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Visit: Zagreb – Sarajevo – Zlatibor – Podgorica – Budva - Dubrovnik

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### Day 01: Day 1: ARRIVAL TO ZAGREB (THURSDAY)

A transfer is included upon your arrival from the Zagreb Airport to the hotel. Zagreb offers a welcome jolt of big-city sophistication. You can't get a complete picture of modern Croatia without a visit here — away from the touristy resorts, in the lively and livable city that is home to one out of every six Croatians. Hotel: Esplanade Hotel, Zagreb Meals: Get-together welcome drink

Day 02: Day 2: IN ZAGREB (FRIDAY)



Get to know Croatia's capital through the included city tour. The city is packed with historic buildings, such as the neo-gothic St. Marcus Church. Your tour with local guide will also include cheese tasting at the Dolac Market as an ideal place to delve into Croatia's culinary scene and funicular ride to the Upper Town. Enjoy a free afternoon in the town or back at your hotel. Hotel: Esplanade Hotel, Zagreb Meals: Buffet Breakfast

#### Day 03: Day 3: ZAGREB - SARAJEVO (SATURDAY)

Transfer from Zagreb to Sarajevo. For over four hundred years, mosques, synagogues, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches have been built and have stood side by side amidst Sarajevo, thus giving the city its unique feel and adding to the Sarajevo image of being the "European Jerusalem". Hotel: Residence Inn by Marriott Hotel, Sarajevo Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 04: Day 4: IN SARAJEVO (SUNDAY)

Join a local guide for a guided walking tour of the City's old town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured just a few decades ago. Variety of cultures and religions, as well as three contrasting components of the town from former times are sufficient reasons for visiting Sarajevo. In the heart of the city, one finds the famous Sarajevo's old bazaar? Baš?aršija from the Turkish period, where you can see various handicrafts of metal, stone, wood, glass, wool, leather... Sarajevo is famous for its museums, bridges, sports centres, mosques (visit Gazi-Husrevbey Mosque), synagogue, Orthodox and Catholic churches, and many other significant highlights. Hotel: Residence Inn by Marriott Hotel, Sarajevo Meals: Buffet Breakfast

## Day 05: Day 5: SARAJEVO – VIŠEGRAD - ZLATIBOR (MONDAY)

From Sarajevo to Višegrad. Famous for its UNESCO-listed 'bridge over the Drina river' immortalised in Ivo Andri?'s classic novel, Višegrad has parlayed this identity into a niche tourist industry by building Andri?grad? a small but likeable mock-historical city celebrating the Nobel Prize winner. Continue to Mokra gora, a village on the border mountain Zlatibor, Tara, and Sargan, which overshadows the hill Me?avnik of the film village Drvengrad (Wooden Town), formed one of the most popular ethnic villages in Serbia, which has been constantly enlarging. All ideas come from famous filmmaker Emir Kusturica, who for the film Life is a Miracle created the settings which grew into a town where the famous film director lives. Hotel: Mona Hotel, Zlatibor Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 06: Day 6: ZLATIBOR – DURMITOR – PODGORICA (TUESDAY)

Our next destination is Žabljak, the highest town in the Balkans, located at 1,450 meters above the sea level. After enjoying breath-taking mountain scenery and lunch at a local restaurant, we proceed to a hidden jewel – the Durmitor National Park. Continue towards Podgorica passing by spiritual and mysterious place in Montenegro – the Ostrog Monastery. Finish your day at Montenegro capital Podgorica. Hotel: Ramada



Hotel, Podgorica Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 07: Day 7: PODGORICA – SKADAR LAKE – CETINJE - BUDVA (WEDNESDAY)

After morning orientation tour of Podgorica, continue to the Skadar lake, the largest lake on the Balkan peninsula. Continue to Cetinje – the Old Royal Capital of Montenegro. Cetinje is a treasure of Montenegrin cultural and historical heritage. We'll choose a scenic spot for your meal – Njeguši sandwich – a hearty sandwich made with fresh homemade bread and filled with Njeguši prosciutto and cheese. Continue to the walled town of Budva, known for its sandy beaches and diverse nightlife for a short orientation tour. Continue to your hotel for overnight. Hotel: Falkensteiner Hotel Montenegro, Budva Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Snack, Dinner

#### Day 08: Day 8: BUDVA – SVETI STEFAN - KOTOR - DUBROVNIK (THURSDAY)

In the morning, travel to Sveti Stefan for a photo stop and learn about the interesting history of this small islet. Continue to Kotor – a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its many ancient monuments and well-preserved Medieval architecture. Follow your guide through the City's historical centre and spend some time at your leisure. Then stop at one of the most iconic places in the Bay of Kotor – Perast for a boat trip to the small islet Our Lady of the Rocks before heading to Dubrovnik. In the afternoon arrive to Dubrovnik – a real pearl of the Adriatic Sea. Hotel: Valamar Lacroma Hotel or Valamar Argosy Hotel or Valamar Tirena Hotel, Dubrovnik Meals: Buffet Breakfast

#### Day 09: Day 9: IN DUBROVNIK (FRIDAY)

During our walking tour of fortified Old city, we will see the impressive ramparts, erected during the Crusades to protect the town against land attacks. We will visit the 15th-century Rector's Palace and an early 14th-century Franciscan Monastery that is home to one of the Europe's oldest pharmacies. Hotel: Valamar Lacroma Hotel or Valamar Argosy Hotel or Valamar Tirena Hotel, Dubrovnik Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Farewell dinner

#### Day 10: Dubrovnik out (Saturday)

Departure transfer to the airport or port. Meals: Buffet Breakfast

#### Inclusion

- Accommodation: at selected hotels, service charges and hotel taxes
- Transportation: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfer
- Meals: Breakfast daily, 1 welcome drink, 4 dinners, 2 lunches, 1 snack. 1 cheese tasting
- Individual headsets: for sightseeing tours



- Porterage at hotels
- Sightseeing and entrances: Zagreb city tour with cheese tasting at the Dolac market, Sarajevo city tour with visit of Gazi-Husrevbey Mosque and entrance to the War Museum Tunnel, sightseeing of Visegrad and Andricgrad, visit of Ethnic village Drvengrad, view of Durmitor National Park, view of Ostrog Monastery, orientation tour of Podgorica, view of Skadar lake, visit of Cetinje with entrance to the King Nicola museum, orientation tour of Budva, view of Sveti Stefan, walking tour of Kotor, boat trip to Lady of the Rocks, city tour of Dubrovnik with entrance to the Rector's palace and the Franciscan Monastery in Dubrovnik
- Scenic Highlights: dramatic scenery of Durmitor National Park, gorgeous Montenegro coastline, scenic fjord-like Kotor bay

#### **Exclusion**

International airfares
Optional activities
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program Personal equipment
Travel insurance
Gratuities
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
Travel and medical insurance
Any items not mentioned as included

#### Note

Tour price – Program prices are per person and are based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed separately. Prices do not include tips/gratuities to tour directors, drivers or local guides; passport and visa fees; baggage and personal insurance; any items of personal nature; and any beverages or food not specifically listed under "Inclusions".

Local holidays – During national holidays certain facilities like museums, restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or unavailable.

Luggage – Due to limited motor coach capacity, we allow only 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person. Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase is provided. Airport porterage is not included as security regulations require that travellers handle and be responsible for their own luggage. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the traveller's belongings.

Passports and Visas – Each customer has to check he has the appropriate documents for his journey. He must own and bring a valid personal document (with visa if necessary). No refund will be granted in case of lack or loss of personal documents. All passengers, regardless of the passport they hold, should check with the appropriate consulates to determine if any visas are needed. Securing any needed visas is the responsibility of the tour participant.

Not included in the tour price: passport and visa fees; insurances of all kinds; tips/gratuities to tour directors, motor coach drivers and local guides; laundry; phone calls; internet access; minibar; beverages and meals not detailed in the itinerary; optional experiences; and all items of personal nature.

Safety – Please take into consideration that while travelling on our tours certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control (the hazard of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, car or other means of transportation; political incident; innless in remote areas without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities). We will not be liable regarding the provision of medical care, but it is understood that GGTS will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited during this vacation: Mehmed paša Sokolovi? Bridge in Višegrad



Durmitor National Park Kotor old town Old city of Dubrovnik

## **Tour Dates & Pricing**