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Embark on a unique cave tour of the renowned Postojna Cave – one of the world’s largest karst monuments! Board the unique cave electric train for an exciting adventure as you wander through dark passages. Hop on board a boat ride at Plitvice Lakes National Park.

The word Balkan in Turkish means “mountain” with the peninsula (especially the west area) is dominated by this type of landform. Ethnic diversity is one of the region’s most characteristic social and political features. Join us on a tour to the Balkans region located in Southeast Europe covering Zagreb, Zadar, Mostar, Sarajevo & Ljubljana today!

Itinerary

[Day 1] Singapore – Zagreb



Meal on Board

Assemble at Changi international Airport and begin your vacation with a pleasant flight towards **Zagreb**, the capital of Croatia.

[Day 2] Zagreb



L (Roasted Duck)



Start off with a guided walking tour of the **Upper and Lower Town** – catch a glimpse of top attractions like the **King Tomislav Square, the Stone Gate, St. Mark's Square and the Church of St. Mark, the Strössmayer Promenade, Zagreb Cathedral, Ban Jelačić Square and Dolac Market.**

Enjoy the rest of the day free at your leisure to do some souvenir shopping or simply bask in the lively street atmosphere of the city.

[Day 3] Zagreb – Plitvice National Park – Zadar



L (Roasted Pork)



Drive through the **Croatian highlands** that reveals splendid alpine scenery as you arrive in one of Europe's most impressive national parks – the **Plitvice Lakes National Park.**

Take pleasure in a guided tour of the beautiful landscapes within the UNESCO National Heritage park, adorned with sixteen lakes that are interconnected by a series of waterfalls and deep woodland populated by forest animals and savour the riveting beauty of nature from a different perspective on the waters as you join an **electric boat ride.**

After which, we embark on a guided promenade about the city and visit the **Western Quay** for an up-close look at the **Sea Organ** and the **Monument to the Sun**, follow by **St. Donatus Church, the Roman Forum, St. Anastasia's Cathedral, St. Mary's Church and the Lion's Gate.**

[Day 4] Zadar – Sarajevo



L (Cevapi)



Today, make your way to **Bosnia, Herzegovina** and head for its capital – **Sarajevo**, a compact city on the Miljacka River, surrounded by the Dinaric Alps.

Its centre includes museums commemorating local history, including Sarajevo 1878–1918, which covers the 1914 assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Landmarks of the **old quarter, Baščaršija, include the Ottomanera Gazi Husrev-bey Mosque.**

[Day 5] Sarajevo – Mostar



L (Beef Sahan)



Visit **Sarajevo War Tunnel** for a visceral wartime experience of the Siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s.

Itinerary

Head to **Mostar**, a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the **Neretva River**. It's known for the iconic **Stari Most (Old Bridge)**, a reconstructed medieval arched bridge. The nearby alleys are full of shops and market stalls, and the **Old Bridge Museum** explores the bridge's long history. A narrow staircase leads up to the **Koski Mehmed-Pasha Mosque's** minaret for panoramic city views.

[Day 6] Mostar — Ston — Dubrovnik

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After morning, head to **Ston**, a city in the Dubrovnik-Neretva County of Croatia, located at the south of isthmus of the Pelješac peninsula. The town of Ston is the center of the Ston municipality.

After lunch, proceed to **Dubrovnik**, a city in southern Croatia fronting the Adriatic Sea. It is known for its distinctive **Old Town**, encircled with massive stone walls completed in the 16th century.

The well-preserved buildings range from baroque **St. Blaise Church** to **Renaissance Sponza Palace** and **Gothic Rector's Palace**, now a history museum. Paved with limestone, the pedestrianized **Stradun** (or Placa) is lined with shops and restaurants. Also, not to forget to see the city is from the top of the city walls (entrance included). The spectacular views are worth the climb up.

[Day 7] Dubrovnik

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Enjoy a free day of leisure for some shopping or sightseeing at your pleasure in Dubrovnik. You may wish to embark on an excursion to the **Montenegro Blue** half day tour - Montenegro is a country in Southeastern Europe on the Adriatic Sea. It is at the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the northwest; Serbia and Kosovo to the east, Albania to the south and Croatia to the southwest.

Surrounded by high mountains reflected in the blue waters, a fjord-shaped **Bay of Kotor** is one of the most spectacular landscapes in the Mediterranean. Drive along the bay past **Risan** and picturesque **Perast** to reach the UNESCO's World Heritage Site.



Itinerary

[Day 8] Dubrovnik — Split — Rijeka

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Proceed on to **Split** and ramble through the Croatian countryside to wind up in Split, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast that was founded by the Emperor Diocletian in 305 AD to construct his retirement palace.

Have a whale of a time touring this seaside city with a guide, who will bring you to enter the massive **Diocletian's Palace** and explore all its nooks and crannies, including the remains of the original palace, and the **Peristil Square**. After that will proceed to **Rijeka** for a night.

[Day 9] Rijeka — Bled — Ljubljana

B L (Pork with cream cake) D

Proceed to **Lake Bled** in the Julian Alps, to the magnificent lake with an island. Enjoy a scenic lunch in its cliff top **Bled Castle** for a picture-perfect vista of glistening waters and the surrounding natural beauty. You may wish to make an optional visit to **Lake Bohinj**.

Transfer back to **Ljubljana**. Embark on a guided tour with the **Old Town** for some of the best-preserved medieval houses, visit the open-air **Central Market**, the **Baroque Town Hall**, the beautiful **Robba Fountain**, the grandiose **Triple Bridge and Dragon Bridge**.

[Day 10] Ljubljana — Postojna Designer Outlet — Venice

B L (Fish) -

Head to the town of **Postojna** and embark on a unique cave tour of the renowned **Postojna Cave** – one of the world's largest karst monuments.

Board the unique cave electric train for an exciting adventure through dark passages to the **Great Mountain**, where you disembark and continue on foot across the **Russian Bridge** into the caves comprising of the **Spaghetti Hall, the White Hall and the Red Hall**.

Press on further to view the renowned stalagmites in the **Brilliant Passage** and get a look at the **Vivarium Proteus**, otherwise known as the human fish. After lunch, make a pit stop at the **McArthur Glen Designer Outlet** for shopping.

[Day 11 & Day 12] Venice — Singapore

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Bid farewell to Venice as we transfer to the airport for our flight home, bringing fond memories of your holidays with H.I.S. Travel!

***Tipping: €84**