

Crossroads Art Center sponsors annual trips with a creative flair and invites members, artists, art-lovers, and fellow travelers to join us!

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CROATIA LAND TRIP

JUNE 15-24, 2018

\$2950 (includes lodging, breakfast, some lunches, one dinner, all gratuities, plus private guide and transportation); single supplement: \$960

Contact: Karen Gellatly, Gellatly Travel Ltd., 804.644.6187



IMPORTANT

Are you physically up for the trip?

Difficulty ratings are based on a scale of 1-5. Tours with a 1 rating are the least difficult; a rating of 5 is the most difficult. Walking days in the countryside will be a level 4, denoting trips on established but rugged trails (you are in the woods!). The hiking can be steep and sustained with long distances (up to 2 miles). You should be comfortable walking for several hours without many breaks. Walking days in the city will be a level 2. City walking will be on old roads with cobblestones and hills and sustained walks with long distances (up to 2 miles). You should be comfortable walking for several hours without many breaks.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Arrive Venice Marco Polo Airport, then drive to Rovinj and check in at 3:30 p.m.

Stay at Maistra Monte Mulini for four nights.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Rovinj Walking Tour

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Located on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula, Rovinj is still an active fishing port, as well as a popular tourist destination, as it usually represents the perfect starting point from where to explore the best of Istria.

Rovinj is a cluster of colorful houses and buildings reflecting a Venetian influence, situated right at the edge of the land on the west coast of Istria. A maze of narrow stone streets run through the entire town, and at every turn, you will find that Rovinj is charming in every little detail.

A professional tour guide will introduce you to all the hidden beauties of Rovinj, especially its Old Town, which is one of the most frequent motifs on Istrian and Croatian postcards and brochures. The stone streets and old squares are occupied by artists who exhibit their works there and create new ones in the galleries.

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MONDAY, JUNE 18

Hilltop Towns of Istria with Truffle Hunting

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Truffle-based lunch is included on this tour. Explore the colorful villages, quaint streets, and the medieval charm of inland Istria while experiencing the authentic tastes of this magical region.

This full day tour will begin with sightseeing of the Istrian town of Motovun. Located just in the center of the peninsula's inner land, this small town offers a great opportunity to explore the rich historical heritage left by the Republic of Venice. Motovun, once belonging to the city of Porec, was in fact conquered by the Republic of Venice in 1278 and had remained under Venetian rule until 1797. This explains why a high percentage of its population uses Italian as their mother language and why its architecture has so strongly been influenced by the Italian taste, with well preserved medieval walls surrounding and protecting the city, probably being designed by the Venetian artist Andrea Palladio.

The tour continues with a professional truffle hunter and his partner in crime, his faithful hound, in the small village of Livade on the beautiful property of the Zigante family, where you will join them to hunt for the famous Istrian truffle, which will be followed by truffle menu lunch.

Next, you will be driven to Groznanj. You will be enthused by its authentic allure, and once inside its Medieval walls, you will notice that art and culture, along with food, play an important role in this small town with a majority Italian population.

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon hours.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Porec and Olive Oils of Istria

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Lunch is included on tour. First stop of the day is Vodnjan, for a tasting of another Istrian gem: olive oil. Istria has just been crowned the one of the best olive growing regions in the world, with over 50 listed producers. But if you're not yet familiar with Istrian olive oil, you may be a little surprised to see Istrian names appearing on lists of the world's best olive oils.

You will be introduced to two young and creative olive oil producers, learn the process of oil production and taste one of the best extra virgin olive oils in the world. Here you will be served some light snacks.

Afterwards you will continue to Porec, the only town with a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Istria. Porec is a 2nd century BC Roman Castrum built on a tiny peninsula where the town center now resides. During the reign of Emperor Augustus, it officially became a city and was part of the Roman colony of Colonia Iulia Parentium. Proceeding to the Euphrasian Basilica, you will see the remains of a Christian complex.

The old part of Porec still displays the typical geometric pattern of an ancient Roman town. As you enter the city, the remains of the temples dedicated to the Roman gods Neptune and Mars can still be seen. Marafor Square, where these temples are located, used to be the biggest Roman sanctuary in Istria.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Guided Tour of Plitvice Lakes

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Check-out of the hotel in Rovinj in the morning. Private transfer to Plitvice Lakes and upon arrival to hotel, scheduled lunch. After lunch, guided hiking tour of the lakes.

Check-in after the tour: Ethno Houses Plitvica Selo
One-night stay. www.ethnoplitvice.com

Between Croatia's capital of Zagreb and the Adriatic coast, the country's interior offers one of Europe's most exotic walking routes, Plitvice Lakes National Park. Many compliments have been paid to this splendid natural tourist attraction — "top tourist attraction in Croatia," "Croatia's Eden," "the most beautiful place on the planet" — and with more than 1 million visitors annually from all around the world, this wonderful nature preserve is the number-one must-see attraction in Croatia.

The park consists of about 115 square miles of protected area with a river running through the center. Sixteen blue, green and emerald lakes on different levels are formed where the river flattens out, all flowing into one another with foaming cascades and pounding waterfalls to create an amazing natural spectacle you won't soon forget!

During your guided walking tour you will hike through the most attractive parts of Gornja Jezera (Upper Lakes), followed by a magical boat ride animated by the sound of the waterfalls to Donja Jezera (Lower Lakes). The tour includes the two most photographed sites in the park: the 230-foot tall Great Waterfall, Croatia's largest, and immense Lake Kozjak, the deepest lake in Plitvice National Park.

