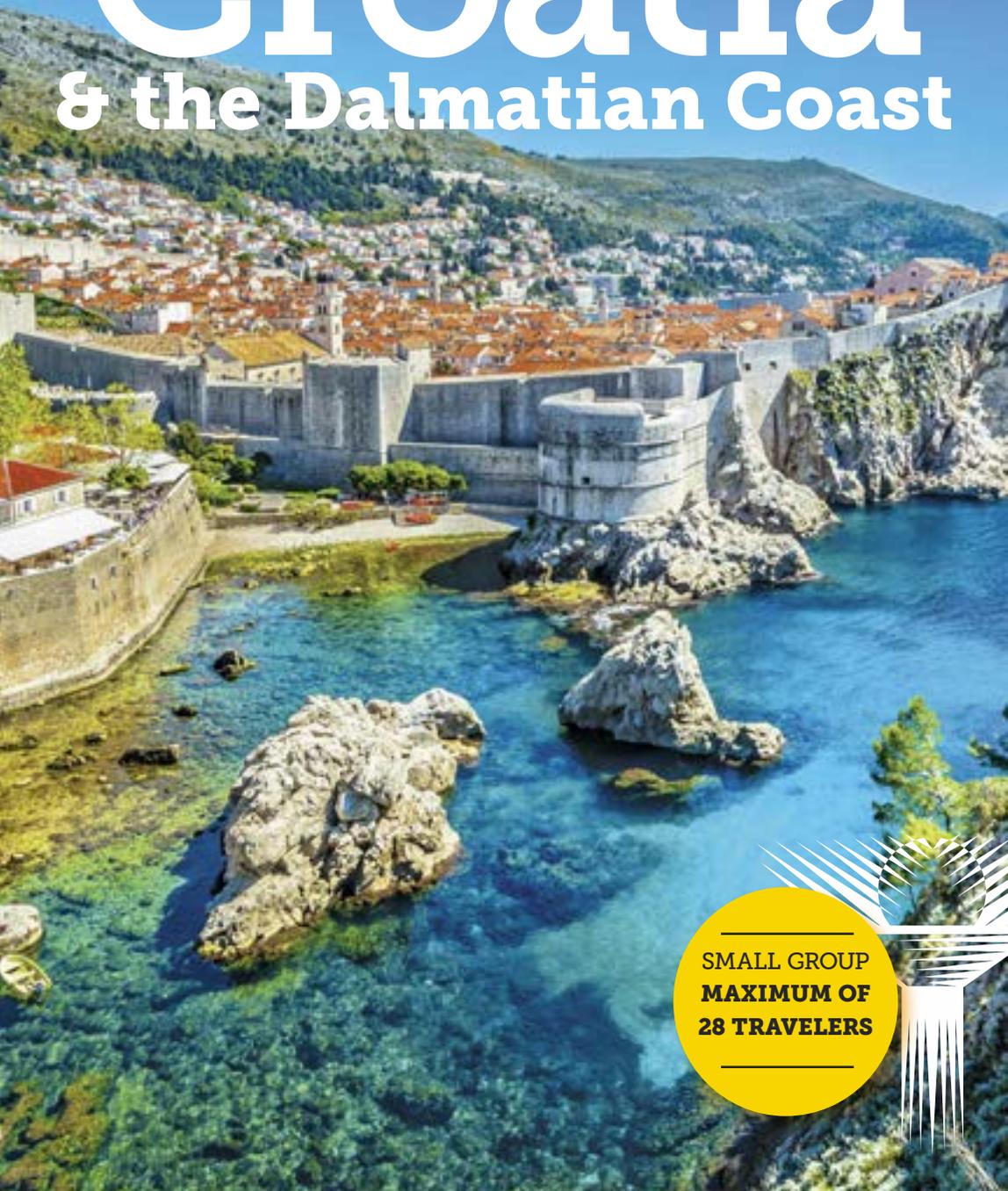


Croatia

& the Dalmatian Coast



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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of Croatia's seafaring allure, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Stradun, Dubrovnik | Cover photo: Dubrovnik

