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The Livery Committee International Travelling Club presents

The Dalmatian Coast: Croatia, Montenegro, and Bosnia

FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

This tour explores the complex artistic and cultural heritage of Croatia, from Greek to Roman, Byzantine to Romanesque and Gothic to Renaissance. We spend three nights in Split, seeing Salona the ancient capital of the Roman province of Dalmatia, and the imposing remains of Diocletian's fourth century AD palace. We visit the delightful island city of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which



has fine Romanesque churches and monasteries. En route to Dubrovnik there will be a visit to Mostar, in Bosnia Herzegovina, a picturesque town famous for the great Ottoman architect, Sinan whose stone bridge was rebuilt after its destruction in the Bosnian war. We then spend four nights in another UNESCO World Heritage site, Dubrovnik, which has a rich culture and history dating back to



the seventh century. We will stroll through limestone streets and pass Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches. Its fortified city walls face the Adriatic Sea of the northern Mediterranean and date back to the Middle Ages. They have never been breached. From Dubrovnik we visit neighbouring Montenegro, driving around the scenic Bay of Kotor, passing through delightful coastal villages, and visiting the church of Our Lady of the Rocks on its own tiny island



in the bay.

OUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Friday 23 September

Easyjet EZY 8395 Gatwick North 09:40/ Split 13:10

Transfer to 5* le Meridien, Lav, Split, for dinner and overnight.

<http://lemeridienlavsplit.com>

DAY 2: Saturday 24 September Salona and Trogir – This morning we visit **Salona**, site of an ancient Roman settlement, with remains of temples, baths, an amphitheatre, churches, and town walls. Then we drive to **Trogir**, a delightful little island city with fine Romanesque churches, monasteries, and convents. Dinner and overnight in Split.

DAY 3: Sunday 25 September Split – which developed in and around the emperor Diocletian's enormous palace, one of the largest and best-preserved surviving from Roman times. In the morning we visit what remains: the Temple of Jupiter (now the Baptistery of St John), Diocletian's mausoleum (now the cathedral of St Domnius), the city gates and the halls of the palace's substructure. Beyond Diocletian's palace, we spend the afternoon exploring the old city: the medieval extension to the west, the Baroque fortifications to the north and the wall-walk chapel of St Martin. We will also visit the Archaeological Museum. Dinner is in a local restaurant. Overnight in Split.



and destroyed in the war of 1993, then rebuilt in 2004. Our tour starts from the Franciscan Church, walking into the old town stopping at the Old Bridge and the Sloping Bridge. We stroll in the Old Bazaar and visit the Koski Mehmed Pasa Mosque and a traditional Turkish house. Lunch will be in Mostar after which we set off for Dubrovnik where we will have dinner and stay for the first of 4 nights at 4* Grand Hotel Park.

<https://www.grandhotel-park.hr/park-grand-hotel-dubrovnik>

Day 5: Tuesday 27 September Dubrovnik – Founded in the seventh century, **Dubrovnik** came under Byzantine, Venetian and Hungarian rule gaining independence in 1382, when it became the "aristocratic maritime" republic of Ragusa. In the C15th and C16th, its fleet numbered over 500 vessels and much wealth came from the discovery of the Americas and the new trade routes. We will walk along the fortifications, the medieval defence walls that have become a symbol of Dubrovnik, and then explore the city visiting the Sponza Palace, the Rector's Palace, the Cathedral and Treasury, the Dominican Monastery, and the Church of St Blaise. Dinner and overnight Dubrovnik.

Day 6: Wednesday 28 September Montenegro: Perast, Kotor - In the morning we will cross into Montenegro and drive around the scenic Bay of Kotor to **Perast**, a charming coastal town with large mansions, many of which are abandoned, and two small island churches. Here the visit will include a boat trip to the tiny island of Our Lady of the Rock. On to **Kotor**, another picturesque town enclosed by ramparts, which remains unspoilt. Lunch is provided. We will visit the Romanesque cathedral of St Tryphon, incorporating Roman columns. Dinner and overnight Dubrovnik.

Day 7: Thursday 29 September: This will be our second day in **Dubrovnik** and the day allows for some free time to relax or wander through the town. One possibility would be to take a morning half day boat trip to the island of Lokrum, which has lush vegetation and gardens, as well as an interesting Benedictine Monastery and Royal Fortress. Dinner at local restaurant and overnight in Dubrovnik.

Day 8: Friday 30 September Late morning departure for Dubrovnik airport and return flight to Gatwick.

Easyjet EZY 6428 Dubrovnik 12:20 / Gatwick North 14:05

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return flights with Easyjet including 23kg baggage, pre-selected seat, and priority boarding (the latter subject to availability)
- Private coach transfers on arrival and on departure and a coach and driver for the duration of the tour
- 7 nights' accommodation at 5* and 4* hotels
- 7 dinners and 5 lunches with drinks
- Porterage on arrival and departure
- Local professional guide for the period
- All entrance fees
- Tips except driver and guide.
- Audio system
- A traveller guidebook on Croatia
- Complimentary chilled water on the coach on long journeys

Millennium Tours Director Tony Giambruno will accompany us

Chris Khoo proposes this visit, on behalf of the Livery Committee International Travelling Club and it will be possible if we have a minimum of 25 participants. If you are interested in joining us, please contact tony@millenniumtours.co.uk and you will be sent an application form to book. Maximum numbers will be limited, and participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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