



## CROATIA

# GOURMET CROATIA

 (TOUR CODE: 13162)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Dubrovnik to  
Zagreb

### TRAVEL PERIODS

26 May 24 - 13 Oct 24

### EXPERIENCE

Escorted  
Food & Wine

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Embark on an incredible journey through Croatia, where each delightful bite tells a story of rich tradition, exquisite flavours, and heartfelt passion. From the charming streets of Dubrovnik to the vibrant city of Zagreb, this gourmet expedition ensures that your taste buds will be tantalized with unforgettable tasting adventures.

## Highlights

- Exclusive **Small Group Tour up to 25 participants** in **English only!**
- Get ready to witness the breathtaking wonder of **Plitvice Lakes National Park**
- Cruise along the Bay of Mali Ston while indulging in the taste of **freshly harvested oysters!**
- Marvel at **Hum**, proudly holds the title of the smallest town in the world!
- Immerse yourselves in the world of **award winning Croatian wines**, indulging in a tasting that showcases the region's vinicultural excellence
- Explore Pula and its most iconic landmark, the magnificent **Pula Arena!**
- Delve into the **world of truffles** and indulge our senses with a tantalizing tasting in Istria!

This journey encompasses the diverse and captivating beauty of Croatia. Commencing in Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage city, we wander through its historic streets, bearing witness to its rich architectural heritage and ancient history. The adventure unfolds in the village of Orašac, offering scenic beauty and a taste of Croatian traditions in an ancient stone mill.

We continue to the Pelješac peninsula for an oyster tasting and explore the remarkable salt pans near Ston. In Split, the grandeur of Emperor Diocletian's palace beckons, followed by a visit to the Meštrović Gallery to admire stunning sculptures.

A wine tasting in the Royal vineyards and the cultural treasures of Zadar lead us to the natural wonder of Plitvice Lakes. Istria beckons with a truffle tasting and the enchanting town of Motovun. In the world's smallest town, Hum, we explore the Museum Aura.

Rovinj's beauty shines on the Adriatic, and Pula reveals the awe-inspiring Pula Arena. Our journey concludes in Zagreb, with visits to Dolac Market, the historic Upper Town, and a farewell dinner celebrating Croatian cuisine.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Dubrovnik at Hotel Lero - 4\* or similar
- 1 night in Split at Hotel Corner - 4\* or similar
- 1 night in Biograd at Hotel Kornati - 4\* or similar
- 3 nights in Opatija at Hotel Bristol - 4\* or similar
- 1 night in Zagreb at Hotel Astoria - 4\* or similar
- Transportation by coach or minivan
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & Half board in Biograd
- Lunch & wine tasting in Royal vineyards in Petrčane on day 3
- Traditional lunch in Plitvice area on day 4
- Traditional lunch in an Istrian village household on day 6
- Farewell dinner in Zagreb
- Oyster tasting in Mali Ston
- Truffle and olive oil tasting in Istria
- Maraschino tasting in Zadar
- Sightseeing tours in Dubrovnik, Split, Zadar, Plitvice lakes, Rovinj, Pula, Zagreb
- Demonstration of olive oil production and snack in Orašac
- Tour Leader
- Entrances fees to Franciscan Monastery, Meštrović Gallery , Plitvice lakes , Aura Museum

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Dubrovnik Airport Dubrovnik

You'll be met at the airport in Dubrovnik and transferred to your hotel in Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, check in your accommodation, then the rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city centre on your own.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik at **Hotel Lero** or similar.



Day **2** Dubrovnik Orašac Ston Split

After having breakfast at the hotel, there will be a sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide, including a visit to the Franciscan monastery.

Following this, there will be some free time, after which we will proceed to **Orašac** for a presentation on olive oil production and a tasting session. Continuing our journey, we will drive to the **Pelješac** peninsula and **enjoy a cruise around the picturesque bay of Mali Ston**, where oyster tasting will be arranged. Afterwards, there will be some free time in the town of **Ston** before we embark on our onward journey to Split.

Overnight stay in Split at **Hotel Corner** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3** Split Petrčane Zadar Biograd

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we will visit to the **Meštrović Gallery**, marveling at the works of art of this famous

disciple of Rodin. Following that, we will embark on a splendid **sightseeing tour of Split** led by a local guide. As we delve into the history of this enchanting city, we'll step into the world of Emperor Diocletian, who commissioned the construction of this majestic palace as his retirement residence in the 4th century. Prepare to be awed by the architectural grandeur on display, including intricate columns, imposing gates, and remarkably well-preserved walls. You will, then have some leisure time.

Head towards the Royal vineyards in **Petrčane**, where an exquisite wine tasting session and lunch will be provided for your delight.

Later in the afternoon, we will continue to the beautiful city of **Zadar** with the assistance of a local guide, and you will also have the **opportunity to savor the delightful taste of Marschino**. Afterwards, you will have some free time before we continue to the hotel in Biograd.

Dinner will be served in Biograd.

Overnight stay in Biograd at **Hotel Kornati** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### Day 4 Biograd Plitvice Lakes National Park Opatija

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will embark on a scenic drive to **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Upon arrival, you will be accompanied by your tour leader through the park.

The tranquil beauty of the cascading waterfalls and lush forests sets the stage for a **traditional lunch** in a local restaurant. Delight in the flavors of regional specialties, prepared with love and reverence for the land's natural bounty.

Continue our journey by driving to the beautiful coastal town of **Opatija**. Located along the Adriatic Sea, Opatija is renowned for its stunning seaside promenade, lush parks, and historic architecture.

Overnight stay in Opatija at **Hotel Bristol** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

## Opatija Hum & Motovun Opatija

After breakfast in the hotel, drive to Hum. The town of Hum takes great pride in its prestigious title as the smallest town in the world. Within the town, a noteworthy attraction is the **Museum Aura**; a treasury of cultural heritage. Housed within a meticulously restored building, this museum provides glimpses into the past, fostering a profound appreciation for the village's distinctive character.

Our next destination will take us to the picturesque surroundings of **Motovun**, a stunning hilltop town in the Istria region. There, we will have the opportunity to savor the exquisite flavors of truffles in a tasting experience that promises to delight our palates. After which we explore the cobblestone streets of the town of Motovun. As you approach this hilltop town, you'll be greeted by a sight that seems straight out of a fairytale—a walled fortress rising proudly above the rolling hills and vineyards that surround it.

Return to Opatija where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Opatija at **Hotel Bristol** or similar.

Breakfast



After breakfast in the hotel, start your day with a visit to Rovinj.

As you approach **Rovinj**, the town's iconic silhouette comes into view—a cluster of pastel-colored houses rising from a small peninsula, crowned by the majestic St. Euphemia Church. The sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea serve as a picturesque backdrop, creating a postcard-worthy scene that will take your breath away.

The day unfolds with a **traditional lunch in a typical Istrian village** household, offering a glimpse into the region's authentic culinary traditions. We then visit one of Istria's most rewarded **olive oil producers**, where we delve into the artistry of olive oil production, savoring its exquisite flavors.

Then, our journey will lead us to **Pula**, a city with a rich historical tapestry. At the heart of Pula, you'll discover its most iconic treasure, the grand **Pula Arena**. This Roman amphitheater, a testament to ancient engineering and architecture, was constructed in the 1st century AD and remains one of the world's most remarkably preserved Roman arenas. Its sheer magnificence is bound to leave you in awe. Upon completing our visit to Pula, we'll make our way back to your hotel in Opatija.

Overnight stay in Opatija at **Hotel Bristol** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



ROVINJ

After breakfast in the hotel, drive to **Zagreb**.

Our gastronomic odyssey concludes in the vibrant capital city of Zagreb. This morning, **visit the iconic Dolac Market**, a vibrant open-air market bursting with fresh produce and local delicacies. Wander through the historic Upper Town, admiring the Zagreb Cathedral and exploring the charming streets of Kaptol. Marvel at the beauty of St. Mark's Church and discover its unique museums.

As the evening approaches, we indulge in a farewell dinner at one of Zagreb's restaurants, where expert chefs craft dishes that pay homage to the country's culinary heritage.

Overnight stay in Zagreb at **Hotel Astoria** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 8 Zagreb Zagreb Airport

After a breakfast at the hotel, take a transfer to Zagreb airport.  
End of the tour.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Croatian

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Kuna (HRK)

- The minimum number of participants required for this tour is two, while the maximum limit is set at 25 participants.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.
- This coach tour is not suitable for persons with restricted mobility.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package