

Central Europe and Croatia's Highlights

Day 1 Arrival in Prague

A driver will be at the airport to greet you and transfer you to your centrally located Prague accommodations.

Your JayWay Travel tour manager will then meet with you to answer any questions you have and to get you settled for the rest of your trip.

On your first night in Prague we recommend strolling around the center's side streets. It's easy to get lost there, but the river and signage make it easy to find your way to the hotel. With so many buildings lit up, we think this romantic walk will help you fall in love with Prague right away.

Day 2 Prague Old Town and Prague Castle District

Today you will be exploring the hidden streets and main sites of Prague's historical center. Your local tour guide will walk you through the medieval Royal Route while showing you the Old Town Square with Astronomical Clock, Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge, and Lesser Town. You will learn a lot about past and present life and also get tips on further activities and places worth visiting. This walking tour is the best way to fall in love with Prague.

After a lunch of traditional Czech fare at a place with one of the best views in the city, it's time to explore the castle district some more, and particularly the castle interiors. Once inside the castle grounds, you'll see the most impressive sites while your guide fills you in on the vibrant history of the area and its importance for the Czech nation. Highlights of the tour include the Basilica of St. George, the Golden Lane, Daliborka Tower, the Royal Gardens and the Old Royal Palace, to name just a few. In three hours you'll take in all the must-sees at the castle, as well as a few hidden gems.

Day 3 Private Day Trip to Kutna Hora from Prague

Today you'll visit Kutna Hora, a medieval center of silver mining and once the second richest Czech town, after Prague. The variety of Kutna Hora's architectural monuments and its well-preserved town center reflects its ancient fame and wealth. While principally known for the Sedlac Ossuary (AKA the "Bone Church"), a chapel decorated with more than 40,000 human bones (some of which form a bone chandelier or messages and coats of arms), this town could have easily won its UNESCO World Heritage status from its other landmarks, such as the massive gothic St. Barbara's church.

Day 4 Prague to Budapest with a stop in Bratislava, the Slovak Capital

Your driver will meet you at your Prague accommodation based on your chosen departure time and comfortably drive you directly to your accommodation in the beautifully bewitching Hungarian capital with a couple of hours stop in Slovakia's capital Bratislava along the way, ideally timed for lunch. In Bratislava, we can also arrange for a private guide to show you the city's old town. The driving time is around six hours.

Day 5 Pest Private Walking Tour and Danube Dinner Cruise

In the morning your private guide will meet you at your accommodations, then take you on a three-hour walking (and subway) tour to show you the highlights of the city's Pest side, where the majority of its history, landmarks, and hotels are found. You'll visit the exterior of the stunning Parliament, get to know the city's 20th century history in Liberty Square, and hop on the subway to the Opera House, Heroes' Square and City Park at the far end of Andrassy Boulevard. Then you'll return to the center, where St. Stephen's Basilica awaits.

In the afternoon you could visit the Buda side of the city on your own or if you prefer, with a private guide. Don't miss the chance to test the waters in one of the city's legendary hot springs baths.

In the evening you'll see Budapest from a different point of view, on a Candlelight A la Carte Dinner Cruise. You'll float peacefully along the river, enjoying a romantic dinner while seeing the castle, Parliament, and all of the city's most iconic buildings from the water.

Day 6 Discover the Best Hungarian Wines

Explore Hungary's best wines with a private tour of the town of Eger, and some of its most famed surrounding vineyards. The region's specialties couldn't be more different - sweet wines, and Bull's Blood, a strong red cuvee blended from at least 13 varietals. Enjoy the company of a local experienced tour guide, who will take you through the hilly vineyards, the Valley of the Beautiful Woman and a charming town of Eger. You'll head to the town's best restaurant for lunch, before visiting another vineyard to further experience the region's variety. By the time you head home, you'll have tasted at least 15 different local wines.

Day 7 Budapest to Zagreb with a stop at Lake Balaton

Today a driver will pick you up at your accommodation in Budapest and take you to Zagreb. On the way you will have a chance to explore the beautiful area of Lake Balaton, the largest lake in Central Europe. With a 2-hour stop the transfer takes around 7 hours in total.

Day 8 Get to Know the Croatian Capital then depart for Plitvice

For most of the day you'll be exploring the most vibrant city in Croatia. In spite of the rapid economic development of the last few decades, Zagreb has retained its charm and a relaxed feeling that makes it a genuinely human city. Your guide will pick you up at your accommodation and show you around the local points of interest, including Upper Town, Kaptol, St. Mark's Church, the Parliament, Zagreb Cathedral, Dolac Market, and the Stone Gate, complete with a funicular ride.