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the **sun-soaked Dalmatian Coast**, a stretch of milk-white sands, sleepy harbors and azure seascapes.
- ▶ Stand amid the imposing Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace**.
- ▶ Enter **Dubrovnik** through the grand Pile Gate and stroll the limestone-paved Stradun.
- ▶ Experience a feast of flavors while indulging in **peka**, a signature dish of the Dalmatia region.
- ▶ Explore the wonders of **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a unique landscape of shimmering waterfalls.
- ▶ Watch master craftsmen perform centuries-old masonry traditions on **Brač, an island inhabited since Neolithic times**.
- ▶ Savor the rich flavors of Croatian grape varieties during a **behind-the-scenes winery visit**.

Dear Texas Ex,

Croatia and its rugged Adriatic Coast offer heart-stirring natural beauty, fascinating history, tantalizing food and wine and rich, storied ruins. Please join a Flying Longhorns group on a 10-night journey to discover this cultural crossroads where Roman, Mediterranean and Venetian influences created a palpable effervescence and unique seafaring spirit.

Begin in Zagreb, Croatia's charming capital city, and wander through Split's incredible Roman ruins. Relish the quietude and turquoise cascades of Plitvice Lakes National Park, and sip wine amid gentle rolling hills. Experience the enduring appeal of Brač and Trogir before gazing in awe of glorious Dubrovnik, the darling of the Adriatic. Return home brimming with memories of Croatia's myriad jewel isles and tantalizing azure waters.

Our professional team is committed to providing you a once-in-a-lifetime experience that features exciting excursions, stimulating lectures and ample leisure time, allowing you opportunities to make your own discoveries.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world.

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Croatia is one of our favorite countries — the history, scenery, and food are incredible! We encourage you to consider this delightful destination!

Best regards,



Shelley Norton
Director of Travel



Janice Garcia
Travel Coordinator

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Main Square, Zagreb

Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zagreb, Croatia.✈

Day 2

D

Zagreb, Croatia

Arrive in Zagreb and transfer✈ to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

Join a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3

B

Zagreb

Enrichment: Contemporary Croatia. A local expert presents an engaging lecture about recent events that have shaped modern Croatia.

Discovery: Zagreb. Tucked between the sparkling Sava River and the forested slopes of Mount Medvednica, the capital city of Zagreb awaits to charm you. Explore narrow, winding streets, admire a rich array of Austro-Hungarian architecture and visit St. Mark's Church, known for its brilliantly tiled mosaic roof.

Day 4

B

Zagreb

Free Time: Join today's Elective Activity or enjoy a full day at leisure discovering Zagreb's coffee culture, quaint boutiques and museums.

ELECTIVE | Croatia's Countryside. Travel through a scenic landscape to Klanjec. Here, visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery, plus witness the Church of St. Mary before traveling to Kumrovec, a quaint village nestled near the Sulta River and Slovenian border. Recognized as the birthplace of Tito, the village features an open-air museum with well-preserved houses from the end of the 19th century. After, delight in fresh, local flavors over lunch at a family-run eatery.

Day 5

B | L | D

Plitvice Lakes National Park | Split

Discovery: Plitvice Lakes National Park.

Thrill to the serenity of Croatia's most spectacular natural wonder. Boasting 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked in a series of emerald green and blue

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

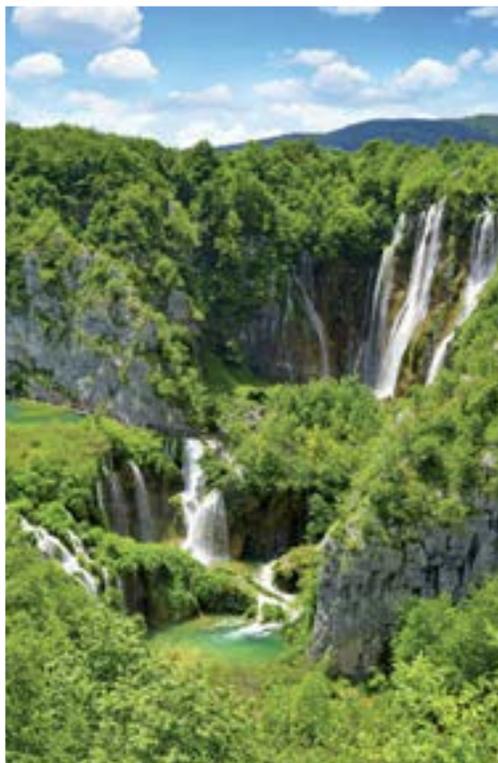
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Plitvice Lakes National Park

