

# From the Adriatic to the Alps Croatia and Slovenia

With

## Carolyn Schellhaas

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**\$5,095 per person, double occupancy from Milwaukee**



### Highlights Include:

- Magnificent walled City of Dubrovnik
- Ancient City of Zadar
- Emperor Diocletian's Palace in Split
- Amazing beauty of the Plitvice Lakes
- Istria Peninsula - Croatia's Tuscany
- Croatian Vineyard visit
- Subterranean Postojna Caves
- Slovenia's Capital of Ljubljana
- Beautiful Lake Bled
- Amazing scenery of the Julian Alps
- Croatia's Historic Capital - Zagreb

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# The Adriatic to the Alps

## **Tues., Sept. 17 – MIWAUKEE / EN ROUTE**

We drive to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport today, where we depart on our flight traveling overnight to Europe. **(I)**

## **Wed., Sept. 18 - DUBROVNIK**

This morning we will arrive in Europe and continue by connecting flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. On arrival we'll meet our Tour Escort who will accompany us throughout our tour. A short drive takes us to our hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after our day of travel. Dinner is included this evening. **(I,D)**

## **Thurs., Sept. 19 - DUBROVNIK**

As we'll soon find out Dubrovnik is not only beautiful, but it is an architectural gem more than 1,000 years old. We begin our day with a walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town. We'll start from Pile Gate, the entrance to the old walled city, and walk down Stradun to visit the 14th century Franciscan Monastery whose "cloister" ranks among the most inspiring sites of the city and is also home to the oldest working pharmacy in all of Europe. We'll also visit the Rector's Palace which used to be the seat of the government in the historic Independent Republic of Dubrovnik. Next we'll visit the Cathedral, built on the remains of its fallen parent that was destroyed in 1667 by an earthquake. Our tour will come to an end with a view of Sponza Palace, notable for its columned courtyard and elaborate stone carvings. Following our tour we take to the skies and travel by cable car to the top of Mt. Srđ. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Dubrovnik. **(B)**

## **Fri., Sept. 20 - DUBROVNIK / ZADAR (Split)**

This morning we depart Dubrovnik and travel to the coastal town of Split, a city with a 1700-year-old tradition and a variety of archaeological, historical and cultural monuments, among which is Diocletian's Palace inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List. We'll begin our tour of the historic inner city with a visit to the Emperor Diocletian's Palace, the only imperial palace from Roman times in which residents' dwell. We'll also see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, the Temple of Jupiter, Peristyle Square, and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. Afterward free time will be set aside to visit the colorful open-air market before relaxing with a cappuccino along the Riva, a pedestrian paradise offering a spectacular view of the sea. Then we'll be on our way to the city of Zadar, the oldest Slavic city on the Adriatic. **(B,D)**

## **Sat., Sept. 21 - ZADAR**

Today we'll immerse ourselves in Zadar's ever-present heritage. We'll see the Roman Forum and visit the 9th century St. Donatus' Church, the city's trademark and famous medieval basilica. Nearby we'll see the Bell Tower of St. Mary's Church built by the Croat Hungarian King Coleman, and the Bishop's Palace, a showcase of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. We'll also visit the Cathedral of St. Anastasia, an impressive melding of Romanesque and Gothic styles featuring a rose window and triple-nave edifice. Next we are headed to the People's Square where we'll see the City's Lodge and



Guardhouse as well as the mighty fortification walls and the two city gates, Land Gate and Sea Gate. Land Gate, intricately carved with the city's coat of arms, is in the shape of triumphal arches found throughout Italy and France. Following our tour the afternoon is free to stroll through Zadar's Old Town at your leisure. **(B)**

## **Sun., Sept. 22 - ZADAR / OPATIJA**

This morning we will depart Zadar and travel inland to visit Plitvice Lakes National Park. Surrounded by dense woods, the Plitvice lakes are a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. A tour of the region will introduce us to the scenery of this natural wonder with crystal blue lakes cascading into spectacular waterfalls. We'll walk on the wooden promenades to view the majestic waters where every turn leads to a vista and yet another waterfall! This afternoon we're headed back to the coast where we'll spend the next two evenings in the resort of Opatija, fashionable resort in the 19th century. It's dotted with Habsburg-era villas. **(B,D)**

## **Mon., Sept. 23 - OPATIJA (Istrian Peninsula)**

A delightful day is in store as we explore the Istria peninsula. We begin with a visit to the Roman port city of Rovinj. Originally a coastal island, today the Old Town extends onto a narrow peninsula. The focal point of town is the baroque church of St. Euphemia that stands guard over the narrow medieval streets of this former fishing village. Next we visit a local vineyard to enjoy lunch and wine tasting. Afterward we'll travel to nearby Porec. In 1267 Porec was the first Istrian town to choose Venetian rule and as a result acquired a Venetian look as palaces, squares and religious buildings were erected. The most noteworthy is the 6th century Basilica of Euphrasius. To this day the Old Town has remained intact and Porec is always under consideration for the best-kept town in Croatia. On our return to Opatija we'll travel through central

Istria, stopping along the way to visit the captivating hilltop town of Motovun, a typical example of Venetian colonial architecture and a characteristic symbol of the Istrian interior. **(B,L)**

**Tues., Sept. 24 - OPATIJA / BLED (Postojna & Ljubljana)**

Today we depart Opatija and travel into the rugged Slovenian countryside, home to amazing scenery and mysterious folklore. Our first stop of the day will take us to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Here we'll tour the fantastic subterranean Postojna Caves by miniature electric train. The 20-kilometer-long underworld system is a miracle, but one becomes truly astounded at the look of the mysterious "human fish" a strange form of life preserved in the underground kingdom. Afterward we'll travel to Slovenia's beautiful capital city of Ljubljana. We'll have an opportunity to explore the Old Town that inspires visitors with its rich antique and medieval heritage and see the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. Late this afternoon we will drive to beautiful Lake Bled. **(B,D)**

**Wed., Sept. 25 - BLED**

This morning we begin with a journey on a traditional Pletna boat ride to visit the Island in the Lake and the Church of the Assumption. The church dates to the 10th century and according to local tradition, a husband who can carry his newly married bride up the 99 steps from the dock to the church will be ensured a happy marriage. Following our visit to the Island we will make our way to Bled Castle located on a rocky perch overlooking Lake Bled. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Bled. Don't miss the opportunity to try an original *Bled cream cake*, *Kremnarezina*, or affectionately called "Kremsnita"! "Kremsnita" in fact is a symbol of Bled. **(B)**

**Thurs, Sept. 26 - BLED (Julian Alps Excursion)**

Today we will explore the beauty of the Julian Alps and Triglav National Park. We will travel through the heart of the Triglav National Park where you are sure to be wowed by the vistas of majestic mountains, deep valleys and dense forests. From Vrisa, the highest Slovenian mountain pass, we descend into the valley of the amazing emerald Soca River and find ourselves in Slovenia's

center for white adventure sports. This region is also known for its turbulent history, having been the site of many fierce battles during WWI, which were immortalized by Ernest Hemingway in *A Farewell to Arms*. We will visit the Battlefield in Kobarid before we journey around the southern edges of Triglav National Park to Lake Bohinj, the largest of Slovenia's lakes set in a valley in the Julian Alps. In the evening we'll drive to nearby Begunje, the birthplace of Slavko Avsenik, known as the father of the "Oberkrainer" ethnic musical style popular in Slovenia, Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We'll enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment at the Avsenik Golstilna Restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Fri., Sept. 27 - BLED / ZAGREB**

This morning we make our way across Slovenia and back into Croatia to the capital city of Zagreb. This afternoon we begin with an introductory tour of Zagreb. In the historical Upper Town we'll stop at St. Mark's Square and visit St. Mark's Church, the city's most photographed site, best known for its eccentric red, white and blue tiled roof. In addition we'll see the Croatian Parliament, the Archbishop's Palace and the Cathedral with its neo-Gothic façade and twin steeples. Then we'll make our way to Trg Bana Jelacica, the large piazza that has been Zagreb's main square since the 19th century. From here we'll explore the Lower Town that is a series of green squares rimmed by Austro-Hungarian buildings erected from the 19th century. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

**Sat., Sept. 28 - ZAGREB / MILWAUKEE**

All too soon, our visit to Croatia and Slovenia has come to its end. Transfer to Zagreb Airport for the beginning our journey returning us to Chicago. Upon arrival at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport we will meet our motor coach for the drive to Milwaukee. **(B,I)**

**\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \***

**I = Inflight meals B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**

**Vacation Price Includes**

- Round-trip motor coach transportation to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.
- Economy-class air transportation by scheduled service traveling enroute Chicago/Dubrovnik – Zagreb/Chicago
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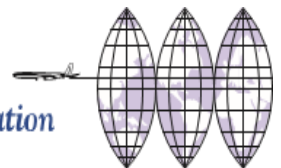
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