

Durgan Travel Presents a 9-day, 7-night tour to **CROATIA, MONTENEGRO & ALBANIA**

Featuring: Dubrovnik, Peljesac Peninsula & Ston in Croatia,
Kotor & Budva in Montenegro, and Tirana & Kruje in Albania

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OUR 9-DAY/ 7-NIGHT CROATIA, MONTENEGRO, ALBANIA TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-INTERMEDIATE CITY-DUBROVNIK: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport on a transatlantic flight (*intermediate stop*) to Dubrovnik, Croatia with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.

DAY 2 – DUBROVNIK: Arrival in Dubrovnik, one of the world's most stunning destinations. The city has often been referred to as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and was put on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979 as a city of rich culture and history. The Old Town is surrounded by 1,970 meters of city walls - over the centuries they served to protect the city from various threats, and today they are the city's greatest attraction. After check-in at the hotel, the hotel amenities will help you relax and rejuvenate. In the evening, we'll visit a local restaurant for a fabulous welcome dinner. You will get a chance to taste Dalmatian *peka* - a blend of vegetables and meat drizzled with olive oil, sprinkled with herbs, and then baked to perfection under a bell-like dome, or *ispod čiprnje*. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (D)

DAY 3 – DUBROVNIK: After breakfast a local guide will take you to the most wonderful (and hidden) streets of the city. Explore the Dubrovnik City Walls and enjoy a unique view of the Old Town including its narrow streets and small squares. The afternoon is at leisure but as an optional tour, you may embark on a boat to explore the Elaphiti Islands. Since ancient times, the islands were a place of comfort, vacation, and delight, with their preserved nature, clean and clear sea, sandy beaches, beautiful pine forest, olive gardens, numerous promenades and footpaths. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B)

DAY 4 – PELJEŠAC PENINSULA & STON: After breakfast we visit the region of Pelješac for a wine tasting tour. Pelješac is famous for its two premium red wines- Dingac and Postup. Pelješac Peninsula is a relaxing and refreshing place known as "Pelješac Paradise" and is perfect for a quick escape from city crowds, only one-hour drive from Dubrovnik. The wineries that we will visit are family-owned wineries that make

premium wines. In Croatia, wine always goes with food, so our tastings will include bits of bread, olive oil or cheese. We will also visit Ston, a city with the second-longest walls in the world. Our guides will explain everything about the history, salt production and oyster/mussel farming in the area. Ston Bay is known for growing natural aphrodisiac "Ston Oysters." Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B)

DAY 5 – KOTOR & BUDVA: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll cross the border into Montenegro and visit Kotor, a city steeped in tradition and history, with remarkable scenic views. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the old city was built between the 12th and 14th centuries and is filled with medieval architecture and historic monuments. The city walls that have protected Kotor for centuries lead up to the fortress of Saint Ivan. After touring Kotor, we'll continue to Budva, a small coastal city of some twenty thousand inhabitants. The sandy beach along Budva is one of the most beautiful in Europe. Budva's pearl is its Old Town, more than 2,500 years old, and a treasury of Montenegrin cultural heritage. Hotel check in and free time to relax. Dinner will be in a traditional restaurant in Budva. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 – NJEGUŠI & CETINJE: Following breakfast at the hotel, we're off to explore historic Montenegro. The curvy road will take us to Njeguši village, in a valley hidden deep in the stony terrain of Lovcen, the cradle of bishops and rulers from the Petrovic Dynasty. We will make a half-hour stop at a restaurant to taste the famous Njeguši cheese, smoked ham, mead and wine. A journey through the "sea of stone" leads to Cetinje, the Old Royal capital of Montenegro, a place that has best preserved the spirit and tradition of the Montenegrin people. In order to protect his people from the Ottoman invasion and preserve their orthodox religion and culture, the great emperor Ivan Crnojevic left the fertile area of Skadar Lake and found shelter in the raw area of Mt. Lovcen. Having built his palace and the Monastery, he founded the new seat of the Montenegrin Metropolitanate (diocese), in the town of Cetinje. We'll visit King Nikola's palace and learn of the Petrovic Royal Family. You will also have free time to absorb the peaceful atmosphere of Cetinje, explore the former embassies, or refresh in a café. On the way back to your hotel, we'll have a photo stop overlooking Budva's Riviera and the islet of Sveti Stefan. Overnight in Budva. (B)

DAY 7 – TIRANA: After breakfast and hotel check out, we head to Albania and its beautiful capital, Tirana. Hotel check in. In the afternoon meet with a local guide for a sightseeing tour, including Skanderbeg square and two typical Albanian bazaars where you can shop like the locals do and gaze at all the clothes and delicious fresh Albanian fruits, vegetables, nuts, olives and herbs. We will visit the National Historical Museum and explore the famous "Blloku" area, which used to be the most restricted area of the city but can now be defined as the "Soho" of Tirana. The tour will end at the Grand Park, a place where Tirana inhabitants come to work out, walk, or relax in the shadow of the trees on a hot summer day. We'll enjoy dinner in a traditional restaurant in Tirana along with a wine tasting. Overnight in Tirana. (B, D)

DAY 8 – KRUJE: After breakfast we visit Kruje, a small, ancient and historic town connected to the national hero of Albania, Georgi Kastrioti Skanderbeg, who fought against the Ottoman invasion. This picturesque town is situated on the slopes of Mt. Sari Saltiki at a height of 560 meters above sea level, surrounded by mountain peaks. On the streets of the Old Town of Kruje, leading to the castle, since the times of Skanderbeg, lies the "Old Bazaar". Here you can buy Albanian souvenirs, beautiful jewelry, handmade rugs and embroidery, silver filigree and copper products, handicrafts made of alabaster, traditional clothes and antiques. After our Kruje tour, enjoy free time for shopping or dining. In the afternoon we'll return to Tirana and enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant along with a traditional Albanian folkloric performance. Overnight in Tirana. (B, D)

DAY 9 – TIRANA~INTERMEDIATE STOP~BOSTON: After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Tirana International Airport for our return flight to Boston (intermediate stop), with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR CROATIA, MONTENEGRO, ALBANIA TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ❖ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-intermediate city-Dubrovnik and Tirana-intermediate city-Boston with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight.
- ❖ 7-nights' first-class accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary all based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability - may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples available at the twin rate.
- ❖ All transfers and touring via a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ❖ Daily breakfast (B), 1 wine tasting, two winery visits, and 4 dinners (D).
- ❖ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ❖ Professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group, as indicated on the itinerary, throughout the trip.
- ❖ Expert English-speaking Tour Guides, where applicable.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel accessory and complete packet of required travel documents.

A DEPOSIT OF \$TBA IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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