



Dalmatian Discovery

15 DAY TOUR

OCTOBER 5 - 19, 2015

TOUR HOST

Jean Van Wyk

FEATURING:

ZAGREB • LJUBLJANA • LAKE BLEĐ • VINTGAR GORGE
POSTOJNA CAVE • ROVINJ • PULA • PLITVICE LAKES
ZADAR • SPLIT • HVAR ISLAND • MALI STON • DUBROVNIK

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Discover the land of a thousand islands - the Dalmatian coast! Croatia and Slovenia are places of outstanding beauty and true inspiration. It is a land where the hues of the sunny and warm Mediterranean happily blend with the tranquillity and freshness of mountains and the gentle sway of the golden plains. It has been celebrated since ancient times - from Cassiodorus, who wrote of the divine life led by Patricians on her shores, to Dante, who wrote his immortal verses, enthralled by the epic scenes of the blue expanse, and all the way to George Bernard Shaw, who found his paradise on Earth right here. Join us on an unforgettable journey featuring the captivating nature and rich heritage of this magical region.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Day 1 • Departure Day

Today we meet our fellow travellers at the airport to board the departure flight, ready to begin a journey filled with new and exciting experiences.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 | D

Day 2 • Arrive Zagreb

Upon arrival, we are transferred to our hotel where we enjoy a welcome drink. Then we can take a short stroll around the hotel area where there is lots to see and do, before enjoying dinner at the hotel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | BD

Day 3 • Zagreb Walking tour

After breakfast this morning we enjoy a walking tour of the old city. Leaving our hotel, we walk a short distance to the funicular which takes us up to the old part of the city. We learn about the history and architecture of Zagreb, while we enjoy the view from the location of the fortified walls. After wandering through the old city, we end up in the market, just across from our hotel. Take some time to explore on your own this afternoon, but work up an appetite, as tonight we are treated to dinner at a famous local restaurant.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 | BD

Day 4 • Trakoscan Castle - Ljubljana

After breakfast today, we depart Zagreb heading for Ljubljana in Slovenia. Along the way we stop on the Zagorje hillside to tour Trakoscan Castle - one of Croatia's most beautiful castles! After a break for lunch, we continue into Slovenia and our final destination, Ljubljana. This afternoon we have some free time to wander on our own before dinner at our hotel.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | BD

Day 5 • Ljubljana - Bled

This morning we enjoy a local tour of Ljubljana, including a ride on a funicular to visit the castle and view the famous Triple Bridge. After lunch we depart for Bled, and enjoy the scenery as we travel west. Upon arrival we take a boat ride to the island in the middle of Lake Bled and visit the Church of the Assumption. After we check into our hotel, take some free time to explore this lovely little town.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | BD

Day 6 • Vintgar Gorge - Bled Castle

This morning we visit the Vintgar Gorge, one of the most popular natural features in Slovenia. Along the narrow passage, where the Radovna River thrashes loudly against its rocky confines, there are paths, galleries and bridges constructed in the rock. We then take a private tour of Bled Castle, one of the most visited tourist attractions in Slovenia, built on top of a 130 metre cliff overlooking the lake. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore, shop or enjoy the facilities at the hotel. Tonight we enjoy a dinner and folklore entertainment at a local restaurant.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 | BD

Day 7 • Postojna - Rovinj

Today we depart for Postojna where we will tour the famous Postojna Cave. We begin our visit aboard the cave train and the lighting allows us to admire the size and splendour of the underground world. Next we visit the Lipica Stud Farm, the cradle of all Lipizzaner horses in the world. Nowadays, it is one of the most beautiful cultural and historical monuments of the Republic of Slovenia, its rich history dating back to the year of 1580. After a break for lunch we continue down the Istrian Peninsula to Rovinj

and our hotel for the next two nights. We enjoy dinner at our hotel tonight.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 | BLD

Day 8 • Istrian Peninsula - Pula

Today we tour the city of **Pula**, where the town centre is dotted with Roman ruins, the most impressive of which are the spectacular Roman amphitheatre and the first century Triumphal Arch of Sergius. Next we board a small cruise boat for a panoramic sail around the **Brijuni Islands National Park** and a light lunch served aboard. Until a few years ago, the islands were closed to the general public as they were the summer residence of President Tito. After our cruise we return to our hotel.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | BD

