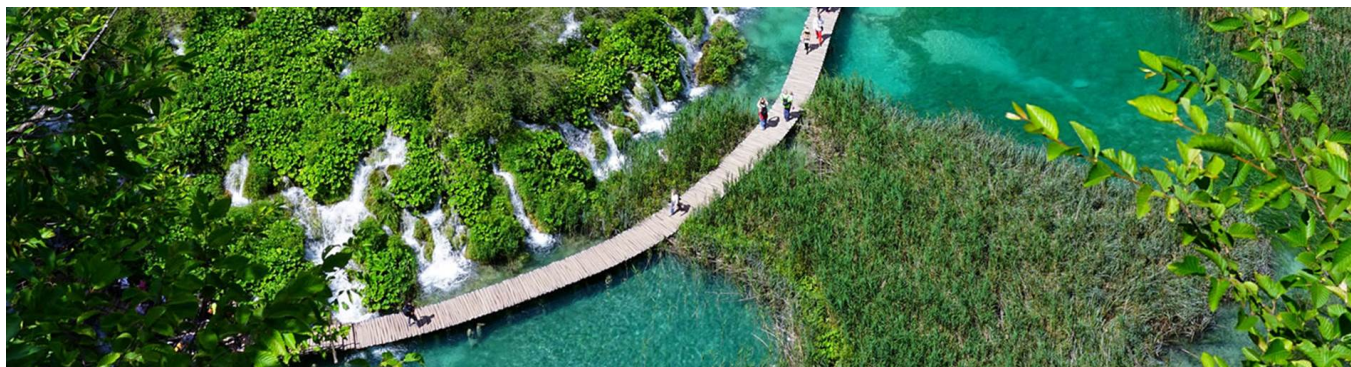
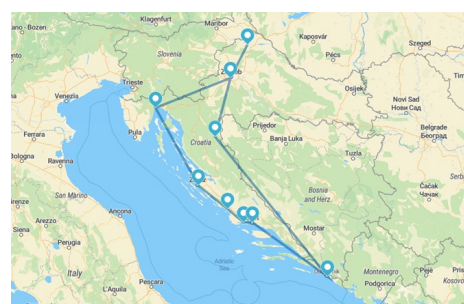




Croatia, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through the authentic Croatia

There are an abundance of reasons why you will fall in love with the legendary lands of Croatia. The fascinating "Tour of authentic Croatia" will enable you to become acquainted with the cultural identity of this welcoming nation and experience the most outstanding locations in the country. A perfect combination of history, culture, gastronomy, nature and beaches that will surprise even the most experienced of travellers. Staring out to sea and armed with a gripping history, wonderful Croatia offers the traveller an opportunity to relax on its beautiful beaches of the Adriatic coast - such as those of Omiš, Brela, Baška Voda and Makarska - and to discover an age-old culture that emanates from every corner of the country. Take your time to encounter its medieval squares, the footprint left by the Romans, the elegance of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, magnificent Venetian palaces, challenging Napoleonic fortresses, early Romanesque and Slavic churches, walled cities, romantic seafront promenades from which to contemplate some of the most beautiful sunsets in Europe... Your road map will take you to fascinating locations such as the elegant city of Zagreb - which combines the grandeur lived by the Austro-Hungarian monarchy with modern urban ideas and a wide range of leisure and entertainment - and charming Opatija, which dazzles even the most experienced traveller with its natural elegance, the 12-kilometre walk with spectacular sea vistas and the serenity of its natural surroundings... Discover why it became one of the most desired enclaves of the monarchy of the Old Continent! This route will also lead you to captivating cities such as Zadar, Split and Dubrovnik. Famous for their legacy and history, this trio of movie cities envelop the traveller in one of the most fascinating atmospheres of the Mediterranean. Croatia is also a land of World Heritage Sites. Don't miss St. James Cathedral in Šibenik, the ancient and enchanting Stone Citadel in Trogir, Plitvice Lakes National Park... All of them have been granted World Heritage Site status by UNESCO for their beauty and importance. And throughout the journey you will enjoy the kindness of the Croats, beautiful nature and delicious cuisine which contains nuances for you to sample in cute cafes, lively bars and traditional restaurants. Discover authentic Croatia at the wheel!



NATURE

CULTURAL

Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: London

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - ZAGREB

Flight departure from the city of origin to Zagreb and rental car pick-up.

