

DETAILED ITINERARY, Croatia> Best of Croatia

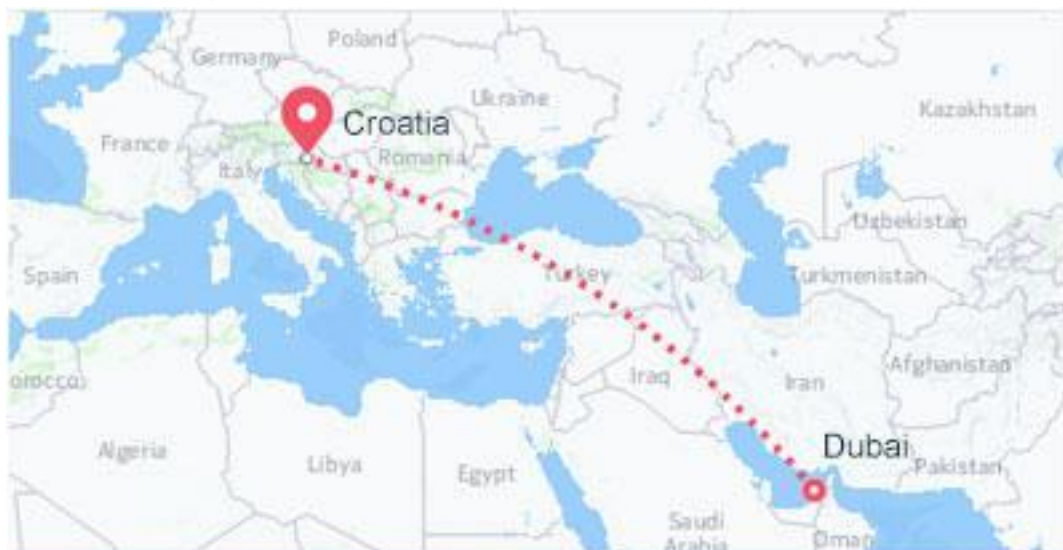
AED 11,950/- per person, prices are based on twin sharing.

Duration: 13 Days / 12 Nights.

Destinations: Zagreb, Zadar, Pula, Split & Dubrovnik.

1 DAY

Arrival at Zagreb Airport



Flying Time: 6 Hours, 30 Minutes

Currency: HRK

Time Difference: Dubai is 2 hours ahead of Croatia

Welcome to Croatia

On arrival at Zagreb International Airport, you will be met by our local representative and you will be transferred to the hotel.

Day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

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2DAY

Zagreb

Breakfast at the hotel.

Make your way to the meeting point, where you will meet your tour guide for the Zagreb walking city tour. Take a walk with us and discover art, architecture, history and everyday life of Croatia's capital city, Zagreb! We start at Zagreb's main square, The Ban Jelačić Square, where we introduce you to the founding of the city, its historical and legendary origins. Passing through the Praška Street we come to the lively park called Zrinjevac. In no time you will feel the difference between the crowded main square, and suddenly dive into the green peaceful beauty that is Zrinjevac. Surrounding the park, you will see many beautiful historical buildings, and various museums and galleries. At the Square we can admire the building and check which exhibition is on display at the moment. Passing through the park, we come to Zagreb's main railway station, built in the late 19th century. Following the street we come to the Art-Deco-styled Esplanade Hotel, and talk about its history and famous guests. The next green stop on our route is the Botanical garden, a beautiful green oasis in the centre of the city which holds many domestic and exotic plants. Crossing the street, we find ourselves in front of the Croatian National Archive, a beautiful Art Nouveau building, and stop to talk about the father of Croatian literature, Marko Marulić, whose statue is situated in front of the entrance. The tour takes us further, towards the Croatian National Theatre and the building of University of Zagreb, where you will get familiar with the works of Croatia's most renowned sculptor, the late Ivan Meštrović.

Overnight in Zagreb.

3DAY

Zagreb

Breakfast at the hotel.

