

## **Croatia and the Adriatic Coast: Lands of Contrast and Beauty**

October 15-26, 2020

Led by John Tammi and assisted by Michael Boonstra

Fly from the USA on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 arriving in Zagreb, Croatia on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Participants arrange their own flight schedule.

**Thursday 15 October 15, 2020**

**Zagreb**



Our official program starts begins in Zagreb with a gathering at the hotel where you'll meet your leaders, John Tammi and Michael Boonstra, along with your fellow travelers. From there we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a nearby restaurant before enjoying a good night's rest. (D)

*Note: At various times during our travels, John Tammi and Michael Boonstra will be scheduling planned and impromptu discussions.*

**Friday 16 October 2020**

**Zagreb**



With a local guide, we will enjoy a walking tour, learning the ancient history of this rich and delightful locale. Zagreb is a city of history, culture, and purpose that has been impacted by war and natural disasters. The tour will include the Cathedral and Lotrščak Tower. Following a tasty lunch you will have time to continue your explorations on your own or in small groups. You may wish to visit the The Croatian Museum of Naïve Art, The Museum of Broken Relationships, The Museums of Ivan Meštrović with our leaders or return to places you learned about during the morning tour. (B, L, D)



**Saturday 17 October 2020**

**Zagreb - Jajce - Sarajevo**



Today we will travel by private motor coach to Sarajevo viewing the countryside and stopping for lunch in the quaint town of Jajce. Jajce is situated in the countryside mountains, near two beautiful rivers, the Brbas and Pliva which form a 72 feet high waterfall. We will arrive in Sarajevo in time for a walk before dinner (B, L)

**Sunday 18 October 2020**

**Sarajevo**



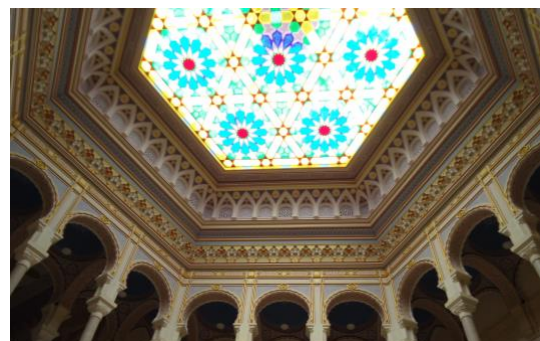
Our day begins with an extensive tour of Sarajevo with a local guide. Sarajevo is the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the city where East meets West, where mosques, synagogues and churches stand side by side, where the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand sparked World War I. It is also where the 1984 Winter Olympics were held and home of the Tunnel Spasa which was used in the 1990's to connect Bosnian neighborhoods during the Bosnian

conflict. During the 1990s it was besieged and many parts destroyed, and today the city center is restored, full of welcoming cafes and remnants of the architecture from the Ottoman and Austro Hungarian eras. Free time in the afternoon. (B, L)



**Monday 19 October 2020**

**Sarajevo**



We will continue our exploration of Sarajevo along with meeting a war witness survivor and hear his story of how he struggled for survival and the impact on his life. We will take a cable car ride for a panoramic view of the city and valley. Other specific events are in the works and will be added to the itinerary later. Free time in the afternoon. (B, L)

*Note: Dinner one evening in Sarajevo will be with a native-born historian. This will offer an opportunity for questions and discussions regarding this historically significant and beguilingly charming city. Time and place to be determined.*



**Tuesday 20 October 2020**

**Sarajevo - Mostar - Split**

Travel by private motor coach along the Neretva River and sightsee Mostar visiting the most celebrated and storied bridge along with entering a local mosque and a 16th century Turkish home. We finish our travel in Split, with free time to enjoy an evening promenade and dinner on your own. (B, L)



**Wednesday 21 October 2020**

**Split - Hvar**



The historic city of Split is a UNESCO World Heritage Site where we will see the mausoleum of Emperor Diocletian and visit Diocletian's Palace. Emperor Diocletian (245-316) commissioned the construction of this palace as an imperial retirement home.

After lunch will travel by bus and ferry to Hvar and enjoy dinner on your own. (B, L)





**Thursday 22 October 2020**

**Hvar**



Hvar belongs to a central group of Islands in the Adriatic and is one of the most beautiful. Hvar is sprinkled with vineyards and lavender fields. We will visit Hvar's Fortress and then enjoy a delightful lunch after which we will appreciate some wine tasting hosted by a local Hvar winemaking family, Tomić. Later we will have free time to relax and enjoy wandering the narrow, cobbled streets of this picturesque town with dinner will be on your own, and many good restaurants from which to choose. (B, L)

**Friday 23 October 2020**

**Hvar - Ston - Dubrovnik**



We will transfer by private motor coach to Ston, where you will take in the quiet sea and a true

Mediterranean atmosphere on the Pelješac peninsula. Enjoy wine and the famous oysters and mussels for which this region is well known. We will arrive in Dubrovnik and check into Hotel Argentina, an elegant hotel overlooking the sea and close to the walls of the historic Old Town. (Box breakfast at the hotel, L)

**Saturday 24 October 2020**

**Dubrovnik**

Dubrovnik is rich in culture and history and is a major UNESCO World Heritage Site sporting intact city walls which run for over 1900 meters surrounding the older city. The walled city is remarkably whole and gives visitors an understanding of how Dubrovnik was a major sea power and economic force five centuries ago. We will tour the city and visit the Cultural History Museum at the Rector's Palace, the Franciscan Monastery, and the local Cathedral enjoying a relaxing lunch along the way and a cable car ride. Dinner will be yours to enjoy on your own. (B, L)



*Note: We are working on arranging a special meeting and conversation with a citizen of Dubrovnik during one of our days there.*

**Sunday 25 October 2020**

**Dubrovnik**



Today we will visit Montenegro driving along the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the deepest fjord in the Mediterranean Sea. Taking a short boat excursion, we will visit Our Lady of the Rock island before returning to Dubrovnik. For our final event, we will have a farewell dinner and attend a folklore show. (B, D)

**Monday 26 October 2020**

**Departure from Dubrovnik back to USA.**

After breakfast, transfer to the Dubrovnik airport to take flights back to your originating airports or on to other travel adventures. If you are returning directly to the US, most of you will be home the same day you leave Dubrovnik. (B).

B (breakfast), L (lunch), and D (dinner) indicate meals included in the program fee.

*Note: This itinerary can be subject to change due to circumstances encountered while making reservations or on-site.*