Later in the day your private driver will take you to the Plitvice Lakes area where you will overnight, ready to tour the park the following morning, before the day-trippers arrive.

Day 9 Plitvice Lakes and transfer to Split

The Plitvice Lakes are one of the most stunning natural beauties in the region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's brimming with waterfalls, babbling streams and beautiful rivers. You'll really get into the park with our 3-hour private tour. Your English-speaking guide will meet you at one of the entrances and take you through some of the park's best waterfalls and lakes on foot. You'll get a condensed version of the best the park has to offer. A boat ride, followed by a return to the park exit, wraps up the tour.

After your park tour you'll be picked up for the journey to Split. The drive takes around three hours, so you'll arrive in Split in plenty of time to enjoy a sundowner on the Riva promenade.

Day 10 Diocletian's Palace Tour then a half day Boat Trip

First thing today you'll explore the inspiring city of Split with a local guide. You'll be picked up at your accommodation and led through the UNESCO-listed 1,700-year-old Diocletian's palace, which is just the beginning of the tour. You'll also see the Cathedral of Saint Dujice, one of the most beautiful cultural wonders on the Adriatic coast. And you'll explore the ancient cellars as well as the square in the center of the palace. The stunning Roman temples will awaken the spirit of another time for you, as will the famous Golden Gate and the big

statue of Grgur Ninski. This is the best way to get to know the incredible history of this ancient city center.

After a leisurely lunch, it's time for a boat tour. You'll admire the natural beauty of the Blue Lagoon on this fun excursion. Resembling a tropical paradise, the mesmerizing Blue Lagoon has clear turquoise waters, everlasting sunshine, and a sandy seabed. After exploring the lagoon, you'll stop at the charming UNESCO-listed town of Trogir, with its preserved Venetian architecture encompassed by city walls.

Day 11 Transfer to Dubrovnik with a stop in Mostar, Bosnia & Herzegovina then settle into Dubrovnik by dining with locals.

You'll be heading south this morning via a relaxing, scenic ride up the Dalmatian coast. Based on your morning departure time preference, a private driver will pick you up at your accommodation and bring you to Dubrovnik with a stop in Mostar, one of the highlights of Bosnia. Drive from Split to Mostar takes about 2 hours. On arrival in Mostar you will be met by a local guide for 1 hour long walking tour of the old town of Mostar. After some free time for lunch you will continue your 2.5 hours journey to Dubrovnik.

Are you looking for a unique dining experience in Dubrovnik? It's to be had at a local's home, sitting down with a family and a select few other visitors. We'll secure you a spot for a Dalmatian dinner experience without equal, that has been written about in the pages of the Wall Street Journal and National Geographic. You'll enjoy a multi-course dinner with wine, where the main event is a spectacular peka dinner - a traditional style of cooking usually translated as 'under the bell'. Our marketing director described this as the best meal he's ever eaten in Croatia. Find out why for yourself.

Day 12 Examine Dubrovnik Old Town, up close, then from a bird's eye view

This morning you'll be exploring the elegant main streets and picturesque paths of Dubrovnik, with your own personal guide. This truly is one of the most beautiful medieval cities on the Adriatic. The Franciscan Monastery, Onofrio's Fountains, Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, the City Bell Tower, the Church of St. Blaise (the city's patron saint), and Rector's Palace, the seat of the Republic, and the Cathedral. This is the perfect orientational tour of the Old town and will give you the best insight into the rich history of Dubrovnik. You'll learn what there is to see and do in Dubrovnik and how to get around.

Continue your day in Dubrovnik after the tour with a ride on the cable car up Mount Srd' to take in the views. You'll find the bottom station of the cable car by exiting the city through the Buža Gate. Walking the circumference of the ancient city walls themselves is a way to get another view of the town, best done as the day cools. It's a bit of a climb to the top of the Minceta Tower, but highly recommended.

Day 13 Taste Dalmatia's Most Desired Gems

Today you'll spend a day exploring the beautiful green scenery and blue bays of the Peljesac peninsula, where you can enjoy extraordinary flavors of Dalmatian wine and cuisine. Your trip will include two stops in local wineries for tastings and a visit to the small village of Hodilje, from where you'll continue on a small boat. At the oyster and mussel farm you'll have the opportunity to taste fresh oysters, with a welcome brandy and light lunch of mussels.

Day 14 Depart for home.

A private driver will get you to the airport in Dubrovnik comfortably in time for your departing flight.