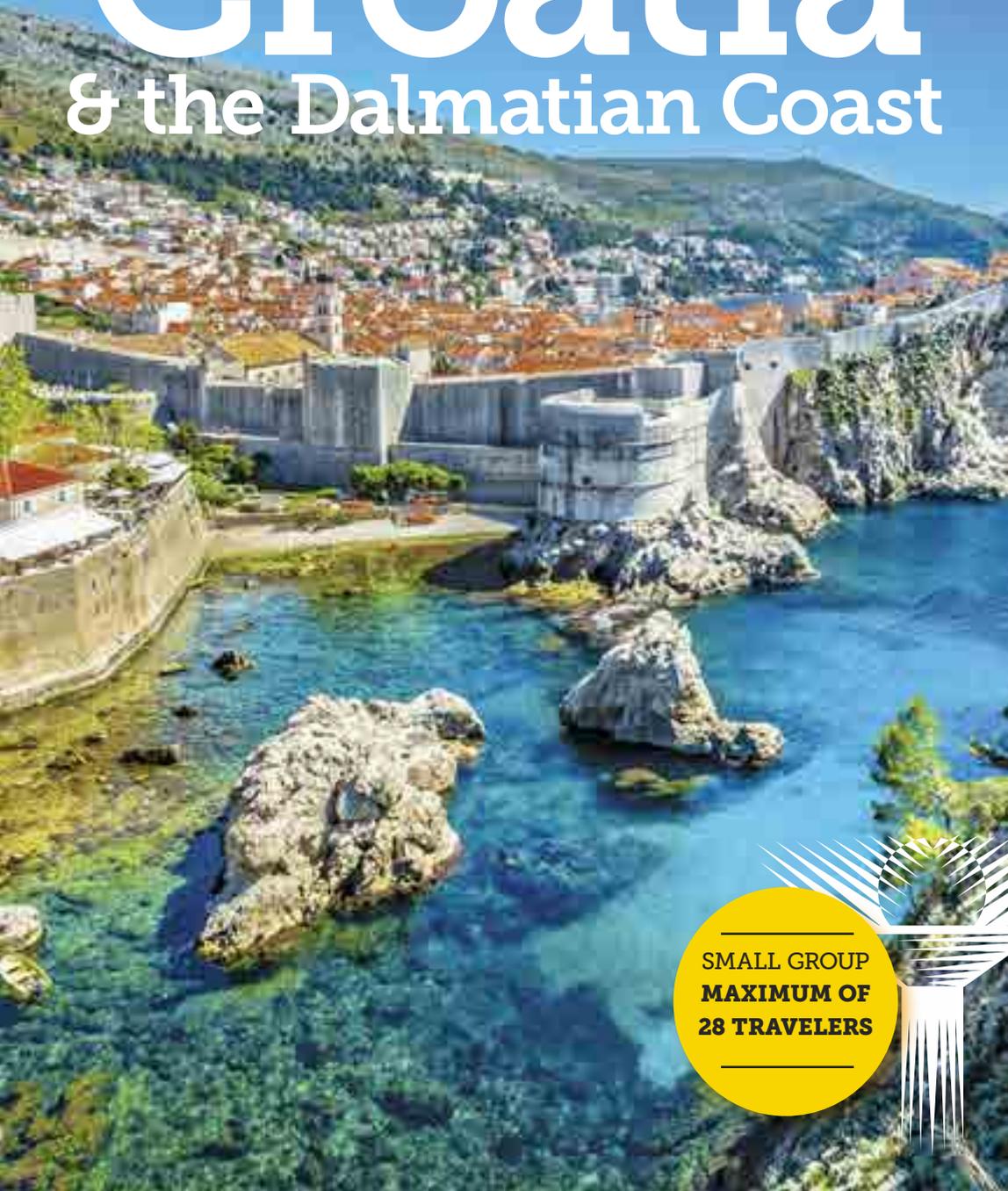


Croatia & the Dalmatian Coast



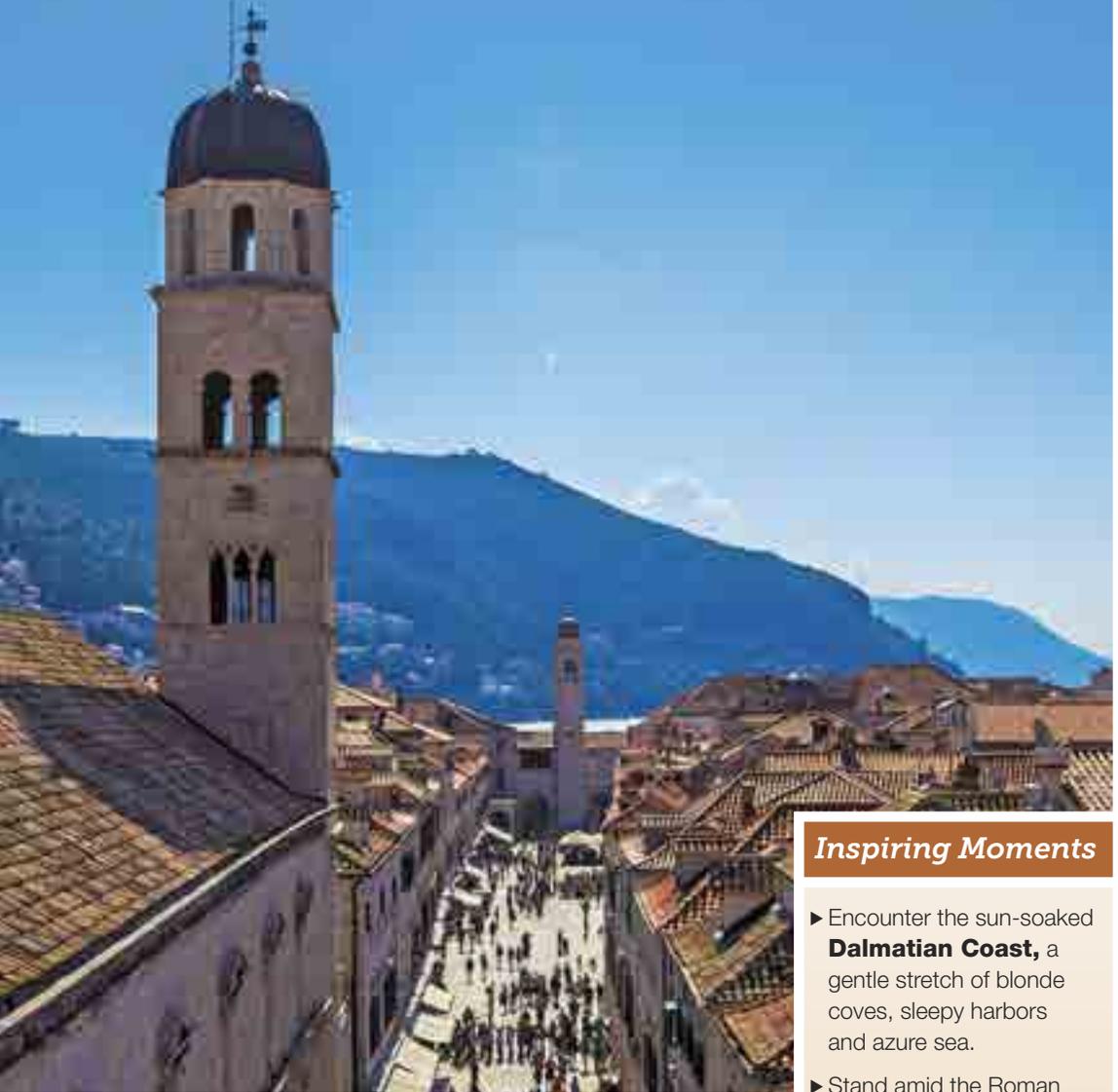
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Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Encounter the sun-soaked **Dalmatian Coast**, a gentle stretch of blonde coves, sleepy harbors and azure sea.
- ▶ Stand amid the Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace**.
- ▶ Enter **Dubrovnik** through the grand Pile Gate and stroll the limestone-paved Stradun.
- ▶ Experience a feast of flavors while indulging in **peka**, a signature dish of the Dalmatia region.
- ▶ Explore **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a unique landscape of 16 lakes connected by waterfalls.
- ▶ Witness craftsmen perform centuries-old traditions on **Brač**, an island inhabited since Neolithic times.
- ▶ Taste the bold flavors of Croatian grape varieties during a **behind-the-scenes winery visit**.