Explore the first and largest national park in Croatia and discover Rastoke, a hidden gem called 'Little Plitvice'. Get to know the oldest and most famous Croatian National Park Plitvice Lakes and the unique, still unknown place of Rastoke and complete your stay with an unforgettable day in pristine nature. Turquoise lakes, large and small waterfalls, deep green forests, watermills, over 20 km of footpaths through the Park, boat ride and panoramic train, are waiting for you to visit them. An experienced, licensed guide will make you acquainted with the natural beauties in the heart of Croatia. Explore the sensational Plitvice Lakes National Park on this one day tour from Zagreb. Meet us at our centrally located meeting point and start an exciting journey towards this UNESCO-listed site, one of the must-see sights in the area. Just before arriving at Plitvice Lakes the path will take us to Rastoke, which is a little village full of little ponds and waterfalls and therefore also called 'Little Plitvice'. The unanticipated beauty of this National Park lies in its sixteen stunning turquoise-colored lakes, harmoniously inter-connected by a chain of waterfalls and surrounded by serene deep-green forests. Explore the lakes with a professional guide, breathe in the fresh mountain air and enjoy a short boat ride across one of the lakes while listening to the sound of water crashing against the ground. Return to Zagreb in the late afternoon where you'll be dropped off at the meeting point.

Overnight in Zagreb.

4DAY

Zagreb-Zadar

Breakfast at the hotel.

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5DAY

Zadar

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today an expert guide will introduce you to Zadar's tumultuous history whilst you get to know the historical and cultural landmarks that make up this absorbing city that remains relatively off the beaten track. Explore the intriguing Roman Forum, founded by the first Roman Emperor Augustus, as well as the Church of St Donatus; symbol of the city, and St Anastasia's Cathedral, the largest cathedral in Dalmatia. Learn all about the rich history of the old town whilst admiring the ancient monuments, city walls, Square of Five Wells, People's Square and former city gates. With 3,000 years of colourful history under its belt, Zadar is a fascinating ancient city with a coastal setting. What's more, you have to see and hear it to believe it, but the Sea Organ and Sun Salutation are an equally fascinating sight. Designed by a local architect, they give Zadar an edge with the Sun Salutation putting on a light show from energy collected during the day, and the Sea Organ emitting hypnotic and unique sounds as the sea tickles its whistles and pipes. At the end of the tour, your guide will happily recommend museums, restaurants and bars for you to enjoy your stay.

Overnight in Zadar.

6DAY

Zadar-Pula

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Overnight in Pula.

7DAY

Pula

Breakfast at the hotel.

Step back in time to the good old days where togas were all the rage! Come face to face with an enormous Roman amphitheatre and see Croatia from an entirely new point of view. Break away from the norm and explore different facets to the country that are almost unheard of. You'll be served up views of the smooth sea and untainted nature in this pretty city. As well as the obvious trade of tourism, many other industries still exist such as winemaking, fishing and shipbuilding. Due to the Venetians reign over Pula for over 400 hundred years: some of their architecture still remains there until today. By far, the most notable is the magnificent Roman amphitheatre. Pula Arena boasts four side towers and is thus the largest of its kind. This is the best kept ancient monument in the entire country. It really is a work of art! Strolling around and through the amazing ancient arches, it won't be long before your imagination runs wild just picturing all that would and could have happened in a place built over a thousand years ago. A village which appears to be suspended in midair as it is encompassed by candy floss esque clouds. It looks like something out of a fairytale, so magical and at the same time so mesmerising! This side to Croatia is certainly a far cry from the typical tourist hotspots. Delight in the essence of the olive groves in what is better known as the "village in the clouds".

Overnight in Pula.

8DAY

Pula-Split

Breakfast at the hotel.

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Split is the second-largest city of Croatia and the largest city of the region of Dalmatia, with about 250,000 people living in its urban area. It lies on the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea and is spread over a central peninsula and its surroundings.

Overnight in Split.

9DAY

Split

Breakfast at the hotel.

Begin your royal secret of Split adventure in the not-so-modest home of the Roman emperor Diocletian. His colossal 1,700-year-old palace is not only a UNESCO World Heritage Monument, but also a popular hangout for locals of Split and the cast of Game of Thrones. As we wander into the heart of the city, peristil, we'll discover the secrets of Diocletian's life hidden in the walls of the world's best preserved Roman palace – find out why he loved salad so much and why a piece of the mythical White Stone can make you happy. It is no secret, however, that the way to a Dalmatian's heart is through the stomach. We'll show you a traditional fish market, peskarija, where locals have been buying fresh seafood for centuries. Your mouth will surely be watering by now, so we'll take you for a traditional Dalmatian snack fit for a king – air-dried smoked meat, soft sheep cheese, octopus salad, anchovies and olives. During your snack, your local guide will regale you with Split tales, past and present.

