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## TREASURES OF CROATIA & BOSNIA

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Endowed with spectacular scenery, the sun-dappled Croatian coast backed by Bosnian mountains is a world-class destination in its own right. But the real jewel in the crown comes courtesy of the Romans, Venetians and Ottomans, who cast their culture-charged spell over the region.



Walk across Mostar's landmark Stari Most (Old Bridge).



Stroll the pretty Riva waterfront in Split

## DAY 1 - WELCOME TO SPLIT!

After touch down at Split Airport, transfers depart at 09:00, 11:30 and 15:00 hours for your hotel in the historic centre. Stroll down streets steeped in history, through the heart of the greatest Roman ruin in western Europe, to the town's famous Riva seafront promenade. *This evening, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.* 📍 Hotel: Cornaro (WD)

## DAY 2 - SPLIT & THE PALACE OF DIOCLETIAN.

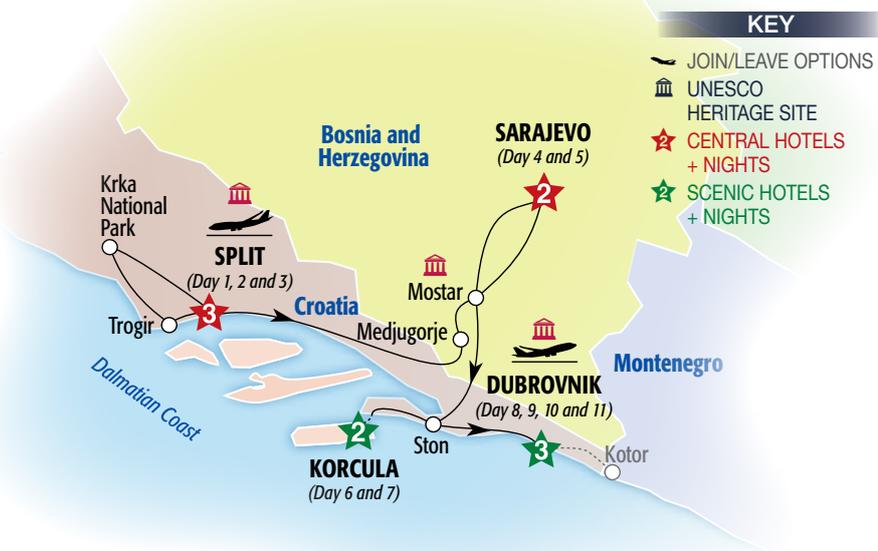
**RS** Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of the historic centre of Split. Over 1700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built an enormous palace here, and today those same buildings make up the architectural fabric of the old town. *Venture underground into the rooms thought to have housed his slaves.* ☀️ The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares at your own pace. In the evening, don't miss the opportunity of dinner in a traditional 'konoba'. (BB)

## DAY 3 - THE WATER WONDERLAND OF KRKA NATIONAL PARK.

Today's route between sea and hinterland affords breathtaking views over the rustic landscapes around the ancient town of Trogir and the sparkling Dalmatian coast. *Continue to the lakes, rivers and waterfalls of Krka National Park.* 📍 From the cluster of stone cottages, water-mills and workshops, embark on a delightful walk through forest pathways and looping wooden boardwalks, connecting emerald green waters and cascading falls. There is time for a refreshing swim in the Elysian waters before continuing up the most exciting Krka river canyons, famous for postcard perfect views of idyllic Visovac Island. Return to Split for time at leisure. (BB)

## 11 Days Premium Journey

Exploring Croatia & Bosnia Herzegovina



This outstanding journey includes: **RS** Relaxed Starts, transfers, & Business Class legroom, plus our great 5-star services.

### DAY 4 – MEDJUGORJE & SARAJEVO.

Cross the Bosnian border to visit Medjugorje, where six local children claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary. ☼ Since then, this sleepy village has been transformed into a popular place of pilgrimage. Continue along the beautiful Neretva Gorge and Jablanica Lake, where Tito launched his surprise Partisan attacks on the Germans during WWII. Your destination is Sarajevo, a town with a turbulent past - in 1914 it was the site of the assassination that sparked WWII and more recently, it endured the longest siege in modern military history. Hotel: Europa. (BB,D)

### DAY 5 – SARAJEVO, WHERE EAST MEETS WEST.

**RS** A Local Expert unravels the cultural complexities and turbulent history of the city today. Visit the War Tunnel Museum, housing part of the subterranean passage that served as Sarajevo's lifeline during the Bosnian war. Meet and talk with one of the survivors, for whom the Siege of Sarajevo remains a defining moment of his life. ☺ Then stroll through the Turkish-style Baščaršija, the old medieval bazaar founded by the Ottomans in the 15C. Admire Gazi Husrev-beg's Mosque and the impressive Old Synagogue. The preparation and drinking of Bosnian coffee is a real ceremony in this part of the world. Learn the secrets and savour what Sarajevans call coffee with ceif! ☺ This afternoon, there is time at leisure or perhaps join an expedition high into the mountains to visit Bosnia's most isolated village. Tonight's dinner promises warm hospitality, classic regional cuisine and a unique insight into the local way of life. ☺ (BB,HD)

### DAY 6 – MOSTAR & KORCULA.

Head back to Croatia today via the white city of Mostar. Walk across the famous Stari Most and cobbled old town which stretches on both sides of the bridge. ☼ There is free time for lunch before descending to the Croatian border

and the port of Orebic to set sail for Korcula, on the island of the same name. Hotel: Liburna (BB)

### DAY 7 – ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO IN KORCULA.

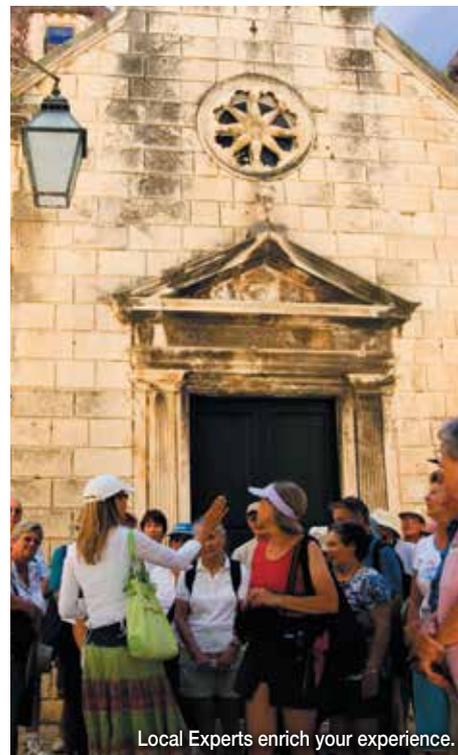
**RS** The locals claim the celebrated globetrotter, Marco Polo was born here. Make up your own mind during a guided walking tour through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas, all framed by honey-coloured fortifications. ☼ Look out for the spirited 16th century Moreska sword dance, which was once performed all over the Mediterranean, but now only found in this medieval town. Perhaps join your fellow travellers tonight for dinner by the seaside? (BB)

### DAY 8 – WINE, OYSTERS & DUBROVNIK.

Cross over to the gnarly old vines, clinging to the sun baked slopes of the Peljesac peninsula. Meet a local vintner to learn about the Plavac mali grape and sample the full-bodied wines. ☼ Continue to Ston, where the 'Great Wall of Croatia' stretches across the narrow isthmus. These waters have been famous for shellfish since Roman times. At a local oyster farm, see how these tasty delicacies are gathered from the sea, before sitting down to a fresh seafood lunch at a typical taverna. ☺ Now on for three wonderful nights in the walled town of Dubrovnik. Hotel: President (BB,HL)

### DAY 9 – DUBROVNIK, PARADISE ON EARTH!

**RS** Explore the stone paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town with a Local Expert. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Place, as well as the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. ☼ According to George Bernard Shaw - Those who seek Paradise on earth should come to Dubrovnik! So the rest of the day is free for just that. Tonight, within the city's mighty ramparts, there is the option of dinner at a local restaurant. (BB)



Local Experts enrich your experience.

### DAY 10 – DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE.

**RS** A day at leisure in this "Pearl of the Adriatic" to either relax by the pool, shop in the markets or stroll with friends along the ancient city walls. There is also the option of a day trip to Montenegro. Start with Kotor, situated on the only fjord on the Adriatic coast. Capture forever on film one of the most beautiful parts of the bay and learn some of the compelling history of the area. Then to the picturesque town of Budva where there is free time for lunch. This evening, there's laughter and a hubbub of clicking glasses aboard your harbour cruise. Sail around the crenellated walls to a waterside restaurant for a Mediterranean Celebration Dinner where the food is fragrant and the memories unforgettable. ☺ (BB,CD)

### DAY 11 – DEPART DUBROVNIK.

Your tour ends after breakfast. Transfers leave for Dubrovnik Airport at 09:00 & 11:30 hours. (BB)

### INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

1 Welcome Dinner (WD), 1 Highlight Lunch (HL)  
10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Highlight Dinner (HD),  
1 three-course table d'hote Dinner (D),  
and 1 Celebration Dinner (CD)



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## INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS  FEATURE HOTELS 

-  **Split:** Your introductory dining experience is designed to welcome guests on tour in a relaxed and friendly way, with good food and wine and old-fashioned hospitality.
-  **Split:** With a local historian, explore above and below ground within the walls of the Roman Emperor Diocletian's palace - now the heart of modern day Split.
-  **Split:** Experience the pristine water wonderland of Krka National Park housing some of Croatia's most famous natural sights.
-  **Medjugorje:** Visit the town where six children claimed to have been visited by the Virgin Mary and has gone on to become a major place of pilgrimage .
-  **Sarajevo:** A personal insight into a city under siege! Visit the "Tunnel of Hope", and talk directly with a resident who lived through the 44 month blockade and was privy to the city's secret lifeline.
-  **Sarajevo:** Tour the medieval Baščaršija and master the complex culture of Bosnian coffee.
-  **Sarajevo:** A unique and rewarding insight into the local way of life. Savour warm hospitality and authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories about the local culture and recent struggles.
-  **Mostar:** Explore the old town and learn the symbolic significance of the Old Bridge, Stari Most, after which the town was named.
-  **Korcula:** See Marco Polo's house, Bishop's Palace, Cathedral and town museum.
-  **Pelješac:** Join a wine expert to explore the full bodied flavours of the local wine, considered by many to be the country's finest.
-  **Ston:** See oysters plucked straight from the bay and fall in love with the tastes of the Adriatic over a seafood lunch.
-  **Dubrovnik:** See Onofrio's Fountain, Rector's Palace and city walls. Admire the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries.
-  **Dubrovnik:** Drink in hand, witness the imposing city walls from the sea during a cruise across the harbour. Then settle in for a Mediterranean style Celebration Dinner at a waterside restaurant with excellent sea views.
-  **Split:** Located within two blocks of Diocletian's Palace, the new, modern Hotel Cornaro boasts spacious rooms, friendly, helpful staff, design and fixtures to suit a luxury home.

### PASSENGER CONDITIONS:

**Tips & Taxes & Portage:** Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage. All tips are included for services on tour provided by dining-room waiters, chambermaids and porters at hotels.

**What's Not Included:** Airfares, airport taxes and charges imposed by third parties, passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, tips and gratuities to the Tour Director, coaches drivers and local city guides, excess baggage, optional experiences and travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see your Travel Agent for further details.

- A deposit of AUD \$200 per person is required within 7 days of booking.

**Final Payment:** Required to your travel agent no later than 70 days prior to departure.

**Price:** the advertised price is in Australian dollars. No surcharges in regards to cost or currency fluctuations will be made once deposit is received. This guarantee excludes fuel surcharges and does not apply to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies. No discounts are applicable with this tour.

**Discounts:** Frequent Traveller & 2nd tour Discount apply only. No other discounts are available on this tour. Refer our current Europe & Britain brochure for conditions of these.

#### Cancellation Fees:

The following scale of charges apply when cancellation is notified: No of days prior to tour commencement. Cancellation fee a % of total tour price

More than 70 days loss of deposit

Between 69 & 30 days 38.5%

Between 29 & 08 days 55%

Between 07 days to departure 100% of fare

**Amendments:** A fee of \$50 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

**Refunds:** No refund is available if cancellations occur after the tour has commenced or in respect of any tours, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

#### Itinerary Changes & Tour Cancellation:

Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any tour departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised tours require minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met Insight Vacations reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

**Hotels:** The hotels listed in the itinerary are confirmed, although subject to change for reasons beyond our control.

**Rooming Arrangements:** Please note that single accommodation is usually limited. Occupying a single room either by choice or circumstance is subject to the applicable supplement.

**Tour Membership:** Any person aged 5 years or more is eligible, though if under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Tour Director may, at his or her discretion, require any person to withdraw from any tour if he or she deems the person's acts or conduct offensive or a nuisance to other passengers, and we shall have no further liability.

**Portage:** for one suitcase on tour is included in the tour price and at arrival or departure from each tour hotel. Due to limited coach capacity this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30kg (66lbs) and dimensions not exceeding 77.5cm (30.5in) x 56cm (22in) x 32cm (12.5in). Charges will be levied in the event these limits are exceeded and our promise to transport you as indicated may be invalidated. Note: Airlines may restrict check-in baggage to 20kgs per person.

**Documentation:** Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from Australia, documentation will be received by your travel agent including a tour itinerary, a full Hotel list, an Optional Experience list, baggage labels & ticket wallet.

**Holidays & Changes:** During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made by Insight Vacations to minimise inconvenience to our passengers. If, however you feel your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled highlight dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice.

- Pre or post tour accommodation is subject to availability. If not available, an alternative may be offered.

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