

# Dancing Gypsies presents ...

## Crossroads of the Adriatic: Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Slovenia Small Group Adventure

Croatia: Dubrovnik, Karanac, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes, Opatija | Montenegro: Kotor | Bosnia & Herzegovina: Mostar, Sarajevo | Slovenia: Ljubljana, Lake Bled

18 days from **\$5195**

Includes international airfare from Phoenix, AZ (PHX)

17 days from **\$3895**

Without international airfare

Single Supplement: FREE

### Optional extensions:

Albania: Undiscovered Balkans  
5 nights pre-trip from **\$1095**  
Travel from only \$219 per night

Serbia: Novi Sad & Belgrade  
5 nights post-trip from **\$1295**  
Travel from only \$259 per night



**DEPARTURE DATE: APRIL 20, 2023**

### Itinerary Summary

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Dubrovnik, Croatia
2-5	Dubrovnik
6-8	Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
9	Karanac Village, Croatia
10-12	Zagreb
13-14	Opatija
15-17	Ljubljana, Slovenia
18	Return to U.S.

### It's Included

- Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (average group size of 13)
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- Accommodations for 16 nights
- 32 meals—16 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 8 dinners (including 2 Home-Hosted meals)
- 15 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure—an average of \$275

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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight from the U.S. to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

### DAY 2 • Arrive Dubrovnik, Croatia

Transfer to your Dubrovnik hotel, and meet travelers on our optional pre-trip extensions to *New! Landscapes & Culture of Turkey or Albania: Undiscovered Balkans*.

D—Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik or similar

### DAY 3 • Explore Dubrovnik

This morning, we'll take a city bus to the gates of Old Town Dubrovnik, where we'll set off on a walking tour. Then your afternoon is free for independent exploration.

B,L—Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik or similar

### DAY 4 • Dubrovnik • Visit Kotor, Montenegro

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Montenegro, stopping first in Perast an ancient village along the Bay of Kotor. After a village tour, we'll board a small boat to Kotor, a medieval walled town at the head of southern Europe's deepest natural bay. After lunch on your own, we return to Dubrovnik.

B—Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik or similar

### DAY 5 • Explore Dubrovnik • Controversial Topic: Xenophobia after the Balkan War with Mira Knežević

Begin with a cable car ride up Mount Srd for panoramic views of Old Town and the Adriatic. We'll also visit the Croatian War of Independence Museum and speak with a resident who survived the war about the

**Controversial Topic** of this turbulent period. Then, we visit the rural Konavle region for a wine tasting, music performance, and farmstead dinner.

B,D—Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik or similar

### DAY 6 • Travel to Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina • Explore Mostar

En route to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia & Herzegovina, we'll stop at the ancient town of Mostar, whose 16th-century bridge was destroyed in 1993 during the breakup of former Yugoslavia and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Mostar is actually named after the former watchtower keepers (*mostari* in Bosnian) of this historic bridge. We'll have lunch in Mostar before continuing to Sarajevo.

B,L,D—Hotel Aziza or similar

### DAY 7 • Explore Sarajevo • Home-Hosted Dinner

Embark on a walking tour of Sarajevo, where many faiths once co-existed. In Old Town, witness the city's Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian influences, including a 16th-century mosque complex. Explore the Austrian quarter and visit the historic Latin Bridge—where an assassination set the spark for World War I. Later, we split into smaller groups of 3-4 travelers for a **Home-Hosted Dinner** with families who live in what was known during the war as "Sniper Alley." We'll enjoy traditional home-cooked Bosnian cuisine, and hear stories life before, during, and after this brutal conflict.

B,D—Hotel Aziza or similar

### DAY 8 • Explore Sarajevo • Controversial Topic: The siege of Sarajevo through the eyes of survivor Vuk Bacanovic

Today, we focus on Sarajevo's more recent past, including the aftermath of the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1992. We'll visit the Sarajevo Tunnel, a vast underground passage dug in 1993 to ferry people out and bring supplies into the beleaguered city. Later, we'll speak with a survivor of the siege of Sarajevo before enjoying local hospitality during a **Home-Hosted Dinner**.

B—Hotel Aziza or similar

**Activity Level:** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ MODERATE

**Pacing:** 6 locations in 17 days with one 1-night stay

**Physical requirements:** Walk on rugged paths and cobblestoned streets, travel by bus over rural roads that may be bumpy and narrow, and hike up and down hills in the Croatian countryside

**Flight Time:** Travel time will be 12-20 hours and will most likely have two connections  
View all physical requirements at [www.oattravel.com/foy2023](http://www.oattravel.com/foy2023)



### DAY 9 • Overland to Karanac, Croatia • Home-Hosted Dinner

Today, we journey overland to Croatia's northeastern province of Baranja, whose fertile soil and robust wine industry make it an important part of Croatia's "breadbasket." Our destination is Karanac, a rural village where we'll join a local family for dinner in their home and spend the night at the farmstead.

