

Croatia: Istria and the Dalmatian Coast

FROM HILLTOP MOTUVUN TO MEDIEVAL TROGIR



Wilderness Travel

Overview



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length: 11 days
Arrive: Ljubljana, Slovenia
Depart: Split, Croatia
Lodging: 10 nights hotels and inns
Meals: All meals included except 3 dinners
Activity: Cultural, Walking

Trip Level: 1 ②+ 3 4 5 6

A mix of easy to moderate walks and hikes, 2-5 hours a day, van support

QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip!

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike to the stunning hill towns of Motovun, Gracisce, and Ljubnice
- Discover the amphitheater at Pula, whose amazing state of preservation brings the Roman world to life
- Explore exquisite Rovinj, Veli Lošinj, and islands of the northern Dalmatian Coast
- Enjoy private tastings of regional delights and sample great local wines

Introduction



On the sunny northern Dalmatian Coast (and away from the cruise ships), we bring you a journey of vineyard hikes, walks in truffle and olive oil country, island hopping, and seaside rambles along the blue Adriatic. We'll hike to castle-topped Motovun, with a walk on its ancient walls, explore the Kvarner Gulf by sailboat, enjoy swim stops, and see the grand Roman amphitheater at Pula. Along the way, our Trip Leaders introduce us to fascinating people, great wines, and regional delights (think freshly grilled calamari, enjoyed waterside!). Our journey begins in Slovenia's lovely capital, Ljubljana, and our finale is in the medieval island-town of Trogir, a World Heritage Site.

TRIP DATES

June 12-22, 2024

June 26-July 6, 2024

September 11-21, 2024

September 25-October 5, 2024

April 16-26, 2025

April 30-May 10, 2025

June 12-22, 2024

June 26-July 6, 2024

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September 25-October 5, 2024

April 16-26, 2025

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Cubo

Old World charm meets modern styling at the Hotel Cubo, set in the center of downtown Ljubljana. With views of the hilltop castle and only a short walk to the Old Town center, the hotel has a welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff. Spacious guestrooms have plush bedding and chic bathrooms, and there's a comfortable lobby bar where you can unwind after a day exploring the city.

Meals: D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, 300' ascent/descent

DAY 1 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Meeting in Ljubljana (pronounced “loob-yana”) in the mid-afternoon, we enjoy a walking tour of this captivating medieval city, one of Europe’s smallest and most beautiful capitals. Crowned by a hilltop castle, the city’s compact Old Town lends itself to exploration on foot, with a maze of narrow cobbled streets, splendid red-roofed Baroque townhouses, Art Nouveau buildings, open-air markets, a lively café scene, and enchanting pedestrian bridges spanning the meandering River Ljubljanica. We gather this evening for our Welcome Dinner.

Itinerary



Overnight: Kastel Motovun

The charming Kastel Motovun is a converted castle-fortress perched high on a hill above Motovun, looking out over the green expanse of the Istria valley. The hotel's setting at the top of the hill is just magnificent—sunset views from atop the castle walls are memorable.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 6 miles, 4 hours, 400' ascent/descent

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

DAY 2 HRASTOVLJE / GRACISCE, CROATIA / MOTOVUN

A short drive south brings us to the beautiful karst landscape near the border between Slovenia and Croatia. We begin our morning hike below limestone cliffs at the 500-year-old hamlet of Crnotice, crossing rolling vineyards to reach the village of Hrastovlje, with its 12th century Church of the Holy Trinity. We enjoy a visit to the church to see its extraordinary Gothic frescoes, including the famous Dance of Death, a scene of skeletons leading figures into the afterlife. After lunch, a 1.5-hour hike brings us to the lovely village of Gracisce, where time seems to stand still. In the late afternoon, we drive across the Croatian border toward the Motovun area, then walk the rest of the way to Motovun, zig-zagging up the road to this classic fairytale village on a hilltop surrounded by chestnut forests and vineyards. We enter the town through its original gates, replete with stone-carved Venetian lions. A fabulous example of Venetian architecture, Motovun exudes charm at every turn. The late-Renaissance church in the main square, the Church of St. Stephen, was designed by the renowned Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. A walk on the ancient walls of this town offers spectacular views over the rolling vineyards and rumpled countryside of the Mirna Valley, Istria's wine country. Tonight we enjoy our dinner on the terrace watching the sunset and explore the castle walls on a walk afterwards.

