

Croatia Hiking & Kayaking Private Adventure

8 Days



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Discover the extraordinary beauty of Croatia on this unforgettable private journey from the ancient walled cities of Zadar and Split to Dubrovnik — the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Along the way, follow walkways through Plitvice National Park and stroll to spectacular falls in Krka Waterfalls National Park. Go off the beaten track in the Dalmatian Hinterland, and visit picturesque islands on the glittering coast. Step back in time as you stroll through historic city streets and savor traditional local delicacies, from oysters to olive oil. At night, unwind at superb four-star heritage hotels. This is Croatia at its very best.

Details

Arrive: Zadar, Croatia

Depart: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Duration: 8 Days

Group Size: 2-8

Minimum Age: 12 Years Old

Activity Level:

Testimonials

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy."

Kathy J.

"Exceptional trips! Go with MT Sobek!"

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has been crafting unique private adventures for over 50 years, working with top local guides for an immersive experience.

REASON #02

This journey perfectly blends cultural exploration in Zadar, Split and Dubrovnik with excellent hiking in scenic national parks and sea kayaking on the coast.

REASON #03

You'll experience warm Croatian hospitality at superb four-star hotels, chosen by our travel experts, and enjoy traditional local fare.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Enjoy hiking, sea kayaking and cultural touring for 4-6 hours per day in ancient cities and national parks, and on the coast. Also includes an optional caving experience!



LODGING

Rest up at excellent four-star hotels all located in the historic heart of each city. Includes two boutique heritage hotels and one 18th-century villa fit for nobility.



CLIMATI

Croatia's coast has Mediterranean climate consisting of hot, dry, sunny weather during summer, and relatively mild weather in winter. Expect temperatures around 70-90°F.

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.

Natasha has over 15 years of experience guiding adventure tours in Croatia, Iceland, Indonesia, China, Tibet, Nepal, New Zealand, Kyrgistan, Thailand, and Cambodia. She enjoys being in nature, meeting interesting people, hearing stories and music, and tasting food from all over the world. She likes all outdoor sports (Mountaineering, Rock Climbing, Biking, Kayaking, Diving, Horseback riding) but also reading a good book by the fireplace, doing Yoga and cooking. When she is not on the road she is working as a landscape architect, growing an organic garden and spending time with family and friends.

Natasa Fiolica

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN ZADAR & HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Welcome to Croatia! Arrive at Zadar airport for a transfer to your boutique hotel in the heart of the historic city. Settle in and enjoy welcome drinks before an evening stroll of the ancient Old Town with its Roman ruins, medieval churches, and picturesque cafe-lined streets. Then experience the sound-and-light wonders of the Sea Organ and Sun Salutation — two impressive art and music installations — at sunset. The rest of the evening is at your leisure.

DAY 2 HIKE IN PAKLENICA NATIONAL PARK & EXPLORE MANITA PEĆ CAVE

Set off on a private hiking tour to Paklenica National Park, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and top destination for hikers and climbers. Follow your guide on well-marked trails high above the coast and take in dramatic views of the rugged Velebit mountain range and the Adriatic Sea. Hike through gorges and past streams before enjoying lunch at a family run restaurant in nearby Rovanjska village. Then it's off to Manita pec Cave for a superb (but optional) caving experience! Return to Zadar for an afternoon and evening at your leisure.

Activity: 2 hours/3 miles hiking with 490' elevation gain & loss; optional cave experience

Meals: B, L

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DAY 3 JOURNEY TO SPLIT & TOUR KRKA WATERFALLS NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, begin your journey to Split and enjoy a private guided hiking tour of Krka Waterfalls National Park on the way. Starting from Kljucica, a medieval fortress perched above the river in Pokrcj, hike to a lush area of the park — home to its famous waterfalls. Follow winding wooden paths that traverse emerald pools to a series of scenic viewpoints. Continue to the small fishing town of Skradin for lunch and then head to Split. Settle in and enjoy some time at your leisure before meeting up with your local guide for a look around Split's Old Town.

Activity: 3-4 hours/2-3 miles hiking with 650' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L

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DAY 4 DISCOVER THE DALMATIAN HINTERLAND

Go deep into the mountains above Split and discover the lesser-known Dalmatian Hinterland on a moderately paced guided hike. Start at the Cetina River gorge and take in dramatic views of the towering Dinaric Alps as you follow quiet wilderness trails along rivers and through forests. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a family owned tavern in historic Sinj before returning to Split.

Activity: 2 hours/1.5 miles hiking with some stairs





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DAY 5 HIKE ON BRAČ ISLAND OR GO SEA KAYAKING

After breakfast, head to Brac for a guided day hike exploring the island's historical treasures. See the age-old village of Škrip, pass ancient Illyrian ruins, and visit a medieval fortress that houses the Island of Brac Museum. Continue down the canyon to Pustinja Blaca with its jaw-dropping 16th-century monastery and visit the stone masonry school at Puscica. Feast on a traditional slow-roasted Peka lunch at a hillside tavern before returning to Split.

For those who prefer to get out on the water, there's an alternative sea kayaking excursion today, which begins on the beach near Blaca and follows the coast to Bol.

Activity: 30 – 60 minutes walking; alternative 1.5 to 2 hour sea kayaking excursion (extra cost)

Meals: B, L

DAY 6 HEAD TO DUBROVNIK & HARVEST OYSTERS

Today, it's off to the UNESCO-listed city of Dubrovnik known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Along the way stretch your legs with an easy hike around ancient Walls of Ston and sample local delicacies — from oysters to olive oil — in Mali Ston. Take a boat ride to the oyster beds in nearby inlets and harvest oysters straight from the sea! Continue to Dubrovnik and settle into your four-star hotel for an evening at your leisure.

Activity: 1-1.5 hours walking

Meals: B, L

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DAY 7 EXPLORE DUBROVNIK BY SEA KAYAK & ON FOOT

Start the day with a fun sea kayaking experience from Banje beach to Lokrum, a pretty island known as the "emerald of Dubrovnik." Along the way, you'll paddle beneath the ancient city walls, and explore unreachable caves and hidden beaches. Stop for refreshments on Lokrum and visit the romantic hilltop ruins of a Benedictine monastery. Return to your hotel for a rest before enjoying a pleasant guided stroll through Dubrovnik's Old Town. Marvel at its marble streets, baroque buildings, splendid churches, and finely carved stone facades. Feel the buzz of the main pedestrian Placa (Stradun) with its mix of cafés and shops, and enjoy a farewell dinner in the Old Town.

Activity: 4 hours sea kayaking; afternoon city tour

Meals: B, D





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		Bid farewell to Croatia as you transfer to Dubrovnik airport.
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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
- 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 porterage

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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