B,L,D—Rural Farmstead Skleplic or similar

### DAY 10 • A Day in the Life of Karanac village • Travel to Zagreb

Before breakfast, we'll help out with some early morning chores. Then, we'll meet a local pottery master, take a village stroll, have lunch at the farmstead. Later, we journey overland to Zagreb.

B,L,D—Best Western Astoria Hotel or similar

### DAY 11 • Explore Zagreb

Set off on a walking tour of Donji Grad, or Lower Town, home to many of Zagreb's civic and historic monuments. Then, we take a

short funicular ride to view the medieval monuments in Gornji Grad, or Upper Town, like the Cathedral of St. Stephen. We'll also visit the open-air stalls of Dolac Market.

B—Best Western Astoria Hotel or similar

### DAY 12 • Zagreb • Croatian countryside

Today, we'll explore the quaint villages of Zagorje. Our first stop is Klanjec, birthplace of Antun Augustincic, one of the most important Croatian sculptors of the 20th century. After seeing his works at the Antun Augustincic Gallery, we'll visit the village of Kumrovec, an open-air museum focusing on traditional ways of life a century ago—and birthplace of Tito, president of the former Yugoslavia.

B,L—Best Western Astoria Hotel or similar

### DAY 13 • Overland to Opatija • Explore Plitvice Lakes

En route to Opatija, we'll explore Plitvice Lakes, home to 16 turquoise lakes linked by waterfalls and cascades. After a walking tour along the wooden footbridges of the lakes,

we continue to the seaside resort town of Opatija, set along the Adriatic coast.

B,L,D—Hotel Agava or similar

### DAY 14 • Opatija • Optional Hill Towns of Istria tour

Today is at leisure in Opatija, or you may join our optional *Hill Towns of Istria* tour, which includes a visit to Motovun, a typical Istrian lunch, and a visit to a family-run *rakija* distillery in Buzet.

B—Hotel Agava or similar

### DAY 15 • Overland to Ljubljana, Slovenia • Visit Skocjanske Caves

On our way to Ljubljana, we'll visit the Skocjanske Caves, an underground karst labyrinth and UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, we'll arrive at Slovenia's charming capital of Ljubljana. A walking tour will highlight the quaint bridges and narrow streets of the city's café-lined Old Town.

B,L—uHotel Ljubljana or similar

### DAY 16 • Ljubljana • Lake Bled

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Lake Bled, a **recently added feature** (weather dependent), for a boat ride by *pletna* to the island church, and lunch.

B,L—uHotel Ljubljana or similar

### DAY 17 • Ljubljana • Cruise on the Ljubljanica River

After a cruise along the Ljubljanica River, the day is free to explore on your own. This evening, enjoy a farewell drink and a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—uHotel Ljubljana or similar

### DAY 18 • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, depart to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin your post-trip extension to New! *New Republics of the Balkans: North Macedonia & Kosovo* or *Serbia: Novi Sad & Belgrade*.

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# Unravel

the cultural tapestry of four Adriatic nations ...

## Dubrovnik, Croatia

Regarded as one of the world's most exquisite walled cities with views of the shimmering Adriatic, Dubrovnik's character reflects its storied past as an independent city-state that rivaled Venice. In the early 1990s, some of Dubrovnik's historic sites sustained damage in the Balkan conflicts, but the city has been impeccably restored under UNESCO supervision—and also has received some help in the form of contributions from Grand Circle Foundation.

## Ljubljana, Slovenia

Small and undeniably quaint, Slovenia's capital radiates from the tranquil, tree-lined banks of the Ljubljanica River. Ljubljana's history is filled with tales of Romans and Argonauts, poets and potentates. Witness Ljubljana's fairytale charm and famed Slovenian architect Joze Plecnik's influence, whose buildings and bridges—from the National and University Library building to the Triple Bridge—are considered as much a work of art as an effort in urban planning.

## Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

In the less than two decades since a brutal 44-month siege during the Bosnian War, Sarajevo has been largely restored. The city is filled with relics of earlier eras—the Latin Bridge, site of the infamous assassination of Franz Ferdinand that sparked World War I; the ancient Ottoman market; and centuries-old mosques and churches that speak to the religious and cultural diversity of “the Jerusalem of Europe.”

## 2023 Departure Dates & Prices

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Phoenix, AZ (PHX)	\$1300

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**Deposit:** \$350 per person.

**Single Supplement:** FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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