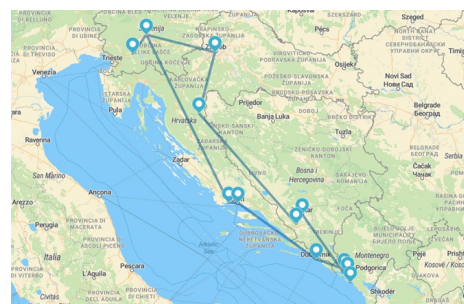




Adriatic, 12 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Slovenia

The Grand Tour of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Slovenia invites you to discover some of the most fascinating landscapes, cities and monuments in the Balkans. Throughout this comprehensive tour, you'll combine the spectacular Adriatic coastline with historic cities designated as World Heritage Sites, national parks of extraordinary beauty and villages steeped in tradition. From the imposing walls of Dubrovnik to the spectacular Bay of Kotor in Montenegro, via the charm and history of Mostar, the spirituality of Medjugorje, the magnificent Plitvice Lakes, the elegance of Zagreb, the romantic Ljubljana and the Dalmatian coast with cities such as Zadar, Trogir and Split, you'll experience a genuine adventure that combines nature, history, culture and gastronomy in a single journey. A journey to enjoy driving in complete freedom, travelling through countries brimming with unforgettable landscapes, authentic flavours and a historical heritage that makes this route one of the best ways to discover the heart of the Balkans.



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Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: London

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

Flight departure from the city of origin to Dubrovnik.

Arrival and rental car pick-up.

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.

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...

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

● DAY 2 · DUBROVNIK (CROATIA) – BAY OF KOTOR – PERAST – KOTOR (MONTENEGRO)

After breakfast, you can set off for Montenegro, crossing the border from Dubrovnik. The first leg of the journey, lasting approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes, winds its way along the beautiful Adriatic Sea until you reach the stunning Bay of Kotor, one of the most breathtaking landscapes in the Balkans.

The next stop is Perast, a charming village situated on the shores of the bay. Stroll along its peaceful and elegant seafront promenade, admire its stone mansions and take a boat trip to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks, one of Montenegro's most iconic sites.

After the visit, continue along the scenic road that skirts the bay until you reach Kotor, a city designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lose yourself in its old town and narrow alleyways, discover charming squares and climb up to the Fortress of St John, from where you can enjoy stunning views over the bay.

Overnight stay in Kotor / Bay of Kotor.

● DAY 3 · KOTOR (MONTENEGRO) - BUDVA - MOSTAR (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA)

Start the day by travelling the mere 35 kilometres (about 40 minutes) that separate Kotor from Budva, one of the liveliest destinations on the Montenegrin coast. Its historic centre, surrounded by Venetian walls and lapped by the Adriatic, invites you to stroll through its narrow cobbled streets and enjoy its seaside terraces.

After your visit, you'll set off for Mostar, the most important city in Herzegovina. The journey, lasting approximately 4 hours, takes you through mountainous landscapes and small Balkan villages before crossing the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We recommend exploring this city – situated between East and West – at your own pace, with its alleyways, markets and places of worship that show how the city has been a meeting point for diverse cultures and religions.

Mostar takes its name from the combination of 'most' (bridge) and 'stari' (old), in honour of the iconic bridge that connects the two parts of the city divided by the River Neretva, which was destroyed during the tragic Balkan War of the 1990s. Today, from the bridge—which was rebuilt after the conflict—you can enjoy stunning panoramic views of the whole of Stari Grad, the oldest part of the city.

Today, this bridge symbolises reconciliation and human solidarity, which is why it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Even today, one can still see the mark left on this city by the war. A 10-minute walk from the Stari Most takes you to Trg de España, a square built in honour of the military forces deployed in the area and dominated by a monument bearing the names of the Spanish soldiers who fell during the conflict. As night falls, the sight of the Stari Most and its two illuminated towers is magical. Enjoy the views whilst sampling the local cuisine at excellent prices.

Overnight stay in Mostar.

