

**MOST BEAUTIFUL REGIONS OF CROATIA** 12 DAYS PRICE: 1.898 €

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**1<sup>st</sup> day :: Arrival to Opatija ::**

Meeting is at the airport. Transfer to the hotel in Opatija. Accommodation is in the hotel "Villa Vranješ". Afterward we will take a walk through floral Opatija, enjoying in sights of ancient villas. Before dinner our guide will inform us on the programme, and the rest of the evening will be used for agreements and mutual introduction. Dinner will be served in „Villa Vranješ“ in Opatija.

**2<sup>nd</sup> day :: Učka Nature Park - 1396 m ::**

The highest peak of the Istrian Peninsula with enchanting view over Istra and Kvarner Bay, numerous islands and mountains of Gorski Kotar. Transfer will take us through many picturesque villages on Učka to the climber's lodging Poklon (922 m). We will hike farther along the colourful path to the mountain ridge which we will follow and come to the mountain peak, which offers breath-taking view. Coming down from Učka will be from the southern side of the mountain through small, fabulous villages Liganj and Lovranska Draga to the beautiful town Lovran, where our transfer back to Opatija will be waiting for us.

Climb: 444 m

Coming down: 1250 m

Hiking: 4.5 h – medium difficult

Breakfast, lunch (in a local tavern), dinner in the Hotel „Villa Vranješ“ in Opatija

**3<sup>rd</sup> day :: Risnjak National Park ::**

Transfer to Rijeka's hinterland into wooded Gorski Kotar. Risnjak is a mountain 1528m high. We will hike on a macadam road, from which we will turn onto a wooden path and continue among beech- and fir-trees to the climber's lodgings. After that we will go on to the top. From the highest mountain top we will enjoy in spectacular view of surrounding mountains of Gorski Kotar and Slovenia, deep canyons, sparkling, crystalline rivers and the Kvarner islands. We will come down from this perfect park for mountaineers and naturalists alike, passing Croatia's biggest diversity of flora and fauna, and finally reach village Crni Lug, in which the transfer to Opatija will be waiting for us.

Climb: 353 m

Coming down: 320 m

Hiking: 6 h – medium difficult

Breakfast, lunch (picnic en route), dinner in the Hotel „Villa Vranješ“ in Opatija

#### **4<sup>th</sup> day :: Plitvice National Park ::**

The most frequently visited and the most beautiful Croatian National Park is also classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. A string of 16 crystalline lakes interconnected by numerous waterfalls and rapids never fail to impress. After breakfast we will pick up our luggage into the vehicle and head for the Plitvice National Park, in which we will use their internal transfers: firstly, the train which will take us to the Gornja Jezera. We will hike from there around vast cascades enjoying the company of wading birds and schools of fish. We will embark on an electrical boat on the largest lake - Kozjak, which will take us to the Donja Jezera, where we will discover the surrounding area. We will enter below the Plitvice highest waterfall (83 m) and come out of the canyon through Šupljara – hole in a rock. After viewing of Plitvice we will return to Starigrad Paklenica, a picturesque place at the entrance into the Paklenica National Park.

Climb: 50 m

Coming down: 250 m

Hiking: 4 h – easy

Breakfast, lunch (picnic on a meadow), dinner, the Hotel Roli, Starigrad Paklenica

#### **5<sup>th</sup> day :: Paklenica National Park ::**

Our vehicle will drive us to the deep canyon of Velika Paklenica (400 m). Afterward we will hike through the impressive canyon listening to murmur of Paklenica. We will follow the path to the climber's lodging. After a short break, we will come down from the eastern side of the canyon admiring its depths and enjoying the scenery. We will hike through Veliko Močilo and the abandoned village Jurlina, in which our vehicles will be waiting for us. Along the whole path we can enjoy in looking at numerous climbers on the surrounding rocks because Paklenica is the most popular destination for sports climbers in this part of Europe. If we are lucky enough, maybe we will see several eagle species which inhabit this area.

Climb: 710 m

Coming down: 710 m

Hiking: 7 h – medium difficult

Breakfast, lunch (picnic), dinner in the Hotel Roli in Starigrad Paklenica

#### **6<sup>th</sup> day :: Krka National Park ::**

On this day we will pack our things again and set off for the Krka National Park. There starts the tour around 17 waterfalls and cascades of crystal-clear water. We will visit the oldest hydro-electrical power plant on Balkan, old mills which still work grinding corn, primitive „washing machines“ under the waterfall, female weavers who present their skills in front of visitors' eyes, old blacksmith's workshop with tool collection used in this region... After lunch we will continue driving to Split, where a local guide will introduce us to the secrets of the Diocletian's Palace and the Cellars. After the sightseeing tour we drive farther to Makarska.

