

CROATIA

Day 1: JOHANNESBURG

Meet at O.R. Tambo International Airport at the Air France check-in counter for your flight to Venice via Paris. Please ensure that you arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure.

Enjoy dinner on board your flight.

DAY 2: VENICE / OPATIJA

Arrive in Venice, meet your driver and transfer to the Riviera of Opatija. Check into your accommodation.

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 3: RIJEKA

After breakfast, visit the nearby town of Rijeka, the main Croatian port and third largest city in Croatia. Situated in the north, Rijeka has many interesting sites such as a torpedo factory, in which the first European prototype of a self-propelled torpedo was produced by Giovanni Lupis, (a Croatian born Italian who lived in Rijeka), the Sanctuary of the Trsatian Madonna built 7 centuries ago; Old Gate, Roman Arch, City Tower, Palace Wohinz, Town Hall, Wassermann-Garbas Palace, St. Vida's Cathedral and the Governor's Palace. Return to hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 4: PULA / NATIONAL PARK BRIJUNI / VODNAN

After breakfast, depart for Pula, a 3000 year old town with the famous Roman Amphitheatre and its underground chambers, city gates and walls, Triumphal Arch of Sergians, Roman Forum, Roman Mosaic and Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. After Pula you will visit the National park on Brijuni Island. Depart from Fažana by boat to visit the island Veli Brijun. The sightseeing tour includes: a ride by tourist train. Visit the ruins of the Roman Villa Rustica from the century B.C. in the bay of Verige, and the Safari Park which breeds animals such as zebra, somali sheep, zebu (the holy East Indian humped ox), Dromedary, llama and elephants. The tour also includes visits to the archaeological museum located in the Citadel building from the XVI century and the Church of St. Germain with permanent exhibition of fresco copies and Glagolitic writings from Istra. After the visit to Brijuni Island, depart for a nearby small town Vodnjan, known for its olive oil production, where you will attend a presentation to olive oil production and testing.

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 5: POREC / MOTOVUN

After breakfast depart for a visit to Porec, a town situated on the western coast of the Istrian peninsula. The town keeps numerous historical monuments which you can visit: Eufasian Basilica, Northern fort, Kanonika, Medieval Walls, Marafar. Visit the Great Temple of Neptune, the Round Tower with its steep stairs as well as numerous other monuments. After Porec, head towards the inland of the peninsula to visit Motovun the most famous and attractive Istrian medieval town overlooking the Mirna River. In central Istra experience the tasting of local ham and cheese.

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 6: PLITVIC LAKES

After breakfast depart to the mountainous regions of Croatia to visit the best known National park in Croatia and a UNESCO natural heritage site. A total of 16 lakes lying at different altitudes and separated by barriers are linked by foamy waterfalls and cascades.

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 7: DAY AT LEISURE

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure. Additionally, an excursion to the Postojna Cave in Slovenia may be possible.

Dinner and overnight Opatija



DAY 8: KRK TOUR

After breakfast depart to the island Krk, one of the largest Croatian islands, which is connected by a bridge to the mainland, still a fortified town today, with walls along its entire length. The town is entered through four doors. After Krk you will visit a small Kosljun island known for its Monastery. Visit the small town of Vrbnik, a typical old Mediterranean city situated on a 48 meters high cliff.

Dinner and overnight in Opatija

DAY 9: OPATIJA

After breakfast check out of the hotel and depart to Venice airport for your flight to Johannesburg via Paris.

Day 10: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg at O.R. Tambo International airport