Day 9 • Plitvice

This morning we travel to the beautiful **Plitvice National Park**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS)**. Along the way we make a short stop at the war museum in **Karlovac**. Upon arrival we take a walking tour of the lakes, including an electric train ride and a short boat trip. After our boat ride we will have a lunch break at the dock before finishing our walk. Dinner tonight will be at our hotel.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 | BD

Day 10 • Zadar - Split

Our travels today take us back down to the Dalmatian coast as we journey to **Split**. We make a stop in **Zadar** for a walking tour of this ancient city, and then enjoy the sounds of the **Sea Organ**. Designed by architect Nikola Basic and opened in April 2005, the Sea Organ captures the movement of the waves and transforms it into music - or something like it. Next we travel to **Skradin** where we walk around this charming town and have lunch on our own. Then we enjoy a wine tasting at **Bibich**

Wine Cellar, before travelling to our hotel in Split.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 | BD

Day 11 • Split City Tour - Free Time

Today we enjoy a walking tour of the walled city centre of Split; these walls are part of the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace (WHS)**, of which construction was started in AD 298. Split is the second largest city in Croatia, but most of the historical buildings and monuments lie within these walls. The afternoon is free to relax on the beach or wander to our hearts content. The markets are close at hand.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | BLD

Day 12 • Hvar Island

After breakfast this morning we depart Split by ferry for the beautiful **Island of Hvar**. Here we enjoy a tour of the village of Hvar, and then a scenic ride across the island, where we see the **UNESCO protected lavender fields of Stari Grad**. We will sample some of the wines of Hvar while enjoying lunch in a local restaurant, and still have some free time to wander Stari Grad before catching the ferry back to Split.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 | BD

Day 13 • Mali Ston - Dubrovnik

Today we depart Split for **Dubrovnik (WHS)**. Along the way we make a short stop at **Mali Ston** to see the great scenery, old stone houses and the longest fortification walls in Europe. Then a short ride to the town of Dubrovnik, where we will take the tram up the mountain for an exceptional view over the old walled city. Afterwards we check into our hotel for the next two nights.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | BD

Day 14 • Dubrovnik City Tour

This morning we enjoy a walking tour of the fortified **Old Town of Dubrovnik**,

known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. Here the medieval stone walls and fortresses are the best preserved in the whole region. The remainder of the afternoon is free to do some last minute shopping or take a walk along the top of the city walls, before going out for our farewell dinner and a **folkloric show in the nearby town of Konavle**.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 | B

Day 15 • Return Home

This morning we are taken to the airport for our flight home, where family and friends are waiting to hear about our exciting adventure.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Active

Able to walk 4 km on uneven surfaces such as cobblestone streets and be able to climb stairs or steep inclines unassisted.



SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

- Funicular ride to Ljubljana Castle
- Boat Ride on Lake Bled
- Private Tour of Bled Castle
- Folklore dinner and entertainment in Bled
- Luncheon Cruise around Brijuni Islands N.P.
- Boat and train ride around Plitvice Lakes N.P.
- Wine tasting at Bibich Wine Cellar
- Ferry ride to Hvar Island and wine sampling
- Tram Ride up Mt. Srd to view Dubrovnik

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PRICES

Victoria	\$5895
Vancouver	\$5895
Calgary	\$5895
Toronto	\$5695

Prices from other cities available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The supplement for a single room is \$740 per person.

This tour is not subject to GST/HST.

PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class airfare
- Current airline taxes, fuel surcharges and airport fees (\$630)
- Superior Tourist class and First class hotels
- First class motorcoach
- Meals as shown (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Professional tour guide
- Sightseeing tours including entrance fees
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Tipping for all included services
- All foreign taxes
- Rostad Tours travel gift
- Tour documentation and travel information

Not Included: Meals not shown, Beverages, Items of a personal nature, Any airline luggage fees, Increases to surcharges, taxes or fees, Insurance.

DEPOSIT INFORMATION

- Deposit of \$300 is fully refundable until 90 days before departure
- Make cheques payable to Rostad Tours Ltd.
- Visa or MasterCard accepted

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Tour Conditions & Information

RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is completely refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after the deposit is received.

FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than 90 days before departure. If you are joining the tour within 90 days of departure, full payment is required.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For payments made by credit card, we reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. All credit card payments will be processed in Canadian dollars.

SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate we will attempt to find a suitable travelling companion to share a room with you. If you join the tour by May 8, 2015 and we are unable to find a roommate, you will only be charged one-half of the single supplement. If you join the tour after May 8, 2015 and we are not able to find a roommate, you will be charged the full single supplement. Triple rooms, while not recommended, can be arranged.

RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request in writing at least 90 days prior to departure. If planning an extension, an additional non-refundable payment may be required in order to reserve flights and other arrangements. Any subsequent changes, cancellations

of extension arrangements or changes requested within 90 days of departure are subject to a service fee of \$100 per person in addition to any fees charged by the various travel suppliers.

TOUR PRICE

The prices shown are based on currency levels, airfares, and taxes valid as at December 1, 2014 and are subject to change. Once you have paid in full we guarantee that there will be no price increases due to currency exchange fluctuations or airfare increases.

FUEL SURCHARGES

It has become common practice for airlines, cruise lines and motorcoach companies to apply surcharges due to the volatile price of fuel. These surcharges are included in the price of the tour based on surcharges in effect as at December 1, 2014 and are subject to change.

CANCELLATIONS

Your deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to 90 days prior to departure. Cancellations after this date are subject to the following cancellation charges:

90 to 61 days prior to departure	\$ 2000
60 to 31 days	\$ 3000
30 to 0 days	\$ 4000

If you cancel, you will receive back all money paid towards the tour less the applicable cancellation fee. The charges apply to the base price of the tour only and do not include cancellation charges for any extra arrangements such as single supplement, accommodation upgrades, additional tours, etc.

INSURANCE

We recommend that all passengers buy insurance to protect themselves against any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. An

all-inclusive policy which has cancellation, hospital/medical and baggage coverage will be offered to Alberta residents prior to making their final payment. For passengers residing outside of Alberta, we will explain how you can obtain our special group rates for travel insurance direct from Reliable Life Insurance. As your deposit is fully refundable until 90 days prior to departure, you do not need to purchase insurance until that date.

PASSPORTS

A passport is required for all tour participants. Some countries require that your passport to be valid for at least three months and some at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport, or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 90 days before departure.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

During walking tours you will likely experience uneven ground, cobblestone streets and various amounts of steps or stairs. For your enjoyment, and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk several kilometres easily. Should you feel a particular excursion may be too strenuous, you are welcome to forego the sightseeing tour and rest or explore on your own. At the time of printing, no inoculations are required for this tour.

TOUR DOCUMENTS

The tour documents (hotel list, flight itinerary, name tag, etc.) will be sent approximately 30 days prior to departure. Please notify our office in writing if you require any information in advance of this date.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Tour members are allowed one suitcase per person with the total dimensions not

to exceed 60" (i.e. 30" length + 20" height + 10" width) and a maximum weight of 23 kg. Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, any baggage or any tour member's personal belongings.

ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP

Rostad Tours reserves the right to reject any person as a tour member and to expel from the tour any person whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by the other passengers. Children 6 years of age and under at the time the tour departs are considered too young to travel on tour.

RESPONSIBILITY

Rostad Tours Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta act as agents for the various owners or contractors providing hotels, means of transportation or other services. Issuance and acceptance of the tour documents shall be deemed to be consent to the condition that Rostad Tours Ltd. shall not become liable or responsible in any way for any personal or property loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused or arising. In the event that we are forced to cancel a tour due to insufficient registrations, Rostad Tours Ltd.'s sole responsibility shall be the refund of all monies paid to Rostad Tours by the tour participant.



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PASSENGER REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail it to the Tour Host or directly To Rostad Tours

If paying by credit card, you may also register by phone, fax or email a pdf of this form to Rostad Tours

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Departs: October 5, 2015

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PASSENGER INFORMATION

(1): _____ Date of Birth: 19 ____/____/____
Title Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

(2): _____ Date of Birth: 19 ____/____/____

Mailing Address : _____

City/Town: _____ Prov/State: _____ Postal Code/Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) ____-____ Work: (____) ____-____ Email: _____

Type of Accommodation Requested: Twin/Double or Single Departure City: _____

Roommate (if known): _____ If unknown, would you like us to find you a roommate? _____

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Deposit Required (per person): \$300x _____ = Total: _____

**Deposit is fully refundable
until July 07, 2015**

Payment Method: Visa Mastercard Cheque (made payable to Rostad Tours)

Credit Card # _____ Expires: ____/____
Month/Year

Cardholder Name: _____

**Please note that we reserve the
right to have credit card payments
processed by third parties such as
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