GO AHEAD TOURS



Croatia & Slovenia: The Old-World Adriatic

12 days | 15 days with Ljubljana & Lake Bled extension

See Dubrovnik's storied city walls overlooking the pristine blue waters of the Adriatic. Step back in time as you explore the impressive Diocletian's Palace complex in seaside Split. Wander past emerald scenery and tranquil waterscapes in the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. And experience "Europe in miniature" in Ljubljana, the stunningly green (and endlessly cultural) capital of Slovenia.



Your tour package includes

10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine
9 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Dubrovnik
Mostar's Old Bridge
Diocletian's Palace
Ivan Mestrovic Gallery
Trogir
Zadar
Plitvice Lakes National Park
Old Town Ljubljana

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 3 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–35

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Dubrovnik today.

Dubrovnik → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Dubrovnik
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Croatia! Gather with your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik
Included meals: breakfast
Set on a peninsula on the Adriatic, Dubrovnik's massive walls have served as the city's calling card for centuries. Today, you'll take a guided tour.

- Pay a visit to the 13th-century Franciscan Monastery, which boasts the most extensive library in the region
- View the impressive Rector's Palace and the city's ornate cathedral

Enjoy a free evening in Dubrovnik or add an excursion.
+ Scenic Dubrovnik Coast Cruise & Dinner

Day 4: Free day in Dubrovnik
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a full free day in Dubrovnik or add an excursion.
+ Montenegro

Split Region → 2 nights

Day 5: The Split Region via Mostar
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to the Split region today. Stop en route for a guided tour of Mostar, a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Enter an old Ottoman mosque and traditional Ottoman house
- Walk over the striking Old Bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage site that joins the banks of the Neretva River

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Split
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Enjoy a guided tour of Split, a coastal city with a local culture that seamlessly combines tradition and modernity.

- Enter Diocletian's Palace, an enormous third-century palace complex
- View the monuments to the city's varied cultural influences, including Gothic churches, Renaissance palaces, Venetian fortifications, and an Egyptian sphinx
- Examine sculptures, drawings, and paintings at the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery

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Plitvice → 2 nights

Day 7: Plitvice via Trogir & Zadar
Included meals: breakfast
Transfer to Plitvice today. Along the way, you'll stop in two Dalmatian Coast towns for guided tours.

- Set off with your Tour Director and explore Trogir, where you'll wander past Radovan's Portal and Trogir Cathedral
- Join a local guide in the seaside town of Zadar to view Roman ruins and the one-of-a-kind Sea Organ

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Embark on a guided tour of Plitvice Lakes National Park, 16 levels of lakes nestled between Mount Mala Kapela and Mount Pljesevica.

- Admire the upper lakes, forests, caves, and waterfalls with a local guide
- Visit the lower lakes with your Tour Director leading the way

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Zagreb → 1 night

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Zagreb
Included meals: breakfast
Continue on to Zagreb, where a local guide will introduce you to the best of Croatia's capital city on a walking tour.

- Pass by the Meštrović Pavilion, Zrinjevac Park, fortified Lotrščak Tower, and Mirogoj Cemetery
- Enter the Croatian Museum of Naïve Art to admire the simplistic beauty of the artwork

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Ljubljana → 2 nights

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Ljubljana
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and join a local expert for a guided tour.

- Stop in Prešeren Square to see the France Prešeren Monument
- Pass by the Triple Bridge, Town Hall, and Baroque Robba Fountain
- View Ljubljana Cathedral, the Dragon Bridge, and the famed open-air market

Day 11: Free day in Ljubljana
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day in Ljubljana or add an excursion. Tonight, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner with your group.
+ Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Slovenia.

+ Ljubljana & Lake Bled extension

Want to see mountains overlooking a castle overlooking a glacial lake, all surrounded by an emerald forest? We don't blame you! Extend your stay to explore Lake Bled and more of Slove-nia's northwest corner with a local guide, and find out why aristocrats have been vacationing in this romantic spot for centuries.

Ljubljana → 1 night

Day 12: Free day in Ljubljana
Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Ljubljana or add an excursion.
+ Piran: Slovenia's Adriatic Gem

Lake Bled → 2 nights

Day 13: Lake Bled & Lake Bohinj
Included meals: breakfast
Travel to Lake Bled and Lake Bohinj to discover why Europeans have come to this resort area for decades.

- Drive around Lake Bled and enter Bled Castle
- Continue on to Lake Bohinj, enjoying views of Slovenian villages along the way
- Enjoy free time for lunch in the small, lakeside village of Ribcev Laz

Day 14: Free day in the Lake Bled Region
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a full free day in the Lake Bled region or add an excursion.
This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ The Julian Alps: Triglav National Park

Flight Home

Day 15: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the Ljubljana airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/CRO | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Scenic Dubrovnik Coast Cruise & Dinner
$95/$105* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
This excursion begins with a cruise along the shoreline of one of Europe's most romantic cities. Arriving on the beach, you'll dine at a local restaurant before setting out on a stroll through Dubrovnik's medieval streets. Please note: Travelers prone to seasickness should take the proper precautions.

Day 4: Montenegro
$95/$105* (10 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Set out to explore the small Republic of Montenegro, which is home to stunning backdrops that range from serene beaches to rugged mountain canyons. Begin in Perast, a Venetian town on the Bay of Kotor, where you'll take to the water to admire the surrounding scenery. Set sail and visit the famed islets of St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks. Then, enjoy lunch as you head to the UNESCO-protected town of Kotor, where you'll view medieval walls and churches nestled between the hills and the sea.

Day 11: Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle
$135/$145* (6.5 hours, departs in the morning)
Journey to two of Slovenia's most memorable sites. Your first stop is the legendary Postojna Caves, a 12.5-mile-long system of caverns. Later, you'll visit Predjama Castle, a Renaissance fort built into the mouth of a cave. A natural tunnel connects the castle to the top of the mountain; in the Middle Ages, this tunnel served as a secret supply line for the castle during times of siege. While you're here, you'll learn about the legend of Erazem Lueger, a robber baron who called this castle home.

Extension excursion options

Day 12: Piran: Slovenia's Adriatic Gem
$125/$135* (7 hours, departs in the morning)
Famous for its Venetian architecture, Piran sits on the Mediterranean coast of Slovenia. Join a local guide and explore the town's narrow streets, passing by the medieval city walls as you go. Stop by the Church of St. George and Tartini Square, the beautiful main plaza dominated by a massive bronze statue of composer and violinist Giuseppe Tartini. Then, enjoy free time for lunch and take a dip in the Adriatic if the weather allows.

Day 14: The Julian Alps: Triglav National Park
$125/$135* (8 hours, departs in the morning)
Pass through lakeside scenery to the ski resort town of Kranjska Gora, close to the Italian and Austrian borders. Then, continue on to Triglav National Park. You'll drive through Vršič Pass, the highest pass in Slovenia and the Eastern Julian Alps. Stop along the way at the Soca River for a scenic walk full of photo opportunities of the surrounding Alpine landscape. Continue to Bovec, a small town in the Littoral region, which was devastated during the First World War. Learn about the small town's history on a tour of the WWI trenches and landmarks before taking free time for lunch.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms