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HIGHLIGHTS: Zadar - Plitvice Lakes National Park - Zagreb





ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Welcome to Croatia - The unparalleled beauty and diversity of landscape, with mountains, lakes, rivers, 8 National Parks, and the crystal-clear Adriatic Sea with more than 1200 islands and islets are just a few reasons why you should visit Croatia! Croatia has it all, heritage-rich cities, rivers and sea, mountains and plains, world-class food, and warm-hearted people! Anchor in one of many hidden gem coves, walk through wild landscapes under UNESCO's protection, and taste delicious dishes you'll remember forever! It's a destination that will deliver more than you could expect and certainly, whether you're a nature lover, history buff, foodie, or just looking for a relaxing vacation, you'll find everything you're looking for in Croatia and you'll have a wish to go back!



Zadar is a treasure trove of archaeological treasures and monuments to the ancient, medieval, and Renaissance periods. This is visible by a number of sacral and architectural monuments - the church of Sv. Donat (St. Donatus), where every summer the sounds of Zadar's musical evening echo, the Roman Forum near the main square, Kalelarga - the longest and widest street, the Cathedral of Sv. Stošije (St. Anastasia), an Archaeological Museum with its exceptional treasures and many other monuments of cultural and historical heritage (town gate, Arsenal, churches, museums...).

In a city with the most beautiful sunset, in a maritime archipelago facing a multitude of islands and islets, which protect the city from the strong winds, enjoy the symphony of the Sea Organ and magical urban light installation Pozdrav Suncu (Greeting the Sun) near the new harbor for cruise ships.

Breakfast at the hotel and check out, it's time to say goodbye to Split city. Your driver will pick you up and your next stop is Zadar where you will explore this beautiful city **accompanied by your local** guide!

One of the best Zadar attractions is the sea organ. The magic that is the **Sea Organ**, known as the Morske Orgulje in Croatian, is mesmerizing. Okay, it's not magic, the music comes from the waves. The waves push air through 35 underwater pipes stretching across 70 meters, and the sound pops-up all along the promenade, known as the Riva.

Head to the sea organ at least half-hour before the sun is scheduled to vanish into the horizon to claim your front-row seat or even better come to Zadar in Autumn and Spring when there are fewer tourists.

After you've watched the sunset, turn to your right, and just next door is a solar-powered work of art that explodes with an array of brightly colored lights - **The Greeting to the Sun**. Tap dance, tip-toe, or waltz across its glass surface as it changes hues. The Greeting to the Sun consists of three hundred multi-layer glass plates in the shape of a circle 22 meters in diameter. It is conceived as a spatial installation in the form of an amphitheater surrounded by stone blocks with a presentation of all Solar System planets and their orbits.

Evening at leisure and overnight in Zadar city.





SERVICES

- Private transfer in a luxury vehicle from Split to Zadar (Mercedes or similar)
- English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Zadar city, up to 2 hrs
- Accommodation in Zadar, Almayer Art & Heritage Hotel 4* or similar, double room, breakfast and taxes included



Plitvice Lakes National Park is Croatia's best known national park and the only one of eight that is listed on the UNESCO List of World Heritage sites. The main attractions of this park, are the 16 small lakes joined by waterfalls created by the sedimentation of travertine, a special type of limestone. This national park encompasses the source of the river Korana, located in the area surrounded by dense forests of beech, fir and spruce. There are also several caves in the park, as well as springs and flowering meadows. The brown bear stands out as one of many protected animal species. The popularity of this park is also boosted by the special means of transport used to ferry visitors around: the panoramic electric trains and the noiseless electro-powered boats. By a network of paths, visitors can get around and access the numerous waterfalls and the rocky lake shores easily.

Breakfast at hotel and check out.

Today head for a truly amazing and spectacular place – the **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, entrance fees and private guided tour arranged.

The first Croatian national park and a UNESCO World Heritage site, Plitvice lakes offer its visitors a blend of vivid colors, sounds and smells that are spectacular and memorable. Its 16 cascading lakes and numerous waterfalls make up one of the greatest wonders of the world. The lakes are a mesmerizing view of green and blue accompanied by the thundering sounds of the many waterfalls that connect the lakes to create a true paradise on Earth.

After exploring the National Park, enjoy some free time for lunch/dinner. Just across the entrance to National Park, you'll see LICKA KUCA restaurant that serves traditional dishes.

Try ham, "basa" cottage cheese, lamb under iron cover, grilled meats, baked potatoes, trout, sour milk, the Lika fritters, and the Lika strudels made of cheese, apple or plum, are just some of the specialties of this region.

Final drive to Zagreb – capital of Croatia will follow.

Overnight in Zagreb.

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- English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Plitvice Lakes, up to 3 hrs
- Entrance fee to Plitvice National Park

Terrain: Gravel & Steep; Bring comfortable shoes and a jacket even in the summertime because the area is in the mountains and the climate is always fresh. In Plitvice guests will have to walk approximately 2000 meters over gravel and steep terrain and take up to 300 steps. Note: This tour is including significant amount of walking. Guests with walking difficulties are kindly requested to take this into consideration. Sun protection and comfortable shoes are suggested.





Accommodation in Zagreb, Sheraton Zagreb Hotel 5*, deluxe double room, breakfast and taxes included



Unveil the secrets behind the old facades, discover the hidden courtyards, and revive the stories from the past. We'll give you an entirely new perspective of the **Zagreb City**.

Walking tour of Zagreb starts with the main square Ban Jelačić, Cathedral, Tkalčićeva street, the Stone Gate, Upper Town, the historical center of the city, St. Mark's Church with the famed multi-colored roof. Using funicular, close to the Lotrščak Tower, you can go down to the Lower town to see a part of the famous Ilica street, the Croatian National Theatre, University, and more.

The Cathedral of the Assumption dominates Kaptol, its glowing towers you see off in the distance is the most immediately recognizable and commanding feature in town. It is an ornate and impressive wonder of neo-Gothic artistry. The Cathedral was founded in 1093, heavily damaged in 1242 after various sieges by the Tartars, then again in 1625 after wave of fires. But bad luck goes on. In 1880 it was severely damaged during an earthquake in 1990 exterior renovations set in motion to battle against the wearing effects of time.

Just up from the main square (Trg Bana Jelacica) by the stairs, you will find the colorful Dolac market. To the back of the market square, there are the touristy stalls that sell souvenirs. But actually, the market itself is for the locals to buy fresh produce. Downstairs you will find the meat etc. sections.

St. Mark's Church - In the highest area of historic Zagreb, this church is characterized by its roof with red, blue, and white representing the coat of arms of Zagreb. Venetian masters constructed the building, even the baroque bell tower is an addition of the seventeenth century. Inside there are Gothic vaults and a choir designed by Ivan Mestrovic. The square where it is situated is a symbol of political life because here are the locations of the Sabor (Parliament), neoclassical building, and the Croatian government.

Stone Gate - Only one of the city's four gates, the eastern one, has been preserved, and this leads to the Gradec neighborhood. Apart from being practical, it's also surrounded by a legend, which is very important to Zagreb's very devout citizens. According to this legend, the great fire of 1731 destroyed nearly all of the wooden doors except for a painting of the Virgin and Child by an unknown 17th contury artict. Beenla thought that it was a magical or miraculous painting, and since then, they have

Child by an unknown 17th-century artist. People thought that it was a magical or miraculous painting, and since then, they have come to the site to pray and make offerings. On the inside of the doors on the wall, they have used the space as a chapel with benches for the people to pray before the image locked behind iron bars and surrounded by candles and flowers.

Breakfast at the hotel!

Meeting with your guide for a **private walking city tour of Zagreb**. We'll start with exploring the capital's historic center, Gornji Grad ("Upper Town"), to see the top tourist attractions, find the most Instagram-worthy spots and walk on picturesque cobblestone streets. St. Mark's Church is one of Zagreb's most emblematic buildings. Not surprising as just a glance at the gorgeous tiled roof can take your breath away.

Dolac Market is a farmer's market located in Gornji Grad, just a few meters away from the main city square, Ban Jelačić Square. Here you can find anything from fresh fruit and vegetables to flowers and souvenirs, like Licitars.





The fairytale street of Tkalčićeva, which snakes up from focal Jelačić Trg, was once the flowing stream of Medveščak. The little side streets leading off it, Splavnica (from splav, raft) and Krvavi most "Bloody Bridge"), link to its watery origins and colorful past as the flashpoint in local disputes over the centuries.

For two decades, this atmospheric thoroughfare has provided Zagreb with its prime bar crawl, a constant current of revelers moving from spot to spot.

In free time we recommend...

<u>Visiting one of the many museums in Zagreb – such as Museum of Broken Relationships</u> - It is a physical and virtual public space created with the sole purpose of treasuring and sharing your heartbreak stories and symbolic possessions. It is a museum about you, about us, about the ways we love and lose.

If you are looking for a perfect last hike in Croatia before your departure <u>– we recommend hike to Medvednica.</u>

Sljeme is the top of Medvednica, a mountain above Zagreb. It is located at 1033 meters above sea level. An asphalt road leads to Sljeme, numerous hiking trails, and from 1963 to 2007 the Sljeme cable car was in operation. Sljeme is one of the favorite picnic spots of the people of Zagreb. There is also a ski slope on Sljeme, which is one of the locations for World Ski Cup (Snow Queen) races. At the very top is the RTV tower, 169 meters high, which was built in 1973.

Sljeme is the name for the highest peak of the Medvednica mountain and for the peak ridge that resembles the roof ridge because it steeply separates the southern Zagreb ridge from the northern Zagorje slope. The very top has the shape of a plateau on the edge of which stands a television tower clearly visible from both Zagreb and Zagorje. The peak itself is located 50 m further along a well-maintained path that leads to the upper stations of the newer three-seater cable car and the "anchor" on Činovnička livada. At the top is the house of the HGSS Station in Zagreb, several ski barracks and restaurants Vidikovac and Zlatni medvjed.

