

Day 14 Monday 23 September

Split to Mostar
Mostar is a UNESCO World Heritage protected site after being severely damaged by war. It is an Ottoman frontier town famed for its Turkish houses, cultural diversity and iconic reconstructed 16th century bridge over the River Neretva called the Stari Most, after which the town was named. It connects two sides of the town and its diverse religious populations and has come to symbolise ethnic coexistence and international co-operation. After time for lunch you have a local guide share the history of Mostar with you. Enjoy dinner with a local flavour together tonight.

Overnight Mostar
Breakfast • Dinner



Day 15 Tuesday 24 September

Mostar to Kotor & Budva
This morning you travel through countryside in Bosnia Herzegovina then cross the border into Montenegro. Here you visit the famed Our Lady of The Rock on an island in Perast then continue on to ancient Kotor. On arrival you visit the Cathedral and the Maritime Museum for a short guided tour. Kotor is located on a deep fjord-like bay and is surrounded by Venetian fortifications. The natural and historical beauty of the town and the bay have attracted it's UNESCO World Heritage listing. Continue to Budva where you check in to your hotel on the edge of the wonderful old town.

Overnight Budva
Breakfast • Dinner



Day 16 Wednesday 25 September

Budva, Levcen National Park & Cetinje
After breakfast drive through Levcen National Park, a vast tract of natural beauty, mountains, valleys and forests and continue to Cetinje a former capital of Montenegro. Here you visit the Cetinje National Museum and the Orthodox Monastery and have some free time before returning to Budva. This evening stroll through the winding streets of old town Budva taking in its age and beauty.

Overnight Budva
Breakfast

Day 17 Thursday 26 September

Budva to Ulcinj
This morning you have a walking tour of old Budva which is over 3,500 years old and one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic. Marvel at the labyrinth narrow lanes in the fortified town which has seen a melting pot of civilisations including Romans, Byzantines and Slavs. Continue to historic Ulcinj, stopping to view stunning Sveti Stefan across the water. Have an orientation tour in Ulcinj to absorb its colourful history and some time at leisure. Ulcinj abuts the Albanian border and provides a genuine taste of Albanian culture. Over half the population here is Albanian and its numerous mosques with their elegant minarets and the local cuisine are distinctly eastern oriental.

Overnight Budva
Breakfast • Dinner

Day 18 Friday 27 September

Budva to Dubrovnik
Depart Budva after breakfast for Dubrovnik where you have a walking tour to the Rector's Palace, Franciscan Monastery and Pharmacy and the Synagogue Museum. You also have tickets included to take a cable car to the top of Mount Srđ which affords fabulous views over Dubrovnik, its islands and the Adriatic. Tonight is free in this most popular town.

Overnight Dubrovnik
Breakfast



Day 19 Saturday 28 September

Dubrovnik
Today is a leisure day to relax in Dubrovnik. You may wish to take a boat cruise or explore markets and museums. Conclude with a farewell dinner which is arranged for you tonight.

Overnight Dubrovnik
Breakfast • Farewell Dinner

Day 20 Sunday 29 September

Dubrovnik to Doha & Adelaide
Transfer to the airport this morning for your early flight to Zagreb and on to Doha and Adelaide.

Breakfast
Meals and overnight in flight

Day 21 Monday 30 September

Arrive Adelaide
Arrive in Adelaide in the afternoon.



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Slovenia is surely one of Europe's most unspoiled travel destinations boasting fairy tale alpine landscapes, revered Lake Bled and Venetian heritage on its tiny coast. It's rich and abundant cultural sites and forests can be found largely intact. Croatia offers the magnificent coastlines of Istria and Dalmatia, picture perfect islands and ancient red-roofed towns where Roman amphitheatres, colossal palaces and ruined cities sit beautifully preserved alongside colourful harbours. Bosnia Herzegovina reflects an Ottoman culture, ethnic diversity and a sobering history while neighbouring Montenegro has some of the oldest walled enclaves on the Adriatic, with 3500 year old Budva and ancient Kotor unsurpassed in age and beauty. Discover the treasures of the Adriatic on this thoughtfully crafted tour flying into the elegant Croatian capital of Zagreb and departing from Dubrovnik.

Tour Leader: Helen Bulis is an experienced tour leader with qualifications in Sociology, Women's Studies and Art History. She is a friendly and caring leader who has led numerous tours for WEA Travel and is also a guide at the South Australian Art Gallery.

Tour Includes: All flights • All hotel accommodation • All transfers & transport • All entrance fees & sightseeing as per itinerary • All meals as per itinerary • Local Guides • Full escort from Adelaide by WEA Tour Leader • Pre & Post tour meetings • Tour notes



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Day 1 Tuesday 10 September

Adelaide to Doha
 Depart Adelaide with Qatar Airways to Doha this evening.
Overnight in flight
Meals in flight

Day 2 Wednesday 11 September

Doha to Zagreb
 Arrive in Doha this morning and connect on to Zagreb the capital of Croatia. Arriving in the early afternoon you are able to check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day resting, relaxing or exploring locally at leisure.
Overnight Zagreb
Meals in flight

Day 3 Thursday 12 September

Zagreb
 Explore gracious Zagreb on a walking tour with a local guide today. Stroll through the historic Upper Town and visit St Mark's and St Catherine's churches and see the Sun Clock and Stone Gate. You also browse the Dolac Market, a lively farmer's market and genuine treasure and visit the Mimara Art Museum which is crammed with impressive artistic and archaeological collections.
Overnight Zagreb
Breakfast • Welcome Dinner



Day 4 Friday 13 September

Zagreb to Ljubljana & Lake Bled
 Depart for Slovenia today arriving in the capital Ljubljana late morning. This small nation nestled between Austria and Croatia is surely one of the most unspoiled travel destinations in Europe and boasts pristine scenery, forests and hillsides dotted with picturesque villages and traditional farmhouses. It has a tiny coastline on the Adriatic Sea and its rich cultural sites are as yet not overrun. You are met by your local guide to begin sightseeing with an orientation walk through the charming old town with its Baroque Town Hall and Renaissance and Baroque architectural highlights.