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Croatia and its rugged Adriatic Coast offer natural beauty, fascinating history, tantalizing cuisine and rich, storied ruins. Join fellow Tar Heels and friends on a 10-night journey to discover this cultural crossroads where Roman, Mediterranean and Venetian influences created a unique and wonderful seafaring spirit.

Begin in Zagreb, Croatia's charming capital city, and wander through Split's incredible Roman ruins. Relish the turquoise cascades of Plitvice Lakes National Park and sip wine amid gently rolling hills. Experience the enduring appeal of Brač and Trogir before moving onto glorious Dubrovnik, the darling of the Adriatic. You are sure to return home filled with memories of Croatia's jewel isles and tantalizing azure waters.

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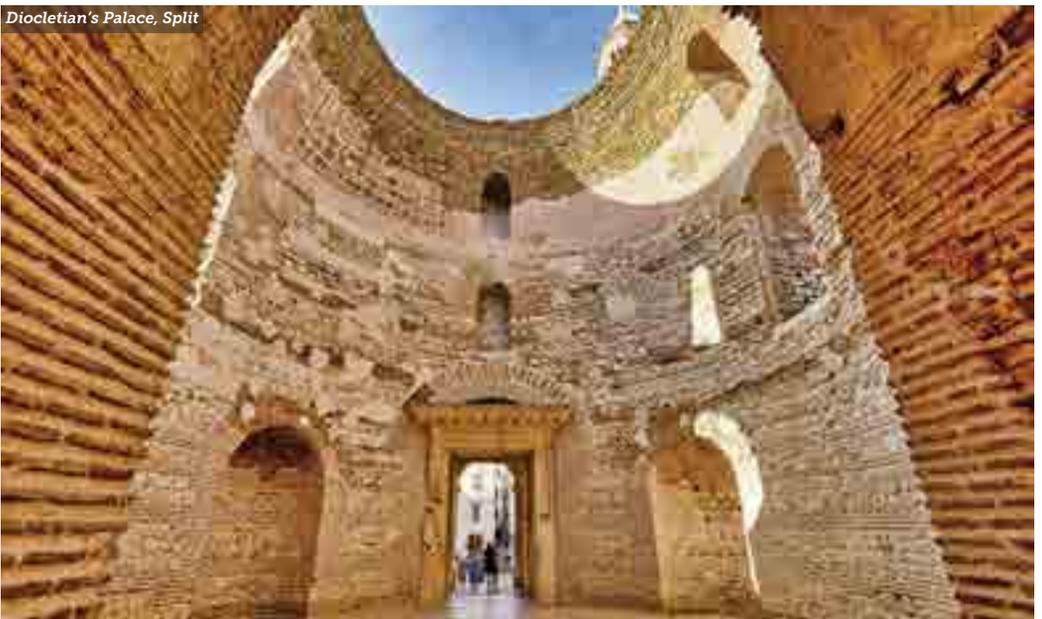
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Diocletian's Palace, Split





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Zagreb, Croatia. 🌐

Day 2 | Zagreb, Croatia

Transfer 🚗 to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 | Zagreb

Enrichment: Contemporary Croatia. Join a local expert for insight into recent events that have shaped the stable, independent Croatia of today.

Discovery: Zagreb Panoramic Tour. Tucked between the sparkling Sava River and the forested slopes of Mount Medvednica, Zagreb intertwines European elegance with a delightful Balkan spirit. Following a panoramic tour of Zagreb's modern Lower Town, drive to Mirogoj Cemetery. Designed by architect Hermann Bollé, this gem is filled with arcades, creeping ivy and sculptures. Back in Zagreb's beautifully preserved Upper Town, admire an array of Austro-Hungarian architecture and see more treasures by Bollé, including St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, the church features a tiled mosaic roof that depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms as well as those of Zagreb.

Day 4 | Zagreb

Free Time: Join today's Elective Activity or enjoy a full day at leisure discovering Zagreb's coffee culture, quaint boutiques and museums.

🌐 **ELECTIVE | Croatia's Countryside.** Travel through a scenic landscape to Klanjec. Here, visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery and witness the Church of St. Mary before traveling to Kumrovec, a quaint village nestled near the Sulta River and Slovenian border. Recognized as the birthplace of Tito, the village features an open-air museum with well-preserved houses from the end of the 19th century. After, delight in fresh, local flavors over lunch at a family-run eatery.

Day 5 | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Split

Discovery: Plitvice Lakes National Park. Thrill to the serenity of Croatia's most spectacular natural wonder. Boasting 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked in a series of emerald green and blue waterfalls, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a vision of unsurpassed beauty. The park features

Above: Main Square, Zagreb | Below: St. Mark's Church, Zagreb





Plitvice Lakes National Park

Sixteen opalescent lakes cascade from one to the next in a dramatic series of waterfalls. Miles of trails and wooden footbridges wind over, around, behind and through the falls, immersing you in the verdant beauty of the natural wonders of this park. The constantly changing hues of the lakes — azure, brilliant green, deep blue and sometimes gray — are created by the angle of sunlight and a unique interaction among the water, limestone and plant life. The travertine barriers that create the waterfalls are continually reforming, so the landscape is ever-changing. The lakes descend roughly 425 feet over five miles before flowing into the Korana River. Situated amid dense forests of beech, fir, spruce and white pine, the 115 square miles of park offer sanctuary to many animals, including black storks and rare lynxes.



a network of boardwalk trails, nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species. Following this refreshing sojourn, enjoy a delicious lunch. Continue to Split to check in to the Cornaro Hotel. Gather for dinner tonight. Influenced by the culinary traditions of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Turkey and other neighbors, Croatian food represents a varied heritage.

Day 6 | Split

Enrichment: Croatia's Seafaring History.

Discover the significant role that the Adriatic coastline has played throughout centuries of nautical history due to its strategic location.

Discovery: Exploring Split. See Split's historical wonders on a guided walking tour. Visit

the incredible complex of Diocletian's Palace, which has been continuously inhabited since the Roman emperor abdicated his throne in A.D. 305. See the cellars and temple ruins, and gaze in awe at the octagonal dome of the elaborate Cathedral of St. Domnius. Witness the Golden Gate and the Peristyle, an open court that was the heart of the palace. Roaming the complex's tangle of passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is an unforgettable experience! Wrap up your excursion while enjoying delicious fresh catch at a local fish market.

Free Time: Your evening is at leisure. Perhaps get a taste of local life along Marmont Street.



Day 7 | Brač

Discovery: Brač. Board a ferry for a gentle cruise to Brač, Dalmatia's largest island. While cruising across the Brač Channel, delight in the Mediterranean scenery before you — a visual wonderland of karst limestone cliffs, towering cypress trees and palm-shaded coves.

AHI Connects: An Artisan Craft. After cruising to Brač, drive to Pučišća, recognized worldwide for its stone quarries. The white stone is a symbol of Brač and has been used in the construction of many famous buildings, including the White House, Budapest's Parliament House and Vienna's Parliament. The stone has been quarried from Brač since Roman times! Visit the Pučišća Stonemasonry School, a facility that is still in use today, to see the centuries-old craft of carving stone by hand.

Discovery: Winery Tour and Lunch. From Pučišća, travel to Bol where the land and culture are deeply embedded in viticulture. Croatia offers many outstanding grape varieties, including Merlot and Pošip. Visit Brač's oldest winery and tour its facilities and cellar. Learn how the winery cultivates grapes in Brač's landscape of steep slopes and rocky soil. Then enjoy a wine tasting and lunch on the property.

Return to Supetar before cruising back to Split.

