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A FOOD ODYSSEY FROM ZAGREB TO DUBROVNIC

MAY 2026

Picture yourself savoring the culinary delights and breathtaking sights of both countries. Sail through the stunning waters of the Adriatic, explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Lake Bled, Postojna Caves, Predjama Castle, Euphrasius Basilica, and indulge in truffles in Motovun. Discover the charm of Rovinj, Opatija, Split, Hvar, the Blue Caves, and so much more. Whet your appetite and join us on this unforgettable adventure of a lifetime.



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Overview

Embark on a DREAM food and travel adventure designed exclusively for a group of adventurous women, beginning with a magical two-night stay in Rome. From there, you'll dive into a bespoke itinerary crafted by locals from Croatia and Slovenia.

The journey unfolds with a 10-day land-based tour through Slovenia, showcasing the extraordinary highlights of this stunning country. Afterward, you'll set sail on a seven-night cruise from Split to Dubrovnik, exploring the breathtaking Adriatic islands. This perfect blend of culinary experiences, local village explorations, shopping and relaxation promises unforgettable moments in some of the most beautiful locations on earth. From savoring regional flavors to soaking in the picturesque scenery, this is the ultimate travel experience for those seeking both adventure and indulgence.



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Itinerary

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Zagreb - Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana - Postojna Cave - Predjama -
Poreč - Motovun - Poreč - Rovinj - Pula - Poreč - Opatija - Plitvice Lakes
- Zadar - Šibenik - Skradin - Krka - Šibenik - Klis - Split - Bol - Hvar -
Biševo - Vis - Korčula - Mljet - Slano - Ston - Slano - Dubrovnik



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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY

Arrive Zagreb

Welcome to Croatia. Your day is at leisure before meeting your Tour Director.

Dinner at the local restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel in Zagreb.

DAY 2: THURSDAY

Zagreb - Ljubljana

Morning walking tour of Zagreb, home to a mix of 18th and 19th century buildings with many charming parks, squares and city markets.

Discover Ban Jelačić Square and medieval settlements of Gradec and Kaptol. See the Cathedral, Dolac Market, Tkalčićeva Street, Stone Gate and St Mark's Church on a guided walking tour.

Free time for a light lunch before heading to the Slovenian capital city of Ljubljana. Ljubljana lies in a basin between the Karst and Alpine region. This city with a soul features the Baroque Old Town nestled at the foot of Castle Hill, the Art Nouveau mansions and masterpieces of the renowned architect Jože Plečnik.

Explore the city on a guided walking tour including the funicular train to Ljubljana Castle for amazing views across the city and surrounding region. In the evening enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.

DAY 3: FRIDAY

Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

Lake Bled, together with its surroundings ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts.

Enjoy a Pletna boat ride along the lake to Bled Island. See St Mary's Church and later continue to the old medieval castle up on the cliff. The enchanting views and fairy-tale beauty are sensational.

After sightseeing, enjoy a memorable lunch in Bled.

Continue to visit a local producer of honey, to learn about the beekeeping tradition in Slovenia and to sample their products. Return to Ljubljana for dinner at leisure.

Overnight at hotel in Ljubljana.



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DAY 4: SATURDAY

Ljubljana - Postojna - Predjama - Poreč

Morning departure from Ljubljana to Poreč, Croatia.

On route visit the stunning Postojna Caves, one of the world's largest karst monuments. For 140 years train journeys have been taking visitors through the caves to see the spectacular subterranean world.

Photo stop in Predjama Castle before stopping at an award-winning winery for a winery tour and tasting of famous local wines with snacks.

This evening, dinner at the hotel or local restaurant in Poreč.

DAY 5: SUNDAY

Poreč - Motovun - Poreč

Morning guided tour of Poreč, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Euphrasius Basilica from the 6th century AD. Proceed to the gorgeous hilltop town of Motovun, possibly the most picturesque medieval hilltop town of inner Istria.

