

# THE BEST OF SLOVENIA AND CROATIA WITH VENICE TT•BSC

10 days from Bled to Venice, Opatija, Plitvice, Split and Dubrovnik



## ITINERARY

### Day 01: Bled

You will be met at Ljubljana airport and transferred to your hotel in Bled. The day is at leisure until a welcome dinner.

Meals: D

### Day 02: Bled

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town with the lake shore, and imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. After your tour, travel to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Here, view the Central open-air Market, Baroque Town Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges and the Parliament. Return to Bled in the evening.

Meals: B

### Day 03: From Bled to Postojna and Venice

Leave Bled and drive south to Postojna, home to the second largest caves in the world. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train and on foot. Then, continue on to the marvelous city of Venice.

Meals: B, D

### Day 04: Venice

The day begins with a walking tour of Venice featuring the major highlights: St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs. The tour ends with a visit to a glass blowing factory where you may see the demonstration of a traditional Venetian glass blowing. Balance of the day is at leisure. In the afternoon, enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop or join an optional gondola ride.

Meals: B

### Day 05: From Venice to Opatija

Leave the City of Dreams and drive on the highway in order to cross the border back to Slovenia and shortly afterwards to Croatia. Enjoy the ride through Istria, which is often compared to Tuscany in order to reach bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. An orientation tour of Opatija will present the highlights of this former Imperial resort city, which is also your today destination.

Meals: B, D

### Day 06: From Opatija to Plitvice National Park

The day begins with the drive from Bay of Kvarner to the mainland of Croatia in order to reach Plitvice National Park by noon. Enjoy Plitvice National Park, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready and take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Wonder at the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation.

Meals: B, D

### Day 07: From Plitvice National Park to Trogir and Split

Morning is to relax at Plitvice lakes and take some additional photos of this marvelous place. Leave Plitvice National Park and drive through Lika back to Adriatic coast. Stop on the highway to admire the bay of Skradin and the entrance to another national park, Krka. Proceed to Trogir, Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather to study and paint here. From Trogir to Split, the final destination of this day is only a short ride.

Meals: B, D

### Day 08: From Split to Dubrovnik

Morning sightseeing tour of Split features the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. In the afternoon leave Split and drive to the Pearl of Adriatic, Dubrovnik

Meals: B

### Day 09: Dubrovnik

This morning there is a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik"; the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. You will also see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The afternoon is at leisure and in the evening join your travel companions for the farewell dinner in one of the local restaurants within the walls of the Old City

Meals: B, FWD

### Day 10: Dubrovnik

Your experience comes to the end with the transfer to Dubrovnik airport for your homebound flight

Meals: B



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Bled:** enjoy the sights of Bled Lake and area from the castle perched on the cliff above the lake
- **Ljubljana:** Tromostovje "the triple bridge," the local open air market, City Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Parliament and the famous "Dragon Bridge" – the symbol of Ljubljana
- **Postojna:** visit the amazing underground world of the Europe largest caves
- **Venice:** St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs, visit to a glass blowing factory
- **Plitvice:** walk within unspoiled nature of Plitvice National Park with its 16 cascading lakes
- **Split:** Roman emperor Diocletian's palace, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral
- **Dubrovnik:** Walking within old City Walls will open up the view to incredible sights of the town, with the Pile Gate, Onofrio's Fountain, Franciscan Monastery, and Rector's Palace

## HOTELS:

- **Bled:** Park, Golf, Astoria
- **Venice:** Principe, Amadeus
- **Opatija:** Agava, Milenij
- **Plitvice:** Jezero, Plitvice
- **Split:** Globo, Atrium
- **Dubrovnik:** Dubrovnik Palace, Valamar, Dubrovnik President

## INCLUDED FEATURES:

- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Service charges and taxes
- Welcome drink upon arrival with your Tour Director
- Breakfast daily, 5 hotel dinners, farewell dinner in local restaurant in Dubrovnik Old city
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional Tour Director throughout
- Qualified local city guides
- Luggage handling in hotels