● DAY 4 · MOSTAR - MEDJUGORJE (BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA) - PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK (CROATIA)

First thing in the morning, we'll set off from Mostar to cross the border again and return to Croatia. On the way, and very close to Mostar, you can stop off at the nearby town of Medjugorje, one of the world's leading pilgrimage destinations. You can visit St James' Church, stroll through its peaceful centre and, if you wish, visit the Hill of Apparitions.

We'll then continue onto the motorway towards Plitvice National Park. (Note: The quickest route includes some tolls and will take around 4 hours.) If you have time in the afternoon, we recommend paying an initial visit to Plitvice National Park, a paradise of limestone pools, lakes and waterfalls designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the most spectacular green spots in Europe! No matter what time of year you decide to visit, its landscapes offer a unique setting in which to enjoy nature.

Overnight stay in Plitvice.

● DAY 5 · PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK - ZAGREB (CROATIA)

You can spend the morning continuing to explore the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Europe's most beautiful natural areas. Its sixteen turquoise lakes, linked by waterfalls and wooden walkways, offer a unique landscape that is well worth exploring at a leisurely pace.

Once your visit is over, head for Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. The journey, which takes approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, takes you through the heart of the country, past forests, hills and small inland villages, until you reach this great city with its distinct Central European character.

Once in Zagreb, take the opportunity to soak up its lively atmosphere, stroll through its streets or sample the local cuisine.

Overnight stay in Zagreb.

● DAY 6 · ZAGREB (CROATIA) - LJUBLJANA (SLOVENIA)

Today we will wake up in the beautiful Zagreb.

The capital of Croatia will surprise the traveler for his inexhaustible vitality, its spirit, its interesting proposals of local designers, its important historical, cultural and artistic heritage... We encourage you to walk by its historic center, which is reminiscent of a proud past and the splendor lived with the Austro Hungarian Monarchy; to discover its beautiful and mysterious courtyards full of amazing art galleries and charming 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.

Later in the morning, we'll set off to the neighbouring country of Slovenia, specifically to its beautiful capital popularly known as the "City of love and dragons", which is located about 143 kilometres away, with 131 of them by motorway. Romantic, manageable, affordable, modern and laid-back, the city of Ljubljana welcomes the traveller with open arms. Here we'll savour some delicious cuisine and discover one of the most beautiful old towns in Europe. Take a leisurely stroll through this city crossed by the Ljubljanica River and explore its many charming attractions such as the Castle, the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Preseren Square, the charismatic Bridge of the Shoemakers, churches and baroque houses, Tivoli park, and the Central Market... At night, soak up the genuine atmosphere in its bustling medieval squares located in the old quarter.

Overnight stay in Ljubljana.

● DAY 7 · LJUBLJANA (POSTOJNA CAVES AND PREDJAMA CASTLE / BLED - BOHINJ) (SLOVENIA)

More time to enjoy this pocket-sized European capital.

Its attractive cultural offer -the city offers works by young and talented artists and interesting galleries and cultural activities- and the mark left on the streets of the different historical stages and the masterful Slovenian architect Joze Plečnik bring to the city a unique atmosphere, surprises and many comparisons with the beautiful city of Prague.

More time to explore Slovenia now.

Lying around 45 kilometres from the capital are two other jewels of the country: the medieval castle Predjama, built inside a cave at a height of 123 metres and the mysterious refuge of rebel Erazem of Predjama; and the incredible caves of Postojna, the largest and most visited karst stalactite system in Europe and which can be toured on a train (both visits are not included). An alternative excursion will take you to the rustic city of Bled, gateway to the stunning Julian Alps. A picture-postcard location famous for its glacial lake surrounded by mountains. Nestled at the foot of the Triglav massif, its fairytale landscapes invite you to stroll leisurely and forget about the madding crowd. We recommend sailing over to the small island in the lake to unearth the secret hidden inside. After driving for around 25 minutes through beautiful natural landscapes, we'll arrive at Lake Bohinj, another quirk of nature. To get some amazing photos, we suggest climbing the 975 metres on the cable car. The spectacular natural setting of the glacial lake captivates even the most discerning traveller. Now back to the capital, we'll have more time to spend at the many cafes, pubs and bars lining the banks of the River Ljubljanica and guaranteeing laid-back evenings at a good price. Overnight stay in Ljubljana.

