



# Croatia Islands of Istria & the Dalmatian Coast Hiking

**Island Exploration, Ancient Sites & Farm-to-Table Fare**

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

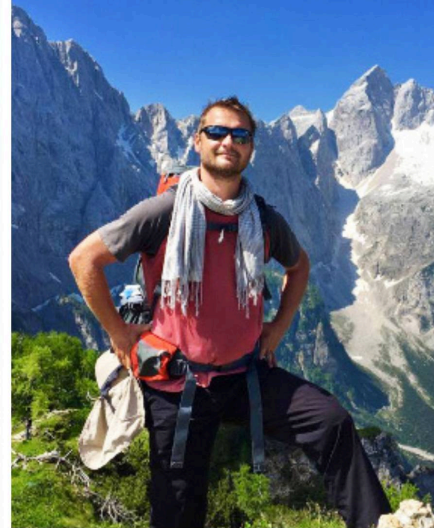
## Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

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

## REASON 2

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

## REASON 3

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!

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

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



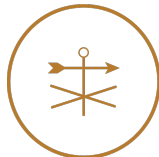
### LODGING

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.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*



# Croatia Islands of Istria & the Dalmatian Coast Hiking

## Island Exploration, Ancient Sites & Farm-to-Table Fare

Take an unforgettable journey from Trieste to Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Head south along the Dalmatian Coast, stopping to explore the idyllic islands of Croatia's sparkling coast. Gaze out over orchards and vineyards as you sample local fare—freshly caught fish, fire-roasted lamb, organic vegetables, virgin olive oil, and lavender honey. Explore ancient palaces and walled cities in no fewer than three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Zadar, Trogir, and Split, before arriving in Dubrovnik. Throughout your travels, the dramatic Dinaric Alps provide a breathtaking background.

## 8 Days

**Start:** Trieste, Italy

**End:** Dubrovnik, Croatia

**Departing:** June, July, September

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Cultural Discovery

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-16 Guests

### ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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

- Mark N.

# The Itinerary

DAY  
01

## Meet in Trieste, Italy & Head to Losinj Islands, Croatia

Meet in Trieste, Italy, and transfer to the beautiful Istrian peninsula of 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.

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour private van transfer, 1.5-hour ferry ride

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

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DAY  
02

## Explore Losinj Island

Hike Mt. Osorscica (1,940'), 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.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Two 30-minute private van transfers

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

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DAY  
03

## Discover Islands Krk and Pag

Embark on a short ferry ride from Losinj to the Island of 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 the Island of Pag and a stay at one of the most exclusive properties in Croatia.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer, Two 15-minute ferry rides

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

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## DAY 04

### Explore Pag Island and Zadar

Enjoy a hike this morning, during which there will be the opportunity for a short swim in the sea. Later, you'll stop at a local cheese producer for a tasting of the distinctively flavored Pag sheep's milk cheese. Continue to the UNESCO Heritage Site town of Zadar, located on the mainland on the Adriatic coast.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3 hours hiking

## DAY 05

### 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 (745'), 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.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Two 45-minute ferry rides

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



## 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.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Two 1-hour walking tours

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## 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. Tonight enjoy a festive farewell dinner in town.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Two 1-hour ferry rides, 20-minute boat ride

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

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## Discover Ston and Depart from 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 prized Mali Ston oysters. After lunch, transfer to the airport in Dubrovnik for departures home.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer





# Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

## **Hotel Vila Conte**

Hotel Vila Conte is located in the center of Veli Losinj on the seafront. Built in 1885, the building originally served as a holiday home for the Austrian Countess. In 2017, the building was renovated in detail and transformed into a hotel. Today, it is a small, family-run hotel offering a warm welcome.

## **Hotel Boskinac**

Each of the hotel's eight spacious rooms and three suites tells a story. Adorned with carefully selected materials and handmade furnishings, their design provides a rich sense of the island's history and heritage. Yet, the comforts are chosen to fit contemporary tastes.

## **Art Hotel Kalelarga**

Hotel Kalelarga is a charming, new hotel located on Zadar's famous Kalelarga street! Guest rooms are individually decorated and equipped with modern amenities such as a flat-screen TV, mini-bar, complimentary Wi-Fi, and a private bathroom with a hairdryer and shower. Start your day with an a la carte breakfast, then take a leisurely stroll to explore Zadar's must-sees. End your day with a glass of champagne at the bar!



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## **Hotel Fermai**

Culture lovers will enjoy a stay at Hotel Fermai, a historic hotel built during World I, located in the heart of Split. With 31 modern rooms and 4 suites, the hotel preserves its century-old Art Nouveau charm while offering contemporary comforts such as comfortable bedding and private balconies that provide great views overlooking the charming old town. The on-site restaurant serves a delicious buffet breakfast!

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, September

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**  
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 4-11, 2024

June 18-25, 2024

July 1-8, 2024

September 3-10, 2024

September 17-24, 2024

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts where necessary
- 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
- Airport transfer on the afternoon of Day-8
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

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



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