

ROM

Croatia

An Adriatic Adventure

May 6 to 20, 2024

A ROMTravel Art and Culture Trip



Figure 1: Roman amphitheatre, Pula, Croatia. © Anne Lindsey, 2011.

Come with us to enchanting Croatia! It is a land of incomparable natural beauty, complex history and cultural riches. This is where Slavic east meets Mediterranean west, where you will encounter a unique mix of ancient ruins, Byzantine splendour, Renaissance and Baroque architectural wonders, and vibrant 21st century modernity.

We will see it all: from the southern tip of Dalmatia to the northern end of the Istrian Peninsula. We will begin in Dubrovnik. Lord Byron dubbed it the “Pearl of the Adriatic”. Its charm and spectacular coastal setting will soon beguile you too.



Figure 2: An aerial view of Dubrovnik, Croatia. © Diego Delso, Wikimedia Commons, 2014.

We will then travel along the Dalmatian Coast. We will stop at Ston, whose medieval fortification walls are second only to the Great Wall of China. This is also where you will have the chance to savour Croatia's best fresh oysters. We will then visit Split, the birthplace and home of one of Rome's great emperors, Diocletian. His massive palace, built in the early 4th century and magnificently

well-preserved, is a wonder! On the island of Hvar, we will discover more historical riches and indulge in a special lunch, with a tasting menu of local wines and culinary specialties. We will tour Salona, Croatia's most important archeological site.

We will stop in the charming towns of Trogir and Šibenik, with their treasure troves of Renaissance and Baroque architecture. We will take a stroll in the Krka National Park, with its stunning waterfalls. In Zadar, we will admire ancient Roman ruins and modern public art. On the island of Pag, with its barren moonscape-like beauty, we will savour the local gastronomic delights of travarica (fruit brandy) and sheep-milk cheese. Before leaving Dalmatia, we will be treated to the unique tradition of a Klapa (acapella) recital.

We will then continue to the Istrian Peninsula, where more cultural wonders and culinary delights await. In Pula, we will tour the best-preserved Roman amphitheatre in Europe. We will visit the charming towns of Vodnjan and Motovun, and stop in Istria's jewel, Rovinj. In Poreč, we will admire the Euphrasian Basilica, with its Byzantine mosaics dating to the 6th century. We will conclude our Croatian idyll with a stay at the magnificent San Canzian Hotel. We will then bid Croatia “dovidenja” (goodbye) and depart for Trieste, Italy, where we will enjoy our farewell dinner and final night of the tour.

Trip Itinerary and Highlights



Figure 3: Map of Croatia.

Day 1 Arrivals in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Individual arrivals in Dubrovnik.
Afternoon informal tour briefing with refreshments. Welcome dinner.

Day 2 Dubrovnik

Full day city tour, including Old Town, walk around city walls, Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, Cathedral and Treasury, Rector's Palace and more.

Day 3 Dubrovnik to Split via Ston and Vid

En route to Split, stops at Ston, Naron Augusteum and Archaeological Museum.

Day 4 Split

Full day city tour, including Diocletian's Palace, the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, Treasury and Bell Tower, the Temple of Jupiter now the Baptistry of Saint John, the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery, and the Archaeological Museum.



Figure 4: The Cathedral, Split, Croatia. Anne Lindsey, 2011.

Day 5 Hvar

Full day excursion to the island of Hvar. Visit Stari Grad, and Hvar town, including the Benedictine Monastery and the Lace Museum, historic theatre, and Bishop's Palace. Lunch at a winery, with wine-tasting and local specialities.

Day 6 Split to Šibenik via Salona and Trogir

Visit Salona, the ancient Roman capital of Dalmatia and an active archaeological site. Stop at Trogir for the Renaissance and Baroque architecture.

Day 7 Šibenik to Zadar

Morning walking tour of Šibenik, including Saint James Cathedral, Fortress, and the sculptures of Juraj Dalmatinac. Afternoon visit to the Krka National Park, and the Franciscan Monastery on Visovac Island.

Day 8 Zadar

Full day city tour of Zadar, including Old Town, Roman Forum, city gates,

defensive walls, Cathedral of Saint Anastasia and Church of Saint Donat. Evening stroll along the waterfront to admire Zadar's public art and enjoy the spectacular sunset at the Sea Organ.



