



## THE DALMATIAN COAST

WHERE THE BALKANS MEET  
THE MEDITERRANEAN

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020

The beauty of the long, rugged Dalmatian Coast, backed by high mountains with hundreds of offshore islands, remains one of Europe's best-kept secrets. Stretching from the Bay of Kotor in Montenegro in the south, to the coast of Slovenia in the north, the region was named by the Romans after the Illyrian tribe, the Dalmatae, living in the area.

We begin our adventures in the fabulous walled city of Dubrovnik, known as "the Pearl of the Adriatic," above all because of its great wealth of heritage in the arts and history. The Irish playwright and Nobel prize winner, George Bernard Shaw, once remarked that "Those who seek heaven on earth must come to Dubrovnik."



DUBROVNIK

From Dubrovnik, we work our way north up the coast to the Istrian Peninsula. On the way we'll stop to explore the ancient cities of Zadar and Split. Finally we cross the border into Italy, spending a final night in the port city of Trieste.

You will be amazed to learn that their recent history included a long, unsettling period of sectarianism that stretched out over centuries. It is hard believe it could ever have happened to such warm, welcoming people living in such beautiful surroundings.

This fall, join Discover Europe and travel along *The Dalmatian Coast* basking in "the Pearl of the Adriatic;" one of Europe's best-kept secrets.



SPLIT

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	<b>\$3840</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 890</b>

*Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.*

**THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:**

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Dubrovnik, Zadar and Split
- BAGGAGE:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning you will be met on arrival in Dubrovnik and escorted to your hotel. This afternoon after free time to unpack and relax, a local guide will introduce you to Dubrovnik on a leisurely walking tour. Explore ancient city walls, the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the harbor. A welcome dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - A full day excursion to Montenegro. Nestled between the Adriatic's Gulf of Kotor and surrounding mountains, the medieval-walled old city of Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the narrow streets, cathedrals and historic squares that served as important commercial and artistic centers in the Middle Ages. Enjoy a free evening at a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK**



BAY OF KOTOR

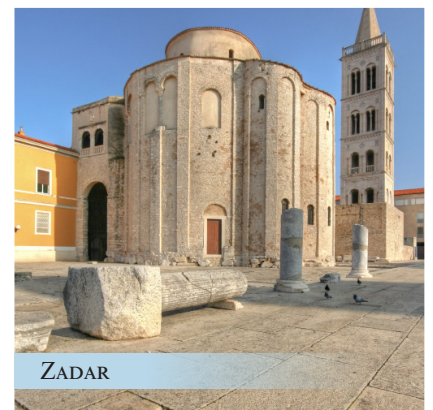
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - Today we leave the city of Dubrovnik, driving north along the Dalmatian Coast. On the way we'll detour briefly inland crossing the border into Bosnia-Herzegovina to visit the town of Mostar. We'll pass by the world-famous Marian shrine at Medjugorje and stop briefly in Metkovic to visit the remains of the ancient Roman city of Narona. We'll continue to our hotel in Split where dinner awaits us. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SPLIT**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - This morning, discover the city of Split on a sightseeing tour with a local guide. The historic city center lies within the walls of the Palace of Diocletian, built for his retirement between 295 and 305 AD, before the city itself was founded. The afternoon is free to wander the harbor front and explore the shops and market stalls of the city. Enjoy a free evening to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SPLIT**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - A morning drive continuing north along the Coast, to the city of Zadar, the ancient capital of Byzantine Dalmatia. Rebuilt many times, after many invasions, the city of Zadar is a wonderfully eclectic mixture of architectural styles from Roman to present day. Our afternoon walking tour will introduce some of the highlights and include a visit to the Archeological Museum. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ZADAR**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - After a free morning to explore Zadar, we continue our journey this afternoon to the city of Opatija. Originally a quiet fishing village, Opatija became popular in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a winter retreat for the nobility of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, as seen in the remaining magnificent villas along the sea. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OPATIJA**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - A tour today takes us through the heart of the Istrian Peninsula. We'll stop first at Porec, where we visit the Basilica of Euphrasias containing some of the most wonderful mosaics in the world – easily the equal of those at Ravenna. We continue south down the coast to Rovinj to wander the seafront, stop for lunch and perhaps sample the local truffles for which the region is famous. We continue along the coast to visit the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheater in Pula before returning to Opatija where you will have a free evening to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OPATIJA**



ZADAR

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** - After a leisurely breakfast today, we continue our journey north crossing the border into Italy and arriving in Trieste. After checking into our hotel, the afternoon is free. You could explore the lower town, including the waterfront and the Piazza dell'Unita d'Italia, lined with 20th-century palaces, and then move on to the Colle di San Giusto, the hill on which the ancient Roman town was built. The Piazza della Cattedrale is lined with the ruins of a Roman basilica, a 15-16th century castle, a Venetian column from 1560, the altar of the Third Army (1929) and the basilica of St. Justus, a fine Gothic building from the 14th century! This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: TRIESTE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfer to Trieste Airport for returning flights to the USA. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner