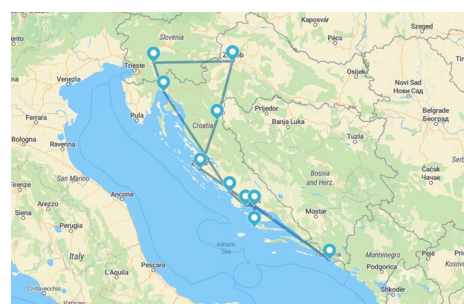




Adriatic, 9 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Dalmatian Region's Route

From the deep blue sea to the most mystical mountains; from spectacular natural parks to some of the most beautiful masterpieces ever created by man... This is an unforgettable journey through the major Croatian cities and the magical region of Dalmatia. During your self-drive tour, you'll visit historic cities like Zagreb, Zadar, Split or Dubrovnik; you'll explore at your own pace the beautiful Kvarner Bay, one of the favourite summer resorts of the Austro-Hungarian aristocracy; you'll worship the sun on the gorgeous Adriatic coast, full of wonderful beaches and picturesque fishing villages; and you'll discover stunning natural havens such as the UNESCO-listed Plitvice National Park, with its lush forests and 16 lakes connected by 92 waterfalls. And that's just the start of the trip. Along the way, you can visit the spectacular all-stone citadel of Trogir, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or wonderful places such as Predjama Castle and the amazing Postojna Caves, both located in neighbouring Slovenia. And for those who want to combine the self-drive tour with unique experiences, the country offers a host of leisure activities, many remote spots suitable only for adventure lovers, a wide range of water sports activities, and so on. Travel to Croatia and marvel at its natural, cultural, architectural and culinary diversity. Its mild Mediterranean climate makes this young yet historic country one of the most attractive destinations in Europe. Come and experience it for yourself!



**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

## Travel details

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## DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - ZAGREB

Flight departure from the city of origin to Zagreb and rental car pick-up.

Capital of Croatia and political, financial, intellectual and cultural hub of the country. This vibrant European metropolis surprises the traveller with its inexhaustible vitality, its university atmosphere, its interesting proposals from local designers, and its extensive historical, cultural and artistic heritage. We recommend a leisurely stroll through the old town, the true heart of the city, which evokes the proud past and splendour enjoyed with the Austro-Hungarian Empire, or a visit to the city's beautiful and enchanting courtyards full of amazing art galleries and cute cafes. With its 20 theatres, 30 museums, 45 galleries and 13 art collections, this mythical city of central European elegance entertains travellers with an attractive schedule of entertainment for all tastes and budgets. Take advantage of your trip to Zagreb to savour delicious dishes such as turkey with "mlinci" (flatbread), the typical "štrukli" (cooked or baked cheese pastry) or "sa zeljem krpice" (braised pasta with shredded cabbage).

Overnight stay in Zagreb.

## DAY 2 · ZAGREB - PREDJAMA CASTLE AND POSTOJNA CAVES (SLOVENIA) - RIJEKA

Another day exploring the heart of Croatia and discovering unique places such as the Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady, St. Mark's church, the Stone Gate and Lotrščak tower, the National Theatre, the Parliament building...

Departure to the neighbouring country of Slovenia, where we'll visit Predjama Castle and the incredible Postojna Caves, the largest and most visited karst stalactite system in Europe (tour not included). Then it's back to Croatia to discover the natural beauty, delicious cuisine and wonderful serenity of the pretty Rijeka, a lively city located in Kvarner Bay and known worldwide for its maritime importance, its outstanding artistic and cultural events and its flamboyant carnival. The area was for many years the summer resort of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, celebrities and politicians from across Europe. Close to Rijeka, we recommend a visit to the fortified citadel of Trsat, location of the oldest Marian shrine in Croatia. Overnight stay in Rijeka.

## DAY 3 · RIJEKA - ŠIBENIK - TROGIR - SPLIT

We leave Rijeka to visit the beautiful Šibenik, an ancient city that beholds treasures such as the Cathedral of St. James, declared a World Heritage Site.

After visiting its labyrinthine historic quarter, we'll drive over to Trogir, where we'll discover a charming all-stone citadel declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and considered one of the most fascinating places in the Mediterranean. Located on an island linked to the mainland by bridges, it has a beautifully-preserved old quarter that can be seen in about 750 steps. The last stop of this exciting day will be Split. Treasures waiting for us there include the opulent Diocletian's Palace, some 1,700 years old and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight stay in Split.

## DAY 4 · SPLIT - HVAR - SPLIT

We have all day today to wander around the amazing city of Split and enjoy its cheerful Mediterranean spirit. With one of the most beautiful old quarters in Europe, the lively maze-like Diocletian's Palace complex each year attracts tourists from all corners of the world. Declared a World Heritage Site along with part of the old quarter, this gigantic royal complex is home to trendy bars, interesting art galleries and elegant courtyards... Besides the palace, the city entices travellers with beautiful coastal scenery, a lively promenade (Riva), chic avenues such as Marmontova and squares with Viennese charm such as Trg Republike... If you have time, hop on a ferry to Hvar, a stunning island smelling of lavender, rosemary and pine, where you'll discover virgin forests and pristine white-pebbled beaches. Its lively atmosphere has made it fashionable among domestic and international tourists.

Note. The main road connecting the town of Hvar with Stari Grad is of a good quality. The landscapes are highly recommended.

Overnight stay in Split.

## ● DAY 5 · SPLIT - DUBROVNIK

After soaking up the atmosphere of Split and admiring monuments such as the Temple of Jupiter, the Peristyle and the Cathedral, we'll head to the south of Dalmatia. You can choose to take the road through the beautiful waterfront towns of Omiš, Brela, Baška Voda and Makarska and enjoy the sea air and authentic charm of the fishing villages along the sensational Dalmatian coast (about 4 hours' drive, depending on the traffic); or choose to drive through inland Croatia to the town of Mostar (Bosnia-Herzegovina) and visit the famous bridge that gave its name to the city or Spanish Square, named in gratitude for the help provided by Spain after the Bosnian War (a journey of around 5 hours, depending on the traffic). We'll end the day in the captivating city of Dubrovnik.

Known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic" and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, it is one of the most impressive cities in the country.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik.

## ● DAY 6 · DUBROVNIK - ZADAR

History, culture, cuisine, nature... There are a multitude of reasons that have made the walled city of Dubrovnik, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the most desirable tourist destinations in the world. This is thanks to its incredible Baroque old town, one of the most beautiful in Europe; its emblematic walls stretching over 2,000 metres; its historical and cultural importance; the extraordinary landscapes that surround the city; its many international music and theatre festivals; and its cultural events...

Our next stop will be the ancient yet vibrant city of Zadar, a must-visit to learn about the cultural identity of the Croatian people. And in the evening, admire one of the most beautiful sunsets in Croatia from its promenade.

Overnight stay in Zadar.

## ● DAY 7 · ZADAR - PLITVICE

Today we'll experience one of the most impressive countryside legs of our trip. After enjoying Zadar, we'll set off to Plitvice National Park, a paradise of limestone pools, lakes and waterfalls, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. No matter what time of year you decide to visit, the landscapes are always breathtaking. Bear in mind that it will take you at least 4 hours to explore this ecological treasure. Overnight stay in Plitvice.

## ● DAY 8 · PLITVICE - ZAGREB

We recommend you take the morning to explore the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park at your leisure, marvelling at its 16 lakes connected by 92 waterfalls, as well as its lush forests which are still home to bears and wolves. Guided tours of the park are available upon request, some of which are available in several languages. At the end of the tour we'll head to Zagreb, the last stop of our trip.

There we can soak up its nightlife and try out one of the excellent restaurants serving delicious Croatian cuisine.

Overnight stay in Zagreb.

## ● DAY 9 · ZAGREB - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight.                    | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Zagreb.    | ✓ Selected meal plan in Zagreb.    |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rijeka. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Rijeka.        | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Split. |
| ✓ Selected meal plan in Split.      | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Dubrovnik. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Dubrovnik. |

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Zadar.

✓ Selected meal plan in Plitvice.

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✓ Rent-a-car.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Plitvice.

### Your trip doesn't include

✗ Accommodation taxes in Croatia direct payment in facility.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

## Destinations Visited

Zagreb



Postojna



Rijeka



Sibenik



Trogir



Split



Hvar City



Dubrovnik



Zadar



Plitvice



## Important remarks

- Driving through Croatia: Motorways in Croatia have tolls, which you have to pay for each individual stretch of

road. For more information, you can contact the Croatian Embassy based in your country.

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- Please make sure you have a valid passport for this tour as we'll be crossing several international borders.
- Suggested round-trip ferry rides are optional and not included in the final price. If you intend to take the car on a ferry, please let the rental company know at the time of pick-up to receive authorisation. Depending on the conditions agreed to in the rental contract and the company you choose, you might be charged a fee payable at the destination.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.