

CULTURAL WALKING TOUR

Croatia

Dubrovnik & the Dalmatian Coast



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Life Along the Adriatic

The Dalmatian Coast has long been a favorite destination for Roman emperors, medieval pirates, and today's modern yachting crowd, and it's easy to see why with over a thousand spectacular islands dotting its coastline. Classic Journeys invites you to make sense of it all with an immersive cultural walking tour that reveals the region's rich history, breathtaking landscapes and incredibly welcoming people. Explore the cobblestone streets of Dubrovnik, a lush nature reserve and Game of Throne filming sites on Lokrum Island, vineyards on the Pelješac Peninsula, and olive groves and lavender fields on the island of Hvar. You'll be invited into hands-on cooking classes at a family-owned agriturismo, intimate wine tastings by father and son winemakers, and a master class in ancient olive techniques amongst the groves. Each step of your journey is enriched by the insights of exceptionally well-connected local guides who share insider stories and access to hidden gems. Conclude your adventure with a guided exploration of Diocletian's Palace in Split, where history and modernity beautifully intertwine, ensuring an authentic experience you won't find anywhere else.

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip, handle behind-the-scenes logistics and are there to help with anything
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

→ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

→ WINE ON US

In many regions, we uncork wonderful local wines at every dinner, compliments of Classic Journeys.

→ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

Terrain

Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths. An average of 2 to 3 hours of walking per day, with a mini-van usually in support.

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

Dubrovnik / Lokrum Island

As you explore the enchanting city of Dubrovnik, get ready to be transported back in time. Your expert local guide – think of them as your most well-connected friend in the region – leads you through the cobblestone streets of the Old Town. You'll uncover the city's fascinating past, including its 500-year rivalry with Venice for Adriatic dominance. Dubrovnik's beauty actually unfolds before you with its well-preserved limestone buildings crowned by red-tiled roofs. You meander through quaint streets lined with charming shops and cafes, all nestled within the embrace of the city's massive walls. Your guide reveals that the impeccable cleanliness of Dubrovnik's streets is no accident – each night, the local fire brigade meticulously hoses down the entire Old Town, maintaining its pristine appearance.

This afternoon, leave Dubrovnik briefly to experience the city from a completely different perspective. A short boat ride from the Old Town port transports you to the tranquil island of Lokrum, a lush nature reserve that offers a stark contrast to the medieval walls you explored this morning. Enjoy a guided walk through a landscape rich in history and natural beauty. You'll discover the ruins of an 11th-century Benedictine monastery, learn about the island's connection to Richard the Lionheart, and visit locations used in filming the hit series Game of Thrones. The path winds through exotic botanical gardens, past peacocks roaming freely among ancient stones, and up to Fort Royal for panoramic views of Dubrovnik and the surrounding islands.

This evening back in Dubrovnik, you get your first taste of what we like to call culture through cuisine when dine at a quayside seafood restaurant that's a favorite of locals. Savor authentic Dalmatian dishes like sautéed squid or creamy risotto, experiencing the flavors that have defined this coastal culture for generations.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK

DAY 2 »

Konavle Countryside / Dubrovnik

This morning, venture into the Konavle countryside for a deliciously immersive experience. On foot at eye level, walk footpaths that date to the 12th century and meander past mills along the Ljuta River, which played a crucial role in the local economy during the time when it was known as the granary of the Dubrovnik Republic. On foot, you arrive at a family-run agriturismo, where your hosts (our friends) invite you to participate in a hands-on cooking class. You'll learn firsthand how to prepare traditional Croatian dishes using ingredients freshly harvested from the farm's gardens cooked under a traditional peka (an iron dome). This "only with Classic Journeys" opportunity allows you eat like (and with) the locals.

In the afternoon, explore the charming village of Cavtat, a hidden gem often unknown to overlooked by typical tourists. Your local guide shares insider knowledge about this picturesque coastal town, revealing its rich history and cultural significance.

As the day winds down, you return to Dubrovnik for a late afternoon walk along the city walls, which offer breathtaking views of the terracotta roofs and the Adriatic Sea beyond. Your guide points out key landmarks and shares fascinating stories and anecdotes about the wall's defensive history. If you climb to the Minčeta Tower, you're rewarded with panoramic views of the city bathed in golden hour light.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: DUBROVNIK

DAY 3 »

Pelješac peninsula

Today, journey to the Pelješac peninsula, Croatia's premier wine region. The Pelješac peninsula is celebrated for its unique terroir, featuring steep, sun-drenched hillsides of limestone and dolomite that create ideal conditions for grape cultivation. Its Mediterranean climate, with dry summers and mild winters, allows indigenous varieties like Plavac Mali to thrive, resulting in full-bodied wines with rich flavors. The proximity to the Adriatic Sea further enhances grape quality through sea breezes and reflective sunlight, making Pelješac a premier destination for wine enthusiasts seeking robust reds that embody this exceptional environment.

