

CROATIAN NATURE & HERITAGE TOUR

Zagreb Area, Croatia

Spring / Autumn
5 days / 4 nights Tour

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Suggested Itinerary



DAY 1

Arrive at Zagreb Airport. Meet & greet at the airport and transfer by coach to the hotel in the city centre. Check in, dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Timing:

- Transfer Airport – Hotel: 30 minutes



DAY 2

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided city tour of Croatian capital by an expert tour guide including city's landmarks. The tour is followed by a visit to the Maksimir Park, a tribute to the park architecture with the goal of protecting and preserving nature's origin, securing undisturbed natural processes and sustainable utilization of natural resources.



After a lunch in the local restaurant in the city centre, visit to the Botanical Garden, a part of Faculty of Science of Zagreb University, founded in 1889 and double protected as a monument of park architecture and culture. Most of the garden is constructed in the landscape style, with groups of trees and bushes planted according to the plant systematics. The central flower *parterre* is built in the French style, according to a strict geometrical and symmetrical ground plan.



Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



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DAY 3

After breakfast at the hotel, depart towards Trakoscan Castle, most visited and best-preserved castle in the country. Built in the 14th century as a small fortress, the castle has been rebuilt and renovated several times until the 19th century and today displays the way of life of North Croatian nobility in the centuries past. It is surrounded by a beautiful wooded park and a lake.



On our way towards the city of Varazdin, we will stop at Opeka Arboretum near the village of Vinica. Located in the park surrounding the manor, the arboretum was founded in 1860 by a local nobleman who travelled a lot all over the world and brought back various exotic seeds and plants from his travels, expanding his garden and park all the time with exceptional care.

The drive continues towards the city of Varazdin with its exuberant Baroque architecture, the variety of museum collections and delicacies of local food and wine. The lunch will be organized in one of the city's best restaurants. After lunch, enjoy a guided city tour including a unique, magnificent Entomological collection. The tour ends at the local cemetery, a part of *European Cemeteries Route*, an outstanding example of landscape architecture and natural monuments.



Drive back to Zagreb for dinner and overnight.

Timing:

- Zagreb -Trakoscan: 1 hour and 15 minutes
- Trakoscan - Varazdin: 35 minutes
- Varazdin - Zagreb: 1 hour and a half



DAY 4

After breakfast at the hotel, depart towards world famous Plitvice Lakes National Park – a UNESCO's World Heritage Site. This is the oldest and most visited Croatian national park. Enjoy a guided tour of the park followed by lunch in a local restaurant.

After lunch, enjoy free time for your own exploring. Return to Zagreb for dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Timing:

- Zagreb-Plitvice: 2 and a half hours - one-way drive!

DAY 5

Transfer from the hotel to Zagreb Airport for your flight home.

RATES & CONDITIONS

RATE for the program in double occupancy, based on minimum 20 pax – available on request

RATE for single supplement is available on request

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- Airport transfers at arrival and departure flights
- 4-star hotel accommodation as per program based in double occupancy
- Meals as per program
- Transportation as per program
- English (or other language if previously agreed) speaking tour escort throughout
- Expert local guides and/or botanists wherever applicable
- Entrance fees for all the sites in the program
- All VAT and taxes required by law

SERVICES **NOT** INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM

- Flights arrangements



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- Any services, meals, drinks or other service or cost not specifically mentioned in the “Included services”
 - Single supplement cost
 - Personal expenses (for example: phone calls, beverages, bottled water, laundry, etc.)
 - Tips for tour escort and the driver
 - Travel insurance
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BOOKING

Please note that none of the bookings has been made. To make a booking, exact dates are required.

AGREEMENT & PAYMENT

Upon a confirmation of the program, an agreement will be offered which needs to be signed in order to provide the services. The services should be prepaid in full. The parties will establish the timeline of payments. Payments could be done:

- By bank transfer – net of bank commission
- By credit card – the rates should be increased for 6% card charges

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