



From Athens To The Ancient Cities Of Croatia - 12 Days (#16465)

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Trip Highlights

Athens-Kalambaka-Ohrid-Tirana-Kotor-Dubrovnik-Split

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1, Saturday, Arrive in ATHENS, GREECE

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is free. Meet your fellow travelers tonight at Welcome Taverna Dinner in the Plaka beside the Acropolis. (D)

Meal: Dinner



Day 02**Day 2, Sunday. ATHENS**

See the highlights of Athens this morning on a sightseeing tour. This cosmopolitan and bustling capital city is set amid reminders of a long and a glorious past: graceful temples, centuries – old monasteries and ornate Byzantine churches. Visit the immortal Acropolis, the Parthenon, said to be the most perfectly proportioned building of all time, Also, see the Erechtheion with the Porch of the Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Wingless Victory. Below the Acropolis lies the Ancient Agora and the Theaters of Dionysus and Herodus Atticus. Your afternoon and evening are free. (B)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03**Day 3, Monday, ATHENS to KALAMBAKA**

Your first stop this morning is Delphi, where the famous Oracle once foretold the destiny of men. The temple of Apollo in which the Oracle functioned, was built in the 6th century B.C. Also see the Sacred Way, the Stadium and the Castilian Fountain, where pilgrims cleansed themselves in preparation for consulting the Oracle. Visit the Archaeological Museum of Delphi, which contains an impressive collection of finds from the site, including the beautiful “Bronze Charioteer”, before continuing to Kalambaka. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 04**Day 4, Tuesday, KALAMBAKA to OHRID, the REPUBLIC of NORTH MACEDONIA**

After breakfast, admire the fantastic landscapes of Meteora, known as “the rocks that fell from the sky”, where monks built their rock – top monasteries far away from civilization. Out of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit’s cells, only four are now active. The most important is Megalo of Great Meteoro, of peculiar architecture with its tall and intricate dome, twelve sides and fine frescoes. Continue across the border with the Republic of North Macedonia, and on to Ohrid. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 05**Day 5, Wednesday, OHRID to TIRANA, ALBANIA**

The lakeside resort of Ohrid is an important cultural and spiritual center, classified as UNESCO's World Heritage site. Start morning sightseeing with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town. Visit the Cathedral of St. Sofia, containing some magnificent frescoes from the 10th century. Early afternoon travel to Tirana, Albania's Capital. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 06**Day 6, Thursday, TIRANA**

On a Morning sightseeing tour, see Sheshi Skenderbej (Skanderbeg Square) the Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero; the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, and the National History Museum with a mosaic on its façade portraying Albanian history. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own, shop, or simply just relax. (B)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 07**Day 7, Friday, to TIVAT, MONTENEGRO**

After breakfast we leave Tirana towards town of Shkodra, nowadays a major cultural center. Shkodra was the center of the Illyrian tribe Labeat and was taken by the Romans in the year 168 B.C. We will see of the Rozafa Castle, magnificently situated on a rocky outcrop of limestone high above the city, before we cross the border to Montenegro and drive to Tivat. Dinner upon arrival. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 08**Day 8, Saturday, TIVAT to DUBROVNIK, CROATIA**

After breakfast, our journey takes us to Dubrovnik. On the way you will see Kotor Bay, the only South European fiord and we stop for orientation tour of old town Kotor, a UNESCO heritage Site. Continue to Dubrovnik. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 09**Day 9, Sunday, DUBROVNIK**

After the breakfast, walking tour of Old Dubrovnik visit the Rector's Palace, and see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is free or join us for Optional Excursion home hosted Dubelj with dinner. (B)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10**Day 10, Monday, to SPLIT**

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to the city of Split. (B, D)

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 11**Day 11, Tuesday, in SPLIT**

In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. The rest of the day at leisure to stroll through the beautiful streets of Split, enjoy at the beach or join us on an Optional Excursion to Jet Set spot of rich and famous – Island of Hvar. (B)

Meal: Breakfast

Day 12**Day 12, Wednesday, depart SPLIT, CROATIA**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions



Included Features:

First class hotels
Arrival transfer Athens airport to the hotel on day 1
Departure transfer hotel to Split airport on day 12
Breakfast daily and 7 dinners
Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
Professional Tour Director throughout
Luggage handling (1 pc per person)
Whisper technology enhanced touring
Service charges and hotel taxes

Sightseeing Tours Included:

Athens
Kalambaka
Ohrid
Tirana
Kotor
Dubrovnik
Split

Exclusions

International airfares
Optional activities
Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program
Travel insurance
Gratuities
Voluntary tips for guides or drivers
Travel and medical insurance
Any items not mentioned as included

Note

Hotels:
Athens: Stanley (F)/ Titania (F) or similar



Kalambaka: Grand Meteora (F) or similar

Ohrid: Granit (F) or similar

Tirana: Colloseo (F) or similar

Tivat: Palma (F) or similar

Dubrovnik: Lero (F) or similar

Split: Hotel Corner (F) or similar

NOTE: *Because of the narrow and cobbled streets, walking is the primary way of getting around. Please make sure you pack comfortable walking shoes.*

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure

10 Aug, 2024

First Class Hotels

AUD 6,104 P P twin share

AUD 7,647 P P single

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21 Sep, 2024

First Class Hotels

AUD 5,781 P P twin share

AUD 7,325 P P single

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