



Croatia Istria & the Dalmatian Coast Hiking

10 Days



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➤ Croatia Istria & the Dalmatian Coast Hiking

Take an unforgettable voyage from Trieste, Italy to the "Pearl of the Adriatic": Dubrovnik. Head south along the Dalmatian Coast, stopping to explore the paradisaal islands of Croatia's sparkling coast. Along the way, visit quiet fishing settlements and enjoy meals hosted by local families. Gaze out over orchards and vineyards as you sample fresh, local fare — freshly caught fish, fire-roasted lamb, organic veggies from the garden, virgin olive oil, and lavender honey. Explore ancient palaces and walled cities in no fewer than four UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Zadar, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik. Throughout your travels, the dramatic Dinaric Alps provide a breathtaking background. You'll see why we call this an epic journey!

Details

Arrive:	Trieste, Italy
Depart:	Dubrovnik, Croatia
Duration:	10 Days
Group Size:	4-16 Guests
Minimum Age:	13 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"Traveling with MT Sobek is like gaining a new set of close friends that have shared an incredible experience together."

Mark N.

"Exceptional trips! Go with MT Sobek!"

Mitch S.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been sharing the wonders of Croatia with our travelers since 2006!

REASON #02

We work only with well vetted, highly experienced local guides with expert knowledge in where to find the authentic hidden gems.

REASON #03

Our itinerary showcases the best of Croatia as a traveler - not a tourist. You'll spend more time in the outdoors than on a bus!

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Tasting fresh and local delicacies, touring medieval towns and famed cities, scenic drives, and hikes through stunning landscapes.



LODGING

Charming and historic hotels, all surrounded by spectacular scenery.



CLIMATE

Croatia's west coast boasts a warm, coastal Mediterranean climate, with dry summers. There is often a pleasant sea-breeze in summertime.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Miha is a seasoned guide with more than 15 years' experience leading groups through the Balkans—one of the most culturally, architecturally and geographically diverse regions in the world! Miha first fell in love with the nature and cuisine of the region after spending youthful summers exploring the Mediterranean. He enjoys several outdoor pursuits, including mountain biking, trail running, and trekking in the Slovenian Alps. An adventurer by heart, you can hardly find a better person to show you Istrian wine routes, Slovenian hiking trails, and lively Italian piazzas. Meet Miha on MT Sobek's adventures in the region.

Miha Klanjscek

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN TRIESTE

Say "Buona sera!" to beautiful Trieste, the coffee capital of Italy, home to romantic Habsburg architecture and a vibrant city scene. Meet in the afternoon for a short tour of the city and coffee tasting in town's oldest coffee shop.

Activity: 1 hour city walking tour

Meals: D

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DAY 2

VISIT CRES AND LOSINJ ISLANDS, CROATIA

Set off to Croatia's Northern islands on a scenic drive through the rolling hills of the Istrian peninsula to Kvarner Bay. Board a ferry for a short transfer to Cres, Croatia's largest island and home to medieval villages, clear waters and excellent seafood. Hike the bay of Cres with its hidden emerald coves to the centuries-old village of Lubenice. One of Croatia's most scenic spots. Finish the day on the picturesque island of Losinj.

Activity: 3 hours/5 miles hiking with 150' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3

EXPLORE LOSINJ ISLAND

Hike Mt. Osorscica (1940ft), the second highest mountain on the Adriatic. Enjoy a farm to table lunch hosted by a local family. Finish the day with a tour of the historically rich towns of Mali Losinj and Veli Losinj to learn about local island life and the Venetian-Habsburg architectural influence on the area.

Activity: 4-5 hours/7 miles with 1,320' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 4

DISCOVER ISLANDS KRK AND PAG

Embark on a short ferry ride from Losini to Island Krk. Hike the rocky trail with the crystal blue sea on one side and mountainous terrain on the other. Take in the view of barren Goli Island, once home to an infamous political prison. Take a slow road trip on the Adriatic "highway," the scenic road that runs the length of the Croatian coast. Meet the ferry for a 15-minute ride to Island Pag and a stay at one of the most exclusive properties in Croatia.

Activity: 3 hours/5 miles hiking with 480' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

EXPLORE ISLAND PAG AND ZADAR

Visit Pag, the most dramatic looking island in Croatia, and home of the famous Pag sheep. Taste the finest sheep cheese in the world, regarded as the most famous of all artisan cheeses made in the country, before making a short evening transfer to the UNESCO Heritage Site town of Zadar, located on the mainland on the Adriatic coast.

Activity: Two 30-minute walking tours

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

TREK KORNATI ARCHIPELAGO NATIONAL PARK

Depart at dawn for a private boat tour of the Kornati archipelago, a collection of 89 islands in the Croatian Adriatic and one of the world's most beautiful marine landscapes. Summit Kornat (745ft), the main island in the archipelago, with its spectacular 360-degree-view. Enjoy a visit with an old MT Sobek friend to learn about the local history and enjoy home-made foods before returning to Zadar in late evening.

Activity: 2.5 hours/2 miles hiking with 745' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

EXPERIENCE THREE UNESCO HERITAGE SITES

Begin the day in Zadar, then on to Trogir and finally to Split, three UNESCO coastal cities in Dalmatia, culturally the richest part of the Adriatic. Explore Trogir's 13th century cathedral and Split's Diocletian Palace built by the Romans. Enjoy a feast of traditional Dalmatian delicacies at the close of the day.

Activity: Two 1-hour walking tours

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

HIKE BRAC ISLAND

Discover the Island of Brac, largest of Dalmatian islands Start the day at the hidden bay of Blaca and hike to the 450-year-old hermitage, surrounded by pine trees, aromatic flowers, and the scents and sights of the sea. Enjoy a fire-cooked lunch of local specialties in a Dalmatian stone village. Continue to the top of Mt. Vidova, the highest peak of the Dalmatian islands, then shuttle to the town of Supetar and a return to Split. Enjoy dinner on your own.

Activity: 2 hours/3 miles hiking with 150' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L

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DAY 9

DISCOVER STON AND DUBROVNIK

Travel through the fertile plain of Neretva - dubbed the Croatian California - to the medieval town of Ston, home to the longest fortified stone wall built in medieval times, and the world's best oysters! Motor to Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic, with its crystal-clear blue waters surrounding the massive stone walls that shelter the old part of the town. Explore the city and enjoy a farewell dinner.

Activity: 2 hours city walking tour

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10

DEPART DUBROVNIK

After breakfast, we'll transfer guests to the airport for their homeward-bound flights.

Meals: B

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Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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