● DAY 8 · LJUBLJANA (SLOVENIA) - ZADAR (CROATIA)

After enjoying the charms of Ljubljana, we set course for Croatia. We re-enter Croatian lands to discover the ancient and lively city of Zadar, a must-visit to learn about the cultural identity of the Croatian people. 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 9 · ZADAR - TROGIR - SPLIT (CROATIA)

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 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.

After driving about 29 kilometers we will be arriving to Split.

Croatia's second largest city will amaze you with one of Europe's most stunning old towns. The lively, maze-like Diocletian's Palace complex each year attracts tourists from all corners of the world.

Declared a World Heritage Site along with part of the old quarter, this gigantic royal complex is home to trendy bars, interesting art galleries and elegant courtyards... Besides the palace, the city entices travellers with beautiful coastal scenery, a lively promenade (Riva), chic avenues such as Marmontova and squares with Viennese charm such as Trg Republike...

Overnight stay in Split.

● DAY 10 · SPLIT - DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

After enjoying the attractions of the city we'll head off to the south of Dalmatia.

You can choose to take the road through the beautiful waterfront towns of Omiš, Brela, Baška Voda and Makarska and enjoy the sea air and authentic charm of the fishing villages along the sensational Dalmatian coast (about 3 to 4 hours' drive). We'll end the day in the captivating city of Dubrovnik.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

● DAY 11 · DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

During the day, we can continue discovering the charms of Dubrovnik, such as its bustling main street Stradun, the Sponza and Rector palaces, the Minčeta tower, the Lovrijenac fort, or the baroque church of St. Blaise... Later in the morning, we can choose from various trips out to delightful places such as Cavtat or the Trsteno Arboretum. Another option is to drive to neighbouring Montenegro, where we recommend a visit to Perast, with the famous islet of Our Lady of the Rocks, or the town of Kotor, famous for the Cathedral of St. Tryphon. Back to Dubrovnik, we recommend taking the funicular that leads to Mount Srd, where we can enjoy beautiful sunsets. The perfect finale to an unforgettable journey. Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

● DAY 12 · DUBROVNIK - 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.

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Dubrovnik. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Dubrovnik. |
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| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Split. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Split. | ✓ Rent-a-car. |
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| ✗ Accommodation taxes in Croatia direct payment in facility. | |
| ✗ Accommodation taxes in Ljubljana direct payment in facility. | |
| ✗ Accommodation taxes in Slovenia direct payment in facility. | ✗ Possible toll charges. |

Destinations Visited

Dubrovnik



Perast



Kotor



Budva



Mostar



Medjugorje



Plitvice



Zagreb



Ljubljana



Postojna



Trogir



Split



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.
- Driving through Montenegro: Montenegro is the perfect country for lovers of mountain roads and coastal walks, with its magnificent stretches of panoramic road that afford stunning views.
- Bosnia And Herzegovina is a Muslim country and the month of Ramadan is of major significance to its residents. During Ramadan, entertainment and alcohol will be restricted in most of the country. The sale of alcohol will be restricted in many places, although some establishments will offer alcohol for sale to tourists. During this period, local businesses may also have shorter opening hours.

- - Driving in the Republic of Slovenia. Important: vignette required on motorways. To drive on Slovenian motorways, you must have a valid electronic vignette. Please note that rental cars do not always include this automatically, so it is essential to check with the company before starting your journey. If you are entering Slovenia from a neighbouring country, you must ensure that you have a valid vignette before using any section of motorway. Driving without one may result in financial penalties. Regulations, vignette types and conditions are subject to change, so we recommend that you always check the latest official information before travelling or confirm the details with the car hire company when you collect the vehicle.
- 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.
- Please make sure you have a valid passport for this tour as we'll be crossing several international borders.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.