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JOURNEYS

# CROATIA & SLOVENIA

2020



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*There is much to savour on this special journey through Croatia and Slovenia with a little taste of Venice. Visit the karst caves of Postojna, the castles of Predjama and Bled, picturesque open-air markets, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, historic churches, palaces and bridges as well as the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park before joining our deluxe small ship for a cruise around the Croatian islands. Wine and food tasting along the way will give us a true introduction to the real Croatia and Slovenia.*

## 20 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

**COUNTRIES** Italy, Slovenia, Croatia

**DEPARTS** 13 June – 2 July 2020

## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Venice stopover with sightseeing to start the journey
- Tour Slovenia; from the leafy banks of Ljubljana, to astonishing Postojna Cave and picture-perfect Lake Bled
- Visit vibrant Zagreb before continuing to the scenic Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia
- See the pretty orange-roofed towns of Split and Piran
- Embark on a 7 night cruise aboard ms San Antonio around the Croatian islands, visiting Korcula, Mljet National Park, Dubrovnik, the Elaphiti Islands, Peljesac Peninsula, Scedro Island, the Pakleni Islands, Hvar and Bol
- Travel along the Adriatic Coast to the Istrian Peninsula
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

## SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

### *Cheese tasting at the Alpine Dairy Museum*

The four rooms of the museum in Bohinj – once a cheese dairy itself – contain a mock-up of a mid 19<sup>th</sup> century herder's cottage, old photographs, cheese presses, wooden butter moulds, copper vats, enormous snowshoes and sledges, and wonderful hand-carved shepherds' crooks.

### *Visit the 15<sup>th</sup> century Ljubljana Castle*

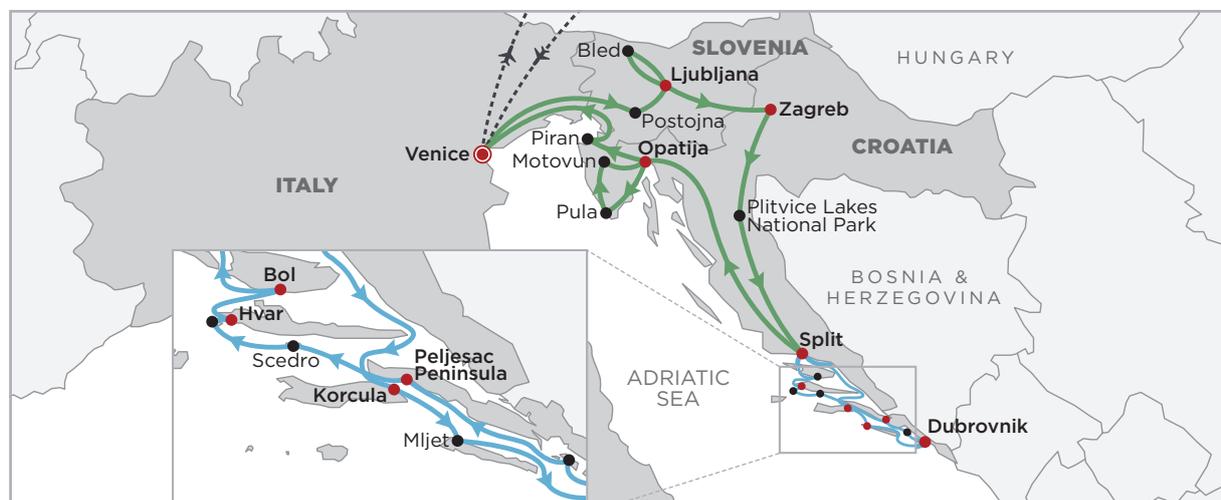
Take the funicular up to Ljubljana Castle for magnificent views across the city and the Alps.

### *Wander the narrow cobbled streets of Piran*

Piran was once an important medieval town on the tip of the Istrian Peninsula. Wander through the atmospheric town with its Venetian Gothic architecture.



Predjama Castle, Postojna



# CROATIA & SLOVENIA ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER

— JUNE 2020

## SAT 13 AUCKLAND > DUBAI

Fly from Auckland to Dubai travelling overnight.

## SUN 14 DUBAI > VENICE

Arrive Dubai and take connecting flight to Venice. We transfer by private water taxi to our hotel.

## MON 15 VENICE (B) (D)

Enjoy a walking tour of Venice, visiting St Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace – two important landmarks of the city. Afternoon at leisure and enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

## TUE 16 VENICE > POSTOJNA > LJUBLJANA (B)

Today we cross the border into Slovenia and visit the wonderful subterranean world of Postojna Cave. Photo stop at Predjama Castle and continue to Ljubljana for a walking tour of the picturesque open-air Central Market, the Triple Bridge, Town Hall and Robba Fountain.

## WED 17 BLEED & BOHINJ (B)

Visit the charming town of Bled and see imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. Visit Bohinj for a museum visit and cheese tasting. Return to Ljubljana.



Lake Bled

## THU 18 LJUBLJANA > ZAGREB (B)

Today we drive towards Zagreb. Visit the historic Upper Town, full of charm. Everywhere there are traces of the city's turbulent past. Visit St Mark's Church, St Catherine's Church, the Cathedral and Presidential Palace.

## FRI 19 ZAGREB > PLITVICE > SPLIT (B)

Travel south to the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk around the lower lakes and see the 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains. Continue to Split.

## SAT 20 SPLIT (B) (D)

Morning at leisure before transferring to our ship to check in. Enjoy an afternoon sightseeing tour of Split before the captain's reception on board this evening.

## SUN 21 SPLIT > KORCULA (B) (L)

Morning departure for Korcula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route. Arrive in Korcula in the early afternoon for a guided walking tour of this enchanting town.

## MON 22 KORCULA > MLJET > DUBROVNIK (B) (L) (D)

Head further south to the island of Mljet. Visit the famous salt lakes in Mljet National Park and take a boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient monastery, an old abbey and a church from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Alternatively, you can rent kayaks, bicycles, scooters or convertible cars to explore on your own. Return to the ship for lunch and depart for Dubrovnik, where we will cruise alongside the old city walls before docking.



Dubrovnik

## TUE 23 DUBROVNIK (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the old town for a guided walking tour. Take the cable car to Srd mountain for stunning views over the city. The afternoon is at leisure.

## WED 24 DUBROVNIK > PELJESAC PENINSULA (B) (L) (D)

Early morning departure towards the Peljesac peninsula, well known for its excellent wine. Before lunch, stop at one of the Elaphiti Islands. On arrival at the peninsula, we travel inland to explore rural Croatia. Visit a local farm and indulge in a typical village party with local dishes for dinner.

## THU 25 PELJESAC PENINSULA > HVAR (B) (L)

This morning, depart for Hvar. Stop for lunch on the small island of Scedro, and enjoy a swim stop at the Pakleni Islands. In the afternoon, arrive in Hvar, an island known for its pretty lavender fields and historical landmarks. Perhaps hike up to the town fort for some lovely scenic views.

## FRI 26 HVAR > BOL (B) (L) (D)

Our final stop will be in Bol, a picturesque fishing town on the island of Brač. Walk along the promenade or swim at one of the most famous beaches in this part of the world – Zlatni Rat (also known as the "golden horn"). After lunch, enjoy time at leisure until an afternoon wine tasting followed by the captain's farewell dinner with live entertainment on board.

## SAT 27 BOL > SPLIT > OPATIJA (B) (D)

Depart for Split this morning. After disembarking, travel north along the Adriatic coast to Opatija, a resort town popular with the Habsburgs in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Stroll the elegant promenade before dinner in a local restaurant.

## SUN 28 ISTRIAN PENINSULA (B)

Today we visit the Istrian peninsula, often referred to as the "Tuscany of Croatia". In Pula, visit a 2,000 year old Roman colosseum and stroll the cobbled streets to see the town's historic monuments. Afterwards, head to Motovun, a fortified hilltop town surrounded by vineyards. Stop at a local family owned estate for a truffle tasting. Return to Opatija.

**MON 29 OPATIJA > PIRAN > VENICE** 

After breakfast we travel to Piran. Explore the narrow, cobbled streets of the once very important medieval town on the tip of the peninsula. Our final destination is Venice.

**TUE 30 VENICE > DUBAI** 

Fly to Dubai and transfer to our hotel for a few hours rest.

— JULY 2020

**WED 01 DUBAI > AUCKLAND**

Connect to our onward flight travelling overnight.

**THU 02 AUCKLAND**

Arrival in Auckland.

**MS SAN ANTONIO**

This brand new 35-guest capacity luxury cruise ship is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, exceptional recreational amenities and elegant dining and lounge areas to ensure your Croatian cruise is enjoyable and comfortable. On the spacious sun deck you can take a dip in the jacuzzi or lay back on a sun lounger while admiring the incredible views as you cruise from island to island. All lower and main deck cabins are beautifully appointed, air-conditioned, and each has its own ensuite.

<b>Departs 13 June 2020</b>	<b>Twin</b> <i>per person</i>	<b>Single</b> <i>per person</i>
Lower Deck (porthole)	\$13,395	\$18,495
Main Deck (window) 	\$14,995	\$18,995
Business Class Upgrade	On request	On request

**INCLUDED**

- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- Airline and airport taxes
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 3 & 4 star hotels and deluxe cruise aboard ms San Antonio
- Transfers, sightseeing, and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated   
- Gratuities

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Visas (if applicable)
- Optional activities

**GRATUITIES**

In the countries we are visiting, tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host.

**BOOKING CONDITIONS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is required, with the balance due 28 February 2020. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health & Medical Requirements.

**TRAVELLING SOLO** 

If you would like to share with another person of the same gender and pay the share twin price, please book and pay your deposit at least 6 months before departure.

**BOOK EARLY AND SAVE**

Book and pay your deposit by 30 September 2019 to save \$400 per couple or \$200 for a single traveller.

**WELCOME BACK**

If you have travelled on one of our Hosted Journeys before, we would like to welcome you back with an extra saving of \$400 per couple or \$200 for a single traveller.

*Offers can be combined when booking.*

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