Itinerary



Overnight: Kastel Motovun

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 5.5 miles, 3.5 hours, 200' ascent

Driving Time: 1 hour

“Excellent trip—loved the places we visited!”

—Karen S., *Tesuque, NM*

DAY 3 MOTOVUN / GROZNJAN

The forests surrounding Motovun are the largest habitat of truffles in Istria. These culinary delicacies are uncovered by specially trained truffle-hunting dogs, who look for black truffles in summer months and the prized Istrian white truffle in early spring. At the hotel this morning, we'll watch a 30-minute documentary on the local tradition of truffle production, then head to the village of Kostanjica, where we begin our hike on the Parenzana Trail to the ruined hilltop town of Završje. After lunch at a local farm where we enjoy prosciutto, cheese, and Istrian olive oil, we head to the artists' town of Groznjan. In the Middle Ages, Groznjan was a thriving Venetian fortress town, but later fell into ruin and was abandoned. In the late 1960s, a group of artists moved in and reestablished it as an arts community. Today galleries, workshops, painters' ateliers, and restoration studios are bringing the village back to life. We'll explore the town, with its many great photographic opportunities and lovely cafes, then return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner tonight is in a konoba (a restaurant where authentic Dalmatian cuisine is served), known for its truffle specialties.

Itinerary



Overnight: Villa Angelo d'Oro

This small inn nestled in the walled medieval section of Rovinj served as the bishop's palace during Rovinj's 17th century heyday. As with all converted historic buildings, rooms vary in size and shape but all are comfortable. Breakfast is served in the stone-built courtyard.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 2.5 hours, 250' ascent

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 4 VIZINADA / POREC / ROVINJ

Today's hike is on another section of the Parenzana trail and begins from Vizinada. Hiking through vineyards and olive groves, we enjoy beautiful views, including a perfect vista of the Adriatic on the horizon. Reaching Visnjan, we meet our vehicles and head to the seaside town of Porec, where we begin to explore the coastal world of the Adriatic, with its legacy of the seafaring Venetians. After lunch in a local pizzeria, we visit Porec's majestic cathedral, the 6th century Basilica of Euphrasias, a World Heritage Site known for its exquisite Byzantine mosaics. A climb to the church's bell tower offers views over the red-tiled roofs of the town and across the blue Adriatic. A short drive brings us to Rovinj ("ro-veen"), one of the most beautiful towns on the entire Adriatic coast, picture-perfect with its tall pink clock tower and honey-colored buildings terracing to the water's edge. With its blend of sunny quayside cafes, yachts, working fishing boats, and Venetian mansions, Rovinj has a delightfully Italian flavor. After checking into our hotel, we explore the old part of town on our way to dinner. Tonight, we'll enjoy some delicious seafood in a local restaurant.

Itinerary



Overnight: Villa Angelo d'Oro

Meals: B, L

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 4 hours

Driving Time: 1 hour

"We really enjoyed this trip. Itinerary was really well designed with a perfect mix of culture and hiking and swimming. The days went quickly but we never felt rushed."

-Marcella S., Los Altos, CA

DAY 5 ROVINJ / PULA

In the morning, we take a short drive to Pula, a working port city that is full of Roman ruins. We explore the most impressive one, an immense Roman amphitheater built during the reign of Emperor Augustus (31 BC-14 AD), enlarged under Emperor Claudius (541-56 AD), and finally completed under Flavius (69-96 AD). In its day, it could seat 23,000 spectators and is still used today for concerts and plays. We return to Rovinj for lunch in a small restaurant that offers local Istrian specialties, including local Malvasia and Teran wines. In the afternoon, you can join the Trip Leader for an optional walk (2 hours) back to the hotel along a coastal path through pine forests and little rocky coves with views down the coast. Or, you can return to the hotel by van and spend the afternoon at the beach or read a book in the hotel's secret garden. Dinner is on your own this evening. The Trip Leader will be happy to make restaurant recommendations, depending on how fancy or local you want to go.

