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CROATIA'S ADRIATIC COAST



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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of Croatia's seafaring allure, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

- ▶ Pause in the hush of the **remarkable Plitvice Lakes National Park.**
- ▶ Experience **Dubrovnik's Tuscan-hued cityscape**, a flawless harmony of history and artistry.
- ▶ Follow the wake of Illyrians, Venetians and traders while **crusuing into Stari Grad.**
- ▶ Enjoy a **traditional Peka dinner** at a country house on the island of Hvar.
- ▶ Stand amid the imposing Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace.**
- ▶ Unwind in the soothing breezes and soul-gripping sights **along the Dalmatian Coast.**



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Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Croatia and its rugged Adriatic Coast offer an irresistible blend of natural beauty and history-steeped locales. On this 10-night journey, discover a cultural crossroads where Roman, Mediterranean and Venetian influences intertwined to create Croatia's palpable effervescence and unique seafaring spirit.

Visit Zagreb, Croatia's charming capital city, and discover Split's maritime history and Roman ruins. Relish the quietude of Plitvice Lakes National Park while roaming its turquoise cascades and rugged interior. Journey south where pastel-painted villages and limpid bays sprinkle the craggy coastline, and cruise to lavender-scented Hvar. Then discover the walled medieval city of Dubrovnik, the darling of the storied Adriatic. Return home brimming with memories of Croatia's myriad jewel isles and tantalizing azure waters.

The professional team is committed to providing you a once-in-a-lifetime experience that features exciting excursions, stimulating lectures and ample leisure time, allowing you opportunities to make your own discoveries. Space is limited to ensure maximum traveling comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

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Market, Zagreb



St. Mark's Church, Zagreb

Prepare to be intoxicated by Croatia's rich layers of incredible culture and staggering natural wonders. For millennia, people from all corners of the globe settled, traded and fought here, leaving their imprints on Croatia's architecture and gastronomy. Explore Croatia's treasures from Zagreb's Austro-Hungarian façades to Split's ancient Diocletian's Palace, from marbled streets to mighty medieval fortresses. Roam Plitvice Lakes National Park and witness its vividly hued lakes and waterfalls. Then succumb to the lure of Dubrovnik while strolling through the city's Old Town. Immerse yourself in Croatia, and discover the allure of this unique and captivating country.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Zagreb, Croatia. ⬆

DAY TWO

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ZAGREB, CROATIA

Upon arrival, transfer ⬆ and check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

This evening, join fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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ZAGREB

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Croatia.*

Excursion: *Zagreb City Tour.* During a city

tour, see Zagreb's narrow, winding streets and admire its rich array of Austro-Hungarian architecture. At the heart of Zagreb's beautifully preserved Upper Town, visit the iconic St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, its brilliantly tiled mosaic roof depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms as well as those representing Zagreb.

DAY FOUR

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ZAGREB

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a day at leisure in Zagreb. Perhaps taste local delights at the farmer's market or visit the Museum of Contemporary Art and quirky Museum of Broken Relationships.

ELECTIVE | Croatia's Countryside.

Enjoy a panoramic drive from Zagreb to Hrvatsko Zagorje, Croatia's scenic north country. Visit Klanjec, its Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery, and the Church of St. Mary. Continue to Kumrovec, the birthplace of Tito, which boasts an open-air museum in its Old Village. This popular Kumrovec Museum features well-preserved

Plitvice Lakes National Park



Plitvice Lakes National Park

Sixteen opalescent lakes cascade from one to the next in a dramatic series of waterfalls. Miles of trails and wooden footbridges wind over, around, behind and even through the falls, immersing you in the verdant beauty of the natural wonders of this park. The constantly changing hues of the lakes — azure, brilliant green, deep blue and sometimes gray — are created by the angle of sunlight and a unique interaction between water, limestone and plant life. The travertine barriers that create the waterfalls are continually reforming, so the landscape is ever-changing. The lakes descend roughly 425 feet over five miles before flowing into the Korana River. Situated amid dense forests of beech, fir, spruce and white pine, the 115 square miles of park offers sanctuary to many animals, including black storks, endangered European brown bears and rare lynxes.



Lower path boardwalk, Plitvice

houses from the end of the 19th century and a reconstructed, picturesque rural setting. Enjoy regional specialties during lunch.

DAY FIVE

B I L I D

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK |

SPLIT

After breakfast, depart Zagreb.

Excursion: *Plitvice Lakes National Park.*

Enjoy a refreshing escape to one of Croatia's most spectacular natural wonders. This vibrant landscape is a vision of unsurpassed beauty where the waters shimmer and constantly change color, a result of the karst terrain. Wander planked walkways and trails amid a fragrant forest of beech and pine. Enjoy lunch on the outing.

Continue to Split. Upon arrival, check in to the Cornaro Hotel.

