

## Croatian Highlights

24<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022



### *Explore the Adriatic stunning coastline*

*A country of stunning natural beauty and possibly Europe's finest coastline! Rugged limestone mountains, crystal clear water and over a thousand islands await you on this tour. Croatia shows very few signs of its turbulent history and has found a place on the boundary between Central Europe and the Mediterranean.*

*We will be hugging the wonderful coastline for most of this tour and visiting many of the natural beauties that make the country so appealing. September is an ideal month to visit, when the sea is warm to swim in, the beaches are reasonably peaceful and the temperatures not unbearably hot.*

*English is widely spoken and there is a very comfortable feeling whilst travelling throughout the country. We will be visiting many of the Croatian Highlights, including Dubrovnik, Split, Trogir, Porec, Plitvice National Park & Zadar.*

*During our tour, we will also visit Mostar & Blagaj in Bosnia Herzegovina*

Caroline & Ally Noble – Croatia

*'Fantastic tour far exceeded our expectations. Our hosts Sue & Ron did a great job looking after us all, nothing was ever too much trouble'*

Arlene & Kevin Wilde – Croatia

*'We have really enjoyed the Croatian Highlights tour and would recommend it. We have seen wonderful places and have met a lovely group of people. Tour guides Sue & Ron have been marvellous'*

## 27 Nights

### Day One – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

The group meet up together in Umag, Croatia. This evening we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner in the campsite restaurant.

### Day Two – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

A full day excursion to the ancient town of Rovinj, with its narrow alleyways and friendly people and then on to Porec, a former Roman seaside resort. Lunch will be provided

### Day Three – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Our excursion today will take us on a visit to two attractive medieval hilltop towns, firstly Grožnjan, known as the “artist village”, and later to Motovun, situated in the north of the Istria region, overlooking the Mirna River valley. Lunch is included

### Day Four – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Free day to enjoy the campsite and its facilities

### Day Five – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August

An excursion to Pula, a seafront city on the tip of Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula, known for its protected harbour, beach lined coast and Roman ruins

### Day Six – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August

We drive to our next campsite in the Plitvice National Park for a two-night stay. On the way, we stop off to visit the Baredine Caves with their display of stalactites & stalagmites **190 miles**

### Day Seven – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Today we will be taken to the Plitvice Lakes, an area of such outstanding natural beauty that it is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The 16 lakes are remarkable for their constantly changing colours ranging from azure to green, grey and blue. This evening we will have a light meal in the campsite’s restaurant



### Day Eight – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> September

We continue our journey to our next campsite on the coast near the ancient town of Trogir, this will be our home for six nights. This evening we enjoy a Dalmatian Evening of music and food. **150 miles**

### Day Nine – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September

A water taxi this morning will take us on a short journey to Trogir, where we will meet our guide for this walking tour. It has a history going back 2,300 years, the town being the oldest on Croatia’s Adriatic coast. Nicknamed “The Stone Beauty” you will find a host of palaces, churches, towers and fortresses all concentrated on a small island

### Day Ten – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Three Island Tour – spend the day cruising around the rich Trogir archipelago. Lunch included. Please note that this excursion may change to Saturday/Monday depending on the weather forecast.

### **Day Eleven – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

A free day for you to enjoy the campsite beach and take a swim in the warm waters, or you can take a water taxi and return to discover more about Trogir.

### **Day Twelve – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

We visit Croatia's second largest city, Split for a guided walking tour. Originally built around the Palace of the Emperor Diocletian, the building finished in AD 305, still forms the inner core of the city and is full of busy shops and markets

### **Day Thirteen – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Relax today, enjoy the beach or take a walk around the bay

### **Day Fourteen – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Another driving day as we leave Croatia for a while and travel to our campsite near Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina for our four-night stay. **135 miles**

### **Day Fifteen – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

We have a guided tour of Mostar, a lovely old city with quaint narrow cobbled streets. Lunch is included in a local restaurant



### **Day Sixteen – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Today we visit the "stone town" of Pocitelj, situated on the left bank of the Neretva River. The town was mentioned in written sources in 1444. Lunch included

### **Day Seventeen – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

We will walk from the campsite to the village of Blagaj. Built at the source of the River Buna, the water flows out of the 200-metre cliff wall. It is also the site of a 16<sup>th</sup> Century *tekija* (monastery), built for the Dervish cult that is reputed to be one of the most mystical places in Bosnia. This evening we dine in a local restaurant

### **Day Eighteen – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Back into Croatia today as we drive to our campsite for five nights, near the city of Dubrovnik. **90 miles**

### **Day Nineteen – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

We visit the medieval city of Dubrovnik, where we will have plenty of free time to discover this "Pearl of the Adriatic". Walk the walls and enjoy its pristine fortifications surrounded by clear blue sea. Lunch is provided in the City

### **Day Twenty – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

A free day to enjoy the campsite or return by public transport into Dubrovnik – try the Cable Car Ride with its stunning views from the top.

### **Day Twenty-one – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

An early start for a very full day's excursion to the Peljesac Peninsula to visit Ston, famous for its old salt flats and for having the second longest city walls in the world.