Itinerary



Overnight: Boutique Hotel Alhambra

Set on a corner of magical Cikat Bay on the island of Losinj, this 51-room, villa-like hotel is a blend of Art Nouveau architecture and contemporary design that's simply elegant. The full-service spa area includes a heated indoor saltwater swimming pool and fully equipped gym, and the Alfred Keller Restaurant is featured in the renowned Gault Millau guide. (You can also grab a quick bite at the beach bar.) The hotel is a member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, 300' ascent, 400' descent

Driving Time: 4.5 hours

DAY 6 CRES ISLAND / LOŠINJ ISLAND

We get an early start for a drive to the eastern side of the Istrian Peninsula, where we catch a ferry for rugged Cres, an island of tiny stone villages surrounded by an azure sea, reminiscent of Greece 30 years ago. We arrive around lunchtime and explore quaint Cres Town, with its Renaissance center. After lunch, we drive up to Lubenice, a medieval cliff-top village, for a hike over the top of the island through pine forests to the village of Vidovici. Views along the way stretch across the Adriatic to the Istrian Peninsula. Today's hike is on a very rocky trail, and those who wish can relax by the beach instead of hiking. At tonight's dinner, we enjoy Croatian Peka lamb, cooked slowly in a traditional oven instead of a wood fire, at a local restaurant.

Cres and Lošinj Islands: Cres and Lošinj ("lo-sheen") are the westernmost of the islands in the Kvarner Gulf, a deep bay that separates the Istrian Peninsula from Dalmatia in the south. They mark an ecological transition zone between the lush greenery of northern Croatia and the bare karst landscapes of the Adriatic. Lush and green on their western sides, the islands are dry, stony, and stark when seen from the mainland, a result of deforestation during the Venetian era, when timber was cut to build ships for the Venetian fleet.

Itinerary



Overnight: Boutique Hotel Alhambra

Meals: B, L

Hiking Details: 5.5 miles, 3 hours, 900' ascent

"This was an amazing overview of the region, and we covered a lot of ground and different kinds of territory. The walks were beautiful and the people were great. I really enjoyed my time on this trip!"

-Andrea B., New York, NY

DAY 7 VELI LOŠINJ / MALI LOŠINJ

We walk along the lungomare (the seaside promenade) to Veli Lošinj, a small hamlet with a huge 18th century church and a jumble of ancient houses around a natural harbor, then continue up a steep rocky trail to a ridgetop for a picnic near the tiny church of St. Ivan, with its 360-degree views over the sea. (Note: van support is an option if you'd like to opt out of the last, steeper portion of today's hike.) After lunch, we'll visit Mali Lošinj's small museum where the original bronze Greek statue of Apoxyomenos is on exhibit. This beautiful statue, discovered on the sea bottom near the islet of Veli Orjule in 1996, represents a powerful athlete, most likely a wrestler. Dinner is on your own this evening. You might want to sample some grilled calamari paired with a crisp white wine.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Arbiana

The Arbiana is a boutique hotel in the historic center of the island of Rab. Some rooms may be a bit small by US standards but all are well appointed, and most have balconies overlooking the beautiful harbor and the blue Adriatic. The garden dining area is partly enclosed by the old city walls and shaded by olive trees.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 2.5 miles, 2 hours, 300' ascent/descent

Boating Time: 3-5 hours

DAY 8 KVARNER GULF / RAB ISLAND

We board our own chartered boat for a wonderful morning exploration of the Kvarner Gulf, including a visit to an olive garden. For lunch, our boat crew will prepare a meal of fresh fish for us, and, after time for an afternoon swim, we sail to the small Renaissance-era island of Rab, docking right near our hotel. Rab Town, set along a slender peninsula and dotted with late-Romanesque campaniles, was incorporated into the Venetian Empire in 1409. The town's preserved medieval center is an enticing setting of small piazzas, narrow alleys, Renaissance townhouses, and palaces with ornate balconies.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Arbiana

Meals: B, L

Hiking Details: 8 miles (5 miles with van support), 4 hours, 200' ascent/descent

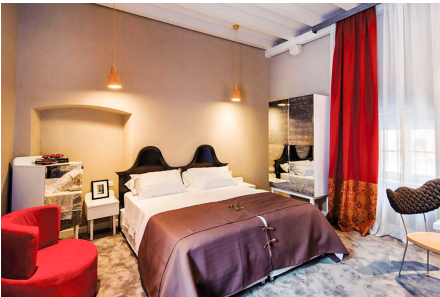
“This trip delivered so much more than I was expecting! Every day, it seems, I was surprised, impressed, and wowed by something.”

