

Pearls of Dalmatia

with Dubrovnik & the Island of Hvar

September 28-October 12, 2023

15 days for \$6,684 total price from San Francisco

(\$6,095 air & land inclusive plus \$589 airline taxes and fees)



An Exclusive Small Group Tour
for the Commonwealth Club



Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 15-day small group tour to Croatia and Slovenia, discovering a region cherished by all who visit with its beautiful Dalmatian coast and treasured Dubrovnik.

Set out first to explore Croatia's gracious capital, Zagreb, where touring includes the historic Old Town. Journeying on to Slovenia, enjoy discovery of delightful Ljubljana and a tranquil boat ride on fairytale Lake Bled. After exploring the depths of Postojna Cave by train, continue on to the charming seaside resort of Opatija, where Habsburg royalty once vacationed. In Plitvice Lakes National Park, see the famed turquoise lakes – a UNESCO site – and visit 3rd-century Diocletian's Palace in Split. The final stops on this Dalmatian sojourn are enticing medieval Hvar Town, situated on one of the most beautiful islands along the Adriatic coast, and beloved Dubrovnik for a three-night stay. Discover the tiny and fascinating nation of Montenegro with a 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: PEARLS OF DALMATIA

To reserve your place on tour, **please call The Commonwealth Club at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Commonwealth Club representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to The Commonwealth Club's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **The Commonwealth Club**
110 The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Post-Tour "Montenegro" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

☐ I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.

☐ I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

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Independent, democratic Croatia welcomes visitors eager to absorb its remarkable history and culture – and its beautiful and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline. As our small group travels from historic Zagreb and beautiful Lake Bled to the Habsburg resort of Opatija, the island of Hvar, and beloved Dubrovnik, we see why this cherished region lays such a claim on the hearts of all who visit.



Thursday, September 28: Depart U.S. for Zagreb, Croatia

Friday, September 29: Arrive Zagreb After a connecting flight in Europe, we arrive in Zagreb and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned for today.

Saturday, September 30: Zagreb This morning's tour of the Croatian capital by coach and on foot reveals a gracious city of culture and hospitality. We visit Mirogoj Park Cemetery, known for its arcades and sculpture; then continue through Old Town with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral. After calling on the colorful Dolac open-air market, we have the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Sunday, October 1: Zagreb/Ljubljana, Slovenia Departing by coach this morning, we arrive in the Slovenian capital in time for lunch on our own. An afternoon walking tour reveals the heart of this friendly mid-sized city of romantic bridges, ornate façades, pedestrian zones, and abundant parkland. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

Monday, October 2: Ljubljana/Lake Bled This morning we visit Bled, Slovenia's popular resort town whose namesake lake is the stuff of fairytales. Sitting in the foothills of the Julian Alps with a medieval castle perched above its emerald-green waters, Lake Bled draws visitors and locals alike. We tour the castle then enjoy a leisurely boat ride around the placid mile-wide lake. After this relaxing interlude, we return to Ljubljana with the remainder of the day at leisure. *B*

Tuesday, October 3: Ljubljana/Postojna/Opatija, Croatia En route to Opatija today, we stop to explore Postojna Cave, the almost 13-mile-long karst cave system where an electric train takes us deeper than is possible in any other cave in the world. Then after free time here for lunch on our own, we continue on to Opatija, the seaside resort where Habsburg princes

Small Group Tour Highlights

Historic Zagreb • Scenic Lake Bled excursion • Vibrant Ljubljana • Visit to Postojna Cave • Istrian Peninsula touring • Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park • Dramatic Dalmatian coastline • Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site • Charming Opatija • Two-night stay on island of Hvar • Three-night stay in Dubrovnik • Dubrovnik touring, including Old City walls

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zagreb		
2-3	Zagreb	Amadria Park Hotel Capital	Deluxe
4-5	Ljubljana	uHotel Ljubljana	Sup. First Class
6-8	Opatija	Hotel Milenij	Sup. First Class
9	Trogir	Hotel Trogir Palace	First Class
10-11	Hvar	Adriana Hotel Hvar	Sup. First Class
12-14	Dubrovnik	Dubrovnik Palace	Sup. First Class
15	Depart Dubrovnik for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: We enjoy a pleasing mix of guided touring and free time in Dubrovnik.



Lovely Lake Bled, surrounded by mountains and forests

once vacationed. Upon arrival, we explore the “Opatija Riviera” on a walking tour of this modern-day resort town nestled between green forested hills and the cobalt Adriatic. We dine together tonight. *B,D*

Wednesday, October 4: Opatija/Istrian Peninsula

Today’s tour of the Istrian Peninsula reveals the multi-cultural roots of this alluring spit of land jutting into the Adriatic. At various times a vassal of Venice, the first Austro-Hungarian Empire, Fascist Italy, the Yugoslav Federation, and finally, Croatia, Istra, as it is known, boasts an interesting history, mild Mediterranean climate, lovely scenery, and good wines. Our first stop is in the port of Pula, where we visit the well-preserved remains of a Roman amphitheater (c. 177 CE). Next is Rovinj, a charming old Venetian port where we are free to explore on our own and perhaps enjoy lunch at an outdoor café. After returning to Opatija late this afternoon, we dine together tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Thursday, October 5: Opatija Today we visit nearby Moscenicka, a one-time fishing village that now draws visitors to its tranquil port and beautiful pebble beaches. After lunch together we return to Opatija where the remainder of the day is at leisure amid the Belle Epoque architecture and atmosphere. *B,L*

Friday, October 6: Opatija/Plitvice Lakes/Trogir

We travel south this morning for an excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Famed for its string of 16 turquoise-colored lakes connected by a series of waterfalls and cascades, separated by distinctive travertine deposits, and surrounded by dense forests, Plitvice counts as one of UNESCO’s first natural sites and Croatia’s largest national park. Late afternoon we depart for Trogir, arriving early this evening in time for dinner at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Saturday, October 7: Trogir/Split/Hvar This morning we travel to Split, the main city of the central Dalmatian Coast and home of 3rd-century Diocletian’s Palace. As we see on our guided tour, the palace, and eventually its ruins, formed the historic heart of picturesque Split. After time for lunch on our own, we board a ferry for the two-hour cruise to Hvar, “queen” of the Dalmatian islands. Upon arrival we travel by coach to lively Hvar Town, where we

Post-Tour Extension

October 12-15, 2023

Montenegro

4 days/3 nights for \$1,495 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

Discover this tiny nation with a stunning coastline, imposing mountains, ancient towns, and a rich culture formed from its perch straddling East and West.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip private motorcoach transportation Dubrovnik/Tivat, Montenegro
- 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Tivat at Regent Porto Montenegro (Deluxe); 1 night in Cavtat, Croatia, at Hotel Croatia (Superior First Class)
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Extensive included sightseeing: Kotor town and bay, Our Lady of the Rocks church, walled city of Budva, historic capital of Cetinje, Roman mosaics of Risan
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, hotel porters, and all drivers



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IN LOVE, THE WORLD IS
MADE NEW AGAIN.”

– EMILY DICKINSON

spend the next two nights. We dine tonight at a local restaurant just a short walk from our hotel. *B,D*

Sunday, October 8: Hvar With captivating natural beauty and a strategic Adriatic location, Hvar has prospered since antiquity. We discover some of its charms this morning, first with a walking tour of Venetian-tinged Hvar Town then with a walking tour of nearby Stari Grad, one of Croatia’s oldest cities and where we also have time to wander on our own. Then we visit a local winery for a tasting and lunch. *B,L*

Monday, October 9: Hvar/Dubrovnik We continue our journey south today, leaving Hvar for the mainland then traveling along the scenic Dalmatian coast to popular and beloved Dubrovnik. After reaching our hotel late afternoon, we enjoy dinner there this evening. *B,L,D*

Tuesday, October 10: Dubrovnik Today we discover the city whose ancient walls have withstood both time and tide for hundreds of years. We begin with a walking tour around the city walls, whose original ramparts and bastions date to the 12th and 13th centuries (Dubrovnik itself was founded in the 7th century). Then we continue through the Old City, paying a visit to the stately Baroque Cathedral (c. 1672). We also see the Treasury, whose gilded shelves and historic relics sit behind locked wooden doors; and the Franciscan monastery with a 14th-century pharmacy. This afternoon is free to explore on our own. *B*

Wednesday, October 11: Dubrovnik Today is free to explore on our own. From the medieval Old Town to the contemporary city with its Mediterranean accent, Dubrovnik offers discoveries aplenty. Then we enjoy a small group highlight as we set out late this afternoon for a farewell dinner with a local family whose home overlooks Dubrovnik. Our menu features produce from their garden, homemade olive oil, and local wine. *B,D*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Commonwealth Club representative at 15 guests
- Educational program throughout the trip
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We visit Plitvice Lakes on Friday, October 6.

Thursday, October 12: Depart for U.S. This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: September 28, 2023

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

San Francisco, Denver, Los Angeles, Portland (OR), Seattle	\$6,684
Boston, New York	\$6,284
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$6,484
Chicago	\$6,584
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$589, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

Contact Club Travel at

415-597-6720

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www.commonwealthclub.org/travel

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$30-\$35 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Responsibility: The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unshared portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.

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