

CROATIAN NATURE & HERITAGE TOUR

Makarska Area, Croatia

Spring / Autumn
5 days / 4 nights Tour

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Suggested Itinerary



DAY 1

Arrive at Split Airport. Meet & greet at the airport and transfer by coach to the city of Makarska. Check in and dinner and overnight at the hotel.



DAY 2

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the city of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Driving from Makarska to Omis, en route to Kastela, enjoy one of the most beautiful stretches of land in the Mediterranean and one might compare it with the Amalfi Coast of Italy. Arrive at the Kastel Luksic to visit a small botanical garden belonging to the local elementary school and run by the children and their teachers. The garden boasts over 1000 plant species and it is protected as a park architecture monument. In Trogir, enjoy a guided tour of the city. Lunch at a local restaurant.



On our return, stop in Split, visit the Marjan Park Forest on the Marjan hill, covered in a dense Mediterranean pine forest and completely surrounded by the city and the sea, making it a unique sight. Used as a park by the citizens as early as the 3rd century, now it is a favourite weekend excursion destination and a recreational centre. It is also the setting for numerous beaches and jogging trails as well as tennis courts, all surrounded by the scenic forest, offering a view of the entire city, the surrounding islands, and the nearby mountains. The tip of the peninsula houses the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries. A guided tour of Split follows a visit to the Park and the Botanic garden of the Faculty of Science.



Return to Makarska, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3

After breakfast, drive through the Mount Biokovo Tunnel, passing by the region of Imotski, in the Dalmatian hinterland. Imotski is known for two spectacular karst surface landforms, Blue and Red Lakes. Both lakes are attracting visitors from all over the world. (Visit them in the afternoon, on our return).

Drive through this interesting area, very rich in all karst forms and cross the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Arrive to Nature Park – Blidinje Lake, located at a height of 1184 meters above a sea level. This is the largest mountain lake in Bosnia and Herzegovina and this park is a unique natural phenomenon, which includes many endemic species of flora (like *munika* pine) and fauna (like black bears and mountain goats). It is known as one of the largest habitats of endemic Bosnian pine (*Pinus Heldreichii*).

Lunch in a local restaurant at Blidinje. On the way back to Makarska, stop and visit of Imotski Lakes. Return for dinner and overnight at the hotel in Makarska.



A valid passport is required to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina – if you need a visa, please check here: http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/default.aspx



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DAY 4

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to Kotisina, and visit of Kotisina botanical garden located on the coastal slopes of the Biokovo Mountain at an altitude of 350-500 meters. This garden was founded by a Franciscan priest and scholar with the purpose of scientific research, monitoring, protection, conservation, and popularization of the local flora. Actually, more than a botanical garden in the classic sense, is designed as a "walled part of nature", which will retain the natural vegetation forms with its native flora. The garden is protected as a park architecture monument



The tour continues driving to the Zaostrog village, to visit the Franciscan monastery with a tiny garden in its cloister containing over 250 different plants. The visit also includes the museum and a valuable monastery library, which altogether make a cultural monument.

Our next stop is the village of Vid – in green Neretva Valley; a home of Narona Archeological Museum housing *in situ* the remains of the Roman temple of Augustus with numerous sculptures and artifacts from the time of 3rd century BC onwards. The lunch will be organized in a local restaurant in Neretva Valley.



The experience of a true pleasure of gliding through the effluents and the channels of the river Neretva in a traditional local vessel is unforgettable. Enjoy a photo safari and take a peek into the untouched heart of the Neretva River.

Return to Makarska late afternoon for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5

Transfer from the hotel to Split 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
- 3-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
- 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

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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