Sixteen opalescent lakes cascade from one to the next in a dramatic series of waterfalls. Miles of trails and wooden footbridges wind over, around, behind and even through the falls, immersing you in the verdant beauty of the natural wonders of this park. The constantly changing hues of the lakes — azure, brilliant green, deep blue and sometimes gray — are created by the angle of sunlight and a unique interaction among the water, limestone and plant life. The travertine barriers that create the waterfalls are continually reforming, so the landscape is ever-changing. The lakes descend roughly 425 feet over five miles before flowing into the Korana River. Situated amid dense forests of beech, fir, spruce and white pine, the 115 square miles of park offer sanctuary to many animals, including black storks and rare lynxes.



waterfalls, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a vision of unsurpassed beauty. The park features a network of boardwalk trails, nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species. Following this refreshing sojourn, enjoy a delicious lunch.

Continue to Split. Upon arrival, check in to the Cornaro Hotel and gather for dinner tonight. Influenced by the culinary traditions of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Turkey and other Central and Eastern European neighbors, Croatian food truly represents the country's rich, varied heritage.

Day 6

B | L

Split

Enrichment: Croatia's Seafaring History.

Discover the significant role that the Adriatic coastline has played throughout centuries of nautical history due to its strategic location.

Discovery: Exploring Split. Delight in Split's historical wonders during a walking tour. Visit the incredible living ruin of Diocletian's Palace, which has been continuously inhabited since the Roman emperor abdicated his throne in A.D. 305. See the cellars and temple ruins, and gaze in awe at the elaborate Cathedral of St. Domnius and the Golden Gate. Witness the Peristyle, an open court that was the heart of the palace. Roaming this complex's tangle of passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is an experience that is sure to be a highlight! Wrap up your excursion at a local fish market where we learn about this important industry and sit down for an exquisite Mediterranean lunch.

Free Time: After lunch, craft your own itinerary.



Above: Vineyards on the island of Brač

Left: St. Mark's Church, Zagreb | Below: Musician, Dubrovnik



Day 7

B | L

Brač

Discovery: Brač. Board a ferry and journey to Brač, Dalmatia's largest island. During your cruise across the Brač Channel, watch the brilliant colors of the Mediterranean scenery drift by — a visual treat of karst limestone cliffs, cypress trees and palm-shaded coves.

AHI Connects: An Artisan Craft.

Following your cruise to Brač, drive to Pučišća, recognized worldwide for its stone quarries. See the centuries-old craft of carving stone by hand at Pučišća Stonemasonry School. The school is still in use today and has an average enrollment of over 100 students each year.

Discovery: Winery Tour and Lunch. From Pučišća, travel to Bol where the land and culture are deeply embedded in viticulture. Visit Brač's oldest winery and tour its facilities and cellar. Learn how the winery cultivates grapes in Brač's untamed landscape of steep slopes and rocky soil. Then enjoy a wine tasting and toast to your excursion during lunch at the winery.

Return to Supetar before continuing back to Split on a ferry.

Day 8

B | D

Trogir

Discovery: Ancient Trogir. Travel west of Split to Trogir, one of the best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic towns in Central Europe. Wander cobbled lanes, passing finely-carved

façades and shrouded courtyards, and immerse yourself in the city's fascinating history. Witness the recently renovated Cathedral of St. Lawrence and admire the intricate carvings of the Cipiko Palace. See the Fortress Kamerlengo, Trogir's Town Hall and the Benedictine Monastery, founded by Saint Ivan Trogiranin.

Following the excursion, craft your own itinerary in Trogir and seek a special spot for lunch.

Return to Split, stopping to visit the ancient city of Salona, a site with old aqueducts, defensive walls, an amphitheater, thermal baths and the Porta Caesarea, a grand gate.