### Day Twenty-two – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

A free day is required after yesterday's adventure

### Day Twenty-three – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

A drive to the historic town of Omis where we will stay for two nights **120 miles**

### Day Twenty-four – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

We will take a leisurely boat ride through the Cetina Canyon to the picturesque beauty spot, Radmen Mills. The Canyon cuts through some heavily wooded landscape rich with wildlife and fish. Traditional lunch is served

### Day Twenty-five – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

We journey on to our last campsite, the Zaton Holiday Resort north of Zadar, and we stay here for three nights **120 miles**

### Day Twenty-six – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

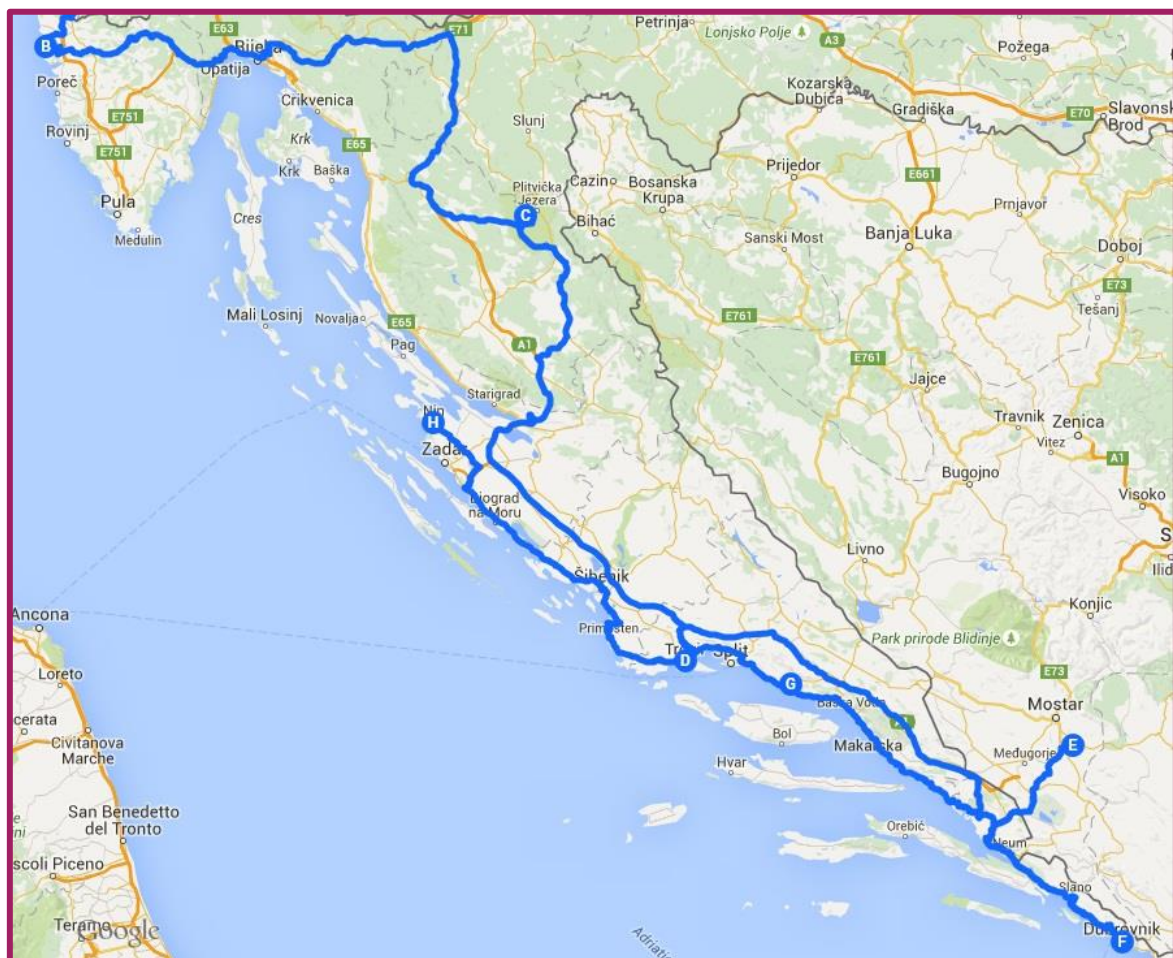
Excursion to Zadar for a walking tour followed by free time

### Day Twenty-seven – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

A relaxing day, an opportunity to enjoy the large beach and the campsite complex. This evening we will enjoy our Farewell Dinner in one of the campsite restaurants

### Day Twenty-eight – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

The tour ends today



## PRICE

## TOUR DEPOSIT £400

Motorhome with 2 people = £1999.00 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £2499.00

## INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 27 Campsite nights with hook-ups
- All transfers for the excursions as listed in the itinerary
- Entry fees as listed in the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS Coordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome
- Michelin National Croatia Map
- DK Guidebook

### Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Dinner, including Drinks
- Guided Excursion to Rovinj & Porec, including Lunch
- Guided Excursion to Grožnjan & Motovun, including Lunch
- Guided Excursion to Pula, including Lunch
- Entry to Baredine Caves
- Transport & Entry to Plitvice Lakes
- Dinner at Kamp Korana Restaurant
- Dalmatian evening with music, food & wine
- Water Taxi to Trogir
- Guided Walking Tour in Trogir
- Three Island Boat Tour, including Lunch
- Excursion to Split
- Guided Walking Tour in Split
- Drinks Reception – Welcome to BiH
- Excursion to Mostar, including Lunch
- Guided Walking Tour of Mostar
- Excursion, with Guide to Pocitelj, Lunch included
- Walking visit to Blagaj, Entry to Dervish House
- Dinner in Blagaj Restaurant
- Excursion to Dubrovnik, including Lunch
- Guided Walking Tour in Dubrovnik
- Guided Excursion to Montenegro, including Lunch
- Boat Ride along the Cetina Canyon
- Lunch at Radmen Mills
- Guided Excursion to Zadar
- Farewell Dinner at Zaton Holiday Resort

This tour starts in Umag, Istra, Croatia but if you would like to travel at the same time as the Tour Directors on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

### **OPTIONAL EXTRA PACKAGE**

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- Seven additional campsite nights with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August followed by Belgium, Germany x 2, Switzerland, Italy & Croatia
- Dinner at the campsite in Germany
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS Coordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

### **OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE**

Motorhome with 2 people @ £379 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £585