DUBROVNIK—THE PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC is “a living fairy tale that shouldn’t be missed.” —Rick Steves
Dubrovnik—located on Croatia’s Riviera along the Adriatic Sea, is one of the world’s most beautiful fortified cities. Massive medieval walls curve around a tiny harbor and encompass a sea of orange-tiled roofs and copper domes. The Old City—parts of which date from the 11th century—is mostly intact and we’ll find an 800-year-old Gothic church and Europe’s oldest pharmacy. Add in a warm southern climate, endless blue skies and the crystal-clear sea and Dubrovnik is captivating. We’ve included full-day tours to Montenegro—with visits to Kotor and Perast, and the island of Korcula—with its vineyards, olive groves and small villages.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Lufthansa flights (or similar) from Boston to Dubrovnik, via a connecting city
- Five nights’ four-star accommodations:
  - Valamar Lacroma Dubrovnik Hotel or Valamar Argosy Hotel (or similar)
- Seven meals: five breakfasts, Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Escorted, private, round-trip airport/hotel transfers

Rates
$2,799 per person double occupancy
Single supplement is $163

Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is $600. Additional deposit may be required at time of air ticket purchase.

BUŽA BARS
Referred to as Buža, or ‘hole in the wall’, these bars are cut into the seafacing cliffs that support Dubrovnik’s city walls, offering incredible views of the Adriatic. Buža I can be found near the Azur restaurant, Buža II by a sign saying ‘Cold Drinks With The Most Beautiful View’.


DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Depart Boston on an evening flight to Dubrovnik. Flights may be on Lufthansa, with a connection in Munich or Frankfurt. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.
**Day 2: Connecting flight to Dubrovnik – transfer to hotel**
Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, we’ll retrieve our luggage and clear customs and meet our local representative who will assist with the transfer to our hotel. Check in and receive room assignments. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings. This evening we’ll enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel. We’ll be accompanied to the restaurant by our tour assistant. *(D)*

**Day 3: Half-day sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik**
After breakfast at the hotel, we’ll set off on a half-day guided walking tour of Old Dubrovnik: Visit the Rector’s Palace, see the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando’s Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. Our afternoon is at leisure. *(B)*
**Day 4: Day at leisure in Dubrovnik**
After breakfast at the hotel, we’ll have a full day to explore on our own. (B)

**Day 5: Full-day excursion to Montenegro**
After breakfast we’ll depart for a full-day excursion to the Republic of Montenegro. Head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Enjoy a boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks, one of two islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Our guide will point out some places for lunch on our own. Upon our return to the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Later we’ll visit city of Kotor before returning to Dubrovnik. (B)
MONTENEGRO

Bursting at the seams with majestic mountains, breathtaking beaches and larger-than-life locals, minuscule Montenegro proves once and for all that good things do indeed come in small packages. It's nigh on impossible to come across a travel section without someone trumpeting Montenegro as the new 'it' destination. And though the country is rightfully revelling in the spotlight, the people remain as they've always been: candid, convivial and charming. It's not even 300km from tip to toe, but Montenegro's coastline crams in some of Europe's most spectacular seaside scenery. Mountains jut sharply from crystal-clear waters in such a way that the word 'looming' is unavoidable. Ancient walled towns cling to the rocks and dip their feet in the water like they're the ones on holiday. In summer, the whole scene is bathed in the scent of wild herbs, conifers and Mediterranean blossoms. All of this – and much, much more – is wrapped up into an area two-thirds of the size of Wales.

Kotor

Wedged between brooding mountains and a moody corner of the bay, the achingly atmospheric Kotor (Котор) is perfectly at one with its setting. Hemmed in by staunch walls snaking improbably up the surrounding slopes, the town is a medieval maze of museums, churches, cafe-strewn squares and Venetian palaces and pillories. It's a dramatic and delightful place where the past coexists with the present; its cobblestones ring with the sound of children racing to school in centuries-old buildings, lines of laundry flutter from wrought-iron balconies, and hundreds of cats – the descendants of seafaring felines – loll in marble laneways.
Perast is one of the most beautiful little places in Boka Bay, located just a few kilometres from Kotor. It looks like a piece of Venice that has floated down the Adriatic. This tiny town boasts 16 churches and 17 formerly grand palazzos. Perast’s most famous landmarks are actually right in the middle of the waters—two picturesque islands. Our Lady of the Rocks is a unique island church set just in front of Perast – a UNESCO Heritage protected town.

Day 6: Excursion to Korcula
Breakfast at hotel. Today’s full-day excursion includes a drive along the beautiful Dalmatian coast to Orebic. From here we’ll enjoy the short boat ride to Korcula. After a guided panoramic tour of Korcula town and free time to enjoy the town, return to Orebic. On our way back to Dubrovnik, we will stop in one of the wine cellars on Peljesac peninsula for wine tasting. Tonight we’ll have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel. \((B,D)\)
Korčula Island Rich in vineyards, olive groves and small villages, and harboring a glorious old town, the island of Korčula is the sixth-largest Adriatic island, stretching nearly 47km in length. Dense pine forests led the original Greek settlers to call the island Korkyra Melaina (Black Corfu). Tradition is alive and kicking on Korčula, with age-old religious ceremonies, folk music and dances still being performed to the delight of an ever-growing influx of tourists. Oenophiles will adore sampling its wine. Arguably the best of all Croatian whites is produced from the indigenous grape pošip, particularly from the areas around the villages of Čara and Smokvica. The grk grape, cultivated around Lumbarda, also produces quality dry white wine.

Korčula Town is a stunner. Ringed by imposing defences, this coastal citadel is dripping with history, with marble streets rich in Renaissance and Gothic architecture. Its fascinating fishbone layout was cleverly designed for the comfort and safety of its inhabitants: western streets were built straight in order to open the city to the refreshing summer maestral (strong, steady westerly wind), while the eastern streets were curved to minimize the force of the winter bura (cold, northeasterly wind). The town cradles a harbor, overlooked by round defensive towers and a compact cluster of red-roofed houses. There are rustling palms all around and several beaches are an easy walk away.
**Day 7: Return to Boston**
Enjoy breakfast and depart the hotel for the transfer back to the airport and our return flight to Boston, via a connecting city *(B)*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured.* We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

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