



WHERE THE BALKANS MEET THE MEDITERRANEAN

APRIL 27TH - MAY 6TH 2019

The beauty of the long, rugged Dalmatian Coast, backed by high mountains with hundreds of offshore islands, remains one of Europe's best-kept secrets. Stretching from the Bay of Kotor in Montenegro to the south, to the coast of Slovenia in the north, the region was named by the Romans after the Illyrian tribe, the Dalmatae, living in the area.

We begin our adventures in the fabulous walled city of Dubrovnik, known as "the Pearl of the Adriatic," above all because of its great wealth of heritage in the arts and history. The Irish playwright and Nobel prize winner, George Bernard Shaw, once remarked that "Those who seek heaven on earth must come to Dubrovnik."

Taking a short flight north to on the Istrian Peninsula, we follow the Adriatic coast back down. Starting in Opatija, we explore the ancient cities of Zadar and Split before returning to Dubrovnik.

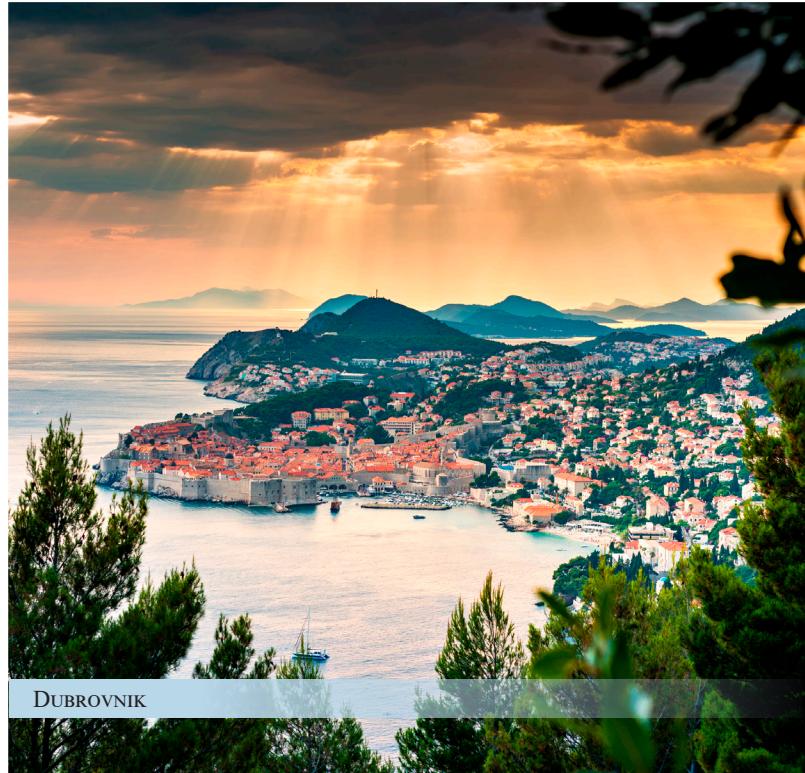
You will be amazed to learn that their recent history included a long, unsettling period of sectarianism that stretched out over centuries. It is hard believe it could ever have happened to such warm, welcoming people living in such beautiful surroundings.

This spring, join Discover Europe and travel along *The Dalmatian Coast* basking in "the Pearl of the Adriatic;" one of Europe's best-kept secrets.



SPLIT

THE DALMATIAN COAST



DUBROVNIK

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$4280
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 950

Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

The following services are included:

- HOTELS:** 8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels including all hotel taxes and service charges
FLIGHT: One way flight from Dubrovnik to Istria
COACHING: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
MEALS: Breakfast daily, 5 dinners
GUIDES: Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Dubrovnik, Zadar and Split
BAGGAGE: Portage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*



SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH - Morning arrivals in Dubrovnik will be met and escorted to your hotel. After free time to unpack and relax, your Discover Europe tour guide will offer a short orientation tour. A welcome dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK**

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH - A full day excursion to Montenegro. Nestled between the Adriatic's Gulf of Kotor and surrounding mountains, the medieval-walled old city of Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the narrow streets, cathedrals and historic squares that served as important commercial and artistic centers in the Middle Ages. Enjoy a free evening at a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK**



BAY OF KOTOR

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH - This morning, a local guide introduces you to Dubrovnik. Explore ancient city walls, the old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the harbor. This afternoon we board a flight to the Istrian Peninsula. We'll continue to our hotel in Opatija where dinner awaits us. Originally a quiet fishing village, Opatija became popular in the 19th century as a winter retreat for the nobility of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, as seen in the remaining magnificent villas along the sea. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: OPATIJA**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST - A tour today takes us through the heart of the Istrian Peninsula. We'll stop first at Porec where we visit the Basilica of Euphrasias containing some of the most wonderful mosaics in the world – easily the equal of those at Ravenna. We continue south down the coast to Rovinj to wander the seafront, stop for lunch and perhaps sample the local truffles for

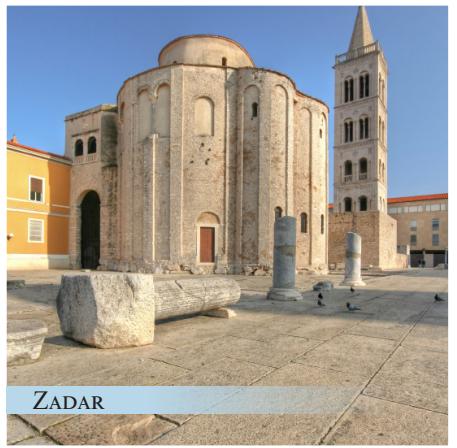
which the region is famous. We continue along the coast to visit the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheater in Pula before returning to Opatija for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OPATIJA**

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND - A morning drive begins our route south along the Dalmatian Coast, to the city of Zadar, the ancient capital of Byzantine Dalmatia. Rebuilt many times, after many invasions, the city of Zadar is a wonderfully eclectic mixture of architectural styles from Roman to present day. Our afternoon walking tour will introduce some of the highlights and include a visit to the Archeological Museum. Dinner is included this evening.

(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ZADAR

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD - After a free morning to explore Zadar, we continue our journey this afternoon to the southern city of Split, Croatia's second largest city. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SPLIT**

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH - This morning, discover the city of Split on a sightseeing tour with a local guide. The historic city center lies within the walls of the Palace of Diocletian, built for his retirement between 295 and 305 AD, before the city itself was founded. The afternoon is free to wander the harbor front and explore the shops and market stalls of the city. Enjoy a free evening to sample a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SPLIT**



ZADAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH - Today we continue our drive south, returning to the city of Dubrovnik. On the way we'll detour briefly inland crossing the border into Bosnia-Herzegovina to visit the town of Mostar. We'll pass by the world-famous Marian shrine at Medjugorje and stop briefly in Metkovic to visit the remains of the ancient Roman city of Narona. We'll arrive in Dubrovnik with time to freshen up before our farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK**

MONDAY, MAY 6TH - Morning transfer to Dubrovnik Airport for returning flights to the USA. **(B)**

*Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **D** - dinner*