

THE PLATINUM TEMPTATION

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10 days from Zagreb to Bled, Ljubljana, Split and Dubrovnik



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Day 01: Zagreb

Arrive at Zagreb airport and transfer to the tour hotel. First evening, meet your Tour Director for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

Meals: D

Day 02: Zagreb

Morning sightseeing tour of Zagreb featuring Gornji Grad (Upper Town), the well-preserved historical core of the city, St. Mark's Church, the Parliament, the Government Palace and visit to the Cathedral. The afternoon is at your leisure, or partake in an optional excursion to Trakošćan castle.

Meals: B

Day 03: From Zagreb to Bled

Morning departure to Bled with short photo stops in Otočec, the picturesque island with the castle in the middle of the Krka River. Check in to your tour hotel in Bled and enjoy the view of the lake from the window of your hotel.

Meals: B

Day 04: Bled

In the morning we drive to Slovenia's capital, where we enjoy the tour of the city that is filled with churches and fin-de-siecle palaces – reminders of the town's baroque Austro-Hungarian days. Ljubljana's castle and Roman ruins speak of even earlier rulers. The charming old town nestled between the castle hill and the Ljubljanica River is reached by the Tromostovje "the triple bridge." Here we stroll across the triple bridge and through the local market, offering typical Slovenian foods and everyday products; see the City Hall, Robba's Fountain and visit Ljubljana Castle. We also see the famous "Dragon Bridge" – the symbol of Ljubljana. In the afternoon, we return to Bled to tour this lake resort with included visit to the Castle, perched on the cliff high above the lake where we end the day with the castle dinner.

Meals: B, D

Day 05: From Bled to Split

Today's travel will take you back to Croatia and its lovely coast of the Adriatic Sea. The final destination of the day is the city of Split which grew in the surroundings of the ancient city of Salona.

Meals: B, D

Day 06: Split

Our goal on this morning sightseeing tour of Split is to explore the massive palace built by the 4th century Roman emperor Diocletian as

his retirement home which is also on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We see Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral as well as Split's many Renaissance and Gothic structures. Over time the city has encroached into the corners and crannies of the palace; shopkeepers and tiny restaurants now make their home within its massive walls. The afternoon is free for independent activities or to take an optional tour to Trogir, originally founded as a Greek colony in the 3rd century BC. Here we can walk along the marble-covered streets to see the portal of the St. Lawrence Cathedral.

Meals: B

Day 07: From Split to Dubrovnik

After breakfast, we head South along the Dalmatian coast to stop at Makarska for coffee and refreshment. Then it is on to Neum, the city in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where we stop for optional lunch. Afterwards proceed via Bačinska jezera, where we stop to take pictures of the spectacular Adriatic coast and proceed to the final destination of the day, Dubrovnik.

Meals: B, D

Day 08: Dubrovnik

Morning sightseeing tour will focus on the beautifully preserved medieval town with its imposing city walls. Among the highlights are the Rector's Palace, Franciscan Monastery, which houses one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe. The afternoon is free at your leisure to explore the narrow cobbled streets of this old city on your own.

Meals: B

Day 09: Dubrovnik

A whole day on your own in this pearl of the Adriatic, which is also on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Explore the city, walk the city walls, just enjoy the day off at your beach hotel or partake in one of the optional excursions such as a boat excursion to Elaphiti Islands or coach excursion to Montenegro. This evening enjoy the company of your fellow travelers and Tour Director at a farewell dinner in one of the restaurants within the walls of the Old City.

Meals: B, D

Day 10: From Dubrovnik to Zagreb

Our tour coach will transfer you to Dubrovnik airport for a short morning flight to Zagreb where our tour ends at its international airport.

Meals: B



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Zagreb:** Impressive St. Mark's church and Zagreb's Upper town
- **Bled:** enjoy the sights of Bled Lake and area from the castle perched on the cliff above the lake
- **Ljubljana:** Tromostovje "the triple bridge," the local open air market, City Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Parliament and the famous "Dragon Bridge" – the symbol of Ljubljana
- **Split:** Roman emperor Diocletian's palace, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral
- **Dubrovnik:** Walking within old City Walls will open up the view to incredible sights of the town, with the Pile Gate, Onofrio's Fountain, Franciscan Monastery, and Rector's Palace

HOTELS:

- **Zagreb:** Regent Esplanade
- **Bled:** Toplice
- **Split:** Atrium
- **Dubrovnik:** Bellevue, Argentina

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- De Luxe hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Service charges and taxes
- Welcome drink upon arrival with your Tour Director
- Breakfast daily, 3 hotel dinners, castle dinner in Bled, farewell dinner in local restaurant in the Old city of Dubrovnik
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- First class air tickets from Dubrovnik to Zagreb
- Professional Tour Director throughout
- Qualified local city guides
- Luggage handling in hotels