Climb: 200 m

Coming down: 200 m

Hiking: 3 h - easy

Breakfast, lunch (in a local restaurant), dinner in the Hotel Biokovo in Makarska

### **7<sup>th</sup> day :: Biokovo Nature Park ::**

On this day a serpentine mountain road will take us to the highest peak of Biokovo (1762) m with stops along the road to throw a glance over the coastline and the surrounding islands. We will enjoy a unique view from the mountain top over Zabiokovlje from Sinj to Vrgorac as well as over mountains of central Bosnia and Herzegovina. We will hike along the middle Biokovo massif through numerous dells to peak Vošac (1422 m), which offers a magnificent view over the whole Makarska Riviera and central-Dalmatian islands. We will continue our descent to the village Makar, enjoying all the time the view of villages under Biokovo and surrounding islands.

Climb: 150 m

Coming down: 1375 m

Hiking: 5.30 h – medium difficult

Breakfast, lunch-picnic, dinner in the Hotel Biokovo

### **8<sup>th</sup> day :: Sea kayak ::**

A 20-minute ride by minibus will take us to a picturesque Dalmatian village Pisak, in which our kayaks and a guide with gear will be waiting for us. After a short safety talk about kayaks and paddling technique, behaviour at sea, we will paddle along the steep coastline, at times under high vertical rocks among which beautiful and clean beaches are hidden, to Vruje, where we will enjoy playing on the underground river spring. En route we will try to climb some rocks directly from the sea level, have a swim or... After picnic on the beach we will continue paddling to Brela where our vehicles will be waiting for us.

Sea kayaking: 4.30 - 5 h

Breakfast, lunch - picnic, dinner in the Hotel Biokovo.

### **9<sup>th</sup> day :: Kayak on Cetina River ::**

We will drive to the deep canyon which the Cetina River cut into rocks of the slopes of Mountain Mosor, where our kayaks and guides will be waiting for us. We will paddle downstream the river part which in the canyon's depth formed numerous rapids and small waterfalls over which our „dancing“ kayaks will carry us. Whole time we will be enjoying in their murmur and shrieking of wading birds in the surrounding bushes. Lunch will be waiting for us on the meadow at the take-out point, after which we will return to Makarska. The rest of the day is free for Your own agenda.

River kayaking: 3 h - class II/III

Breakfast, lunch - picnic, dinner in the Hotel Biokovo

### **10<sup>th</sup> day :: Cavtat ::**

After lunch we will move to Cavtat. En route we will stop in Ston to look around the famous Ston Walls and nearby salt pans. After arrival in Cavtat we will put up in a hotel and after a short break drive to the village of Velji Do, in which we will enjoy traditional local meals (home-made cheese in olive oil, etc.) in a local „konoba“. After lunch we will walk along the Ronald Brown's Educational Path (Ronald H. Brown was a U.S. Commerce Secretary during Clinton's Administration, who died together with a delegation of 32 others in a plane crash when his plane slammed into the nearby hillside.), which will offer us pleasure of viewing over the whole Župa Dubrovačka and Dubrovnik all the way to the hotels.

Climb: 000

Coming down: 498 m

Hiking: 2.30 h - easy

Breakfast, lunch – in a village“konoba“, dinner in the Hotel Cavtat

**11<sup>th</sup> day :: Dubrovnik ::**

We will take a boat from Cavtat alongside the picturesque coastline of Župa Dubrovačka to Dubrovnik. A local guide will wait for us at the entrance into the Old City who will introduce us to the beauties of the City of monuments. After lunch we will enjoy our stroll on the City Walls, viewing over terracotta roofs of Dubrovnik and intimacy of small secretive terraces among them. Return to Cavtat in the afternoon hours.

Breakfast, lunch in a local restaurant, dinner in the Hotel Cavtat.

**12<sup>th</sup> day :: Return home ::**

If You came by an airplane we will organize the transfer to the airport Dubrovnik.

Price: **€ 1.898,00**

Single room surcharge: **€ 338,00**

Minimum 6 persons

Maximum 15 persons

NATIONAL PARKS: Risnjak, Plitvice, Paklenica, Krka.

NATURE PARKS: Učka, Biokovo.

Price includes:

All local transfers from arrival to departure; tickets for 4 National Parks and 2 Nature Parks; accommodation in hotels ★ ★ ★ of half board type; lunches in local restaurants, traditional Dalmation cellars – „konobas“ or picnics; guides and gear for sea kayak and river kayak; local guides for the cities of Split and Dubrovnik; tickets for the Diocletian's Palace, the Cathedral of St. Dujam; City Walls in Dubrovnik; return boat ride from Cavtat – Dubrovnik; local guide during the whole programme.