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Medjugorje



PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO CROATIA AND MEDJUGORJE

Zagreb – Marija Bistrica – Opatija – Rijeka (Trsat) – Krk – Plitvice – Zadar – Nin – Šibenik – Split – Medjugorje – Dubrovnik

1. day	Arrival to Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Dinner in hotel, overnight.
2. day	Morning city tour of Zagreb, including the Cathedral, which two high bell towers have become the symbol of Zagreb; St. Mark's Church with its picturesque roof featuring Croatian coats of arms; the Lotrščak Tower; the Stone Gate, one of four gates in the walls surrounding the old town. The Stone Gate is best known as the Chapel of the Mother of God of the Stone Gate with the painting, which was found undamaged after a great fire in 1731. In the afternoon, free time. Dinner and overnight in Zagreb.
3. day	Departure to Marija Bistrica , the largest shrine in Croatia devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, visited by the Pope John Paul II. It is a small town set among to the rolling hills of the Zagorje region, not far from Zagreb. The Votive Statue of the Mother of God of Bistrica dates from the end of the 15th century. In the afternoon, departure to Opatija, well-known tourist resort in the Kvarner bay; first tourists came here already 160 years ago. Walk through the famous Opatija's city park with numerous Mediterranean and exotic plants. Dinner and overnight in hotel.
4. day	Departure to Rijeka, sightseeing of the old town: the imposing building of Croatian National Theatre, famous for its ceiling paintings by Gustav Klimt; Governor's Palace; St. Vitus' Cathedral, the church of St. Sebastian, The Roman Arch, The City tower. Afterwards visit of Trsat , eastern part of Rijeka, well-known for its sanctuary of Our Lady . The legend says that in 1291 the home of Mary was delivered from Nasareth to Trsat with the help of the angels and then taken to Loretto in Italy. Only a step away, there is the Trsat Hill-Fort, a witness to the rich past of the town. Ride to the island of Krk, connected to the mainland by its 1430 m long bridge. Sightseeing of the town of Krk (the Cathedral of the Assumption from the 5 th century; a well preserved urban unit within the city walls from the 12 th century). Boat ride from Punat to the islet of Košljun , an oasis of peace, a forest reserve and monument of culture. In the Franciscan Monastery on the islet, there is the Church from 15 th century and an ethnographic museum. In the late afternoon wine degustation in one of famous wine cellars on the island. Return to hotel in Opatija, dinner and overnight.
5. day	Departure to the national park Plitvice (UNESCO heritage). Its 16 beautiful lakes of crystal blue-green colour are fed by many small streams and spill into each other in cascades and thundering waterfalls. Walk through the national park, sightseeing by tourist train and ride by boat on the biggest lake, Kozjak. The network of paths and wooden bridges permits pleasant and safe walking during the visit. Departure to Zadar, overnight in hotel.
6. day	Sightseeing of Zadar, the ancient town on the Adriatic coast. This will also be the unique opportunity to enjoy the view to the sea, sitting and listening to "The Sea Organ", an experimental musical instrument which plays music by tubes located underneath of large marble steps near the sea. The waves create somewhat random, but harmonic sounds. Visit of the "smallest cathedral in the world" in Nin ; the medieval church of Holy Cross from the 9 th century. Sightseeing of Šibenik with the famous Gothic-Renaissance Cathedral (UNESCO-heritage), constructed of stone through the unique method of assembling previously precisely cut stone sections. Overnight in hotel in Split.
7. day	Sightseeing of Split, the beautiful Dalmatian city with the famous Diokletian Palace (UNESCO-heritage), an unique monument of Roman architecture from the 3rd century. Of the ancient palace, retained are: the walls, the gates, the cellars, the Peristyle, the emperor's mausoleum-the present day cathedral. Departure to Medjugorje through the Delta of Neretva river, today popular for its tangerine production. The Delta contains some of the few wetlands remaining in Europe and is internationally recognized as an important bird area. Ride on the numerous channels of the river by the traditional Neretva boat "ladja". Typical lunch. In the late afternoon arrival to Medjugorje, dinner and overnight in hotel.
8. day	A whole day in Medjugorje , a well known pilgrimage place. Visit of the Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain. It is possible to attend evening program in the the church of the patron saint of Medjugorje – St. James. Dinner and overnight in hotel.
9. day	Free time in the morning in Medjugorje. In the afternoon ride to Dubrovnik
10. day	Sightseeing of Dubrovnik (UNESCO-heritage), one of the most beautiful cities on the Adriatic coast, a treasury rich in cultural and historical monuments dating back a thousand years. The city is surrounded by 2 km of walls with towers built between 11th and 17th century. We recommend walk on the city's main street, Stradun, visit to the Rector's palace, the church of St. Vlaho, the Cathedral, Franciscan monastery with one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe (14th century)...
11. day	Transfer to the Dubrovnik airport.

The price includes:
- 2xHB in Zagreb
- 2xHB in Opatija
- 1xHB in Zadar
- 1xHB in Split
- 2xHB in Medjugorje
- 2xHB in Dubrovnik
- tourist coach from APT Zagreb to APT Dubrovnik
- entrance tickets to the national park Plitvice
- boat ride to the island of Kosljun (Krk island)
- wine tasting on the island of Krk
- boat ride and lunch in Neretva Delta
- local guides and tour leader throughout



Trsat



Nin – the smallest cathedral in the world

Dates of the tour	Rate per person in double room	Supplement for single room
18 Sept10, 09 May 11	€ 840	€ 150
Arrival/departure transfers from airport (nearest airports: Zagreb, Venice, Trieste, Pula, Rijeka) on request. Guaranteed departure by min. 25 people. For all other details, terms and conditions, as well as pre- and posttour hotels (3*hotel from € 30 in DBL BB), please feel free to contact us.		

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