DAY SIX

B I L

SPLIT

Educational Focus: *Croatia's Seafaring History.*

Excursion: *Split.* Discover Split's abundant historical riches during a walking tour. Visit the incredible living ruin of Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has been continuously inhabited since the Roman emperor abdicated his throne in A.D. 305. See the cellars, temple ruins, the elaborate Cathedral of St. Domnius and the Golden Gate. Also observe the Peristyle, a rectangular open court that was the heart of the palace. Roaming this complex's tangle of passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is one of Croatia's most enchanting experiences.



St. Stephen's Square, Hvar



Hvar wine country



Hvar

Local Flavor: Visit a local fish market and learn about the industry. Then sit down for a fresh lunch featuring the catch of the day.

Independent Exploration: Spend the remainder of the day at leisure in Split.

DAY SEVEN

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HVAR

This morning, depart from Split. Experience the turquoise waters of the Adriatic as you ferry to the island of Hvar.

Excursion: *Explore Hvar.* Discover the great treasures lying within the 13th-century walls of Hvar's Old Town, including richly ornamented Gothic palaces, quiet squares and marble streets. Visit the Renaissance-era Cathedral of St. Stephen and explore the Arsenal, where imposing war galleons were once repaired and refitted. Converted into a public theater in 1612, part of the Arsenal is still in use today. End the day at Hvar's Benedictine, a convent that dates from the mid 1600s, and discover how nuns weave lace from agave leaves.

Afterwards, check in to the Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy free time to explore Hvar.

DAY EIGHT

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HVAR

Educational Focus: *Food and Wine of Croatia.*

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hvar. Discover boutiques with local crafts or enjoy a coffee and cheese strudel in one of the village's many cafés.

Excursion: *Hvar Wine Country.* Admire the well-preserved Stari Grad Plain where 4th-century walls and stone shelters harmonize with grape and olive groves. Discover Croatia's wine-making traditions that date back more than two millennia. Visit a vineyard and taste the local grape varieties grown in Hvar's rugged environs.



Stradun street, main street of Dubrovnik

Local Flavor: Enjoy a special Peka dinner at a country home. Peka is traditional cuisine featuring meat and vegetables roasted over hot coals under an iron bell.

DAY NINE B

HVAR | DUBROVNIK

Journey across Hvar's mountaintop road and cruise back to Croatia's mainland by ferry. After a scenic drive to Dubrovnik, check in to the Grand Villa Argentina.

DAY TEN B

DUBROVNIK

Excursion: Dubrovnik's Highlights.

Dubrovnik was relentlessly shelled during Croatia's Homeland War in the early 1990s, but its medieval churches, fountains and squares have been restored to their former glory. Begin at the Pile Gate, the entrance to the Old Town. Admire the 14th-century Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister, and visit its small apothecary, the oldest working pharmacy in Europe. Explore medieval Sponza Palace, which houses priceless ancient manuscripts, see the loggia and ornamentation of the Rector's Palace and visit the baroque cathedral.

DAY ELEVEN B | D

DUBROVNIK

Independent Exploration: Discover Dubrovnik's splendors on your own today. Perhaps stroll along the city's fortifications and absorb Dubrovnik's fusion of tangerine roofs and maritime seascapes.



This evening, gather with fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY TWELVE B

IN TRANSIT

Following breakfast, transfer✈ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

✈ Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

🕒 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.



ESPLANADE ZAGREB | ZAGREB

The art deco glamour of the 1920s meets modern elegance in the Esplanade Zagreb. Situated in the heart of the city, this architectural treasure originally served Orient Express train passengers disembarking in Zagreb. The award-winning Esplanade features two fine-dining restaurants, a lounge, a fitness center and a spa. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



CORNARO HOTEL | SPLIT

The luxurious Cornaro Hotel puts you in the center of Split, just steps from Diocletian's Palace and the city's maritime charms. The hotel boasts a relaxing terrace lounge on which to enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast or a glass of Croatian wine. The well-appointed guest rooms include a Smart TV, minibar and a desk. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



ADRIANA HVAR SPA HOTEL | HVAR

This boutique hotel is just minutes from the beach and Hvar's city center. The rooftop lounge has an exquisite array of garden terraces with sweeping vistas of Hvar's bay, ancient city and offshore islands. Savor regional dishes at the hotel's restaurant, relax at the full-service spa or enjoy a dip in the rooftop swimming pool. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA | DUBROVNIK

Set atop a steep cliff, this deluxe hotel originally was a gilded private residence. Conveniently located near Dubrovnik's Old Town, the hotel offers verdant gardens, a private beach and a seaside pool. The hotel features a spa, a fitness center and three restaurants with Croatian and international cuisine. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

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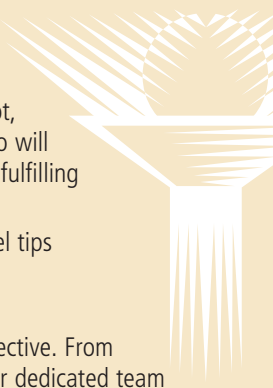
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 - Explore the Stari Grad Plain and enjoy a wine tasting.
 - Taste local specialties during a traditional Peka dinner at a country farm.
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