Figure 5: A carved stone winged lion, Zadar, Croatia. © Anne Lindsey, 2011.

Day 9 Pag

Full day excursion to Pag Island with visit to Old Town, Ducal Palace, Pag Lace Gallery and Roman aqueducts. Introduction to local gastronomic specialties at private travarica (fruit brandy) tasting and Pag cheese tasting.

Day 10 Zadar to Pula

Morning to early afternoon drive from Zadar to Pula. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Day 11 Pula

Full day tour of Old City, including the Roman amphitheatre, Forum, Temple of Augustus, Triumphal Arch, Gate of Hercules, and Fortress. Exclusive visit with an archaeologist working at the amphitheatre.



Figure 6: Istrian Teran wines, Croatia. © Silverije, Wikimedia Commons, 2015.

Day 12 Pula to Buje via Vodnjan and Rovinj

Visit Vodnjan for a walking tour, including the Church of Saint Blaise, home to mummies and over 300 relics of Christian saints. Stop at Rovinj for a walking tour of the Old Town including Balbi's Arch and Saint Euphemia Church.

Arrival at the idyllic San Canzian Hotel, for a two night-stay. Tonight, a special gourmet dinner set in an olive grove.

Day 13 Motovun and Poreč

Morning stop at Motovun, an ancient walled hilltop town. Visit Poreč for a walking tour including the Euphrasian Basilica. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure at the beautiful San Canzian.

Day 14 Buje to Trieste, Italy

"Dovidenja" (goodbye) Croatia, as we depart for the short drive to Trieste, Italy.

Late morning stop at Miramare Castle. Afternoon walking tour of Trieste, including San Giusto Cathedral and Piazza Unita. Farewell dinner.



Figure 7: City Hall, Trieste, Italy. © Wikimedia Commons, 2008.

Day 15 Departures from Trieste

One group transfer to Trieste Airport.

Hotels

Dubrovnik

Hotel Lapad for 2 nights

Split

Hotel Fermai for 3 nights

Sibenik

Hotel D-Resort for 1 night

Zadar

Hotel Bastion for 3 nights

Pula

Hotel Plaza Histria for 2 nights

Buje

Hotel San Canzian for 2 nights

Trieste

Hotel Savoia Excelsior for 1 night

ROMTravel Coordinator

Margaret Magdziak is a ROM volunteer and an avid traveller, with an extensive knowledge of and affinity for the history and culture of Central and Eastern Europe.

Resource Person



Figure 8: Srebrenka Bogovic.

Srebrenka Bogovic is an art restorer and conservator. She obtained her PhD in Art History from the University of Toronto and completed post-graduate studies in Art Conservation at Queen's University. Srebrenka was Adjunct Professor in Art History (retired) at York University and is the principal of In Restauero, a fine art conservation studio in Toronto. She has been guest lecturer at ROM and AGO, has participated in numerous international conferences and has served as consultant and restorer at Sotheby's Canada and The Institute for Conservation and Restoration in Zagreb. Srebrenka has worked extensively on art conservation projects in her native Croatia, as well as throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. She is fluent in Croatian, English and Italian, with a working knowledge of German and French.

Trip Cost Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$ 12,500

Single Supplement: \$ 1,795

All quoted costs are in Canadian dollars.

Tour begins at Dubrovnik International Airport (DBV). Tour ends at Trieste International Airport (TRS).

International flight costs to and from your home are not included.

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Terms and Conditions

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All participants on this trip must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All trip leaders, guides and drivers will also be fully vaccinated.

Living standards and practices at the destination and the standards and conditions there with respect to the provision of utilities, services and accommodation may differ from those found in Canada.

Trip Cost Per Person

All quoted costs are in Canadian dollars.

Double Occupancy: \$ 12,500

Single Supplement: \$ 1,795

Trip cost does not include international flight costs between your home and Croatia/Italy. Worldwide Quest International can assist with booking flights.

Trip Cost Includes

Arrival transfer from Dubrovnik International Airport (DBV) to hotel on Day 1. One group departure transfer from hotel to Trieste International Airport (TRS) on Day 15.

Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person at the hotels, where available.

Ground transport in private air-conditioned coach for transfers and excursions as per itinerary. Boat excursions as per itinerary.

Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities in hotels listed or similar.

Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 8 lunches and 6 dinners. All included meals include bottled water, coffee or tea; included dinners also include one glass of wine.

Bottled water daily on the bus.

All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.

All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic trip.

All hotel and local taxes

Services of a Resource Person, a ROMTravel Coordinator, English-speaking local guides, and a Worldwide Quest Tour Manager.

Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion.

A trip handbook.

Not Included

International flight costs not included.

Fuel surcharges.

Internet access.

Items of a personal nature such as laundry or phone calls for example.

Airline baggage or video camera fees, if any.

Visa fees, if any.

Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified.

Additional meals and accommodations due to delays for any reason.

Emergency evacuation costs.

Trip cancellation, interruption, baggage and out of province health insurance.

Costs

All costs quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of May 29, 2023. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should trip costs increase, Worldwide Quest International (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the cost accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Worldwide Quest reserves the right to substitute itineraries, hotels, airlines, vehicles, or vessels due to conditions beyond their control. Any change to itinerary will not result in eligibility for a refund.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of Royal Ontario Museum. For a full list of membership levels and benefits, visit the [ROM website](#). Only one person per room must be a member.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,050.00 per person is required at the time of booking. A second non-refundable deposit of \$3,000.00 is due on November 6, 2023. The balance of payment of \$8,450.00 per person, and if applicable, single supplement of \$1,795.00 are due on February 6, 2024.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made or when it occurs, if later.

ROMTravel, Worldwide Quest International and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or to retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing to Worldwide Quest International. All payments are non-refundable. No refunds will be given for payments made or unused services.

This trip follows Worldwide Quest International's "Tour-Ready" criteria. This trip will only proceed when all of the following "Tour-Ready" criteria are met:

1. The Canadian government does not have an "Avoid All Travel" advisory to the country or region within a country for any part of the trip.
2. No region of the trip has any significant COVID-19 related restrictions.
3. There is reliable airline access for arrival and departure.
4. Worldwide Quest International and its in-country partners are confident that your trip can operate safely and enjoyably.

You may transfer without any fee or penalty from any of Worldwide Quest

International's land trips at any time if your trip is not 'Tour-Ready'.

For more information, read Worldwide Quest International's [Trip Cancellation and Refund Policy](#).

Documents

A passport valid for six months after the return date is required. It is the individual participant's responsibility to ensure proper visas, affidavits, COVID-19 test results, proof of vaccination and/or any other documents that may be required to enter and or to not have to quarantine at the destination or upon returning to your home. Neither Worldwide Quest International nor ROMTravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Note that public health entry and quarantine requirements for any country may change with little notice. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

ROMTravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the trip handbook unless you advise not to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMTravel and the travel agency, and will not be shared with anyone else. For this trip, Worldwide Quest International will not publish a list of participants.

For this trip, Worldwide Quest International will not use photographic images of you for future promotional purposes.

Insurance

Travel insurance is available and is highly recommended. Insurance can be purchased from many different insurance providers. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they have adequate out of province medical, hospital, trip cancellation and interruption insurance and baggage insurance to cover changes in health or other circumstances prior to, or during, the trip, including coverage related to COVID-19 or other transmissible diseases. All losses suffered or additional costs incurred associated with failure to have insurance, or to have sufficient insurance, are the sole responsibility of the participant. Insurance purchased through Worldwide Quest International is underwritten by Manulife Financial. The insurance premium is non-refundable. Insurance may be purchased up to the time the initial deposit is processed, or at a later time but, if purchased later, would be subject to any changes to the premiums and/or to the participant's health or other circumstances at the time of purchase. Travellers may provide their own travel insurance or purchase travel insurance through another provider. A ROMTravel waiver of insurance will be required if the participant does not purchase insurance through Worldwide Quest International. Proof of medical insurance is required.

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Responsibility and Jurisdiction

The Terms and Conditions herein concerning publication of a list of participants and use of photographic images of you supersede any such Terms and Conditions set by Worldwide Quest International.

Worldwide Quest International has additional [Terms and Conditions](#), which you must accept when completing Worldwide Quest International's online registration form.



Figure 9: Saint Donat Church, Zadar, Croatia. © Anne Lindsey, 2011.

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