After a tour of Motovun enjoy lunch locally, where you will experience a tasting of Istria's most famous delicacy, their truffles. Upon arrival back to Poreč, evening is at leisure.

We could possibly include a traditional pasta making class into the itinerary with lunch.

DAY 6: MONDAY

Poreč - Rovinj - Pula - Poreč

Explore the Istrian peninsula. Visit Rovinj, one of the most romantic towns on the Mediterranean. Enjoy a tour and some free time to explore the town and its must see local markets, before meeting for lunch at a local restaurant.

Continue to Pula with its impressive Roman Amphitheatre, the Temple of Augustus and the Arch of Sergii. Visit one of Istria's renowned Olive Oil producers and enjoy an olive oil tasting experience.

Return to Poreč.

Dinner at leisure and overnight in Poreč.



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DAY 7: TUESDAY

Poreč - Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

Morning departure for the Plitvice Lakes.

Enroute stop in Opatija for free time and ☕ coffee break. Opatija is one of the most popular seaside resorts on the Adriatic. It is often referred to as Croatia's Monte Carlo and was once the playground of the Austro-Hungarian nobility.

Continue to the Plitvice Lakes and enjoy an afternoon guided walking tour of the Plitvice Lakes National Park - sixteen lakes, inter-connected by a series of waterfalls, set in deep woodland populated by deer, bears, wolves, boars and rare bird species.

Dinner in Plitvice Lakes hotel and overnight.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY

Plitvice Lakes - Zadar - Šibenik

Morning departure from Plitvice Lakes to the Dalmatian Coast.

Visit ☕ Zadar, steeped in history, visit the Roman Forum and St Donatus Church, the ☕ Romanesque St Grisigono's Church, St Mary's Bell Tower and St Anastasia Cathedral. Take a stroll along its beautiful

promenade with Sea Organ & Greetings to the Sun ☕ a sound and light spectacle and award-winning architectural space.

Enjoy free time for lunch before departing Zadar. Travel along the Dalmatian coastline where your next stop is Šibenik.

Dinner in hotel & overnight in Šibenik.

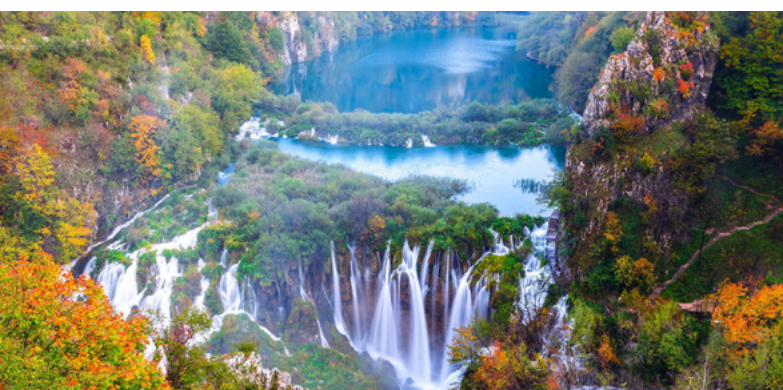
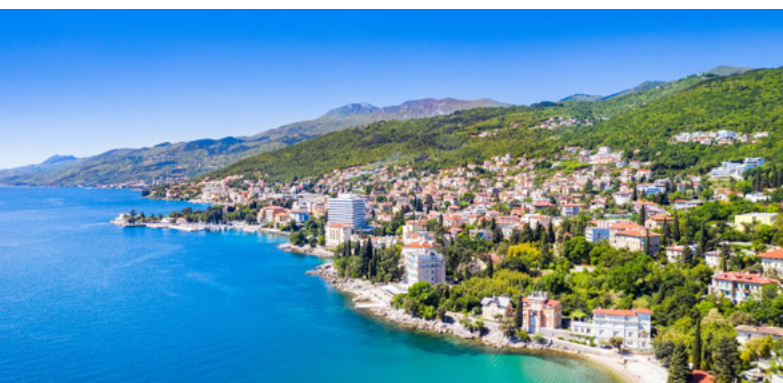
DAY 9: THURSDAY

Šibenik - Skradin - Krka Waterfalls - Šibenik

Morning walking tour of Šibenik, the oldest Croatian city on the Adriatic. See Croatia's most beautiful monument ☕, St James Cathedral.

