



# CROATIA, BOSNIA & MONTENEGRO 2023

JUNE 10 - 22

*Explore three different waterfall regions. Visit Mostar - a picturesque city punctured by bullet holes after the Yugoslavian War. Walk among the ancient city walls of Dubrovnik (the location of many Game of Thrones scenes). Tour through the Black Mountains of Montenegro.*

## JUNE 10 • • •

Arrive in Zagreb. Check into our hotel and rest. Light walking around the city center and have a welcome dinner together. Overnight in Zagreb.

## JUNE 11 • • •

Spend the morning touring Zagreb with a local Deaf guide. Visit landmarks and learn more about the history of Croatia and its part in the Yugoslavian war. In the afternoon, we will drive 1.5 hours south to a town just a few miles away from our next adventure. Overnight in Slunj.

## JUNE 12 • • •

After breakfast, we will spend the day visiting Plitvice Lakes National Park, a 295 sq-km forest reserve well-known for its chain of 16 lakes and countless sparkling waterfalls. We will hike through the park and stop for many photo opportunities. Afterwards, we will drive 1.5 hour east to Bihac, Bosnia & Herzegovina where we will rest for the night.

## JUNE 13 • • •

Today, we will embark on a white water rafting tour through the great rapids of Una River in Western Bosnia & Herzegovina. Afterwards, we will drive south to Mostar where we will stay for 2 nights.

## JUNE 14 • • •

Today, we will have an all-day tour visiting four major attractions in Herzegovina. First, we will visit Blagaj, a beautiful monastery situated on the edge of a river, then we will have a short tour through Pocitelj, a historical village and an open-air museum. In the afternoon, we will cool off with a swim at the spectacular Kravica Waterfalls, and then conclude the day with a sunset at Hum Hill (Medugorje).

### **JUNE 15** • • •

In the morning we will have a short walking tour of Mostar with a local Deaf Bosnian, and you will learn more about the fascinating history of the Old Mostar Bridge and witness some of the aftermath of the Yugoslavian War, which left behind some of its most severe destruction in this city. In the afternoon, we will drive to Kotor, Montenegro where we will stay for 4 nights.

### **JUNE 16** • • •

Today, we will embark on a 'Great Montenegro Tour' which will include all the highlights of this small country. We will start early in the morning after breakfast with several photo stops and then we will arrive at Tara Bridge where you will have the opportunity to zipline directly above the dramatic Tara River Canyon. Then, we will visit Zabljak and have free time at the Black Lake. After lunch, we will visit Ostrog Monastery, and time permitting, we will conclude the day with a 360 degree view of the Black Mountains at Lovcen.

### **JUNE 17** • • •

Free day in Kotor. You can rest, do some shopping, stroll through the old city, swim at the Kotor Bay, and/or hike up the fortress for a sweeping view of the old city. Your guide will be available to assist with any activity you choose to participate in.

### **JUNE 18** • • •

After breakfast, we will go to the Kotor harbor where we will embark on a full-day Kotor Bay Cruise tour, which includes stops at various points of interest, opportunities for swimming (including a Blue Cave), a visit to a tunnel that was used for storing submarines during the Yugoslavian War, and finally, a leisurely boat ride back to Kotor as the sun sets on the Kotor Bay.

### **JUNE 19** • • •

Travel two hours north to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Upon arrival, we will have a tour around the old city and then take a cable car up to a plateau just before sunset for a view of the old city and dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

### **JUNE 20** • • •

Sleep in a bit today! After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and drive to Split, Croatia. Either stop by Ston to hike 5 km along a stone wall with a beautiful view, or you can have some free time to walk around Split, a bustling coastal city. Overnight in Split.

### **JUNE 21** • • •

We will start the day bright and early with a drive to Krka National Park. Upon arrival, we will take a ferry from Skradin to the Krka Waterfalls and then you will be able to swim alongside an impressive set of aqua-blue waterfalls. Rest and lounge around inside the park for the afternoon, and then we will drive 3 hours back to Zagreb. Farewell dinner. Overnight in Zagreb.

### **JUNE 22** • • •

After a wrap-up breakfast, we will transport you to the airport for your departure flight.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

**\$3,300**  
per person /double occupancy

**13 DAYS**

**SMALL GROUP 8 - 14**

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 12 nights in 3-star accommodations.
- 15 meals: Breakfast (12), Lunch (1), Dinner (2)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Most tips, except for your Tour Leader.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Domestic and/or international airfares.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.

### WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- A lot of hiking and walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is required.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.  
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms/>
- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel insurance plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. To learn more, please view the following link:  
<https://handson.travel/resources/protection/>
- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**