Day 8 | Trogir

Discovery: Ancient Trogir. Travel west of Split to Trogir, one of the best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic towns in Central Europe. Trogir, a trading port called Tragurion during the third-century B.C., was once Dalmatia's cultural center. Wander cobbled lanes, passing finely-carved façades and shrouded courtyards, and immerse yourself in the city's fascinating history. Witness the



Above: Vineyards on Brač | Inset: Pučišća Stonemasonry School

recently renovated Cathedral of St. Lawrence — Croatia's finest triple-naved Venetian cathedral — and admire the intricate carvings of the Cipiko Palace. See the Fortress Kamerlengo, Trogir's Town Hall and the Benedictine Monastery, founded by Saint Ivan Trogiranin.

Following your excursion, explore Trogir and enjoy lunch on your own during leisure time.

Return to Split, stopping to visit the ancient Roman city of Salona. This archaeological treasure features old aqueducts, city walls, an amphitheater, thermal baths and Salona's entrance gate, the Porta Caesarea.

AHI Connects: Peka Dinner. Gather to enjoy an authentic *peka* dining experience. A *mélange* of meat — usually veal, lamb or chicken — vegetables and a tasty array of spices, oils, honey, herbs and cognac are mixed together and roasted over hot coals under a lid called an *ispod čriprnje*.

Day 9 | Split | Dubrovnik

Discovery: The Dalmatian Coast. While driving to Dubrovnik, take in sweeping views like no other: tiny villages nestled in coves, gentle emerald bays and fields peppered with colorful flowers and fig, orange and apple trees.

Check in to Dubrovnik's Grand Villa Argentina.

Enrichment: Yugoslav Wars. Learn about the complex and contentious Yugoslav wars.



Day 10 | Dubrovnik

Discovery: *Dubrovnik's Old Town.*

Although beautiful Dubrovnik was relentlessly shelled during Croatia's Homeland War in the early 1990s, the medieval churches, graceful fountains and squares have now been restored to their former glory. Encounter the majestic Pile Gate, once a strategic defensive structure. Witness Europe's oldest working pharmacy and admire the Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister. Pass through the impressive columns of medieval Sponza Palace, one of the few buildings to survive Dubrovnik's 1667 earthquake, and view the baroque cathedral, which houses a collection of art and religious relics.

Free Time: You may wish to walk around the city's old limestone walls, an experience that offers splendid views of Dubrovnik's distinctive red clay rooftops, the harbor and a vast stretch of blue sea. Indulge in the city's gastronomy during dinner at leisure. Perhaps try *manestra*, a typical bean soup, or *rozata*, a sweet pudding.

Day 11 | Dubrovnik

Free Time: Spend the day exploring a trove of architectural, cultural and artistic gems. Discover for yourself what writers throughout time have



Above top: Amphitheater, Salona | Above: Musician, Dubrovnik



struggled to convey about this city's inimitable allure. For a relaxing afternoon, bask in the sunshine at one of Dubrovnik's cliff bars. Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 | In Transit

Transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

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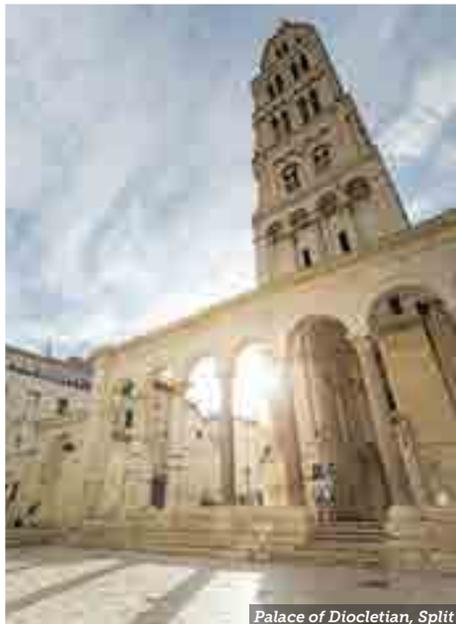
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Palace of Diocletian, Split



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