Sights include the Cathedral of St Nicholas, Ribji Square, Robba's Fountain, Ljubljana Castle, the six bridges over the River Ljubljanica including the landmark Dragon Bridge and the National Museum. From here it is a scenic drive to the mountains and idyllic Lake Bled. This evening dinner has been arranged for you.
Overnight Lake Bled
Breakfast • Dinner



Day 5 Saturday 14 September

Lake Bled
 Enjoy this picture postcard destination in the heart of the Slovenian Alps today, one of the most beautiful in all of Europe. This morning

you board traditional wooden boats called Pletna and are rowed across the emerald waters for a guided tour of the Baroque church and 11th century castle on an island in the lake. You also visit to medieval Blejski Grad known as Bled Castle. Built on a precipice above the town it is the oldest castle in Slovenia. This evening is free time to take in your surroundings and have dinner at leisure.

Overnight Lake Bled
Breakfast



Day 6 Sunday 15 September

Lake Bled to Rovinj
 Travel south from Lake Bled today stopping for a tour at medieval Predjama Castle which is spectacularly built in to the side of a mountain. In the afternoon you join the Adriatic coast in the delightful old Venetian port town of Piran. Marvel at the Italianate architecture, explore the quaint squares and narrow alleyways with their Italian names and sample Italian coffee. Near the ornate old town hall is the Venetian House and Church of St Peter to see. In the afternoon cross the border from Slovenia into Croatia and Rovinj on the Istrian Peninsula.

Overnight Rovinj
Breakfast • Dinner



Day 7 Monday 16 September

Rovinj & Pula
 This morning you take a scenic drive to Pula, an ancient city with many cultural monuments and the Istrian capital. Pula provides a genuine reflection of Croatian life and culture. Here you visit the 1st century Roman amphitheatre, the Forum Castello, the Basilica of St Mary Formosa and the Cathedral with a local guide. Enjoy lunch at leisure. You might like to visit Café Uliks, the preferred café of author James Joyce. In the afternoon return to historic Rovinj where medieval architecture, labyrinth lanes



and picturesque squares make it one of the most attractive spots on the Adriatic. Sample a nice seafood restaurant or al fresco café culture around the harbour side tonight.

Overnight Rovinj
Breakfast

Day 8 Tuesday 17 September

Rovinj to Rab Island
 Depart the Istrian Peninsula today and travel to Stinica. Here you board a ferry to Misnjak on the Croatian island of Rab then transfer to your lovely hotel overlooking the sea and the old town. Rab belonged to Italy until the end of WW1 and provides an authentic experience reflecting both Italian and Croatian culture. Dinner has been arranged for you tonight at your hotel.

Overnight Rab
Breakfast • Dinner

Day 9 Wednesday 18 September

Rab Island
 After a walking tour of medieval Rab town with a local guide you have the remainder of the day free to enjoy the island. Rab, first inhabited by a Slavic population in the 7th century is a delightful gem covered in oak forests, olive groves and vineyards. It is dotted with seven ancient villages and surrounded by sparkling turquoise sea. Swim, hike, explore the medieval lanes, shops and cafes and enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere.

Overnight Rab
Breakfast • Dinner

Day 10 Thursday 19 September

Rab to Zadar
 Today you depart the island by boat then drive to the ancient Dalmatian capital of Zadar. This superb town has Roman ruins, medieval churches and a Habsburg elegance. Check in to your hotel for the next two nights and enjoy dinner which is arranged for you in a local restaurant.

Overnight Zadar
Breakfast • Dinner



Day 11 Friday 20 September

Zadar
 This morning you have a guided tour of the historic centre of this ancient capital. Continue exploring in the afternoon at your own pace. This evening you might like to stroll the waterfront and see the Sound and Light spectacle of the Sea Organ, a real musical instrument powered by the sea, and the Sun Salutation, two of Zadar's unique attractions which harness nature to create something spectacular.

Overnight Zadar
Breakfast

Day 12 Saturday 21 September

Zadar to Split
 Continue along the Dalmatian Coast today to Split, stopping in beautiful Trogir. This picturesque old town on a small island is UNESCO World Heritage listed as a culturally and historically significant site and attracts artists from around the world who gather here to paint. Enjoy time to explore in Trogir before arriving in Split for a walking orientation tour of the old town with a local guide. Dinner has been arranged at a harbour side restaurant for you this evening.

Overnight Split
Breakfast • Dinner

Day 13 Sunday 22 September

Split
 After breakfast you have a guided tour of the ancient Diocletian Palace which was built in the 4th century for the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Today this ancient site which is more of a fortress than a palace, is UNESCO World Heritage listed and forms half of the historic core of Split. You also tour Roman Salona once the capital of Dalmatia, one of the largest cities in the Roman Empire and possibly the best archaeological site in Croatia. The afternoon is at your leisure to relax, sight see at your own pace and choose a spot to dine.

Overnight Split
Breakfast