AHI Connects: Peka Dinner. Gather to enjoy an authentic *peka* dining experience. A mélange of meat — usually veal, lamb or chicken — vegetables and a tasty array of spices, oils, honey, herbs and cognac are mixed together and roasted over hot coals under a bell-like lid called an *ispod čiripje*.

Day 9

B

Split | Dubrovnik

Discovery: The Dalmatian Coast. While driving to Dubrovnik, take in sweeping views like no other: tiny villages nestled in coves, gentle emerald bays and fields peppered with colorful flowers and fig, orange and apple trees.



Above top: Amphitheater, Salona |
Above: Fortress Kamerlengo, Trogir



Check in to Dubrovnik's Grand Villa Argentina.

Enrichment: Yugoslav Wars. Learn about the complex and contentious Yugoslav wars.

Day 10 B

Dubrovnik

Discovery: Dubrovnik's Old Town. Although this beautiful city was relentlessly shelled during Croatia's Homeland War in the early 1990s, the medieval churches, graceful fountains and squares have now been restored to their former glory. Encounter the majestic Pile Gate, once a strategic defensive structure. Admire the Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister and witness Europe's oldest working pharmacy. Pass through the impressive Corinthian columns of medieval Sponza Palace, one of the few buildings to survive Dubrovnik's 1667 earthquake, and view the baroque cathedral, which houses a collection of art and religious relics.

Free Time: You may wish to walk around the old limestone walls of the city, an experience that offers splendid views of Dubrovnik's distinctive red clay rooftops, the harbor and a vast stretch of blue sea. For dinner at leisure, try *manestra*, a typical bean soup found along coastal Croatia, or *brudet*, a fish stew simmered with chili pepper. Cap off your meal with *rozata*, a sweet pudding.



Day 11 B | D

Dubrovnik

Free Time: Spend the day exploring a trove of architectural, cultural and artistic gems. Discover for yourself what writers throughout time have struggled to convey about this city's inimitable allure. Enjoy a refreshing drink at a Dubrovnik cliff bar while soaking in the Dalmatian sunshine.

Tonight, celebrate your Adriatic journey at a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

ACCOMMODATIONS

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GRAND VILLA ARGENTINA | DUBROVNIK



Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ Transfers and flights are included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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Air Program dates: April 29 – May 10, 2019

Land Program dates: April 30 – May 10, 2019

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Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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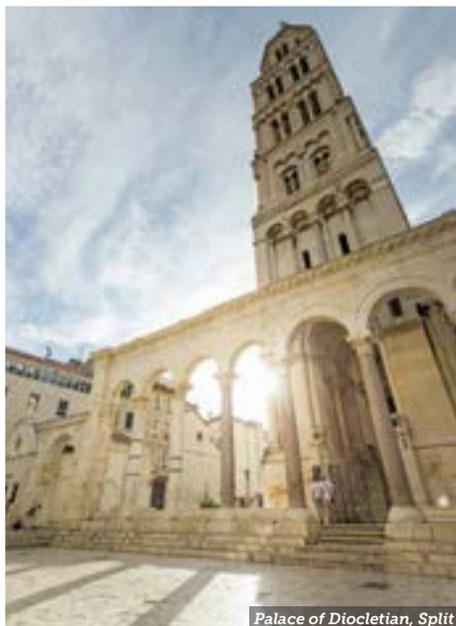
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Old City of Dubrovnik

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1. Plitvice Lakes National Park
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3. Old City of Dubrovnik
4. Historic City of Trogir



Palace of Diocletian, Split



Trogir

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(with baggage handling)

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Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Admire intricate architecture in Zagreb.
 - Revel in the natural beauty and wooded landscapes of Plitvice Lakes National Park.
 - Follow an ancient path through Split.
 - Glide atop turquoise waters to Brač.
 - Witness time-honored artisan crafts, and delight in a winery tour and lunch.
 - Experience a traditional, tasty *peka* dinner.
 - Absorb breathtaking scenery along the sweeping Dalmatian Coast.
 - Appreciate Dubrovnik's beautiful Old Town.
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