

CROATIA & SLOVENIA

Two Beautiful Countries

18th to 30th September



Croatia and Slovenia are countries that for many people have yet to be discovered. Visitors to the area are greeted by a warm welcome in Slovenia and the beautiful elongated coastline in Croatia, one of the finest in Europe. This two centre holiday takes in the crystal blue water and fairytale castle which gives Slovenian Lake Bled a truly magical atmosphere, and the beautiful Croatian resort of Opatija which has a gentle climate and luxurious subtropical vegetation and was once the favourite resort of European royalty.

Saturday 18th September Depart early morning for Dover and the ferry to Calais, from where we make our way to our overnight stop at Sindelfingen.

Sunday 19th September Today we continue our journey across Germany and Austria into Slovenia and on to Lake Bled our home for the next three nights.

Monday 20th September A day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Bled; maybe ride a gondola-like pletna to the idyllic Island and ring the church bell, which is said to make your wishes come true!

Tuesday 21st September Journey through the Triglav National Park to Lake Bohinj. Steep ravines and gentle grass valleys cut through the green landscape and waterfalls tumble down the sheer rocks as you pass, the most famous of which is the huge Mostnice waterfall in Voje valley.

Wednesday 22nd September After breakfast we leave Bled and make our way to the Postojna Caves consisting of mysterious, beautiful sculpted galleries, chambers and halls. A special train will take us on a guided journey around the caves. We then journey on to Lipica Stud Farm, where the graceful Lipizzaner horses are bred. After our visit we continue on to Opatija on the Istrian Peninsula, our home for the next four nights.

Thursday 23rd September Today we shall have a full day guided tour of the red, heart-shaped land that is Istria. We shall see "Green Istria", the forests, valleys and hills with their ruins and belfries; make stops at Rovinj, Pula, where we shall visit the Roman Amphitheatre and Porec.

Friday 24th September Today we shall spend a day with a guide on the "Golden Island of Krk" - the largest island in the Adriatic, taking a boat to the small islet of Kosljun to visit the Franciscan



Pula Amphitheatre Croatian National Tourist Board Remco Kosirovic

monastery, see the city of Krk and Vrbnik, most famous for its white wine - Vrbnicka žlahtina.

Saturday 25th September A day at leisure to further explore this seaside town.

Sunday 26th September Today we leave Opatija and make our way to the Plitvice Lakes National Park where we are staying for one night. One of the most beautiful National Parks in Croatia and UNESCO protected, the park comprises of 16 turquoise coloured lakes with crystal clear waters each set at a different level, they join each other in a series of cascading waterfalls, surrounded by nature and mountain forests.

Monday 27th September Departing after breakfast we make our way to Berchtesgaden, our home for the next two nights.

Tuesday 28th September Today we visit the idyllic setting of Berchtesgaden National Park, dominated by Germany's second highest mountain the Watzmann, which towers above the emerald-green lake Königssee. Here we shall have time to relax by the lake or maybe take a boat trip (cost not included).

Wednesday 29th September Departing after breakfast we commence our homeward journey, making our overnight stop at Boppard on the Rhine.

Thursday 30th September Today we continue our homeward journey, making stops for refreshments en route and arriving back in Oxted mid evening.

What's included:

Marriott Stuttgart Hotel, Sindelfingen

Hotel Astoria, Bled

Grand Hotel 4 Opatijska Cvijeta, Opatija

Hotel Jezero, Plitvice

Alpenhotel Kronprinz, Berchtesgaden

Hotel Ebertor, Boppard

A total of 12 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

All bedrooms have private facilities, TV & telephone.

Time to explore Bled, Opatija, Pula, Rovinj, Porec & Berchtesgaden National Park

Scenic drive to Bohinj Valley & Triglav National Park

Entry to Postojna Caves, Lipica Stud Farm, Pula amphitheatre & Plitvice National Park

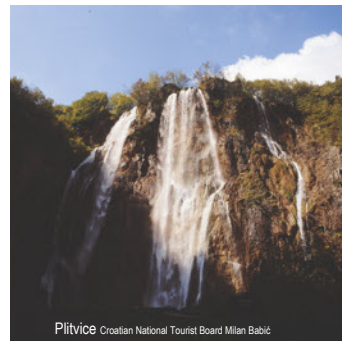
Full day guided tour of Istria peninsula

Full day tour of Krk with boat trip to Kosljun

COST: £1270.00 per person

Single Room Supp: £180.00

Club Class Seat on Ferry £27.50



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