Your scenic morning walk through the sun-drenched vineyards leads you to a family-owned winery. Here, you're welcomed by our friends Mario and Teo for an intimate tasting of their award-winning wines, paired perfectly with local cheeses and prosciutto. Your hosts explains the unique terroir of the region and how it influences the distinct flavors of the wines you're tasting.

The Dalmatian Coast has been a crucial maritime route for centuries, with its history of seafaring dating back to ancient times. As the afternoon light softens, make your way to the island of Hvar by ferry, knowing that you are part of a long tradition of Adriatic seafaring, following routes that have been used for millennia by everyone from ancient Greek traders to Venetian merchants, and now, you! Arriving on to Hvar, settle into your perfectly situated boutique hotel with breathtaking views of the Adriatic.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: HVAR

DAY 4 »

Hvar Island - Velo Grablje, Dol & Milna

Start the day with a curated walk through Hvar's aromatic lavender fields and ancient olive groves. This cinematic journey through the countryside culminates in the timeless village of Dol, where you'll enjoy a picnic of local specialties on a secluded beach – an experience crafted exclusively for Classic Journeys guests.

Your morning begins in the perched village of Velo Grablje, known for its lavender fields and traditional stone architecture, as well as its spectacular views across the valleys of the island. As you walk downhill, your guide will share stories of the village's past and its lavender production before you pause to visit a distillery along the way to learn how essential oils are crafted from the island's abundant lavender. Your footpath leads to a sister village, Malo Grablje, where you explore the remnants of its once-thriving community while keeping an eye out for vibrant butterflies among the wildflowers. (Hvar counts 57 species recorded, including Painted Lady and Red Admira.) Passing through the village of Dol, you arrive to Milna and a picturesque spot along the coast for your picnic lunch. Enjoy local delicacies such as prosciutto, cheese, olives, and fresh bread while taking in the stunning views of the Adriatic Sea.

Returning in the afternoon, you explore Hvar town, discovering why it was once known as the "Portofino of its day." Your guide shares stories of the island's history, from its time as a Venetian stronghold to its modern-day reputation as a chic Mediterranean getaway.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: HVAR

DAY 5 »

Hvar Island - Stari Grad, Vrboska & Jelsa

Today, you delve deeper into Hvar's rich agricultural heritage. A carefully curated walk takes you through the island's best vineyards and olive groves, ending at a working olive mill. Here, you'll not just see, but smell, taste and feel as you learn firsthand from the family owner the traditional pressing techniques and enjoy a tasting of the region's liquid gold.

Begin your explorations in Stari Grad. Established in 385 BC, it's one of the oldest towns in Europe and offers a glimpse into ancient Greek settlements. From here, your morning walk leads to Vrboska, known for its picturesque canals and traditional architecture. It's often referred to as "Little Venice." After wandering through these historical towns, head to an olive grove owned by our friends

where they have over 1000 trees of 12 different varieties, as well as lavender, figs, citrus fruits and seasonal vegetables. They join us for a walk through the shimmery green olive trees where the sound of the dirt under our feet mixes with the olive oil makers explanations of their traditional methods of olive oil production, including the harvesting process and the techniques used to extract high-quality oil. Of course, an invitation is offered to us for a mini master class in how to taste the oils, followed by a lunch surrounded by the trees.

There is time to relax back in Hvar later this afternoon by the pool or with some shopping. Shops on the islands are highly regarded for the quality of their lavender, honey, olive oil, wine, coral jewelry and handmade goods. Dinner this evening is a celebration of Dalmatian cuisine, featuring dishes that have sustained this vibrant culture for generations.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: HVAR

DAY 6 »

Split

Your journey concludes with a morning ferry ride to Split. Here, your guide leads you through Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site that forms the living heart of the city. As you wander through its ancient streets, you'll marvel at how seamlessly the past and present intertwine in this vibrant coastal city.

MEALS: B

Tour Hotels



[Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik](#)

Built in 1895 and renovated in 2005, the hotel blends Belle Epoque style with comfort and technology. Spacious guest rooms, decorated in wood and marble finishes, overlook gardens and rooftops of old Dubrovnik. The hotel also has an indoor pool.

NIGHTS: 3 nights



[Adriana, Hvar Marina Hotel & Spa](#)

Overlooking the old city centre, Adriana offers breathtaking panoramic views of the town and marina. Whether you are relaxing at the rooftop saltwater swimming pool or enjoying a massage at the Oasis Spa, Adriana is the perfect place to unwind.

NIGHTS: 3 nights

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik**
START CITY: **Dubrovnik**
START TIME: **2:00 PM**

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Split city center**
END CITY: **Split**
END TIME: **1:00 PM**