

A Custom Designed Itinerary to Croatia

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DAY 1: DUBROVNIK. When you arrive in Croatia you will be met at the Dubrovnik airport and privately transferred by an English-speaking driver and luxury car to the **Grand Villa Argentina**, where you will check in for three nights – www.gva.hr. The Grand Villa Argentina is a unique complex made up of three exclusive villas and one hotel, each with its own distinctive atmosphere, charm and grace. Tastefully appointed guest rooms combine tradition with modern comfort and amenities that will satisfy the most demanding guests. The hotel is ideally situated on the Adriatic coast and within easy walking distance of the historical medieval city of Dubrovnik. Here you will have a deluxe room with sea view and balcony. Depending on your arrival time, you may want to begin exploring the city.

DAY 2: DUBROVNIK. Meet your English-speaking guide this morning at your hotel for a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik. Known as “The Pearl of the Adriatic,” Dubrovnik is perhaps one of the most incredible medieval walled cities in the region. Today it is an UNESCO protected city. On your tour you will visit the Synagogue, the Franciscan Monastery and even walk on the old city walls. The Romanesque cloister of the Franciscan monastery is an absolute delight, decorated with the remnants of old frescoes, and with delicate pillars surrounding a garden where orange trees grow. The monastery is most famous for its pharmacy, among the oldest in Europe and the oldest one still working. A walk along the city walls is an absolute must. Almost two kilometers in length, Dubrovnik’s city walls are among the best preserved and most attractive in the world. Remainder of the day is free to continue to explore the city on your own.



DAY 3: HVAR. Today you will take the ferry to the magical Island of Hvar with your English-speaking driver/escort and luxury car. Here you will check into the **Hotel Podstine** for a two night stay – www.podstine.com. The hotel is situated in an arboretum full of palm and citrus trees and centenary pines, next to the hotel's own beach. Nearby is a diving center and we can arrange (with sufficient notice) rental of snorkeling or scuba equipment. So start to really relax! A superior exclusive double room with a sea view here.



DAY 4: HVAR. A full day to enjoy the island with your driver and a local English-speaking guide. Hvar has many olive groves, lavender fields and vineyards. In Stan Grad there are Greek ruins and the fortified castle of Peter Hectorovik. Because of its exceptional climate (with over 2700 hours of sunshine a year), Hvar is known as the Croatian Madeira. You will visit a lavender field and sample some of the local wine while on the island.



DAY 5: BRAC. Another amazing island for the next two days – Brac. Take the ferry from Jelsa to Bol, meet a local guide and car and check in for two nights at the **Deskovic Palace** – www.palaca-deskovic.com. The late Renaissance family Palace Dešković, built as early as 1497, has been registered as a cultural monument. Here you will have a junior suite.

DAY 6: BRAC. Brac is the largest island of the central Dalmatian group of islands, the third largest among the Adriatic islands. The limestone part of the coast is rocky and steep, while the rest is rather low and sandy. Some of the loveliest beaches in Croatia are in Bol. You will have a full day's tour of the island with a local guide. You can visit Skrip and Dol, two of the oldest villages on the island and see some of the many local orchards, vineyards and olive tree farms. You might like to stop for lunch (not included) in a local restaurant or winery and take a walk on the sandy beach in Bol.

DAY 7: SPLIT/TROGIR. After breakfast you are driven to Supetar to catch the ferry to Split. Upon arrival you will meet a local guide and take a walking tour including a visit to the synagogue. Split is a fascinating ancient city originally founded in the 4th century by the Roman



Emperor, Diocletian, as his retirement home. The remains of his palace are incorporated into the Old Quarter of Split. After the tour, continue to Trogir for a walking tour of this UNESCO heritage city. Check in at the end of the day at the **Le Meridien Hotel Lav** – www.lameridien.com/lav. The only internationally affiliated hotel in the Split area, the hotel is a five star, fully integrated sea front resort destination. There are three restaurants, four bars, indoor and outdoor pools, spa facilities, a private beach with water sports and

tennis courts. Here you will have a deluxe double with sea view for your two night stay. Your driver/escort departs upon arrival at the hotel.

DAY 8: SPLIT. Relax and enjoy the amenities at your seaside resort.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE/SPLIT. A private local transfer to the airport in Split in time for your flight home.

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