



# COACH TOUR - HIGHLIGHTS OF AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA & CROATIA - 13N/14D



# ITINERARY

Highlights of Austria, Slovenia & Croatia 14days Tour (Trafalgar)

Gentle in pace, this trip allows you to discover some of Europe's prettiest towns and cities, stunning scenery – like the lakes and falls of Plitvice – and the shores of Hvar Island.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like... exploring the turquoise lakes, lush forests and stunning waterfalls of Plitvice National Park with your expert naturalist, who'll reveal the stories behind this jaw dropping UNESCO World Heritage site.



# Day 1 : ARRIVE VIENNA (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Vienna. Spend the afternoon relaxing or take a stroll. This evening meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. This will be the perfect introduction to this magical city.

Meal(s) Welcome Reception Hotel : Hilton Danube





#### Day 2 : VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Admire Vienna's sights as you drive along the Imperial Boulevards with your Local Specialist. See the Opera House, Parliament, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Palace. Explore the oldest parts of the city near 'Am Hof' on your walking tour. Spend time sightseeing on your own or join an excursion to nearby Bratislava. Tonight consider enjoying a concert of Viennese music. Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

# Day 3 : VIENNA - GRAZ - LAKE BLED (2 NIGHTS)

South towards the Semmering Pass, stop to view the galleried courtyards and famous clock tower at Graz. Continue via the beautiful Austrian Riviera and cross the Karawanken Mountains to the Slovenian border. Arrive later in Lake Bled, an earthly paradise and your home for the next two nights. A beautiful glacial lake in the Julian Alps, Lake Bled is a picturesque and serene escape set amid forests and mountains.

Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast Dinner Hotel : Park



# Day 4 : LAKE BLED AT LEISURE

Spend the rest of the day as you please or explore more of the scenic surroundings by taking part in an Optional Experience. Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

# Day 5 : LAKE BLED - LJUBLJANA - PLITVICE LAKES

It is only a short drive to Ljubljana where your Local Specialist shows you the sights including the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum and Castle, and Three Bridges Square. Drive south to the Croatian border and through the forested National Park of Plitvice. Admire the waterfalls and lakes of this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage site on your walking tour with your Local Specialist. See lakes of crystal clear water in many colourful shades of green, grey and blue which are linked by spectacular waterfalls. Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast

Dinner Hotel : Jezero







Day 6 : PLITVICE LAKES – SPLIT – HVAR ISLAND (3 NIGHTS) Travel through scenic Croatian countryside to Split, the largest city in Dalmatia. Meet your Local Specialist for a fascinating tour of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Diocletian's Palace. Visit the substructure, Cathedral and the Baptistery of Split, once the Temple of Jupiter. Later travel to the beautiful island of Hvar for a relaxing three night stay.

Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast Dinner Hotel : Amfora



# Day 7-8 : HVAR SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Enjoy an included excursion on the island of Hvar to see the 16th century Cathedral and loggia built by the Venetian architect Sanmicheli. Enjoy a very special Be My Guest dining experience at a rustic Konoba in a shepherd's village overlooking the Adriatic. On your second day relax, sightsee or cruise to one of the other islands. Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast Be My Guest Dining Buffet Breakfast

Day 9 : HVAR ISLAND - DUBROVNIK (3 NIGHTS) Today drive along the coast to Dubrovnik - Pearl of the Adriatic. The scenery is spectacular. Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast Hotel : Ariston

Day 10-11 : DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE You have two full days to experience the delights of this stunning medieval city. On the first day enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Spend free time relaxing, exploring the lively market, or perhaps enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Montenegro to see the only fjord in southern Europe and the 2,500 year old town of Budva. Your Travel Director will be happy to advise how best to use your free time. Tonight enjoy a Regional Meal of traditional cuisine at a local restaurant. Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast Regional Meal Buffet Breakfast



Day 12 : DUBROVNIK – ZAGREB (2 NIGHTS) Your Croatian adventure continues as you head north to the capital Zagreb, your home for the next two nights. Dine this evening at your hotel. Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast Dinner Hotel : The Westin

### Day 13: ZAGREB SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Zagreb is a traditional medieval European city with a wealth of historic monuments. Your Local Specialist shows you the highlights including the upper and lower town, the majestic Cathedral, Archbishop's Palace, St. Mark's Church and the Opera House. Spend free time exploring the winding streets of the old town or consider an excursion into the surrounding countryside. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner celebration. Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast Farewell Dinner

### Day 14 : DEPART ZAGREB

Say farewell to your companions as this memorable trip comes to an end. Transfers are available to Zagreb Airport. Conditions apply. Please Note: Your coach returns to Vienna from Zagreb on the final day. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Vienna will be the Trafalgar Vienna hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be approximately 6.00pm, depending on traffic conditions.

Meal(s) Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSION:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tours in Vienna, Ljubljana, Split, Hvar Island, Dubrovnik and Zagreb

Visit Graz, Plitvice National Park and Diocletian's Palace while in Split, the 16th century Cathedral of Hvar Island

See the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna, the Clock Tower of Graz, the Opera House and Castle of Ljubljana, the Old City of Dubrovnik and the Archbishops Palace of Zagreb Dining

13 hot buffet breakfasts.

1 lunch (Be My Guest).

7 dinners.



Travel Highlights:

 $\hfill Ferry$  to the Island of Hvar in the Adriatic Sea and return to mainland

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or

alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

[Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

[Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

□All porterage and restaurant gratuities

□Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

[]An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

 $\hfill All hotel tips, charges and local taxes$ 

□VIP entry to many sights

□Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers