





# The Great Balkan Stars From Ljubljana To Piran

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**Visit:** LJUBLJANA - BLED - POSTOJNA - ZAGREB - PLITVICE - SPLIT - KOR?ULA - DUBROVNIK - MOSTAR - SARAJEVO - ZADAR - OPATIJA - PULA - PIRAN

## **Detailed Itinerary**

## Day 01: Day 1, Friday, arrival to Ljubljana

Upon arrival to Venice, Trieste or Ljubljana airport transfer to hotel.

## Day 02: Day 2, Saturday, in Ljubljana

This morning, we will first head to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town, the lakeshore, and a visit to the imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. After the visit of Bled return to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, for a walking tour. See the



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sights of the old city center, including the picturesque open-air Central Market, Three Bridges, Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain.

## Day 03: Day 3, Sunday, to Postojna and Zagreb

After breakfast, we head to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe – Postojna Cave. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia.

## Day 04: Day 4, Monday, in Zagreb

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town.

## Day 05: Day 5, Tuesday, to Plitvice and Split

Travel to spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Then we continue our journey to Split

## Day 06: Day 6, Wednesday, in Split

Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Finally, see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral.

## Day 07: Day 7, Thursday, to Kor?ula

In the afternoon we head to the island of Kor?ula. Upon arrival free time to enjoy this beautiful island.

## Day 08: Day 8, Friday, to Dubrovnik

The beautiful medieval town Kor?ula has streets arranged in the shape of a fish bone, which ensures the flow of fresh air and protects from strong winds. According to legend, the famous adventurer Marco Polo was born here. After the visit, head to Dubrovnik

## Day 09: Day 9, Saturday, in Dubrovnik

Start the day with a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik this morning. Visit the Rector's Palace, and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace. Next, see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own, enjoy the picturesque setting, shop or simply relax.



## Day 10: Day 10, Sunday, to Mostar

We continue our trip towards Mostar. Mostar is situated on the Neretva River and was named after the bridge keepers (mostari) who guarded the Stari Most (Old Bridge) over the Neretva in the medieval times. The Old Bridge, built by the Ottomans in the 16th century, is one of Bosnia and Herzegovina's most recognizable landmarks, and is considered one of the most exemplary pieces of Islamic architecture in the Balkans.

## Day 11: Day 11, Monday, to Sarajevo

Travel to Sarajevo, the capital of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The city of Sarajevo has been influenced by several cultures and civilizations over its long history. On your city tour, visit the Turkish Bazaar Bas Carsija, Husref Bay's Mosque, the Olympic Stadium, and Gavrilo Princip Museum.

## Day 12: Day 12, Tuesday, to Zadar

Today, we head towards Zadar and set out on a walking tour of Zadar to admire the 16th-century walls built in by Venetians as a defense from the Turks. On to see the 16th century Port Gate where the Venetian lion still stands guard over the entrance, the Square of the Five Wells, Church of St. Donat, the Roman Forum (1st century BC) and the largest cathedral in Dalmatia, St. Anastasia. During our city tour we also take a look at the world-famous sea organs.

## Day 13: Day 13, Wednesday, to Opatija

Travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to its popular resort, Opatija. Upon arrival free time at leisure to enjoy this famous Croatian coastal city.

## Day 14: Day 14, Thursday, to Pula and Piran

We leave Opatija to take a stroll through the beautiful Istrian town of Pula. The city has a long tradition of winemaking, fishing, shipbuilding, and tourism. Pula was also the administrative center of Istria since Ancient Rome and currently hosts the most important Croatian film festival. Our city tour will take us to the remains of the Roman Amphitheater before continuing our journey towards the Slovenian coast and the small town of Piran. We take a walk through the narrow picturesque streets, where one can still notice an intense Venetian influence. We also pass by the Tartini Square, the center of the city. Accommodation in Piran / Portorož area.

## Day 15: Day 15, Friday, depart Piran / Portorož

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport (Trieste, Venice or Ljubljana) for your departure flight.

#### Inclusion



## The Great Balkan Stars From Ljubljana To Piran #1720

4\* and 5\* hotels

Daily breakfast

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach

Airport transfers

Professional English-speaking Tour Director throughout

Licensed local guides

Entrance fees included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at hotels

Service charges and hotel taxes

Sightseeing Tours Included:

Ljubljana

Bled (Bled Castle)

Postojna (Postojna Cave)

Zagreb (Cathedral)

Plitvice (Plitvice Lakes National Park)

Split (Diocletian's Palace)

Kor?ula

Dubrovnik (Rector's Palace, Franciscan Monastery)

Mostar

Sarajevo (Bas Carsija, Husref Bay's Mosque, Gavrilo Princip Museum)

Zadar

Pula (Amphitheater)

Piran

#### **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

Hotel Accommodations / Select Hotels

Ljubljana: Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza 4\* or similar Zagreb: Hotel Westin / Sheraton 5\* or similar

Split: Hotel Briig 4\* or similar

Kor?ula: Hotel Liburna 4\* / Marko Polo 4\* or similar

Dubrovnik: Hotel Valamar Lacroma 4\* / Argosy 4\* or similar

Mostar: Hotel Mepas 5\* / Eden 4\* or similar Sarajevo: Hotel Europe / Radon Plaza 5\* or similar

Zadar: Hotel Kolovare 4\* or similar

Opatija: Grand Hotel Adriatic I 4\* or similar

Piran / Portorož: Grand Hotel Portorož 4\* or similar



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