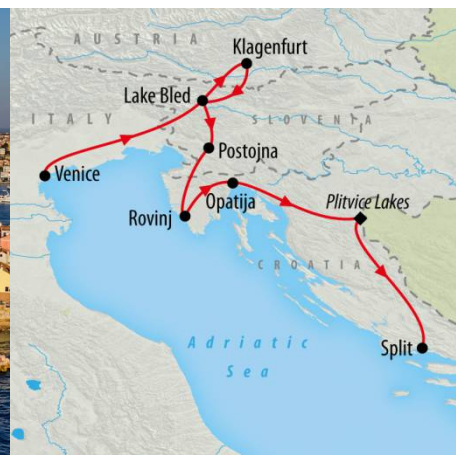


Gondolas, Lakes & Split

9 Days | Venice to Split



From the Alps to the Adriatic Sea, discover the natural beauty of this northern arm of the Mediterranean on a 9-day tour from Venice to Split. Visit the sprawling Postojna Caves, sample truffles & olive oil in bucolic Istria, and of course admire the scenic waters of Lake Wörth in Austria, Lake Bled in Slovenia, and the Plitvice Lakes in Croatia.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Venice - cruise along the beautiful Grand Canal in a water taxi, and see the sights on a walking tour
- Bled - relax in one of the most beautiful alpine resorts in the world, famed for its thermal lake
- Austria - embark on a day trip through the Alps to scenic Lake Wörth and the university town of Klagenfurt
- Postojna - go deep into one of Europe's largest underground caves and the adjoining Renaissance castle
- Istria - discover the coastal region nicknamed 'Croatian Tuscany', from the romantic town of Rovinj to the ancient amphitheater at Pula

- Opatija - touch the edge of the Adriatic coast at this 19th-century seaside resort
- Split - wander through a historic port city with ancient Roman monuments
- Plitvice Lakes - traverse a stunning series of lakes, cascading waterfalls and travertines

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners (including a farewell dinner)
- 8 nights in 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Airport transfers on day 1 (Venice Marco Polo) and 9 (Split)
- Entrance fees for Venice Vaporetto, Bled Castle & boat ride, Postojna Cave & Predjama Castle, Vrelo Cave, Plitvice Lakes, and Pula Amphitheatre
- Guided sightseeing of Venice, Bled, Klagenfurt, Opatija, Plitvice Lakes, and Split
- Truffle tasting and olive oil tasting
- Services of English Speaking Tour Guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private A/C vehicles

What's Not Included

- International flights, visa and arrival transfer to hotel in Venice
- Entrance fees to sites, other than those listed
- Optional excursions

- Tip for your tour leader. As a guideline we suggest EUR 3–5 per person per day

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Italy



Friday. Upon arrival into Venice you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Mestre area of Venice. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Mestre**

Day 2 : Venice



This morning, we meet our tour leader at the hotel reception, before embarking on a

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sightseeing tour of Venice with an English-speaking guide. We then board our air-conditioned coach and depart for Slovenia, arriving in the town of Bled for dinner.

Overnight - Bled (B, D)

Day 3 : Bled & Bohinj



Small but stunning Lake Bled, surrounded by the Alps, is one of Slovenia's most scenic destinations. On a boat ride, we'll sail past the tiny church-capped islet at the heart of the lake and the clifftop Bled Castle, where the terrace offers lovely views of the region. We'll end the day with a visit to Lake Bohinj, a lesser-known spot perfect for a scenic photo op. **Overnight - Bled** (B)

Day 4 : Carinthia



Passing through the Alps, we venture into southern Austria today. First we embark on a panoramic tour of Lake Wörth, an elongated lake and summer vacation spot once frequented by the Austrian elite. We then continue to Klagenfurt, a bustling university town. Its Alterplatz (Old City Square), dating to the Renaissance era, is marked by an impressive fountain depicting the local foundation myth of the Lindworm. After a lakeside lunch, we return to Bled, where the rest of the day is spent at leisure.

Overnight - Bled (B, L)

Day 5 : Postojna Caves & Predjama Castle



Our Slovenian journey continues today as we head south to the Postojna Caves. This underground cave system is over 24km long, hiding spectacular rock formations and an ancient species of salamander known as the olm. Our next stop is the nearby Predjama Castle, a Renaissance fortress built into a cliff with over 700 years of history and legend. Later that afternoon, we arrive in Croatia and the coastal town of Rovinj. **Overnight - Rovinj** (B)

Day 6 : Idyllic Istria



The Istrian peninsula is one of Croatia's most delightful regions. We start by sightseeing in Rovinj, where we'll find winding streets and art galleries in a picturesque coastal setting. We delight our tastebuds at our next stops, sampling truffles in Livade and olive oil crafted by local producers. Our final destination is the regional capital of Pula, where one of the world's few fully-preserved Roman amphitheatres is located, before returning to Rovinj for the evening. **Overnight - Rovinj** (B)

Day 7 : Opatija & Lake Bajer



We leave Istria this morning and continue to Opatija, a seaside winter resort where Austro-Hungarian aristocrats once holidayed in splendid coastal villas. Moving inland, we enjoy a traditional lunch in the town of Fuzine, overlooking the Vrelo limestone caves and man-made Lake Bajer. We then continue to the Plitvice Lakes for our overnight stay.

Overnight - Plitvice Lakes (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Plitvice Lakes & Split



Today we visit the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. On a boat tour, discover the wonders of this natural World Heritage site, where hundreds of waterfalls connect a series of dazzling lakes and lush forests. Heading south, our final destination is Split, Croatia's second-largest city. Here we embark on an evening walking tour of the UNESCO-listed town center, with sights such as the Roman 4th-century Diocletian's Palace and Cathedral of St Domnius, followed by a farewell dinner in a *konoba* (Dalmatian restaurant). **Overnight - Split** (B, D)

Day 9 : Split

Our journey ends after breakfast. A departure transfer to Split airport is included.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though

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we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Russot Hotel Venice

Set in the lush greenery of San Giuliano Park, Russot Hotel is located a short drive away from the heart of Venice. Situated overlooking the waterfront, with views over the old city of Venice, the hotel has two restaurants serving both Italian and international cuisine. Guest rooms are well equipped with well decorated interiors and en suite facilities. Enjoy a drink at the hotel bar where entertainment is regularly featured.



Hotel Park

Commanding a fantastic location on the shores of Lake Bled, Hotel Park offers beautiful views across the water. All guest rooms are bright, airy and comfortable offering a private balcony for guests to enjoy. On the top floor of the hotel you'll find an indoor thermal swimming pool, with a magnificent view of the lake. With Bled promenade only a short walk away there are plenty of restaurant options close to the hotel, as well as the hotels own Rikli Pizzeria.



Hotel Eden

Set in the shadow of an ancient pine forest, Hotel Eden offers elegant and well presented rooms overlooking a quiet cove on the coast of the Istrian peninsula. Hotel Eden has large indoor and outdoor swimming pool areas and is located 50m

from Mulini beach. Both indoor and AI fresco dining options are available at one of the 4 restaurants on offer within the hotel grounds.



Jezero Hotel

Nestled in the heart of Plitvice Lakes National Park, Jezero Hotel is the perfect base for any overnight stay in this stunning locale. The property offers a selection of guest rooms and suites, and while the hotel interior is modern in design, the building has been constructed to sit perfectly amongst the natural surroundings. A short walk away is Kozjak – the park's largest lake. Hotel amenities include an in-house restaurant and lobby bar, a night club and complimentary spa facilities including a gym, whirlpool massage and two Finnish saunas. There's also a small gift shop on site, plus room service and free WiFi.



Hotel Cornaro

A seamless fusion of traditional and modern, Hotel Cornaro is well known for its professional and friendly service, with an enviable location right in the heart of the city. Diocletian's Palace and the Split City Museum are a 2 and 8 minute walk from the hotel, respectively. The rooms are stylishly decorated with large beds and elegant furnishings and flat screen TV's. At this hotel you'll find an inviting rooftop bar which offers wine tasting of local Croatian wines.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room / Cabin. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room / Cabin and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your cruise, this can be arranged provided there is another single traveller booked on the cruise date of your choosing. If a roommate cannot be found the single room supplement will apply.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
24 Apr	USD 3,195	USD 4,055
08 May	USD 3,345	USD 4,205
24 May	USD 3,195	USD 4,055
12 Jun	USD 3,345	USD 4,205
11 Sep	USD 3,395	USD 4,255
25 Sep	USD 3,345	USD 4,205
02 Oct	USD 3,195	USD 4,055

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