



# CROATIA & EASTERN EUROPE Multi-country Escorted Tour 14 days from \$2799

Per person twin share



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# **Departs Munich:**

2021 - 16, 30 May, 13 June, 11 July, 08 August, 05 September, 03 October

# **Prices:**

From \$2799 per person twin share

Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement of \$1200 to ensure a private room.

Deposit of \$350 per person due after 1 August, 2020, and balance due 60 days before departure.

# What's Included

# Accommodation

13 nights accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite

### Meals

13 breakfasts, 7 dinners
 Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

# **Transport**

- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs and toilet
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

#### Tour Guides

 Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip

#### **Excludes:**

- Flights to Munich please contact us for an airfare quote
- Travel insurance (essential)
- Airport transfers
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the inclusions or in the itinerary

Subject to confirmation by the hotels & local operators. Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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# **Tour Itinerary:**

# Day 1: Munich

The first day of the tour is an arrivals day. Meet your fellow travellers, and depending on what time you arrive, head into Munich and see the sights ahead of the start of your tour. A city that exhibits both prosperity and a certain amount of comfort and cosiness, Munich's apparent contradictions will delight the avid explorer. Along with modern high-powered industry, designer shopping districts and sleek BMWs, you'll find a wealth of cultural hotspots in Munich. Even with all its smart sophistication, Munich has a certain charm that visitors find irresistible. Tonight, meet your fellow explorers and get to know them over a beer as we take you to a traditional German beer hall for dinner and to get a taste of German culture. Prost!



Day 2: Salzburg - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

Heading for the Slovenian capital, we stop at Salzburg on the way for a comfort stop. Featuring gorgeous architecture, a formidable cliff-top fortress and imposing cliffs in the distance, you could be forgiven for thinking that you were in a fairy tale. This was also Mozart's home-town – see if a little of the genius rubs off! We also stop at Lake Bled for a photo stop. The lake is situated in the Julian Alps and surrounds Bled Island in the middle of the lake, and is overlooked by the medieval Bled Castle on the north shore. On arrival in Ljubljana, we'll have a walking tour of this little gem of a city. Despite its small size, you're sure to be entranced by the beauty of this city, which features a wealth of cultures, activities and sights. Ljubljana Castle overlooks the city, and dates back to the 16th Century.



Day 3: Plitvice Lakes - Split region

Today, you will be treated to some of the most picturesque natural landscapes in the whole of Europe as we're off to Croatia, visiting the world-famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. Stroll along the boardwalks and marvel at the incredible natural scenery of Croatia's largest national park. Filled with waterfalls, lush vegetation and countless lakes, this is one of the most beautiful stops on the tour, so keep your cameras handy! Once we've got an eyeful, and a full camera-load of shots, we'll head to our hotel in a beach resort near Split, for an included dinner and relaxing evening.



Day 4: Split - Dubrovnik

As we make our way to Dubrovnik we'll stop off for a visit to Split, where you'll have time to stroll around this historic town, including the sprawling Diocletian's Palace complex. Once we reach Dubrovnik, your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour of the old town. You will be acquainted with this stunning walled city, with a maritime history dating back to the Middle Ages. The city is a tapestry of spectacular architecture - including churches, monasteries, fountains and museums. Learn about the city's history, stroll the marble streets, take a walk along the ancient city walls or try one of the many charming restaurants. You have plenty of time to explore, so don't rush - you have a full free day tomorrow.



Day 5: Dubrovnik: Free Day

Take the time to explore the city further - with most of the main attractions located within the city walls in the 'old town', it is very easy to plan your day and navigate the streets. Want the best views of the 'old town' and islands? Catch the cable car to the top of Mount Srdj and enjoy! It is highly recommended for a scenic sunset photo or two. For those who really want to explore further afield, you can choose our optional excursion to Montenegro! Take a full day to experience one of Europe's lesser-visited gems. Discover the natural beauty and rich history as we drive through charming countryside to the UNESCO Heritage listed town of Kotor. The old port of Kotor is surrounded by fortifications built during the Venetian period, and is a picturesque Mediterranean landscape. This day trip also includes photo stops at Verige and Perast, and a stop at the picturesque coastal town of Budva.



Day 6: Mostar - Sarajevo

Leaving Dubrovnik behind, we travel on to Sarajevo, stopping on the way in the enchanting Balkan town of Mostar. Mostar is an enchanting and historical place, which offers a splattering of numerous religious buildings and churches, and a vast collection of Roman, Greek, Croatian and Ottoman influences. Sarajevo is the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has returned from the brink of destruction in the 90s, becoming famed for its East-meets-West atmosphere. Learn all about the city's troubled past in a walking tour of this fascinating city.



Day 7: Belgrade

Saying goodbye to Sarajevo, we make our way to the Serbian capital of Belgrade. We will enjoy a tour of the city with a local guide, who will introduce us to the city's highlights, including Republic Square, Bohemian Quarter (Skadarlija), Kalemegdan park and Belgrade fortress. A fascinating place, Belgrade radiates gritty exuberance in its many architectural contrasts with socialist blocks set amongst more grandiose buildings. After the walking tour we'll enjoy an included dinner, before some free time to explore the city.



