

Greece to Dalmatia

Escorted tour

16 days / 15 nights

Day 1: Sat: Athens

Arrive Athens. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner in a traditional Greek tavern in Plaka, the old part of Athens. Overnight Athens. **D**

Day 2: Sun: Athens

See the highlights of ancient Athens on this morning's sightseeing tour. Visit the immortal Acropolis and Parthenon, arguably the most perfectly proportioned building of all time. Your afternoon is free. Overnight Athens. **B**

Day 3: Mon: Athens to Delphi & Kalambaka

Depart for Delphi, where the famous oracle in the 6th century Temple of Apollo foretold the destiny of men. You will visit the Archaeological Museum whose impressive collection includes the magnificent "Bronze Charioteer". Continue on to Kalambaka. Overnight Kalambaka. **BD**

Day 4: Tue: Kalambaka to Ohrid

After breakfast, admire the fantastic landscapes of Meteora, known as "the rocks that fell from the sky" and where monks built their retreats away from civilisation. Visit Megalo Meteoro with its tall and intricate dome with twelve sides and fine frescoes. Travel across the border to Macedonia. Overnight Ohrid. **BD**

Day 5: Wed: Ohrid to Tirana

The lakeside resort of Ohrid is an important cultural and spiritual centre, classified

as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your morning tour starts with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town. Visit the Cathedral of St Sophia with frescoes from the 10th century. In the early afternoon continue to Tirana, capital of Albania. Overnight Tirana. **BD**

Day 6: Thu: Tirana

Your morning sightseeing features the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, Et'hem Bey Mosque and statue of Albania's national hero – G.K. Skanderbeg. Also see the National History Museum with its brilliant mosaic facade depicting Albanian history. Afternoon free to explore. Overnight Tirana. **B**

Day 7: Fri: Tirana to Dubrovnik

After breakfast depart for Shkodra, one of Albania's oldest cities, where you see the Rozafa Castle. Continue across the border to Montenegro via Bar, Budva and Herceg Novi to Dubrovnik. Overnight Dubrovnik. **BD**

Day 8: Sat: Dubrovnik

Enjoy a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik and see the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace. You will also see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery which houses one of the world's oldest pharmacies. The rest of the day at leisure for independent exploring. Overnight Dubrovnik. **B**

Day 9: Sun: Dubrovnik

You have the full day at leisure to explore or just relax in this fascinating town. Overnight Dubrovnik. **B**

Day 10: Mon: Dubrovnik to Split

You depart this morning and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, on the way to Split. Your tour features the historic inner city, which was built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. Overnight Split. **BD**

Day 11: Tue: Split to Trogir & Plitvice Lakes

After breakfast you head north along the coast to Trogir, where scholars from around the world gather to study and paint. Then continue inland to the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park. During your walking tour of the lower lakes, enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes, surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Overnight Plitvice. **BD**

Day 12: Wed: Plitvice Lakes to Opatija, Postojna & Bled

Return to the coast to the bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. From here travel north to Postojna, home of one of the largest caves in Europe. You tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train, before journeying to Bled, situated in the Julian Alps. Overnight Bled. **BD**

Day 13: Thu: Bled

Your morning sightseeing of this charming lake resort features the town of Bled with

its lakeshore and Bled Castle, perched high on a cliff above the lake. The rest of the day is free. You may take an optional excursion to the small island in the middle of the lake. Overnight Bled. **B**

Day 14: Fri: Bled to Ljubljana & Zagreb

Morning drive to Ljubljana, the elegant capital of Slovenia, for a walking tour of the old city centre. See the most significant sights including the Three Bridges and picturesque Central open-air Market. Continue to Zagreb, Croatia's capital. Overnight Zagreb. **BD**

Day 15: Sat: Zagreb

Your morning tour takes you through the historic Upper Town to see St Mark's Church, St Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament and Government Palace. Afternoon free. Overnight Zagreb. **B**

Day 16: Sun: Zagreb

Tour services end after breakfast with a transfer to the airport. **B**



Athens, Parthenon



Inclusions

- ① 15 nights accommodation in 3, 4 & 5-star hotels
- ① Meals as specified
- ① Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport (on days 1 & 16 only)
- ① Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- ① Sightseeing as specified conducted in English language only
- ① Tour escort throughout
- ① Porterage

Your hotels

- Ⓐ ATHENS – Divani Palace Acropolis
 - Ⓐ KALAMBAKA – Divani
 - Ⓐ OHRID – Metropol
 - Ⓐ TIRANA – Sheraton
 - Ⓐ DUBROVNIK – Lacroma
 - Ⓐ SPLIT – Atrium
 - Ⓐ PLITVICE – Jezero
 - Ⓐ BLEED – Park or Golf
 - Ⓐ ZAGREB – Westin
- Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Saturday departures May-Oct 2011.

| Departures | Tour code | Twn | Sgl |
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| 14 May, 11 Jun, 25 Jun, 9 Jul, 20 Aug, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct | K803 | 3389 | 4510 |

TOUR OPTION

ATHENS TO DUBROVNIK: 10 days / 9 nights

You have the option to finish this tour in Dubrovnik on day 10.

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