-Tori H., Cincinnati, OH

DAY 9 RAB

Rab is one of the most beautiful islands in the Kvarner Gulf. Today we enjoy a hike through the island's lovely forests of holm oak to the nature reserve of Dundo Wood, passing the old monastery of St. Eufemia en route to a lovely bay where we can enjoy a swim. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful setting or explore the town. Dinner is on your own this evening. Try one of Rab's many popular restaurants—as you might expect, seafood is tops on the menu!

Itinerary



Overnight: XII Century Heritage Hotel

Located on the waterfront promenade in medieval Trogir, the 15 rooms of this quaint hotel are individually designed, each with modern amenities and private bathrooms. Breakfast is served in the dining room or out on the terrace where you can enjoy the breeze from the Adriatic as ships come and go.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, 300' ascent/descent

Driving Time: 4 hours

DAY 10 VELEBITSKI KANAL / KRKA NATIONAL PARK / TROGIR

Returning to the mainland, we head out for a beautiful morning drive along the Adriatic Coast, contouring along a spectacular bay, with the mountain ridge of Velebit rising from its shores. Along the way, we stop for a walk on the wooded trails of Krka National Park, which protects the beautiful karst landscape along the Krka River. Pristine waterfalls, towering cliffs, and bubbling streams cascading through winding canyons make this a wonderful place for a walk. In the late afternoon, we arrive in Trogir, a World Heritage Site. The core of its Old Town, surrounded by the sea, was completed between the 13th and 15th centuries and is full of enchanting architectural treasures including the Venetian Governor's Palace in the main square. This evening we gather for our Farewell Dinner.

Meals: B

DAY 11 DEPART

Transfer on your own to the ferry terminal or Split airport, or join our Dubrovnik extension. If you need any assistance arranging your transfer, your Trip Leaders will be happy to help.

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy

2024

\$6,195 (10-14 members)

\$6,695 (5-9 members)

Single supplement: \$1,365

Single supplement:

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No Charge!

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details:

www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and comfortable inns
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Extensions

To help you make the most of your adventure, please see below for our selection of curated trip extensions. Please view our website for detailed information, including full itineraries, accommodations, and complete pricing.



DUBROVNIK EXTENSION

Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” is a dazzling late-medieval walled city of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. Set on a rocky peninsula and surrounded by the cobalt waters of the Adriatic, this UNESCO World Heritage Site brims with culture, history, and an incredible sense of the past. On this four-day extension, enjoy the expertise of a local guide as you discover Dubrovnik's enchanting Old Town, take a cooking class in the Konvale countryside, and marvel at the walls of ancient Ston. Sample regional delights along the way including fabulous wines, farm-fresh cuisine, and oysters plucked straight from the sea. *4 days. From \$2095.*

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Suggested Airport: Ljubljana Jože Pucnik Airport (LJU)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 1:00 pm

Meeting Place: You will meet your Trip Leader in the lobby of Hotel Cubo in Ljubljana at 3:00 pm on Day 1.

Upon arrival in Ljubljana, trip members are responsible for transferring on their own from the airport to the group hotel.

The most convenient and quickest way is by taxi. Taxis are available outside the Arrivals area of the terminal. It takes about 40 minutes to reach the downtown hotel from the airport and currently costs about €50.

You can also take a shared shuttle to the group hotel, which is the cheapest way to transfer to Ljubljana. There are several different shuttle companies that provide door-to-door transfers from the airport and can be reserved in advance at www.mnj.si or www.ljubljana.info/airport/bus/

DEPARTURE

Suggested Airport: Split Airport (SPU)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 11, anytime

The Split Airport is just three miles from the group hotel in Trogir. You can coordinate a transfer to the airport through the hotel or ask your Trip Leader to arrange it for you. The 10-minute taxi ride should cost about €25 per taxi.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Slovenia and Croatia. Travel to Ljubljana, Slovenia, from the US is primarily routed through London, Frankfurt, and Paris with good schedules and fares available on many airlines.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please send us a copy of your airline schedule. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit wildernesstravel.com/leaders.



NENA RIFELJ

Nena Rifelj is a passionate adventurer who has traveled throughout the world but also loves to introduce visitors to the mountains and cultures of her native Slovenia. She was a professional alpine ski racer for nine years and taught skiing in Italy, the US, and Slovenia. When she finished her ski racing career, she took up snowboarding and became a snowboard instructor. She speaks English, Italian, and Croatian. When not guiding, you can find Nena skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, and enjoying outdoor adventures with her family.



JIRÍ ROHEL

Jiri Rohel has been a guide since 2011. Based in the Czech Republic, he earned a Master's degree in English and music, spent a month trekking the Annapurna range, and climbed to the highest summit in the Austrian Alps. When not leading trips, Jiri enjoys playing music—he is a talented clarinetist—and loves being outside hiking, climbing, trekking, cycling, and skiing.



STANISLAV SIMICIC

Stanislav Simicic, of Croatia, is a graduate of a culinary academy in Osijek. A fine chef, he was awarded a second-place ranking among all young Croatian chefs in a competition in 1997. Stanislav later worked as a chef at a restaurant in Poreč for three years, then began to manage several yachts that ply the Adriatic. He has been working with us as a chef and Trip Leader since 2007, bringing a thorough knowledge of Croatian history and culture to the trip, along with wonderful cuisine. Stanislav is fluent in English and German. When not guiding, he spends time exploring Croatia's many beautiful places with his wife, son, and friends.



KRISTINA DRAGUN SIMICIC

Kristina Simicic, the wife of our longtime and beloved Trip Leader Stan Simicic, will be joining this tour on her first co-leading experience—another local Croatian to bring her experienced touch and knowledge to our trip! Born and raised in Croatia, she is a teacher and also participates in local ecological and environmental projects in her and Stan's hometown. When not working, she loves to dance and sing in the local Croatian tradition and explore the outdoors throughout Europe with her family.

Trip Leaders



TOMO PETEK

With a degree in economics and tourism, Tomaz “Tomo” Petek created a vagabond lifestyle, traveling to different continents. From Italy to India, Morocco to Belize, he immersed himself in new environments, and picked up a few languages along the way (he’s fluent in four, to be precise). Yet after so much time away from his home country of Slovenia, he decided to return and has been guiding trips ever since. “My wish came true—I live in a country with a lot of natural beauty and I have one of the best jobs in the world,” he says. When not leading trips, Tomo enjoys climbing, cycling, and photography, and has become a certified yoga teacher.



RICHARD BELL

Richard Bell was born and brought up in Yorkshire, on the northeast coast of the UK, and has been an avid traveler all his life. Richard has been a guide now for almost 20 years and leads exclusively for Wilderness Travel in Europe. His passion for the outdoors is as great as it ever was, and he is always eager to share his wealth of experience and enthusiasm for the culture, stunning scenery, varied cuisine, and natural history of these fascinating areas. He makes his home in Cornwall in southwest England, and when not leading trips, tends to his fruit and vegetable garden, loves to cook, and, with his wife, often travels back to the same places where he leads trips to explore even further.



ZUZANA SOCHOROVA

Zuzana Sochorova comes from the southeastern part of the Czech Republic, a region full of sunshine and vineyards, and has a degree in Economics and Marketing from the University in Ostrava. She loves her work as a guide and takes great delight in meeting new people and showing them the most beautiful and fascinating aspects of the Czech Republic. When not guiding or studying, Zuzana enjoys long walks with her dog, taking belly dancing lessons, and skiing.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated a **Level 2+ (Easy to Moderate)** according to our trip grading system. You will need to be comfortable hiking 8 miles a day and being on your feet for up to 4 hours a day. Trail conditions, weather, and the group's level of fitness can affect hiking times and pacing.

