



Waterbury Regional Chamber
Travel Program

BEAUTY OF CROATIA & DALMATIAN COAST

October 13 – October 21, 2024

From \$3,599 Air & Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Some Meals, Day Trips, & Airfare From NY

Rovinj



Explore the best-kept secret in the Mediterranean & discover why Croatia has become one of Europe's most popular destinations! Visit Opatija, a renowned resort town visited by Austro-Hungarian aristocracy & nobility since the 19th century & the perfect home base for exploring Croatia's Western Coast & the Istrian Peninsula. Immerse in the captivating architecture that has been preserved for hundreds of years, such as the first-century Roman amphitheater in Pula. Uncover gems like the quintessential fishing village of Rovinj with its strong Venetian influences & the "Golden Island" of Krk. Explore Italy's Venice & Istrian Peninsula, discover the Dalmatian Coast, & take in the unspoiled beauty of Plitvice National Park. Experience the famous 4th century Diocletian's Palace in Split & experience the area's trendy restaurants. Why not extend your stay to delve into the world-renowned, best-preserved medieval walled city of Dubrovnik & the spectacular fjords of Montenegro?

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Included Features:

AIR TRANSPORTATION - Air transportation from New York

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS – First Class hotel accommodations for 7 nights

MEALS - 10 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts & 3 dinners

THE PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide & all entrance fees city tour of Opatija & Moscenice, tour of the Island of Krk, a Plitvice National Park tour, a Split city tour, a Trogir city tour. Optional tours are available.

QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR - Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Zagreb

JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY - Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy & social systems, & interaction with locals such as visitation to a 300-year-old working olive oil press, & homemade prosciutto, cheese, & wine in a local tavern or vineyard

FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private first-class airconditioned motor coach

BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

Optional Extension to Dubrovnik:

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS - First-class hotels for 3 nights

MEALS - 3 included meals consisting of 3 breakfasts

THE PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide, & all entrance fees, are as follows: a tour of Mostar & the Turkish house, & a walking tour of Dubrovnik with entrance to the Dominican Monastery & Pharmacy
QUEST VOYAGER TOUR DIRECTOR - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour

FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private first-class airconditioned motorcoach

BAGGAGE & TRANSFERS – Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport



Destination Highlights: Two destination stay • Croatia's culture, arts, music, architecture, history, & cuisine • Austro-Hungarian Opatija • Roman History • Austro-Hungarian, & Art Nouveau architecture • Rovinj • Pula Roman Amphitheater • The Istrian Peninsula • Venice "City of Canals" or "City of Bridges" • St. Mark's Basilica • Island of Krk • Italian inspired food & wine • The mild Mediterranean climate • Split • The Diocletian's Palace (a UNESCO World Heritage site & one of the world's most inspiring Roman monuments) • Trogir • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Ancient Ottoman city of Mostar • UNESCO protected Old Bridge • Spectacular natural landscapes • UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik, one of the best preserved medieval walled cities in the world • Dominican Monastery • Gorgeous historical towns of Montenegro • Magnificent Bay of Kotor • Game of Thrones movie stages & more...

The Tour Price: is \$3,599 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$699 (limited availability).

Fuel surcharges of \$350 & taxes & other fees of \$150 per person are included in the price. Fuel surcharges & taxes are valid at the time of printing but are subject to change.

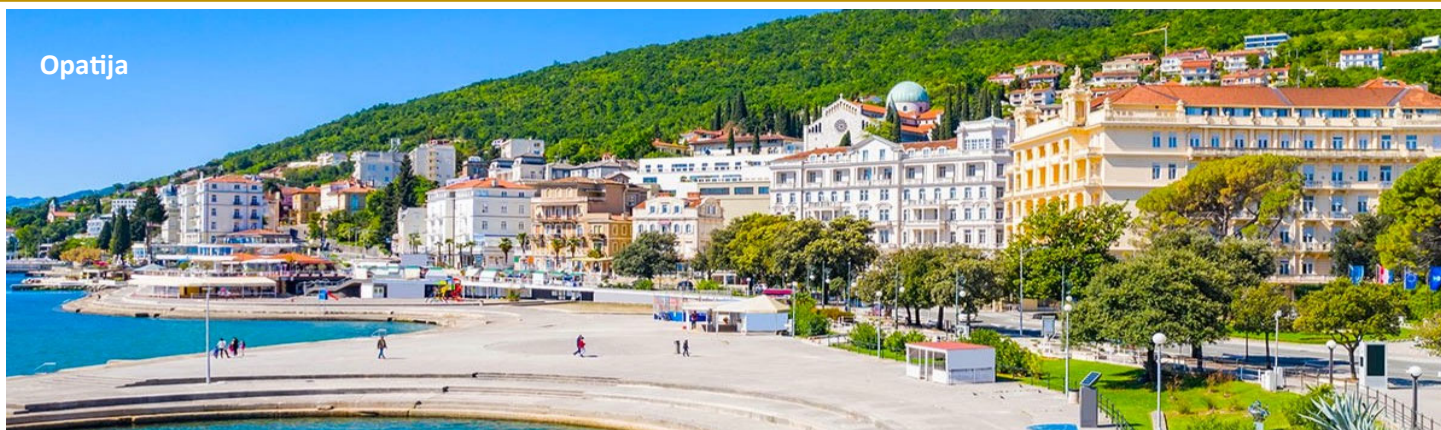
The price of \$3,599 includes the Pula & Rovinj Tour (\$129) as an Early Bird Special if the program is reserved with a deposit by March 29, 2024. The price increases by \$100 per person (\$3,699) plus the cost of the Pula & Rovinj Tour after this date.

Optional Dubrovnik Extension: \$799 Double occupancy, \$299 Single supplement.

Please note: Due to airline schedules & connection timing from Split/Dubrovnik, an additional night could be required in Split/Dubrovnik before returning to the USA a day later. Hotel (when listed) & Itinerary are subject to change.



Opatija



Day 1 Leave the USA Set off on your overnight international trip to Zagreb, Croatia. Meals & beverages are served on board.

Day 2 Arrive in Zagreb – Opatija Welcome to Croatia! This stunning Mediterranean country offers a captivating blend of picturesque coastlines, crystal-clear waters, charming villages, magnificent national parks, & ancient fortified towns. Upon arrival in Zagreb, your tour director will greet you at the airport & arrange your transfer to Opatija, your home, for an extended five-night stay. Situated on the slopes of Mount Ucka, overlooking the mesmerizing Kvarner Bay, Opatija has been a sought-after destination for over 160 years, attracting both the affluent & famous. Once a renowned health resort for Austro-Hungarian royalty in the 19th century, Opatija remains a true hidden gem. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3 Opatija - Moscenice Tour Today embark on a tour of Opatija & the medieval hilltop town of Moscenice. Be taken in by the captivating charm of Opatija with its rich history & culture, striking architecture, & exquisite Austro-Hungarian villas. View the Croatian Walk of Fame & stroll along the Lungomare coastal promenade. Then proceed to Moscenice, a fortified hilltop town on the list of Croatian cultural heritage sites. Walk through the cobblestone streets, take in the old-world culture, & visit the 300-year-old working olive oil press before returning to Opatija. Tonight, dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4 Opatija Enjoy a day of leisure in Opatija, where you can tailor your activities to your preferences. Take a water taxi to a nearby village, take a coastal stroll to view local shops, or relax & unwind. Alternatively, opt for an exhilarating full-day optional tour to Pula & Rovinj (**FREE with Early Bird Special if booked by March 29'24**). The tour includes breathtaking panoramic views of Kvarner Bay from Plomin, a visit to the well-preserved Roman Amphitheater in Pula, & a event at a family-run olive oil farm. Continue to Rovinj, a picturesque fishing village with Venetian influences, where you'll explore its charming streets & admire its idyllic coastal setting. Discover the allure of this Istrian gem, designated a cultural monument in 1963, on a guided walking tour. (B)

Day 5 Opatija Today spend the day at leisure or take an optional tour to Venice. Here the romantic "City of Canals" will reveal its charm to you! Participate in this tour to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere & architecture of this magical city. Be entranced by its winding canals, picturesque bridges, & stunningly beautiful palaces as you cruise via vaporetto. See the sights of St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, & Doge's Palace. After the tour, shop for handmade keepsakes, such as the renowned Murano glass or fancy Venetian masks. Afterward, you return to your motorcoach, taking in the postcard-perfect vistas, Venetian palaces, lively waterfront, & historical sights. (B)

Day 6 Opatija - Island of Krk Tour After breakfast, head to the enchanting Isl& of Krk. As you drive south, passing through the city of Rijeka, you'll reach the largest island in Croatia. Known as the Golden Island for its mild climate, stunning natural landscapes, & rich historical sites. Begin your tour with a visit to the idyllic Košljun, accessible by a short boat ride. Explore the monastery, which is home to Franciscan friars & offers a glimpse into their secluded lifestyle. Next, venture to the city of Krk itself. Wander through the old town, marveling at its ramparts, cobblestone streets, & the striking Krk Cathedral. Then continue to Vrbnik, a quaint town with a remarkable 900-year history. This religious center, protected by Saint John the Baptist, is the birthplace of the Glagolitic alphabet. Here, indulge in tasting the region's renowned white wine made from Zlahtina grapes, complemented by flavorsome prosciutto & cheese, in a local tavern or vineyard. Tonight, dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



Day 7 Opatija - Plitvice National Park Tour – Split Today depart Opatija for the old Roman City of Split. On the way, you stop to capture the wonders of Plitvice Lakes. This tranquil site is Croatia's first, oldest, & largest National Park. In 1979, the Lakes were included in UNESCO's World Heritage List as a "natural wonder of rare & unique beauty." After this visit, you will continue to Split & check into your hotel. Welcome to Split, home of Roman Emperor Diocletian in the 4th century. It is the second-largest city in Croatia. This evening, explore the lively bars, restaurants, & shops where Split has been bustling for thousands of years. (B)

Day 8 Split - City Tour - Trogir Tour After breakfast, you explore Split on a tour of the historic city center. Discover the Roman emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then wander through the remnants of Split's past, including its Renaissance & Gothic structures: the Peristyle, Cathedral, & Jupiter's Temple. Early this afternoon, head to Trogir, a harmonious stone town on a small island connected to the mainland & the island of Čiovo by bridges. Here visit the old town, a UNESCO world heritage site, & a treasure trove for art & architecture enthusiasts with its Renaissance & Baroque buildings & Romanesque churches. The narrow streets, small village squares, numerous restaurants, cafes, souvenir shops, & galleries give this town a splendid Mediterranean atmosphere. (B)

Day 9 Split to the USA or extend your stay with an optional Dubrovnik extension After breakfast, you will be transferred to Split airport for your return flight home or extend your stay in Dubrovnik. (B)

Optional Dubrovnik Extension

Day 9 Split – Mostar - City Tour – Dubrovnik Today drive through the lush Dalmatian countryside, arriving in Mostar. On your walking tour, you will visit the 16th-century stone bridge, explore the remnants of its Turkish quarter, & explore the old city center & the Turkish House. This exquisitely preserved House is one of Mostar's best examples of Ottoman architecture. After the tour, you will have free time to wander & shop for distinctive gifts. Next, head south through the Gorge of Neretva River, arriving at the Medieval City of Dubrovnik. Here you will check into your hotel & relax. (B)

Day 10 Dubrovnik - City Tour Today experience a breathtaking walking tour of old Dubrovnik, renowned for being one of the world's most well-preserved medieval walled cities. Highlights of the tour will include the Rector's Palace, Orlando's Column, Bell Tower Clock, Dominican Monastery, & the Franciscan Monastery, which boasts one of the oldest pharmacies in the world. The remainder of the day is yours to explore this enchanting place, where you can traverse the city's walls, appreciate its rich cultural background, savor the unique flavors of the Mediterranean, & sample the regional cuisine & wines. (B)

Day 11 Dubrovnik Today, enjoy Dubrovnik independently or join an optional tour to Montenegro. This Republic showcases one of Southern Europe's longest & deepest fjords, the Bay of Kotor. It is a submerged river canyon comprised of four small gulfs surrounded by mountains that meet the Adriatic Sea. Here, you will be part of a boating excursion at Our Lady of the Rocks Church before heading to Perast, situated at the foot of St. Elijah Hill. Kotor is the next stop on the thrilling journey, where you can wander through the medieval pedestrian streets & its vibrant market. (B)

Day 12 Dubrovnik to the USA Begin your transfer to Dubrovnik Airport for your flight back home with a plethora of memories of your travels to treasure and share. (B)