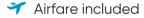


# Jewels of Croatia, Slovenia & Bosnia

Uncover the treasures of this Balkan beauty

### **Trip Code: TP13CS**

11 Nights 4 Star Hotel



15 Meals

Daily Sightseeing



Escorted Tour

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

Experience the wild and romantic beauty of the three countries. From historic towns to majestic landscapes, this is an unforgettable land of amazing contrasts and blend of diversified cultures.

- Tour old city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage. Experience the beauty of the Dalmatian Coast, with its dramatic limestone cliffs.
- Marvel at the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a precious example of Roman architecture in Split.
- ✓ Stroll through magnificent Plitvice Lakes National Park, marveling at luminous lakes and waterfalls that seem to have been sketched by an artist.
- View the majestic Cathedral of Zagreb, with its soaring twin spires.
- ✓ Tour Ljubljana's Old Town with its unique mixture of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture.
- ✓ Enjoy the beautiful Alpine resort of Bled in Slovenia, which lies on a stunning. lake at the edge of the Julian Alps and the island church appears to have come straight out of a fairytale.
- Explore Mostar & the walled town of Pocitelj in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Day 1 North America - Zagreb

Day 2 Zagreb - Ljubljana

Day 3 Ljubljana – Bled

Day 4 Bled

Day 5 Bled - Plitvice

Day 6 Plitvice

Day 7 Plitvice - Zadar - Split

Day 8 Split - Dubrovnik

Day 9 Dubrovnik

Day 10 Dubrovnik - Mostar - Sarajevo

Day 11 Sarajevo

Day 12 Sarajevo - Zagreb

Day 13 Zagreb - North America



Depart to Zagreb.

### Day 2: Zagreb - Ljubljana

Arrival in Zagreb, the capital and largest city of Croatia. Meet our tour guide in the airport then transfer to Ljubljana, Slovenia for hotel check-in.



### Day 3: Ljubljana - Bled

Enjoy breakfast at hotel, then we start a walking tour around the lovable Ljubljana city and visit some highlight attractions, including Triple Bridge, Dragon Bridge, and Preseren Square, as your guide tells you what life in the city is like from their experience. After lunch at the local restaurant, proceed to Postojna Cave/Jama tour, take a ride on the underground train, and enjoy a 3.7-kmlong journey on the world's only doubletrack cave railway. The wonderful Murano-glass chandeliers hanging from the ceiling of Postojna Cave's Dance Hall make for a fairytale atmosphere. Then transfer to Bled, the beautiful city set along the glacial Lake Bled.

Meals: Breakfast



Breakfast at hotel. This morning, you may enjoy an optional cruise tour of the Lake Bled (EUR€45/person). Take the unique Pletna boat ride (a wooden, awningcovered boat rowed by a special oarsman) to the island on Lake Bled-climb up the 99 steps to St. Mary's Church and ring the wishing bell. You'll have some free tine to enjoy the magnificent views of the island. In the afternoon, we will have sightseeing walking tour to explore this picturesque town. You will see the imposing, 11th century Bled Castle (Outside view), the oldest in Slovenia perched on a cliff high above the lake, creating a dramatic backdrop to the city.



The rest of the day is at you own leisure. In the evening, you may join the optional medieval dinner in the traditional Country Inn located at the tiny medieval town of Radovljica that, dinner includes choices of Slovenian favorites along the wine (EUR€75/person, min 10pax).

Meals: Breakfast

### Day 5: Bled - Plitvice

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will transfer to Plitvice, located in the centre of Croatia. Plitvice National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also one of the country's most popular tourist destinations. You will taste a typical Lika cuisine when arrived.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 6: Plitvice**

Today you will visit one of Croatia's most beautiful sites-Plitvice Lakes National Park. The park was given World Heritage status 20 years ago and is 19 hectares of wooded hills that surround 16 stunning turquoise lakes, all connected by a series of waterfalls. Here you will join a guided walking our along the wooden pathways suspended over pristine cascade of landscapes. Admire the spectacular waterfalls and crystal -clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes. look to the canopy for over 120 sepcies of birds, including hawks and owls. Enjoy a typical Lika dinner of local restaurant. Overnight in Plitvice Lakes.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





### Day 7: Plitvice - Zadar - Split

Enjoy breakfast at hotel, then travel to the UNESCO protected the seaside town of Split, the second-largest city in Croatia. After lunch, we will proceed to a walking tour visiting Split Diocletian's Palace, the largest and best-preserved example of Roman palatial architecture, representing a transitional style half Greek and half Byzantine. If you are a fan of Game of Thrones, you will be obsessed by scenes that the TV was filming.

