

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare – Houston to Dubrovnik and Ljubljana to Houston
- Private deluxe motor coach with tour director
- Nine nights' accommodations at 4 star hotels
- Ten days of touring (including five UNESCO World Heritage Sites)
- Daily breakfast, 6 dinners, 3 lunches
- 2 bottles of water daily
- All entrance fees, portage fees (one suitcase per person), taxes, gratuities

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- 6 lunches, 3 dinners

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **Cost of Tour - \$4,899 per person (based on double occupancy)**
- Single Supplement (Private Room) – \$800
- Land only (no airfare) – \$3,500

## PAYMENT TERMS

- \$499 non-refundable deposit due upon registration
- \$2,200 due Nov 1, 2022
- \$2,200 due Feb 1, 2023

## PAYMENT METHODS

- Check Payable to Prelude Tours and mailed to: 20011 Hill Grove Court Porter TX 77365
- Credit card – payments made by credit card will be assessed a 3% convenience fee.
- Click [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) to make credit card payments

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Prior to Nov 1, 2022 – \$499 deposit
- After Nov 2 and prior to January 1, 2023 – \$2,699
- After January 2, 2023 – no refunds

## TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to safeguard your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registration to cover any pre-existing medical conditions. Visit [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) for more information on travel insurance or call our office, 281.667.1057.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Activity level of tour – Level 3:** This tour is an active tour with walking, standing for longer periods of time on sometimes uneven ground or terrain and climbing steps. There will be some longer days and earlier mornings balanced with free time to enjoy your own interests. Guest should be able to walk 8,000 – 10,000 steps per day and manage their own luggage as needed.
- There will be no refund for unconsumed hotel meals or unused entrance fees.
- The itinerary as listed is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Prelude Tours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT  
[WWW.PRELUDETOURS.COM](http://WWW.PRELUDETOURS.COM) OR CALL 281.667.1057.**

# GEMS OF THE ADRIATIC COAST

**CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND MONTENEGRO  
MAY 18 - MAY 28, 2023**





## DAILY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - MAY 18

Depart Houston Bush Airport - overnight flight to Dubrovnik (DBV)

### DAY 2 - MAY 19

Welcome to **Dubrovnik**, the most picturesque city on the Dalmatian coast and often referred to as the "Pearl of the Adriatic"! We will enjoy a guided walking tour of this magnificent city known for its characteristic red roofs and old Roman streets. Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is surrounded by mighty walls and fortresses that have been well preserved over the centuries. A highlight of the tour will be riding a cable car to overlook Dubrovnik and see the breath taking views of the old city and the crystal clear Adriatic Sea with its numerous islands. Dinner and overnight, Dubrovnik. (D)

### DAY 3 - MAY 20

After breakfast, we will take a short boat ride from Dubrovnik's historic harbor to **Lokrum Island**, a stunning and uninhabited nature reserve situated in the Adriatic Sea. The island is a natural paradise that is dotted with fragrant lemon and orange trees and is known for its lovely botanical gardens which are home to 800 species of exotic plants. Other popular sites on the island include the ruins of a former Benedictine monastery, built in 1023, and a small "Dead Sea" that is popular for a quick swim. After lunch, we head toward the tranquil and fertile **Konavle Valley**, famous for its olive oil production and fine embroidery work. Our first stop will be a local winery where we will enjoy a guided tasting of 4 wines and olive oil and learn about the history of wine making and olive oil production. Dinner will be served in the authentic 400 years old Konavle house. Overnight Dubrovnik. (B)(D)

### DAY 4 - MAY 21

Today we will leave Croatia and cross the border into **Montenegro**. We will visit **Budva**, a well-preserved medieval walled city situated near the sandy beaches of the sparkling blue-green waters of the Adriatic. The town of Budva is 2,500 years old, which makes it one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic coast. After lunch we travel to **Kotor**, a city steeped in tradition and history with remarkable scenic views of the beautiful bay of Montenegro. Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was built between the 12th and 14th centuries and is filled with medieval architecture and historic monuments. At the end of the day, we return to Dubrovnik where you can enjoy free time and dinner Overnight Dubrovnik (B) (L)



