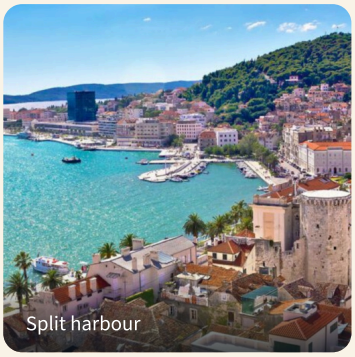
Sat Apr 24
Mon Sep 20

Departure from Dubrovnik

After breakfast, enjoy a final free morning before transferring to the airport for your departing flight. You return home with memories of historic cities, living traditions, spectacular landscapes and shared meals.

HIGHLIGHTS A free morning · an airport transfer

DEPARTURE DAY Transfer to the airport


Split harbour


Bosnian coffee in Mostar


Dubrovnik

Bring an appetite and a swimsuit. The rest of it finds you.

WHERE YOU STAY

Four hotels, ten nights

Four hotels, hand-selected for comfort and a central position. Each is listed “or similar”, so a hotel of the same standard may be substituted. Check-in and check-out dates are for each departure.

1 Hotel Akademija

4-STAR

Zagreb · Days 1–3 · 3 nights

Your base for the private walking tour and Dolac Market, the Zagorje countryside with Trakošćan Castle and a winery, and the folk evening.

April departure	**Wed Apr 14 → Sat Apr 17**
September departure	**Fri Sep 10 → Mon Sep 13**

2 Hotel 16 Lakes

3- OR 4-STAR

Plitvice Lakes area · Day 4 · 1 night

Your overnight stop beside Plitvice Lakes National Park, after a day on its wooden pathways and viewpoints.

April departure	**Sat Apr 17 → Sun Apr 18**
September departure	**Mon Sep 13 → Tue Sep 14**

3 Hotel Art

4-STAR

Split · Days 5–7 · 3 nights

Your base for Diocletian’s Palace, Klis Fortress and the day trip by boat to the island of Hvar.

April departure	**Sun Apr 18 → Wed Apr 21**
September departure	**Tue Sep 14 → Fri Sep 17**

4 Hotel Lero

3- OR 4-STAR

Dubrovnik area · Days 8–10 · 3 nights

Your base for the walled city of Dubrovnik, a free day in Old Town and the countryside farewell dinner.

April departure	**Wed Apr 21 → Sat Apr 24**
September departure	**Fri Sep 17 → Mon Sep 20**

Rooms. You can upgrade your room or request a single room; ask Cobblestone for the supplement. Internet is available in the hotels when possible.

THE DETAILS

What is included, and how to book

Included

- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ All land transportation by coach, minibus or minivan
- ✓ Escorted tour with a full-time Tour Leader
- ✓ Tour in English
- ✓ Local guides as per the program
- ✓ 10 nights in hand-selected 3- and 4-star hotels
- ✓ Breakfasts and the other meals listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Cooking class and food tastings as per the itinerary
- ✓ All entrances as per the program
- ✓ Internet in hotels when possible
- ✓ Time with local artists, craftsmen and performers
- ✓ Special events for Cobblestone travellers
- ✓ A Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt

Not included

- × Flights
- × Extra days before or after the tour
- × Events and services not listed in the itinerary
- × Travel and medical insurance (mandatory)
- × Alcoholic beverages, unless included at a tasting or dinner
- × Meals not listed in the itinerary
- × Tips for guides, drivers and hotel staff
- × Laundry and telephone services

Optional add-ons

- + Extend your trip before or after the tour
- + Upgrade your room or request a single room
- + Arrange a side trip to visit family
- + Ukrainian family history research through Cobblestone's Genealogy service

Dates, price and booking

Departures	**April 14–24, 2027** **September 10–20, 2027**
Price	**$5,995 CAD** per person, double occupancy, land-only
Deposit	**$750 CAD** at registration secures your place
Balance	Due 90 days before departure
Group size	Never more than sixteen travellers

Prices are subject to change. Travel insurance is mandatory. Full cancellation terms are in Cobblestone's Terms and Conditions.



Reserve your place

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