Meals: Breakfast



### Day 8: Split - Dubrovnik

After breakfast, transfer to Dubrovnik, often called the "pearl of the Adriatic. Dubrovnik is known for its distinctive Old Town, encircled with massive stone walls completed in the 16th century. Arrive Dubrovnik in the afternoon, spend the rest of the day for your own leisure.

Meals: Breakfast



### Day 9: Dubrovnik

In the morning, tour Old Dubrovnik on foot. During the walking tour, visit the Rector's Place, an outstanding blend of gothic and Renaissance architecture and view the monumental Sponza Palace, one of the most beautiful palaces in the city, preserved in its original form. Under the city Bell Tower view Orlando's Tower, dedicated to the legendary knight that saved the city in the 9th century.

Then on to the view the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, Visit the Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world still in use today. Enjoy your lunch in Old port and the rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps spend time strolling along the impressive ramparts overlooking the shimmering Adratic Sea, or visit the Maritime Museum in St, Johns Castle.

**Meals:** Breakfast



# Day 10: Dubrovnik - Mostar - Sarajevo

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, board a comfortable coach and enjoy the countryside as the bus makes its way across the border to Bosnia. Once in Mostar, enjoy a typical Hercegovina lunch, then we continue to a walking tour exploring Mostar's stunning bridges. Start at the Old Bridge, known as Stari Most. Learn about the historical background of this architectural artwork before visiting the smaller, Crooked Bridge - Kriva Cuprija. Discover the region's religious traditions with a visit to Hadzi-Kurt and Koski-Mehmed Pasha's Mosque's. Later we continue our journey to Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is a compact city on the Miljacka River, surrounded by the Dinaric Alps. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant. Overnight in Sarajevo.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Day 11: Sarajevo

Breakfast at hotel. Today, we will discover an important historical site: Sarajevo Tunnel, also known as the "Hope Tunnel" and "Life Tunnel". It was constructed between March and June 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo in the middle of the Bosnian War. Walking through a 25m section is the moving culmination of a visit to the shell-pounded house that hid the western tunnel entrance. Our guide will explain the reasons and consequences of the Bosnian War and how it came to an end. After the tour, you will have free time for lunch. Later return to hotel in Sarajevo.

**Meals:** Breakfast



### Day 12: Sarajevo - Zagreb

Begin in busy Kaptal Square in Upper Town, dominated by the monumental Zagreb Cathedral, with its soaring twin spire, its cobble stone streets, and red tile-roofed buildings. Walk along Krav Most, to St. Marks Church with its brightly colored roof and the 17th century Jesuit Church of St. Catherine. After a stop at the Parliament building, free time to explore the winding streets of the Old Town and Ban Jelacic, the main square.

**Meals:** Breakfast



### Day 13: Zagreb - North America

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Meals: Breakfast



### **Featured Hotels**

Bled ★★★★
Hotel Kompas or similar





Split ★★★★
Cora Hotel or similar





Plitvice Lakes ★★★★
Etno Garden or similar





Dubrovnik ★★★★
Grand Hotel Park or similar





### 2024 Departures

2025 Departures				
II-Aug		08-Sep	30-Sep	

18-May	15-Jun	20-Jul
10-Aug	07-Sep	05-Oct

### **Optional Tours**

Cruise tour of the Lake Bled	€45/person
Tour of Radovljica with Dinner	€75/person (min 10 pax)
Dubrovnik Sunset Cruise with drinks	€60/person

### **Price Notes**

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: \$1,399
- Add on airfare from other cities:
- Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$300; Vancouver from \$400; Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John from \$500
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.
- Land-only price from \$3,899
- Leading price is based on specific departure dates, please check with our website: **tripoppo.com** for the updated information.

### Package Includes

- Round-trip airfare Toronto Zagreb in economy class
- Airport taxes
- 4 Star hotels accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides and tour leader
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern airconditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

### **Package Does Not Includes**

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid Gratuities: EUR €182/person
- Optional check-in luggage fee \$200/piece for round trip
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls