

# TRAFALGAR

# Your best trip starts *here*.

# Balkan Delight trip itinerary.



### Day 1 | Welcome to Zagreb



Embark on an epic discovery of the Balkans. Croatia's capital city of Zagreb is your springboard to a fascinating journey through what was once a troubled region.

Today, it's a land of diverse cultures and traditions which you will have a unique opportunity to enjoy with newfound friends. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception.

### Day 2 | Explore Historic Zagreb



The paved squares and steep alleyways of Zagreb are ours to explore this morning as we join a Local Specialist to delve into the city's rich medieval and religious history. See the majestic cathedral on Kaptol and St. Mark's Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof.

Admire the Opera House, then take a stroll around the 17 -century Ban Jelačić Square. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own – enjoy panoramic city views from Strossmayer promenade, pay tribute to Zagreb's patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town, twirling your Šestine umbrella as you ramble through its labyrinthine lanes.

Enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialities with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside.



## Day 3 | Journey to Sarajevo



We journey to Sarajevo, whose rich religious and multicultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Its centuries-old religious history is reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a Local Specialist for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel which allowed food, war supplies and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out. Hear war-time tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for Dinner.

## Day 3 | Uncover Sarajevo's Secrets



Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of the city's Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago.

During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street seeking treasures, or drink from the fountain of Sebilj to secure your return to Sarajevo. This evening, enjoy a traditional Bosnian dinner with entertainment in an authentic restaurant famous for its local cuisine. With lively entertainment, and authentic culture it truly is an unforgettable Bosnian evening.

## Day 5 | Along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik



We journey to the secluded coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian coast that for centuries have attracted famous artists, actors and aristocrats. En route to Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', we stop at the magnificent Mostar Bridge. A Local Specialist will provide tales of this impressive bridge over the Neretva River and the bridge keepers who watched over it in medieval times - giving Mostar its name. The 16 -century bridge, built by Sinan the great Ottoman architect, was destroyed during the war and has been rebuilt using age-old traditions. You'll then meet Denis, a local artist, who'll show you traditional Bosnian jewellery making and copper art. Both disappearing crafts, Denis has been preserving and reviving them in his studio in Old Mostar. Then, enjoy some free time to explore the town before continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik.

In the evening, we embark on a sunset cruise that takes us along the spectacular Dalmatian coast to one of the secluded bays where we'll enjoy a delicious local dinner with drinks. To complete the evening, we'll cruise outside the old city walls and explore the beautiful, illuminated city of Dubrovnik, before returning to our hotel.

## Day 6 | Discover Picturesque Dubrovnik



Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls.

This evening, we travel to a traditional tavern overlooking the Dubrovnik Hills and meet the Knez family for a wonderful Be My Guest experience. You'll Connect With Locals as you dine on Dubrovnik specialities and feel fully immersed in your hosts' warm Croatian hospitality.



### Day 7 | A Day in Montenegro



Dazzling natural surroundings are ours to enjoy today as we travel to the Republic of Montenegro, where we will meet a Local Specialist and head toward the mouth of the Bay of Kotor. Celebrate centuries of history in the charming town of Kotor, with its Venetian palaces and medieval churches. We return to Dubrovnik this evening.

### Day 8 | Onwards to Split



We pass old fishing villages and modern resorts, arriving in the vibrant city of Split. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist featuring the historic inner city. Dive Into Culture and admire the façades of Diocletian's Palace, which today forms half of the Old Town of Split. See the city's Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's

Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. Join us for a traditional Konoba dinner and savour traditional Dalmatian flavours in a traditional stone basement- a 'konoba'. You'll select from a variety of seafood or meats accompanied by Dalmatian wines and typical live music, which will add a local touch to your journey on the Adriatic coastline.

### Day 9 | Split Your Way



Indulge in a full-day trip to Hvar, one of the most beautiful islands in the Croatian archipelago. Embarking on a boat ride from Split harbour, we'll explore the historic Hvar Old Town on foot with our Local Specialist.

You'll spend free time relaxing at one of the seafront restaurants or soaking up the stunning views from the Venetian hilltop fortress. We then sail back over the Adriatic on our return to Split.

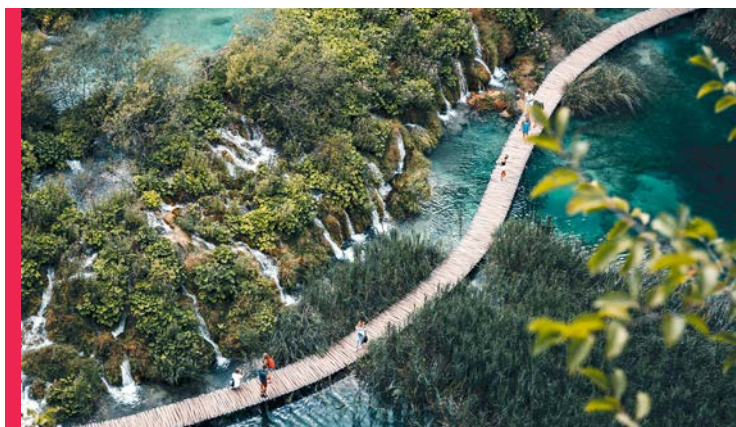
### Day 10 | Trogir's Architecture then to Plitvice



This morning, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a Local Specialist. The stone town is a boon for lovers of art and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture.

We leave the coast and journey to the forested National Park of Plitvice.

### Day 11 | Return to Zagreb



The tranquil turquoise, emerald and grey waters of Plitvice's multitude of lakes and waterfalls are explored today on an unforgettable walking tour with a Local Specialist. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience, you'll connect with the exquisite beauty of this UNESCO listed natural wonder, admiring the cascade of spectacular waterfalls and crystal-clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscape. You'll walk along the wooden pathways suspended over these mesmerising natural landscapes, absorbing the irresistible beauty of as many as 16 upper and lower lakes and caves that are all magically connected by waterfalls.

Enchanted by the experience, you'll return to Zagreb for a final Farewell Dinner together, reminiscing over an unforgettable Balkan exploration.

### Day 12 | Farewell Zagreb



Our time together savouring all of the Balkan delights comes to an end this morning after breakfast.

