

Women's Travel Group Zagreb & Plitvice Lakes Pre Tour September 25-27, 2019 (as of January 29, 2019)



Pre Tour Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Wed, Sep 25 Arrive Zagreb
Day 2, Thu, Sep 26 Zagreb
Day 3, Fri, Sep 27 Zagreb • drive to Split via Plitvice Lakes

Descriptive Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Wed, Sep 25 Arrive Zagreb

Arrive to Zagreb and transfer to your centrally located hotel for overnight.

Meals: (in flight), D

Hotel Palace

The Palace Hotel can trace its history back to 1907, when it opened its doors as Zagreb's first

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official hotel. This 4 star hotel boasts a central location overlooking one of the city's oldest parks, and is only a 10-minute walk from Zagreb's historic Ban Jelacic square. Rooms combine the hotel's traditional Art Nouveau style with modern amenities such as air-conditioning, satellite TV, a minibar and complimentary WiFi.

Day 2, Thu, Sep 26 Zagreb

Zagreb, capital and largest city in Croatia, is situated inland between the Sava River and Mt. Medvednica. Its commercial area dates from the 19th century, but its Old Town centers around the adjoining medieval cities of Gradec and Kaptol. Kaptol was the ecclesiastic town, and the neo-Gothic cathedral is still here, as are a new pedestrian mall and trendy night spots. Gradec is a hilly residential section dotted with lovely 19th century homes.



A city tour includes the Upper Town, the historic city center, the famous Church of St. Mark, the cathedral, the Croatian National Theater and the arcades and sculptures of Mirogoj Park and Cemetery.

The **square in front of St. Mark's Church** was Gradec's main square until the 19th century. On the eastern side is the neoclassical Croatian Parliament, or Sobor, built in 1910. On the west is the Ban's Court, or Banski Dvori, where the Croatian viceroys lived, and which is now the presidential palace.

Iconic **St. Mark's Church** in the upper town is famous for its 1880 tile roof with the medieval Croatian coat of arms and the emblem of Zagreb picked out in brilliant colors.

Take a quick cable car ride on Zagreb's historic funicular, built in 1890. With a mere 217 feet of track, this is one of the shortest public-transportation funiculars in the world, but also one of the steepest at a 52% grade. The funicular still provides an important (and fun) way to hop between Zagreb's Lower and Upper Towns, the Donji Grad and Gornji Grad.

Located north of the city center near the base of Mt Medvednica is **Mirogoj Park & Cemetery**. Often noted as one of Europe's most beautiful cemeteries, the complex was designed in 1876 by Austrian-born architect Hermann Bollé, who created a significant portion of Zagreb's architectural landmarks and city buildings. Among the most well-known of Croatia's citizens interred here are poet and writer Petar Preradović and painter Vladimir Becić, whose grave was designed by renowned Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović.

Meals: B, D

Day 3, Fri, Sep 27 Zagreb • drive to Split via Plitvice Lakes

Get an early start an transfer overland to Split via the Plitvice Lakes Park. The distance to the park from Zagreb is about 140km and the driving time will be about 2 hours.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mountainous karst landscape of **Plitvice Lakes National Park** is the country's biggest attraction outside of the Adriatic Coast. The park encompasses a series of waterfalls connecting 16 beautiful lakes. Wooden footbridges wind through the park, setting off its lakes, waterfalls, caves, blossoming meadows, and a gorge that resembles the Grand Canyon. A tour of the 73,000-acre park includes a boat ride and an excursion on the park's mini-train.



You will meet a park guide upon arrival who will lead you through the park. Afterwards, continue on to Split. The driving distance is about 250km and the driving time will be about 3 hours.

Meals: B, L

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LAND TOUR COSTS

\$1,099 land tour cost per person, double occupancy

\$150 single supplement