Visiting one of many beautiful parks in Zagreb – <u>such as Park Maksimir – often called the pearl of the city –</u> it is the oldest public park in Southeast Europe, dating back to 1794. It is also home to the Zagreb Zoo, which has been open since 1925 and is one of the oldest and most highly regarded zoos in Europe. It is also home to the largest number of endangered species. Maksimir Park is a great place to visit for nature lovers and history buffs alike. The park features a variety of different landscapes, including forests, meadows, and lakes, as well as several important historical and cultural sites. The park is also home to many different animals, including deer, wild boars, and a variety of bird species. It has a number of hiking and biking trails for visitors to explore. Enjoy the greenery, peace, smells and experiences in the heart of the City of Zagreb, get to know its natural beauty and cultural sights that, located in a green corner, tell the story of their time, and rest your mind and body in a multitude of quiet places for relaxation and recreation.

Lastly, you can wrap up your journey with a glass of wine, we recommend visiting the <u>Bornstein Wine Club</u>! Time at leisure and an overnight in Zagreb.

Lunch/Dinner recommendations: <u>Vinodol restaurant</u>, <u>Dubravkin Put restaurant</u>, ManO Restaurant

SERVICES

- English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Zagreb town, up to 2 hrs
- Accommodation in Zagreb, Sheraton Zagreb Hotel 5*, deluxe double room, breakfast and taxes included







Breakfast at hotel and check out!

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye, your transfer from your hotel to Zagreb airport by private car is arranged! SRETAN PUT I HVALA! (Bon Voyage and Thank you!)

SERVICES

- Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from your hotel to Zagreb airport

Bon Voyage / Sretan Put!

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INCLUSION LIST

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- ✓ ALL VAT/TAXES INCLUDED
- ✓ 24H CONCIERGE SERVICE WHILE IN THE COUNTRY
- ✓ Private transfer in a luxury vehicle from Split to Zadar (Mercedes or similar)
- ✓ English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Zadar city, up to 2 hrs
- ✓ Sep 23 24, 2023 1 Night Accommodation in Zadar, Almayer Art & Heritage Hotel 4* or similar, double room, breakfast and taxes included
- ✓ Private transfer with English-speaking driver in a modern vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from Zadar to Zagreb, with en-route visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- ✓ English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Plitvice Lakes, up to 3 hrs
- ✓ Entrance fee to Plitvice National Park
- ✓ Sep 24 26, 2023 2 Nights Accommodation in Zagreb, Sheraton Zagreb Hotel 5*, deluxe double room, breakfast and taxes included
- ✓ English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Zagreb town, up to 2 hrs
- ✓ Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from your hotel to Zagreb airport

Not Included

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Airfare, Travel Insurance please do let your expert know if you'd need assistance
- ✓ Additional sightseeing, activities, and experiences outside of your itinerary
- ✓ Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, mini bar etc.)
- ✓ Gratuity for services and experiences







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Cancellations of confirmed bookings 45 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus 15% of the program price and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g., non-refundable airfare, cruise, or hotel deposits). 44 days or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.

Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary.

Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges, or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.

Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. Any holds we have placed on your behalf are temporary, hotels and services listed are not guaranteed, prices subject to change. We recommend booking early and quickly.

We accept payment via credit card or wire transfer. Program package quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless specifically noted on the itinerary.

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Disabled persons

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Change Request Deadline





We understand that there may be a need to change a component or item of your final booking program and we will try our best to accommodate such requests (but cannot guarantee that such request can be accommodated and if accommodated that such will not increase the cost of your booking package). We request that you give us as much advance notice as possible of any additional requests or nuances or changes to your program. Prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs, and taxes. Adriatic Allure retains the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Adriatic Allure retains the right to cancel or vary any itinerary and substitute components of the itineraries and arranged sightseeing due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Adriatic Allure control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the fibal itinerary has been issued.

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Travelers must provide required health documentation for travel and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Adriatic Allure staff during their journey. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to travel or continue on the journey. Guest voluntarily assumes all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing or quarantine, become infected with COVID-19 or experience travel interruptions or delays.

Insurance / Cancellation Insurance

Adriatic Allure strongly recommends you buy trip cancellation/interruption insurance to protect yourself from unexpected circumstances that may cause you to cancel your trip.

Before traveling on a trip, we strongly recommend you review your personal insurance and health insurance to ensure you have coverage appropriate to meet your needs, and the needs of your family and dependants, in case of any loss of property or illness, injury or death.

Passports and Visas

For most destinations, valid passport is required. Contact the relevant consulate or embassy for the most up-to-date visa requirements. Prior to confirming your vacations plans, check your passport to ensure that it is valid for the duration of your trip. Certain countries require that your passport remains valid for at least six months beyond the date you plan to leave. You may be denied entry to a certain country if passport expires fewer than six months after the day you are scheduled to leave. Please have your passport with you on excursions crossing into surrounding countries/border crossings.

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