### ACTIVITY LEVEL 3



### DAY 5 - MAY 22

After breakfast, we will head north and stop in the small fishing village of **Ston**. Known as a salt-producing town, Ston was an important military fort and its defensive walls are world famous – the second longest in the world after the Great Wall of China. The salty waters surrounding Ston make it one of the best places in the world to harvest oysters and mussels. We will enjoy a short cruise to learn about cultivating oysters and mussels and then we will enjoy our catch with a glass of local wine. After lunch, we will continue to **Split**, the second largest city in Croatia with a mix of modern life and ancient history. We will enjoy a walking tour of the old city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to visit Diocletian's Palace, an ancient palace built for the Roman emperor Diocletian at the turn of the fourth century AD. Dinner will be on your own and overnight Split (B) (L)

### DAY 6 - MAY 23

Today will be a relaxing day of island hopping as we sail to the Adriatic Islands of **Brac** and **Solta**. There will be time for swimming and snorkeling (bring your own mask and snorkel if desired) in one of the hidden bays as well as shopping as we go ashore to the picturesque towns on the islands. Lunch will be served onboard. Dinner will be on your own and overnight Split. (B)(L)

### DAY 7 - MAY 24

After breakfast, we will drive through **Dalmatia Hinterland**, one of Europe's most intriguing and lesser-known regions, to visit **Etnoland**, a family run historical and cultural site where Dalmatian history will come alive. During our visit, we will learn about Dalmatia through powerful cultural live storytelling while enjoying fantastic Drniš "pršut" (smoked ham), home-made cheese, superb local wines and traditional "peka" traditional bread. We continue in the afternoon to **Zadar**, the oldest continuously inhabited Croatian city. Zadar's street layout dates back to Roman times and during the Middle Ages it was the main base of the Byzantine fleet. An interesting stop will be the Sea Organ, one of the first musical pipe organs that is played by the movement of the sea. Dinner and overnight Zadar (B) (D)

### DAY 8 - MAY 25

Today we will explore **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, one of the world's most impressive national parks and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park consists of 16 interconnecting lakes that tumble into each



other, one after the other, in a series of stunning waterfalls. The color of the lake water varies from emerald green to turquoise to deep blue depending on mineral content and lighting conditions. Picturesque wooden boardwalks criss-cross the lakes, creating a fairytale-worthy environment. Dinner and overnight in Opatija (B) (D)

### DAY 9 - MAY 26

After breakfast, we will explore the **Istrian Peninsula**, the largest peninsula in Croatia located at the head of the Adriatic Sea. This area is a mix of Roman history, vineyard draped hill towns and pastel seaside villages with a whiff of Venetian flair. Our first stop will be **Rovinj**, which is often referred to as "Venice on a hill." Rovinj is a scenic old town filled with cobblestone streets and alleys, colorful houses, charming town squares, art galleries, and a lively harbor full of small pleasure and fishing boats. After lunch, we will visit **Pula**, known for its multitude of ancient Roman buildings. We will have a guided tour of the Pula Arena, one of the best preserved Roman amphitheaters and the only remaining Roman amphitheatre to have four side towers entirely preserved. It was constructed between 27 BC and AD 68, and is among the world's six largest surviving Roman arenas. Dinner and overnight Opatija (B) (D)

### DAY 10 - MAY 27

Today we travel to **Slovenia**, famous for its beautiful landscapes, lakes and dramatic scenery. Our first stop will be **Lake Bled**, surrounded by the Julian Alps and one of the most picturesque spots in Slovenia. We will board a traditional "pletna" boat and cross the lake to Bled Island to visit **Bled Castle**, an impressive medieval castle dating back to the 11th century that is perched high above the tranquil waters of Lake Bled. After lunch, we will visit the beautiful Slovenian capital of **Ljubljana**. We will enjoy a guided tour of the city and travel on a funicular railway to visit the **Ljubljana Castle** and enjoy stunning views of Ljubljana. Dinner and overnight Ljubljana (B) (D)

### DAY 11 - MAY 28

Depart to USA from Ljubljana, Slovenia