Day 8: Belgrade - Hungarian Horse Farm - Budapest

Leaving Serbia behind we head for Hungary, making a stop at a farm in the traditional homeland of the Hungarian horse lords. Watch a traditional horse show where the locals demonstrate their equestrian skills. You will have the opportunity to try the world's best Hungarian goulash, a rich and hearty beef stew, at an optional lunch hosted by the farm. We then travel onward to Budapest. With a great mix of natural beauty and art nouveau architecture, this is a city to behold. Embark on an evening driving tour to get an overview of the city. Travel across the mighty Danube and make a stop at the Fisherman's Bastion for spectacular views across the river to the Parliament Building and St Stephen's basilica. Take note of all the spots to revisit tomorrow on your free day!



Day 9: Budapest: Free Day

With traces of the past evident in the interesting and unusual details, this is your chance to get up close and personal with Budapest. Look out for remnants of the conflicts of WWII and the uprising of 1956, try Hungarian cuisine (so much more to it than just goulash), sample world-renowned wines, and soak your weary rambler's bones in one of the city's bath-houses – something Budapest has been known for since the Roman times, with some 123 thermal and 400 mineral springs from 14 different sources. Then, maybe catch the sunset with an evening stroll along the Danube.



Day 10: Bratislava - Vienna

Leaving Budapest behind, we head for the grandeur of Vienna. Along the way we'll stop off in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour to see some of the main sights, including a photostop at Bratislava Castle, which overlooks the city. On arrival in Vienna we'll take a driving tour of the city. Few cities can show off such cultural and historical splendour and maintain a profile as an exciting, modern city, but Vienna does it well. Along with a musical past that includes luminaries like Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, and artworks by masters like Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka, Vienna has a buzzing modern culinary scene, cheerful, bustling pubs and bars, and a host of clubs and music venues in which to dance the night away.



Day 11: Mauthausen - Cesky Krumlov - Prague

On the way to Prague today, we will be visiting Mauthausen concentration camp, where we'll learn about a darker chapter in Europe's history. A labour camp during the Second World War, this was where hundreds of thousands of political prisoners lost their lives. We'll also take a comfort stop in Český Krumlov. Blessed with a spectacular castle and a wealth of Renaissance and Baroque architecture, Český Krumlov is often thought of as a sort of mini-Prague. On arrival in Prague, we'll take a walking tour of this incredible city, which since freeing itself from communism has joined other European jewels like Paris, Rome and Amsterdam to take its place as one of Europe's most fascinating destinations. Famous for its art, architecture, cobbled lanes and ancient chapels, this is also home to some of Europe's finest beer. Your local tour guide will proudly escort you through the historic streets, pointing out the features of the 'Old Town', Primatial Palace, Slovak National Theatre and the Main Square. For dinner, experience authentic Czech cuisine at our local restaurant on your first night in Prague.



Day 12: Prague: Free Day

Today, take the time to explore, perhaps revisiting some of the sights you saw on your walking tour. Sample the local cuisine (including the much-lauded and hugely varied beers), visit art galleries, admire the weird and witty sculpture that adorns the city's public spaces, and marvel at the soaring gothic and baroque architecture. Highlights of the day might include the majestic Prague Castle, the famous Charles

Bridge, the 'Old Town' and the Jewish Quarter. For those who wish to put your stamp on the city, visit legendary Lennon wall - a tribute to John Lennon and words of peace, which is added to on a daily basis by the thousands of visitors to the city.



Day 13: Nuremberg - Munich

On our way back to Munich, we take a comfort stop in Nuremberg. Bavaria's second-largest city, you'll find incredible architecture here, painstakingly restored using original stone after the bombings of the Second World War. Your last night of the tour sees you back in Munich for you to enjoy as you see fit. Relax in your hotel, get together with your new-found friends from the tour for a farewell dinner, or maybe revisit one of the beer halls that welcomed you so warmly at the beginning of your adventure.



Day 14: End of tour

The tour concludes today after breakfast. Don't forget to swap details with your fellow travellers before your onward journey home!

- Breakfast:
- Lunch:
- Dinner:



# **Hotel List:**

- Munich AZIMUT Hotel Munich City or similar
- Ljubljana Hotel Park Ljubljana or similar
- Split Hotel Mondo or similar
- Dubrovnik Hotel Adriatic or similar
- Sarajevo Hotel Grand Sarajevo or similar
- Belgrade Hotel Park Belgrade or similar
- Budapest- Star Inn Hotel Budapest Centrum by Comfort or similar
- Prague Hotel Duo Prague or similar

Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

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The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

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A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

#### **FINAL PAYMENT**

Payment in full must be made no less than 120 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

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#### **AMENDMENT FEES**

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Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process travel insurance claims and provide a statement for your insurance company.
- \$50 per person travel document printing fee

#### CANCELLATIONS

This office will charge a 15% cancellation fee on all refundable portions of a cancelled tour. All tour cancellations must be received in writing.

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

# **PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS**

You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.

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