

Hidden Gems of the Croatian Riviera
June 21, 2025

Optional Tour : Dubrovnik 22 Jun

Dalmatian Family Expérience \$115 per person

Drive by motorcoach to Cilipi, a village of around 400 people near Dubrovnik where we'll split into smaller groups and join a local family for a Home-Hosted Dinner. We'll begin our experience with a short stroll through the village with our hosts to meet the residents and catch a glimpse of daily life here. Then we'll sit down at the table and share a meal with our host family. You'll have an exclusive opportunity to enter the homes of residents and connect intimately with them to learn about what life is like here. Our hosts hail from a variety of working- or middle-class backgrounds, and multiple generations of the family might be present during our meal, offering a broad view of village life in Croatia. You'll also enjoy a taste of authentic home-cooked Croatian cuisine as we share a typical meal that our host family would enjoy in their day-to-day lives.

Duration: 3 Hours

Activity Level: Easy

Optional Tour: Split 23 Jun

Guided tour of Trogir \$79 per person

Embark on a picturesque drive to the town of Trogir, situated on a small island between the mainland and Ciovo. Connected by a bridge, this historic island is adorned with magnificent stone constructions, including palaces, churches, monasteries, towers, and walls. Experience the charm of narrow streets, offering a glimpse into life in days gone by.

Join a guided walking tour to explore Town Loggia, the Town Hall, and the Cipiko Palace, culminating in a visit to the highlight—the Cathedral of St. Lawrence. Dating back to the 13th century, this architectural marvel with three naves and three semi-circular apses stands as Croatia's finest example of sacral architecture, dominating the town's landscape.

Note: This excursion is not recommended for guests with walking limitations. This tour involves walking over 500 meters on paved, flat surfaces with a few steps along the way.

Duration: 4 hours

Activity Level: Moderate

Optional Tour: Split 23 Jun

Walking tour of Split \$86 per person

Explore the captivating Old Town of Split, nestled within and around the magnificent 4th-century Roman Palace of Emperor Diocletian. Your walking tour commences with a leisurely stroll from the ship to the Old Town, where your knowledgeable guide will lead you through narrow streets to the remarkable Cathedral.

Discover the fascinating Cathedral of St. Duje, purportedly the oldest cathedral in the world, built upon ancient shrine ruins.

Explore the charming Temple of Jupiter and catch glimpses of iconic landmarks such as the Golden Gate, the Silver Gate, and Peristyle Square from the exterior. Don't miss the vibrant open market, the largest on the Dalmatian coast, where you can enjoy some free time exploring at your leisure before returning to the ship.

Note: This excursion involves walking approximately 700 meters on paved, levelled surfaces, and cobblestones. When visiting cathedrals in Croatia, it's advisable to dress modestly as a sign of respect for religious customs and traditions. This typically means wearing clothing that covers your shoulders and knees, and avoiding attire that is too revealing or casual.

Duration: 2 hours

Activity Level: Moderate

Optional Tour: Zadar 24 Jun

Walking tour of Zadar \$49 per person

Embark on a journey through time as you stroll along the ancient streets of Zadar, a city steeped in over 2000 years of history. As the historical capital of Dalmatia, Zadar exudes charm with its intriguing legends and captivating stories.

Your walking tour commences from the Seafront Promenade, where you'll encounter two of the city's most renowned modern attractions: the mesmerizing Sea Organ and the captivating Greeting to the Sun. From there, delve into the past as you explore the Roman Forum Square, a testament to Zadar's rich Roman heritage. Admire the impressive architecture of the church of St. Donatus and the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Anastasia, both iconic landmarks that stand as symbols of the city's religious heritage.

Next, journey along Kalelarga, the oldest street in Zadar, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere of this ancient thoroughfare. Your path leads you to the bustling People's Square, a hub of activity since the Middle Ages and still a vibrant center of public life today. Here, you'll immerse yourself in the city's rich history and experience its unique Mediterranean ambiance.

During your tour, you'll also can visit The Gold & Silver Exhibition and the Museum of Ancient Glass, where you'll discover fascinating artifacts that further illuminate Zadar's storied past.

Note: This walking tour covers approximately 700 meters and includes uneven surfaces, paved areas, and a few stairs. It is not recommended for guests with walking limitations.

Duration: 3 hours

Activity level: Moderate

Optional Tour: Opatija 25 Jun

Hiking to Kamacnik Spink \$114 per person

Board your motor coach for a scenic one-hour journey to Gorski Kotar, specifically the Vrbovsko area, where your hiking adventure begins in the breathtaking Kamacnik Canyon. At the canyon's entrance, you'll find a historic sawmill that has been transformed into a charming restaurant, offering a glimpse into the region's intriguing past while enhancing the picturesque landscape. From this starting point, embark on a two-mile trek to the Kamacnik spring. As you hike, immerse yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds you, walking alongside the creek and crossing sturdy wooden bridges that elegantly arch over the small rapids or stretch over the water's edge. The trail leads you through a lush valley, creating a truly enchanting scene.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Activity Level: strenuous

Optional Tour: Opatija 25 Jun

Hilltowns of Istria \$140 per person

Depart from the pier and take in the stunning scenery as you journey to the charming hilltop village of Motovun. After approximately 90 minutes, you will arrive at the parking area, where you will disembark your motor coach and board a local shuttle bus that will take you to the entrance of this Croatian gem. At the top, you will be greeted by a breathtaking Romanesque-Gothic bell tower dating back to the 13th century. From this elevated perspective, admire the panoramic views of the Mirna Valley and Motovun Forest. As you explore the village, immerse yourself in the rich local history, with landmarks dating back to the 12th century, including the Romanesque Municipal Palace, the largest secular structure of its era in Istria. After your guided tour, return via shuttle bus to the parking area, where your motor coach waits for scenic travels along narrow roads and across a plateau to the picturesque town of Oprtalj. Resembling a Tuscan village with its hilltop perch and rows of cypress trees, Oprtalj is celebrated as one of the most beautiful towns in Northern Istria. Once fortified by city walls, it now invites visitors to explore its many historical sites, including the parish church of St. George, built in 1526, two charming churches adorned with frescoes, and the impressive Venetian loggia. Next, proceed to the third hilltop town of the day, Groznan. It is recognized as a vibrant cultural hub, particularly in the summer when it comes alive with music academies, workshops, and artistic performances.

Tour duration: 7.50 hours

Activity Level: moderate

Optional Tour: Piran 26 Jun

Slovenia alluring Lipca Stud Farm \$131 per person

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the prestigious Lipica Stud Farm, renowned for its rich equestrian heritage and majestic Lipizzaner horses. Immerse yourself in the splendor of the stud farm with a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the elegant stables and lush pastures that have bred these noble creatures for centuries. Witness the grace and precision of the Lipica Riding School as you observe their

official training session, a captivating display of equestrian artistry. Enjoy the added charm of a horse carriage ride through the picturesque surroundings.

Tour duration: 5 hours

Activity Level: moderate

Optional Tour: Piran 26 Jun

Postoina Cave & Predjana Castle \$181 per person

Set off on an awe-inspiring journey through the natural beauty of Postojna Cave, a stunning geological gem that has fascinated visitors for centuries. During your exclusive visit, take in the enchanting formations and underground scenery, all while being guided by experts who reveal the intriguing secrets of this subterranean paradise. Then, make your way to the iconic Predjama Castle, an impressive fortress built into a cliffside cave, where captivating stories of medieval intrigue await. Conclude your delightful adventure with a scenic drive back to Piran, where you can reflect on the day's wonders amidst the coastal charm of this delightful seaside town.

Tour duration: 5 hours

Activity Level: easy

Optional Tour: Venice 27 Jun

Venice Walking tour with Doge's Palace \$140 per person

Begin a captivating journey through the heart of Venice with a scenic 20-minute private motorboat ride along the Canale della Giudecca to the San Marco area. Upon arrival, rendezvous with your knowledgeable guide at the boat drop-off point and commence a captivating stroll through Venice's iconic landmarks.

After some remarks on the history of Venice, which power for many centuries resided in these buildings, you will admire the Marciana Library and the Loggetta by J. Sansovino, the belltower, the clocktower and its two bronze Moors, the two wings called Procuratie Vecchie and Procuratie Nuove, besides the Cathedral in the daylight.

Next to the cathedral is the Doge's Palace, the former official residence of the Rulers of Venice (Dogi), one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture, well known for its ornate façade and multi-arcaded loggia. Here, you will climb the famous Golden Staircase, admire the paintings from Tintoretto and Veronese and wander through the echoing Great Council Chamber and many other historical rooms.

Adjoining the palace is the famous Ponte dei Sospiri, or Bridge of Sighs. This legendary structure connects the palace to the former ducal prison. Today, it is a favorite rendezvous of lovers who believe that if they kiss under the bridge, their love will last forever.

You will admire (no inside visit foreseen) the Saint Mark's Basilica. Named for St. Mark, this impressive cathedral has foundations dating to the 9th century.

Time at leisure to explore the city on your own before meeting your assistant at a designated meeting point in Saint Mark's Area and walk back to your motorboat destination in San Basilio.

Duration: 4hrs 30 minutes

Activity Level: Moderate

To add any of the above options to your tour, please email groups@scenicusa.com with your requests or call 857-415-5752 to speak with a group specialist.