Afterwards your guide will suggest a nearby restaurant where you can enjoy a delicious lunch of local specialties like lamb on a stick, the traditional way of preparing lamb.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Private Transfer from Plitvice Lakes to Zadar Hotel, Hotel Bastion

9:30 a.m.-noon

Two-night stay

www.hotel-bastion.hr

Private Walking Tour of Zadar

4:30-6:30 p.m.

The ancient coastal city of Zadar boasts a fascinating pre-Roman and Roman era history, lovely marbled streets, and a charming cafe scene that lures locals and travelers alike to sit and people-watch for hours over cups of dark coffee and the region's original maraschino liqueur. Discover the historically rich and architecturally beautiful city of Zadar — the capital of the region for over 1300 years — in a walking tour with our expert local guide, learning about the way of life in Zadar and how it has changed over centuries.

Begin your exploration by marveling at the tremendous 16th century fortifications that still guard parts of the city as you walk through one of Zadar's most famous landmarks, the monumental land gate leading to the small harbor of Fose. Built by the Venetians in 1543 and decorated with a marvelously sculpted statue of a lion, it is considered to be one of the finest examples of the Renaissance in Dalmatia.

Then make your way to Zadar's ancient Roman Forum, admiring the main square, the remarkable church of St. Donatus and the Cathedral of St. Anastasia along the way. As your guide leads you through the narrow streets to the heart of the Old Town, still marked by the Roman city grid, learn about Zadar's long and tumultuous past: its devastation in World War II and the Croatian Homeland War, and its bright new present as the jewel of Croatian tourism.

Your walk includes the hustle and bustle of Zadar's marvelous fish market, as well as a visit to the waterfront to listen to the sea play Zadar's internationally famous Sea Organ. You can also take amazing photos at the Greetings to the Sun, a light installation made of three hundred multi-layered glass plates. Under the glass conduction plates there are photo-voltage solar modules through which a symbolic communication with nature is made; the aim is to communicate with light, just like the Sea Organ does with sound.

At the end of the tour you will be dropped off at your hotel.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

National Park Kornati Sailing Adventure

9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Kornati archipelago, an isolated island group situated in the central part of the Adriatic Sea, occupies an area of about 124 square miles (320 sq kilometers) and includes about 150 islands, islets and rocks. It is often called the “nautical paradise” of Croatia. Situated in the immediate vicinity is the island of Dugi Otok, with its deep bay, Telascica: taken together the archipelago, island and bay forms an unique natural and cultural entity.

The tour starts in the lobby of your hotel where you will meet a private driver who will take you to the Zadar harbor to board a sailboat. Sailing starts through Zadar channel towards the island of Dugi Otok (Long island in English). After approximately two hours of sailing, as you enjoy the splendid view of islands and coastline from the sea, you will reach the pass called Mala Provesa and enter into the area of the Telascica Nature Park.

Sailing continues along the west side of Dugi Otok, with the spectacular view of the towering, 492-foot high Devil’s Rocks, until you reach a magical bay where you can have your first swim in the deep blue sea. After a short stop, sailing continues to Telascica Bay, where you will disembark from the boat and have some free time for sunbathing, swimming, snorkeling and exploring the park. We suggest swimming in the salt lake and lunch in local restaurant.

Hotel Bastion Restaurant

8:00 p.m.

Dinner is included at the hotel restaurant.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Private Transfer from Zadar to Dubrovnik with a stop in Rizman at the Rizman winery for a wine-pairing lunch

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Hotel Kazbek, Dubrovnik

One night stay

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Konavle Silk Road

9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Lunch is included on this tour.

For decades the spectacular beauty of the Konavle and Cavtat regions, located south of Dubrovnik, on the border with Montenegro, has attracted visitors from all over the world who come to enjoy the magnificent views and colorful heritage. During this full-day tour you will have the opportunity to experience this picturesque province, making it a perfect introduction to southern Croatia.

Meeting at your hotel, the tour will head first to the coastal resort of Cavtat where you will stroll along the sea promenade and visit the Museum of Vlaho Bukovac, one of Croatia’s most famous modern painters.

From Cavtat you will venture to a very beautiful region called Konavle. Here, you will visit the gallery of a local artist and then tour an artisan workshop where silk is still produced as it has been since the 15th century. This is one of the very few places in Europe where silkworms are still raised; your guide will explain how this is done and how the silk fabric is woven.

The tour concludes with a memorable gastronomic experience in the village of Cilipi. Upon arrival, an ample platter of prosciutto and homemade cheeses will be served. The main dish will be veal and seasonal vegetables, all of it cooked in the fireplace under the traditional iron bell known as a “peka.”

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REGISTRATION FORM

TRAVELER INFO

Name on passport *If you have not traveled with us before, a copy of your passport picture page is required with your registration.*

Address

Telephone

Email

Dietary restrictions

\$2950 (includes lodging, breakfast, some lunches, one dinner, all gratuities, plus private guide and transportation)

Single supplement: \$960

Airfare information is available on request

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 per person to reserve a space (non-refundable)
- \$500 per person due on October 1, 2017 (non-refundable)
- \$500 per person due on December 1, 2017 (non-refundable)
- Balance due March 31, 2018 (non-refundable)

Insurance is strongly recommended. A travel insurance brochure will be sent to you upon registration.

PAYMENT METHOD

Please send check, payable to Gellatly Travel, to:

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Richmond, Va 23219
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Credit card: If you prefer to pay by credit card, a 4% surcharge will be added.

Credit card number

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