Afterwards visit ☕ quaint town of Skradin before continuing to the Krka Waterfalls National Park. Experience the natural beauty of the largest of the seven waterfalls, Skradinski Buk on Krka River. Visit the authentically restored ensemble of small stone houses, work ☕, exhibits and watermills, and enjoy a beautiful walk through forest pathways and wooden bridges. Continue to a nearby village ☕ for a traditional Dalmatian lunch at a local estate.

Late afternoon arrival back to Šibenik, the rest of your day is at leisure.



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DAY 10: FRIDAY

Šibenik - Klis - Split

Morning departure toward Split.

On route stop at Klis, a medieval fortress built by the Illyrians over 2,000 years ago, offering breathtaking views of Split and the Adriatic Sea.

Continue to a family owned estate for a cooking class & lunch. Continue on to Split where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

Dinner at leisure in Split.


DAY 11: SATURDAY

Split (Cruise Starts)

Morning at leisure before transfer from the hotel to Split harbour for check in from 1400HRS onwards.

After settling in, enjoy the guided tour of Split, a historic town under UNESCO World Heritage protection with an abundance of Roman architecture. Of special interest is the magnificent Diocletian Palace, once the home to the Roman Emperor.

After the tour, return to the ship for a welcome meet & greet cocktail reception on board.

Overnight in Split 

DAY 12 SUNDAY

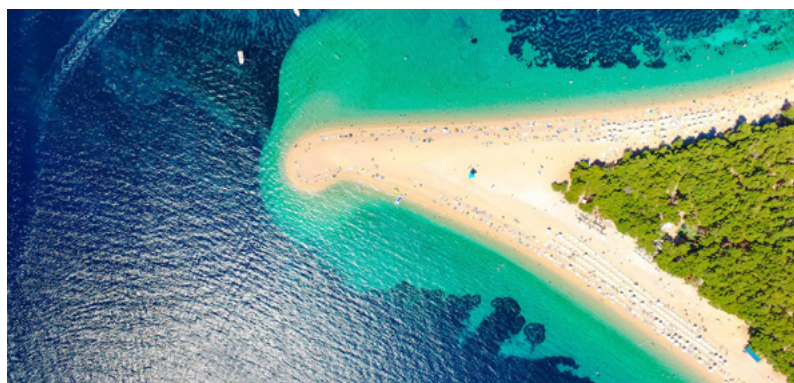
Split - Bol - Hvar

Morning departure to the island of Brač, where swimming is planned at the most famous beach in Dalmatia, Zlatni Rat near Bol. Its shingle promontory shifts from side to side as the wind and waves constantly cause the beach shape to change. Bol is a typical fishermen's village converted into a popular tourist destination, yet retaining its charm.

Continue towards the 'jet-set' island of Hvar with lunch on board at the Pakleni Islands. Hvar is the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, known for lush lavender fields and breath-taking beauty.

Arrive in the afternoon for a guided tour of the town's historical landmarks, the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, and the oldest community theatre in Europe founded in 1612. Hike up the zig-zag path to the town fort overlooking the harbour for lovely scenic views of the vessel and the Pakleni Islands. In the evening Hvar offers a great choice of entertainment, numerous restaurants, bars, and clubs with many open long into the night.

Overnight in the port.



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DAY 13: MONDAY

Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Early morning cruise towards the small island Biševo to visit the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon (entrance to be paid on the spot). As sometimes weather conditions can be very unpredictable, the possibility of a cave visit will depend on those conditions however, you will be notified in time.

Continue to the island of Vis, once a strategic naval Yugoslav base and closed to the public for years. Due to this isolation, Vis retains a special charm, 'the Mediterranean as it once was', making it interesting to visit. Situated on the northern side of the island, Vis has developed near the remains of ancient Issa, the first urban centre in Croatia. Sample local wines. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman Thermal Place, the City Museum or simply take a walk enjoying the views of the beautiful Villae Rusticae situated along the waterfront.

Overnight in the port of Vis.

DAY 14: TUESDAY

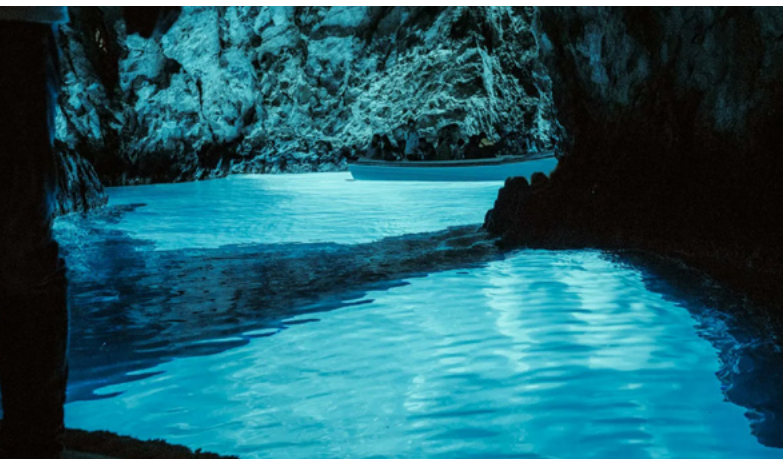
Vis - Korčula

Early morning departure towards the island of Korčula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route.

Afternoon arrival in Korčula followed by a guided walking tour of this enchanting town surrounded by walls and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. The fishbone street pattern was used in Korčula Old Town's design to provide a natural cooling effect providing citizens with sheltered and comfortable accommodation.

Optional excursion to a small village near Korčula for a typical Dalmatian dinner and to find out more about the history and traditional way of living.

Overnight in Korčula.



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DAY 15: WEDNESDAY

Korčula - Mljet

The next morning, head further south to the Island of Mljet. The legend says Greek hero Odysseus spent years on this island when he was captured by the nymph Calypso.

Join the cruise manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park and enjoy the boat ride to St Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a Church dating back to the 12th Century. Alternatively, rent kayaks, bicycles, scooters, or convertible cars to roam around the National Park or island on your own, but beware of the nymphs! Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the island.

Overnight in port Polača or Pomena.

DAY 16: THURSDAY

Mljet - Slano - Ston - Slano

Departure for the small village of Slano on the mainland, a peaceful fishermen's village, and the starting point for Ston, another once fortified small village famous for its oysters.

After exploring the town's vast medieval ramparts, heading for a small village near  ali Ston to learn more about oysters and a special tasting of this delicacy.

Transfer back to the vessel for the Captain's dinner with live entertainment.



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DAY 17: FRIDAY

Slano - Dubrovnik

Early morning departure to Dubrovnik, one of the world's most beautifully preserved medieval cities.

Before tiding up at the Gruž Harbour, enjoy a cruise alongside the old Dubrovnik city walls while lunch is served on deck.

After docking, transfer to the Old Town for the guided walking tour of this magical town.

Take the cable car from the Old Town to Srđ mountain to enjoy scenic views of the Walls and the Elphiti Islands. Meander through the narrow streets, exploring the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture or walk on top of the 1940m long city walls.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

DAY 18: SATURDAY

Dubrovnik

Gather for one final breakfast on the vessel, followed by goodbyes to your crew and new friends.

Transfer to Dubrovnik Airport for your outbound flight.



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TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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Trip costs

TOTAL PACKAGE COST:

NZD \$XXXX

Single Supplement
option available

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PAYMENT DATES

In order to meet the necessary arrangements and preparations with our travel partners and agents we request the following payment schedule:

Deposit Payment NZD \$XXXX Upon registration

Progress Payment NZD \$XXXX Due XXXX

Balance Payment NZD \$XXXX Due XXXX

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Account details for payment are as follows:

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Invoices will be sent to you via email.

REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

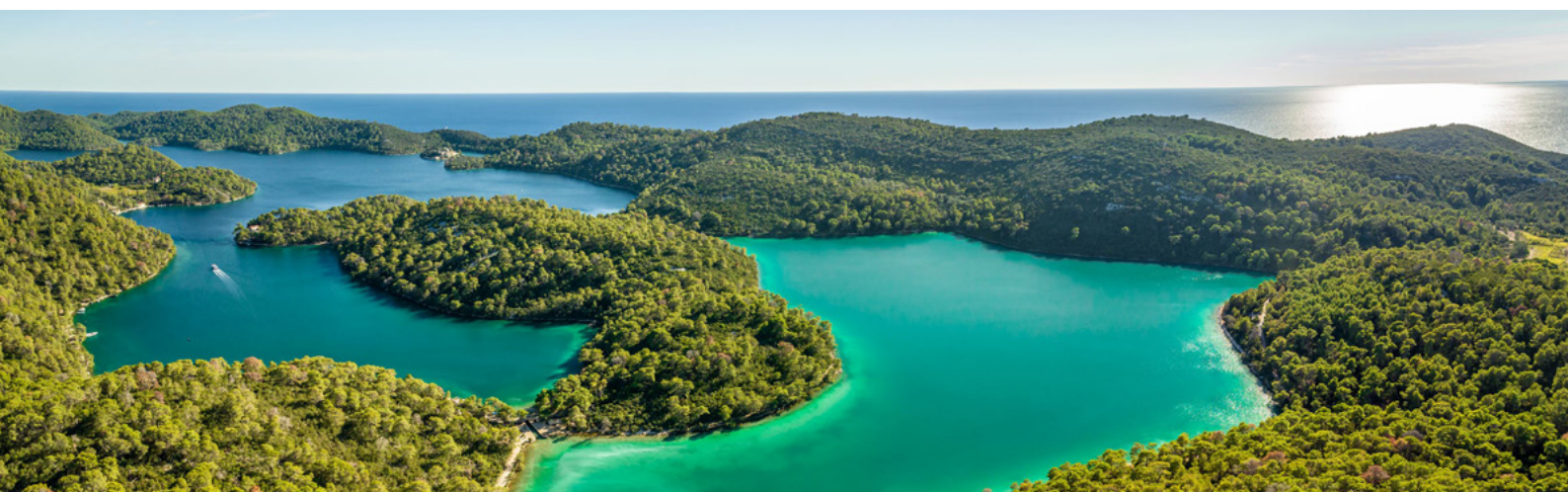
Upon receipt of your deposit payment we will require the following to confirm your booking:

- Scanned copy of your Dream It Client form. This will be emailed to you.
- Scanned copy of your passport. Please ensure your passport is valid at least 6 months from the start of your trip.
- Scanned copy of your travel insurance cover.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This package is based on the following terms and conditions.

1. Group departures are based on reaching the minimum number of 10 participants being reached. Maximum group size of 12.
2. Inclusions as specified.
3. All prices are subject to change until paid in full and prices are all subject to availability. Prices are for cash or bank transfer. There will be a 2.5% surcharge for Visa/Mastercard payments and a 3.5% surcharge for Amex/Diners. Your name on the electronic ticket must be the same as on your passport upon your return to prevailing travel pricing conditions in May 2026.
4. Prices are quoted for economy return airfare and twin share accommodation. Single supplement and flight upgrades are available upon request.
5. Itinerary subject to change.



NO REGRETS

For Dream It to succeed, so must you. Our ultimate goal is to give you an amazing and epic Dream It adventure in the best possible way with no regrets. At Dream It, our no regrets policy is all about ensuring you get the most out of your adventure by being well prepared and informed.

We will prepare a pre departure event for our Dream It family so we all get the chance to meet one another before we depart. We will also set up a closed facebook group specific for this trip to provide regular travel updates and information plus advice and guidance leading into our epic trip.

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