

*A Very Special Custom Designed Itinerary to
Croatia & Slovenia*

By

IN QUEST OF THE CLASSICS

DAY 1: LJUBLJANA/ OPATIJA. Upon arrival into LJU, you will be met by a local English-speaking driver and privately transferred to Opatija. Here we have included a 3-night stay in a double/twin bedded suite at the **Hotel Mozart**, an elegant 5 star boutique hotel, located in the center of Opatija, next to the main beach. Dinner has been included at your hotel tonight.



NOTE: This program can also start with guests flying into Zagreb, being met there and transferred to Opatija.

DAY 2: OPATIJA. Enjoy a free day in Opatija. This elegant tourist destination lies at the center of the Kvarner Riviera, with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. Until the end of World War I it was the leading summer resort of the nobility of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The climate in Opatija is relaxing and refreshing. The contrasts of sea and mountains, green parks and old buildings combined with modern comforts make Opatija and its surroundings, a very attractive tourist resort at any time of the year.



DAY 3: ISTRIA. After breakfast you will be met at your hotel by a local English-speaking driver/guide for a full day of sightseeing in Istria – the “Tuscany of Croatia.” What a hidden gem! Today you will visit the delights of Hum, Motovun and Pula, a museum-like town. Motovun, is an inland medieval fortress town where gastronomy and vitaculture are of prime importance. And then there’s Hum, recognized in the Guinness Book of Records as the smallest city in the world. It is an amazing hilltop city, with just 17 official inhabitants! And finally Pula, with what many regard as the finest Roman amphitheater outside of Italy... *Entrances to the Pula Amphitheater have been included.* Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.



Motovun



Hum



Pula

DAY 4: OPATIJA/ RAB. This morning you will be met at your hotel by a local English-speaking driver/guide for a private transfer to the Island of Rab. (*Ferry crossing included*). Upon arrival in Rab you will be transferred to the **Hotel Arbiana** for a 3-night stay in a superior sea view room. The Hotel Arbiana is located just beyond the city walls at the edge of the Adriatic Sea. Rooms are light and spacious, accented with stylish and traditional décor, equipped with modern amenities. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Dinner has been included at your hotel tonight.



DAY 5: RAB. Enjoy a free day in Rab.

DAY 6: ISLAND TOURING. Today you will meet with a local English-speaking skipper for a full day boat excursion upon the Adriatic Sea to the Islands of Pag and Losinj. Lunch has been included today on the Island of Pag.

DAY 7: RAB/ DOLENJSKA. Meet this morning with a local English-speaking driver/guide for a private transfer from your hotel in Rab to Slovenia, including en-route sightseeing. (*Early ferry crossing included*). Visit the Plitvice National Park today, widely considered the loveliest National Park in central Europe.

Situated in a gorge between two mountain ranges, 16-crystal clear lakes interconnect by a series of spectacular waterfalls and cascades. Special walkways will allow you to experience the wonders of nature up close. There are various walking trails throughout the park. Here you will enjoy a walk through the Lower Lakes at the Plitvice National Park and later a walk through the town of Slunj. *Entrances to the Plitvice National Park have been included*



In the late-afternoon you will arrive at the **Pule Estate**, an exclusive chalet hotel situated in the Dolenjska countryside in southern Slovenia. The chalets are built with traditional local materials, beautiful furniture and all modern conveniences. The chalets are divided into varying-sizes of suites, each named after women from the Anderlič family history. Here we have included a 3-night stay in a one bedroom junior suite. Dinner has been included at your hotel tonight.



DAYS 8/9: DOLENJSKA. Spend the next 2 days at leisure to enjoy the Pule Estate! Hiking trails, hire bikes, horse riding etc... It's time to RELAX!

DAY 10: DOLENJSKA/ LJUBLJANA. After breakfast this morning you will be met by a local English-speaking driver for a private transfer to the airport in Ljubljana (or Zagreb) in time for your departing flight home (no flights provided by IQOTC). At this time our services will end.

3-DAY OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

DAY 10: DOLENJSKA/ BLEED. After breakfast this morning you will be met by a local English-speaking driver for a private transfer to Bled with an en-route stop in Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital city. Upon arrival in Bled you will be transferred to the **Hotel Berc** for a 3-night stay. Located just a few minutes walk from Bled center and the lake, the Hotel Berc is of a rustic style, complete with 15 lovely rooms, surrounded by a large garden. Dinner has been included tonight at the Pension Mayer.



DAYS 11/12: BLED. Spend the next 2 days at leisure exploring the glorious scenery in and around Bled. Lake Bled is a glacial lake in the Julian Alps of northwestern Slovenia. You can visit Bled Castle, perched on a 400 foot cliff overlooking the lake, or perhaps take a rowboat trip out to Pilgrimage Island. We suggest taking a leisurely walk around the lake shore, pleasantly surrounded by mountains, or if you prefer, you can make arrangements locally to hire bikes for the day. Before you leave the area be sure to sample a “kremšnitter”, a unique vanilla and cream cake. It’s a real treat!



DAY 13: DEPARTURE. After breakfast this morning you will be met by a local English-speaking driver for a private transfer to the airport in Ljubljana (to take this optional extension, guests would be best to fly into and out of LJU) in time for your departing flight home (no flights provided by IQOTC). At this time our services will end.