After all, wine is one of our oldest traditions and a staple of the Mediterranean diet, so just stay calm and do as the Romans do! We'll finish our tour on the Riva promenade, leaving you feeling as satisfied and pampered as the emperor Diocletian himself. Our local guides will point you to their favourite coffee shops and the best spots for an evening of Dalmatian delicacies and entertainment.

Overnight in Split.

10 DAY

Split-Dubrovnik

Breakfast at the hotel.

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Overnight in Dubrovnik.

11 DAY

Dubrovnik

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Make your way to the meeting point and join a group on this day tour of Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik is one of the most picturesque cities in the Mediterranean, and its rich history and culture make it a fascinating place to visit. Drives to the bridge of Dubrovnik to enjoy the stunning main harbor view, followed by a visit to the hill of Srdj, overlooking the City of Dubrovnik. Afterward, meet with your local guide for a tour of the Old Town. Your guide will lead you on a walk along the cobblestone streets of Dubrovnik Old Town, from Pile Gate to the main street, Stradun (Placa), providing you with intriguing facts about the historic palaces, churches, and beautiful hidden corners along the way. You will be amazed by its unique architectural structures such as the Cathedral of St. Blaise and the Church of St. Francis. Learn the story behind the statue of Orlando, the keeper of the flag of Liberty, and other interesting sights as you walk through the City.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

12 DAY

Dubrovnik

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today stroll around the historic town of Ston, famous for its giant walls and salt flats before heading to the picturesque island of Korčula where you visit the birthplace of the world-renowned writer and traveller, Marco Polo. Shortly after departing from Dubrovnik, enjoy a short break at the Franjo Tuđman Bridge (Dubrovnik Bridge) where you can take in the spectacular views over the harbor and the town. Continue north with a drive along the Adriatic coast to the town of Ston, discover the second longest city walls in the world (after the Great Wall of China), the old salt flats. Take in the panoramic scenery as you travel alongside famous vineyards of Peljesac

peninsula, beautiful countryside and ancient settlements. To make the journey even more interesting, you can listen as your guide discusses the region's wineries and mussels breeding. Upon arrival to Orebić you will board a boat that will take you to the island of Korčula. The beautiful island of Korčula presents a unique contact with nature, and a thousand-year-old history and culture. You will have free time to explore the area at your leisure as well as the opportunity to visit the birthplace of Marco Polo, and the church of St. Marco. After the boat ride back to the mainland, the final stop will be in Potomje where you will participate in wine tasting of famous sorts of wine, domestic brandy, and liquers, accompanied by a wine expert at one of the most famous Croatian wineries.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

13 DAY

Dubrovnik / End of trip

After breakfast. The day is free until checkout time. The driver will pick you up and drop you to the airport for your onward flight.

TOUR COST, TERMS & CONDITIONS



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If you are interested in going ahead with this booking, we would require payment in the form of cash or cheque:

- 30 days to 21 days prior to departure date: 50%.
- 21 days to 01 days prior to departure: 100%.
- Prices in this quotation are subject to availability. Al-Tayer Hotel reserves the right to a higher standard based in the event of non-availability at the time of booking.



Please ensure that the names given to us for reservations match the names on the passports. Our companies are very particular about name changes. Mismatched names may result in your booking being cancelled. We strongly recommend travel insurance as part of your package – we can arrange this for you – please let us know if you wish us to add this to your package.

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Economy class, Dubai / Zagreb / Dubrovnik / Dubai.
Internal flight from Zagreb-Zadar-Pula-Split-Dubrovnik.



Accommodation

3 nights in Zagreb based on twin sharing basis.
2 nights in Zadar based on twin sharing basis.
2 nights in Pula based on twin sharing basis.
2 nights in Split based on twin sharing basis.
3 nights in Dubrovnik based on twin sharing basis.



Transportation

Return airport transfer in Zagreb, Zadar, Pula, Split & Dubrovnik on



Sightseeing

City tours in Zagreb, Zadar Roman Forum, Pula Peninsula, Split & I
Excursion to Rastoke-Little Plitvice, National Park Plitvice Lakes, H
Orebic, Potomje on seat in coach.



Meals

Daily breakfast.



Insurance

Complimentary travel insurance.



Taxes

All airline and hotel taxes.

EXCLUSIONS



- Visa fees.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks, laundry
- Except all the above mentioned in inclusion.
- Some European Countries may charge a local city tax payable

TRAVEL TIPS

Croatia: Croatia is an Eastern European country with a long coastline on the Adriatic Sea. Encompassing more than a thousand islands, it's also crossed by the Dinaric Alps. Its inland capital, Zagreb, is distinguished by its medieval Gornji Grad (Upper Town) and diverse museums. The major coastal city Dubrovnik has massive 16th-century walls encircling an Old Town with Gothic and Renaissance buildings. In a country famous for its dazzling coastline, Croatia's inland capital has been sneaking under the tourist radar for decades. With a new airport terminal opened in March 2017 and exciting new cultural developments bolstering its long-cherished historic and natural charms, now's the time to discover the delights of Zagreb.

Trip Planning: The planning stage of your trip can be instrumental in its success and an enjoyable part of the experience itself. You have a world of options...and plenty to consider.

Entry and Exit formalities: Visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months & beyond at the time of entering the country. Some nationalities can obtain visa on arrival and for nationalities who requires visa please refer to the Croatia consulate website: www.vfsglobal.com/croatia/uae/

Transportation: Figuring out how to get around is one of your biggest pre-trip decisions. Get our holiday expert best advice on deciding between your options. Based on your trip itinerary, our experts will help you choose wisely. You'll also find a wealth of practical travel tips.

Money: Use your money wisely. Know the best time to use cash or card — and how to avoid unnecessary fees either way — as well as tipping etiquette, and how shoppers can take advantage of VAT refunds.

Phones and Technology: Phones and other smart devices can be huge time-savers...or expensive distractions. Get our tips for making the best use of technology during your trip, and for calling home with or without your own phone.

Packing Light: On your trip you'll meet two kinds of travelers: those who pack light and those who wish they had.

Sleeping and Eating: Your hotel and restaurant choices can be a matter-of-face chore...or they can provide rich opportunities to connect with locals and their culture.

Health & Hygiene: Take comfort: Doctors, hospitals, laundrettes, and bathrooms aren't that different. Dealing with them can even be part of the fun of travel.

Sightseeing & Activities: Once you're on the ground, the real fun begins...but it pays to have a thoughtful plan. Our experts will help you get oriented to your

surroundings, use your sightseeing hours wisely, and find your way off the beaten path.

Things do & see:

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Šibenik - is a city on the Adriatic coast of Croatia. It's known as a gateway to the Kornati Islands. The 15th-century stone Cathedral of St. James is decorated with 71 sculpted faces. Nearby, the Šibenik City Museum, in the 14th-century Prince's Palace, has exhibits ranging from prehistory to the present. The white stone St. Michael's Fortress has an open-air theater, with views of Šibenik Bay and neighboring islands.

Rovinj - is a Croatian fishing port on the west coast of the Istrian peninsula. The old town stands on a headland, with houses tightly crowded down to the seafront. A tangle of cobbled streets leads to the hilltop church of St. Euphemia, whose towering steeple dominates the skyline. South of the old town is Lone Bay, one of the area's pebble beaches. The Rovinj archipelago's 14 islands lie immediately off the mainland.

Trogir - is a town on the central Adriatic coast of Croatia. Its preserved old town, known for its mix of Renaissance, baroque and Romanesque buildings, lies on a small island connected to the mainland and the island of Čiovo by bridges. The 13th-century Cathedral of St. Lawrence houses the Renaissance Chapel of St. John and offers sweeping views from its bell tower. Parts of the medieval city walls remain intact.

Osijek - is the fourth largest city in Croatia with a population of 108,048 in 2011. It is the largest city and the economic and cultural centre of the eastern Croatian region of Slavonia, as well as the administrative centre of Osijek-Baranja County.

Rijeka - is a Croatian port city on Kvarner Bay in the northern Adriatic Sea. It's known as a gateway to Croatia's islands. Korzo, the main promenade, is lined with Habsburg-era buildings. Nearby, the 19th-century Ivan pl. Zajc Croatian National Theatre has ceiling paintings by Gustav Klimt. The hilltop Trsat Castle complex, which includes a religious shrine, has sweeping views of the islands of Kvarner Bay.

