

Croatia Bike & Boat: Split & the Dalmatian Islands

Pre-Trip-Extension - Zagreb Pre-Trip Extension

2 Nights from \$595.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at the 5-star Hotel Le Premier in Zagreb
- Airport car service for arrival
- Daily breakfast
- 3-course lunch at a local restaurant
- Private guided tours of Zagreb and Plitvice Lakes
- City information
- Car service from Zagreb to Split

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart home / Fly overnight to Zagreb

Depart home for Croatia. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

DAY 2: Arrive in Zagreb / Begin your Pre-Trip Extension

Upon arrival at the Zagreb Franjo Tudman Airport, claim your luggage and clear customs. If your luggage is lost, you must fill out a PIR form before leaving the customs area; VBT representatives are not allowed into the customs area. Also, make sure that your VBT luggage tags are attached to your bags so that your representative can identify you.

The representative will be waiting outside the customs area in the international arrivals terminal and will be holding a VBT sign. Then travel by private car (approximately 25 minutes) to your hotel in Zagreb. The rest of the day is free to explore the city, using VBT's city information as your guide. Choose a restaurant for dinner on your own.

If you are going to be delayed meeting our transportation representative for more than 15 minutes due to delayed or lost luggage, please let our representative know by calling or sending a text message to +385 989 655474. Please type "VBT Guest" at the beginning of your text. Our representatives are generally able to wait for up to 45 minutes from the time your flight lands, after which you will be responsible for your own transportation. However, they might be able to reschedule your transportation if they are aware of the delay. You may also contact Allianz Global Assistance to advise of your delay, and they will contact

our transportation service.

Please note: Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage with the reception desk.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb

DAY 3: Zagreb walking tour / Independent exploration of Zagreb

After breakfast, meet your local guide at 9:00 a.m. at the hotel for a guided walking tour of Croatia's scenic capital. Endless rewards await those who explore Zagreb on foot. Follow your host into Jelacic Square, named for the 19th-century military general, and into Dolac Market, where growers convene to sell fresh vegetables, fruits, honey, oil and handicrafts. Continue to Gornji Grad, Zagreb's historic Upper Town. Admire the city's cathedral, St. Mark's Church and Croatian Parliament while here and perhaps eye a place for lunch on the popular pedestrian Tkalciceva Street, lined with cafés. As you pass the Lotrščak Tower, you may hear the midday cannon firing, a ritual that's been carried out since January 1, 1877.

Enjoy lunch on your own and then follow your interests. Browse the collections at the Museum of Contemporary Art or the Arts and Crafts Museum, or the Croatian Museum of Naïve Art, one of the first to exhibit this unique art form in the world. Dinner this evening is on your own.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Travel to Split / Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park

After breakfast, you meet your English-speaking driver and travel to Split. En route, you stop to explore one of Croatia's most splendid natural wonders, Plitvice Lakes National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage site is renowned for its many lakes – 16 in all – that descend down a hillside in a step pattern over karst and through dense woodland. The setting here is lush and primitive, a spellbinding canvas of greens and blues set to a mesmerizing soundtrack of falling water. Join a local guide for a private tour along the trails and boardwalks that wind through the park. As you stroll, you might spot some of the 55 species of orchid here.

After taking in the breathtaking beauty, pause for a memorable three-course Croatian lunch, sampling a cuisine with Slavic, Hungarian, and Turkish influences and spices. Whatever's on the menu, you can be sure of fresh ingredients locally sourced and harvested.

Arrive in Split, a waterfront gem, late this afternoon. So beautiful is its seaside setting that the 3rd-century Roman Emperor Diocletian chose this place as his retirement home; remarkably, his ancient palace still plays a major role in the city's daily life, hosting shops and restaurants. There'll be time to settle in to your hotel before setting out for dinner on your own this evening, wandering the labyrinthine warrens, passageways, and courtyards.

Accommodation: Hotel Cornaro, Split

Included Meals: Breakfast