Average Hiking Day

- 5-6 miles
- 3-4 hours
- 200-350 feet gain/loss

TERRAIN

The terrain can be hilly and rocky with many sets of stairs on both ascents and descents. There are a couple short, steep downhill, including one that is exposed. Some hikes are very rugged, and hiking poles are recommended.

GETTING IN SHAPE

We strongly urge you to train for your trip, as your enjoyment will be highly dependent on your level of fitness. The best training for a hike is to hike, especially over hills or rough terrain. Next best are running, swimming, bicycling, or other cardiovascular exercise. Stair climbing machines are excellent preparation for hiking uphill. Your feet should also be well prepared—make sure your hiking boots are sturdy, comfortable, and thoroughly broken-in.

WEATHER

Spring and fall are the best times to visit, as it is less crowded and humid. The climate is typical of the Mediterranean. It can be cool and pleasant, hot and muggy, or damp and chilly, and cool breezes and showers are possible at any time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our accommodations are in charming inns and hotels. Since they are often in historic buildings, the rooms are not always of uniform or international size. Our leaders do their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole. Hotel Angelo D'Oro doesn't have an elevator, but the staff will help with your bags. Single rooms can be requested but are not always available, due to the limited space in the hotels. If you prefer a single room, please make your request as early as possible.

CUISINE

Our lunches are in restaurants, on boats, or picnic-style. Dinners are at local restaurants or our hotel. The cuisine is typical of the Mediterranean with salads, vegetables, pasta, meat, and seafood. Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION

Our van will transport the group's luggage, so you only need to carry a daypack for items you need for the day (rain gear, sweater, camera, water bottle, etc.). Trip members are always free to skip a day's hike and travel to the next destination in the support vehicle (or remain at the hotel if we are not transferring that day).

What to Expect

HIKING DETAILS BY DAY				DRIVING DETAILS
DAY	MILES	HOURS	ELEV. ASCENT/DESCENT	HOURS
1	5 miles	3 hours	+300' / -300'	
2	6 miles	4 hours	+400' / -400'	2-2.5 hours
3	5.5 miles	3-3.5 hours	+200' / -0	1 hour
4	5 miles	2.5 hours	+250' / -0	1.5 hours
5	5 miles	3.5-4 hours	none	1 hour
6	5 miles	3 hours	+300' / -400'	4.5 hours
7	5.5 miles	3 hours	+900' / -0	30 minutes
8	2.5 miles	2 hours	+300' / -300'	3-5 hours cruise
9	8 miles	4 hours	+200' / -200'	30 minutes
10	5 miles	3 hours	+300' / -300'	4 hours
11				30 minutes

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ljubljana, Slovenia	36/25	43/28	50/34	59/39	68/48	73/54	79/57	77/55	72/52	61/43	46/43	37/27
Split, Croatia	46/34	50/36	54/39	61/46	70/54	77/59	82/63	82/63	77/57	66/50	57/43	50/37
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Ljubljana, Slovenia	3.1	3.0	3.7	4.2	4.6	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.0	4.4	5.2	3.8
Split, Croatia	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.7	2.9	1.8	2.5	3.0	4.0	5.3	5.0

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or email us at info@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts



MEN'S T-SHIRT



WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



PATAGONIA SYNCHILLA FLEECE VEST
+ KLEEN KANTEEN 27OZ WATER BOTTLE



PATAGONIA R1 PULLOVER

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Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel stainless steel water bottle by Klean Kanteen and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$100 value).

YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$130 value).

YOUR FOURTH TRIP

Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.

Travel Notes



WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

Best Travel Specialists in the World: *Conde Nast Traveler*, 2024, 4-time winner

World's Best Tour Operators: *Travel + Leisure*, 11-time winner

Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*

Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner

50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

Please be advised that California has established a Travel Consumer Restitution Fund under the California Seller of Travel Law that took effect January 1, 1996. This fund is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous practices by discount airfare ticket sellers or air charter operators. Unfortunately, this law does not cover non-California residents and, even in the case of California residents, it does not cover any foreign travel where the foreign "providers of transportation or travel services" are not in compliance with the Sellers of Travel Law (compliance being defined as registered as a Seller of Travel in California and a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Fund). Thus none of Wilderness Travel's tours qualify and we are required by law to advise each client that they are not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. California Seller of Travel #100769640

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