Varaždin - is a city on the Drava River, in northern Croatia. It's known for its baroque and rococo architecture, including the 17th-century Sermage Palace, displaying Croatian and international old masters and modern paintings. That collection is part of the Varaždin City Museum holdings, which also exhibits historical artifacts in the old town fortress. Lisak Tower is the only surviving part of the old city walls.

Poreč - is a popular summer resort on the coast of the Istrian Peninsula in western Croatia. In the historic old town, the 6th-century Euphrasian Basilica complex is famous for its gem-studded Byzantine mosaics. The coastline north and south of town draws visitors with camping areas, marinas and beaches with water sports. Some 6 km inland, the Baredine Cave is notable for its stalactite formations.

Karlovac - is a city in central Croatia. According to the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, in 2018, its population was 51,447. Karlovac is the administrative centre of Karlovac County. The city is located on the Zagreb-Rijeka highway and railway line, 56 kilometres south-west of Zagreb and 130 km from Rijeka.

Vukovar - is a city in eastern Croatia. It contains Croatia's largest river port, located at the confluence of the Vuka and the Danube. Vukovar is the seat of Vukovar-Syrmia County. The city's registered population was 26,468 in the 2011 census, with a total of 27,683 in the municipality.

Beach Season - Croatian coastline boasts some of the most picturesque beaches in Europe.

The Blue Cave - A precious gem among Croatia's nature highlights.

Pag Cheese Season-Famous cheese from Pag island is a national pride of Croatia, known as Paški sir.

Hiking-Climb spectacular mountains, traverse lush woods, enjoy freedom and harmony with nature.

Kayaking-A great way to explore Croatian coastline.

The Best Sunsets-Famous Adriatic sunset in Zadar impressed Alfred Hitchcock.

White Water Rafting-Fast rivers of Croatia are perfect for white water rafting.

Cruising and Sailing-Follow Marco Polo's path and explore Croatia's numerous islands.

Diving-Clear waters of the Adriatic are popular with divers. Take a chance to explore marine life, ship wrecks and underwater caves.

Lavender Bloom on Hvar Island-A flowery kingdom on the Croatia's most sunny island.

Kitesurfing and Windsurfing-Good conditions for windsurfers and kite surfers during the summer.

Peka-A signature cooking technique for Croatian cuisine.

Wild Figs-Enjoy this nutritious sweet fruit while in Dalmatia.

Lobster Eating Time-Mouth watering lobsters as well as other delicious seafood straight from the Adriatic.

Asparagus Season-Have you already tried wild asparagus?

Frozen Waterfalls in Plitvice Lakes-Frozen Plitvice Lakes are called Croatia's natural miracle.

Sinjska Alka-A medieval equestrian knightly competition in Sinj that is part of UNESCO list.

Autumnal Plitvice Lakes-Natural wonder wearing all shades of gold and red.

Ultra Europe Music Festival-Feeling the beat of Adriatic with an ultrahip Ultra music festival.

Rijeka Carnival-Winter holiday season in Rijeka is highlighted by the biggest carnival in Croatia with costumed parades and performances, lots of music and dancing.

International Donkey Race-Visitors get a chance to hop on a donkey and speed up in Tisno during the annual donkey race.

Oysters Season-Locally produced oysters and mussels is a must try for seafood lovers.

Olive Harvest-Olives are the matter of pride in Croatia.

Kumpanjija Performance-See a unique historical dance on Korcula Island with sword fights.

Nights of Diocletian-In Split, do as Romans do during a colourful carnival at Diocletian Palace.

Red Bull Air Race-Extreme flying competition in Rovinj is a breathtaking experience for spectators.

Zagreb Christmas Market-The spirit of Advent and entertainment for the whole family in the central of medieval city.

Fried Dormice-A grilled dormouse—a rather unusual dish for modern European cuisine.

Truffle Season-A chance to find the next biggest truffle in the world.

Crni Rizot (Black Risotto)-If you like seafood, this is a must try of Croatian cuisine.

Ribarska Festa-Fisherman festivals in an Istrian town of Vrsar is a unique experience, available at Adriatic.

Birdwatching in Kopacki Rit-Exciting birdwatching on one of the largest wetlands in Europe.

Dvorišta—the Courtyards of Zagreb-Get behind closed doors in old Zagreb and meet some locals during a ten-day festival.

Skiing and Snowboarding-Northern Croatia boasts a few decent skiing locations in winter.