Capital of Croatia and political, financial, intellectual and cultural hub of the country. This vibrant European metropolis surprises the traveller with its inexhaustible vitality, its university atmosphere, its interesting proposals from local designers, and its extensive historical, cultural and artistic heritage. We recommend a leisurely stroll through the old town, the true heart of the city, which evokes the proud past and splendour enjoyed with the Austro-Hungarian Empire, or a visit to the city's beautiful and enchanting courtyards full of amazing art galleries and cute cafes. With its 20 theatres, 30 museums, 45 galleries and 13 art collections, this mythical city of central European elegance entertains travellers with an attractive schedule of entertainment for all tastes and budgets. Take advantage of your trip to Zagreb to savour delicious dishes such as turkey with "mlinci" (flatbread), the typical "štrukli" (cooked or baked cheese pastry) or "sa zeljem krpice" (braised pasta with shredded cabbage).

Overnight stay in Zagreb.

DAY 2 · ZAGREB - OPATIJA

After saying goodbye to elegant Zagreb, we set out on a route to continue getting to know the main Croatian destinations at the wheel. A little more than 2 hours away, we discover the natural beauty, delicious cuisine and the peace that picturesque Opatija has to offer. Opatija is a lively city of royal elegance located in Kvarner Bay. It opened to tourism in 1844, when a visionary salesman decided to open the first hotel in the city. Since then, Opatija has been a popular beach, nature and wellness destination. Its innate elegance, its 12-kilometre waterfront promenade and the serenity given off by its natural setting turned the city into a summer resort for the aristocracy and monarchy of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today, the town attracts travellers from all over Europe. Throughout the day, you'll be in awe of its mild climate, beautiful flower-adorned gardens and colourful landscapes peppered with forests, olive trees, rosemary and lavender... Add to this the special charisma of its people, influenced by the sophisticated European aristocracy and the cosmopolitan vision of the Lošinj sailors. Overnight stay in Opatija.

DAY 3 · OPATIJA - ZADAR

Today you have an engaging and intensive journey ahead. We'll set off in the direction of the ancient yet lively city of Zadar, located some 300 kilometres away, an unmissable place for exploring the cultural identity of the Croats. The largest city of Dalmatia boasts a large number of monuments that speak to the traveller of its medieval and Renaissance past. Known for the preservation of its ancient and thick wall, this city also hosts some of the most beautiful Romanesque churches in the country. Despite having been bombed in World War II, and again by the Serbs in the 1990s, the city still retains a special atmosphere, outstanding traditions and an interesting old quarter packed with attractions. Sights to be checked out include its two cathedrals, the Roman Forum and its Archaeological Museum, the bustling Narodni Trg (People's Square), the ancient heart of Venetian Zadar... The city is full of cute cafes, lively bars and good restaurants to sample local delicacies such as Pag lamb, Maraschino liqueur or "šokol" from Nin... And in the evening, admire one of the most beautiful sunsets in Croatia from its promenade, where you'll also see the architectural installations of "Sea Organ" and "Greeting to the Sun", two symbols of the city. Overnight stay in Zadar.

DAY 4 · ZADAR - ŠIBENIK - TROGIR - RUINS OF SOLIN - SPLIT

After a leisurely stroll around the vibrant city of Zadar, we'll head off on an interesting journey that will take us to places full of history and legends. Our first stop will be Šibenik, the beautiful city of King Krešimir. Founded by the Croats over a thousand years ago, the old town poses a very different image to typical Adriatic cities. Its maze-like historical quarter lets visitors travel back in time to bygone eras. A must-visit is the Cathedral of St. James, declared a World Heritage Site. Next stop is Trogir, where we'll discover a charming all-stone citadel declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and considered one of the most fascinating places in the Mediterranean. Located on an island linked to the mainland by bridges, it has a beautifully-preserved old quarter that can be seen in about 750 steps. En route to Split, we'll visit the ruins of Salona (Solín), the ancient capital of the Roman province of Dalmatia. (Note: The cities of Šibenik and Split are well-connected by motorway, but the coastal road enables you to stop en route to discover charming villages, exceptional viewpoints, picturesque harbours and beautiful beaches and coves). Overnight stay in Split.

DAY 5 · SPLIT - DUBROVNIK

We leave Split to drive into southern Dalmatia. If you wish, you can choose to take the road through the beautiful coastal towns of Omiš, Brela, Baška Voda and Makarska to enjoy the sea air and authentic charm of the fishing villages along the sensational Dalmatian coast (a journey of about 4 hours' drive). Alternatively, you can choose to take the Croatian inland route to the town of Mostar (Bosnia-Herzegovina), where you can visit the famous bridge that gave its name to the city, or Spanish Square, named in gratitude for the help provided by Spain after the Bosnian War (a journey of about 5 hours' drive). We'll end the day in the captivating city of Dubrovnik.

Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, it is one of the most impressive cities in the country.

(Note: If you want to get to know the city of Dubrovnik in more depth, you can extend your stay in this city by one extra night).

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

DAY 6 · DUBROVNIK - PLITVICE

History, culture, cuisine, nature... There are a multitude of reasons that have made the walled city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the most desirable tourist destinations in the world. Marvel at its incredible Baroque old town, one of the most beautiful in Europe; its emblematic walls; its historical and cultural importance; the extraordinary landscapes that surround the city; its many international music and theatre festivals; its cultural events; and its unmistakable spirit... No matter what time of year you visit, the city will always exceed your expectations. A key location for the famous series "Game of Thrones", the Croatian city seduces even the most experienced traveller with its inexhaustible energy, its warm Mediterranean climate and its monuments designed by architects and artists alike...

Our destination: Plitvice National Park, a paradise of limestone pools, lakes and waterfalls, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. No matter what time of year you decide to visit, the landscapes are always breathtaking. When it comes to organising this part of the trip, bear in mind that you will spend part of the day today exploring this ecological treasure and arriving there will take at least 4 hours. (Note: If you want to get to know this magnificent National Park in more depth, you can extend your stay in this beautiful Croatian spot by one extra night).

Overnight stay in Plitvice.

DAY 7 · PLITVICE - RASTOKE - ZAGREB

We recommend you take the morning to explore the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park at your leisure, marvelling at its 16 lakes connected by 92 waterfalls, as well as its lush forests which are still home to bears and wolves. Guided tours of the park are available upon request, some of which are available in several languages. At the end of the tour we'll head to Zagreb, the last stop of our trip.

On the way, we recommend stopping in the picturesque town of Rastoke. Known as "Little Plitvice", it is one of the most charming towns of inland Croatia. You will find it some 20 minutes from the National Park, and just over 90 minutes from Zagreb.

Overnight stay in Zagreb.

DAY 8 · ZAGREB - VARAŽDIN - ZAGREB

Another day exploring the heart of Croatia and discovering unique places such as the Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady, St. Mark's church, the Stone Gate and Lotrščak tower, the National Theatre... Nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Medvednica Natural Park, as in almost all the great medieval European cities, Zagreb is actually two cities in one: the Lower Town and the Upper Town, both linked by a legendary electric blue funicular. In the morning, we'll set off for the beautiful city of Varaždin, some 87 kilometres from the capital. Known as the "City of Angels", it captivates visitors with its genuine and welcoming atmosphere and unique places such as King Tomislav Square and the Drašković Palace. If you have time, head over to the pretty medieval village of Samobor. Now back in Zagreb, we can savour the delicious local cuisine at its fine restaurants and lively terraces. Overnight stay in Zagreb.

● DAY 9 · ZAGREB - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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✓ Return flight.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Zagreb.	✓ Selected meal plan in Zagreb.	
✓ Stay in selected hotel in Opatija.	✓ Selected meal plan in Opatija.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Zadar.	
✓ Selected meal plan in Zadar.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Split.	✓ Selected meal plan in Split.	
✓ Stay in selected hotel in Dubrovnik.	✓ Selected meal plan in Dubrovnik.		
✓ Stay in selected hotel in Plitvice.	✓ Selected meal plan in Plitvice.	✓ Rent-a-car.	
✓ Insolvency protection.			
Your trip doesn't include			
✗ Accommodation taxes in Croatia direct payment in facility.		✗ Possible toll charges.	

Destinations Visited

Zagreb



Opatija



Zadar



Sibenik



Trogir



Split



Dubrovnik



Plitvice



Varaždin



Important remarks

- Driving through Croatia: Motorways in Croatia have tolls, which you have to pay for each individual stretch of road. For more information, you can contact the Croatian Embassy based in your country.
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.