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SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

September 12 - 22, 2019

Bled castle gates







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Day 1: Thursday, September 12th, 2019 • Depart US Our adventure begins on a transatlantic flight over to Dubrovnik, a city on the Adriatic Sea in southern Croatia.

Day 2: Friday, September 13th, 2019 • Dubrovnik

Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, we meet our tour guide and transfer to our hotel where we enjoy a welcome dinner. **D**

Day 3: Saturday, September 14th, 2019 • Dubrovnik

This morning we meet a local guide who takes us around Old Town. We see the walls of Dubrovnik dating back to the 16th century, and we also visit Rector's Palace, a 14th century Gothic-Renaissance palace museum. Later, we take a cable car up to Srd Hill for breathtaking views of the city, the crystal-clear Adriatic Sea, and many islands surrounding Dubrovnik. Tonight, we share dinner at a local restaurant with live music entertainment. **B**, **D**

Day 4: Sunday, September 15th, 2019 • Dubrovnik

Our local guide meets us again this morning and together we walk to Stradun, a favorite promenade and gathering place of Dubrovnik. We visit a grand baroque cathedral, St. Saviour Church, Dubrovnik Synagogue and Franciscan Monastery. The rest of our day is free to seek individual interests. **B**

Day 5: Monday, September 16th, 2019 • Split

We check out of our hotel this morning and travel up north





to Split, a town on the Dalmatian Coast. We stop along the way and explore a village in the countryside and perhaps taste local specialties for lunch on our own. Once in Split we meet our guide who introduces us to local sites such Diocletian's Palace built by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. We also visit Cathedral of Saint Domnius and Jupiterov Hram, the Christian baptistery turned into a temple. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B**, **D**

Day 6: Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 • Split

Today we take one of the most popular excursions across the Adriatic and visit the Blue Cave on the island Bisevo. A speedboat ride takes us to other beautiful places such Stiniva Bay on the island Vis, Blue Lagoon on the island Bludikovac, Palmizana of Paklinski islands and Hvar, one of the most beautiful harbors in the Adriatic. We return back to Split this evening. **B**

Day 7: Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 • Plitvice Lakes

This morning we continue up north to amazing Plitvice Lakes National Park, a forest reserve in central Croatia. We travel through a chain of terraced lakes joined by waterfalls that expand into a limestone canyon. Included in our tour is a boat ride on the Lake Kozjak and a panoramic train ride! Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B**, **D**





Day 8: Thursday, September 19th, 2019 • Ljubljana - Lake Bled

Today we travel to neighboring Slovenia where we tour Ljubljana, the capital and largest city known for its for its green spaces, curving Ljubljana River and city's old town lined with outdoor cafes. Our guide introduces us to important sites such City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Triple Bridge or Tivoli Park among others. We then continue to the Julian Alps and settle in Bled. Dinner tonight is at a restaurant overlooking the emerald green water of Lake Bled. Wine is included tonight. **B**, **D**

Day 9: Friday, September 20th, 2019 • Lake Bled

It is a busy day ahead of us. First, we travel to Postojna Cave, a karst cave formation in southwestern Slovenia. There we take a guided tour by the cave train and admire the cave's passages, tunnels and amazing halls. We then return to Lake Bled where we take a "pletna" boat ride to a picturesque island in the middle of the lake to explore the Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Maria. We return to Bled and visit Bled Castle, a medieval castle overlooking Lake Bled. **B**

Day 10: Saturday, September 21st, 2019 • Trieste, Italy

We have the morning to explore Bled on our own before we transfer to our last destination Treiste, Italy. A local guide acquaints us with this port city. Its Austro-Hungarian and Slovenian influences are all evident in its layout, which encompasses a medieval old city and a neoclassical Austrian quarter. We end our day with a farewell dinner at one of the popular restaurants in Trieste. **B**, **D**

Day 11: Sunday, September 22nd, 2019 • Return to US

Sadly, it is time to say "Dovidenja" and transfer to the airport for our returning flight home. We are filled with memories of the sunny coastal towns, beautiful beaches and unforgettable countryside. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals B=Breakfast D=Dinner Tour Prices: \$3,379 Prices are per person, double occupancy Land only

Single supplement: \$625

with a minimum of 15 participants;

Your Tour Includes:

- Land Transportation via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- Meals per the itinerary
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of a professional tour manager
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Luggage handling of one piece per person
- All taxes and tips for provided services on land tour, except as indicated below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip Airfare** (estimated at \$1,350 from Chicago) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver (\$4 per person/day) and tour manager (\$5 per person/day)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

(3% surcharge will be added if paying by credit card) Deposit with registration: \$500 per person Final payment due June 14, 2019: Balance per person Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Airline tickets once written are usually nonrefundable.

- ⇒ Up to June 14, 2019 \$150 per person plus any lost land and air deposits will be assessed
- ⇒ From June 15 to Aug. 29, 2019: \$300 per person plus any lost deposits on land and air will be assessed
- ⇒ August 29 and after: No Refund

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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