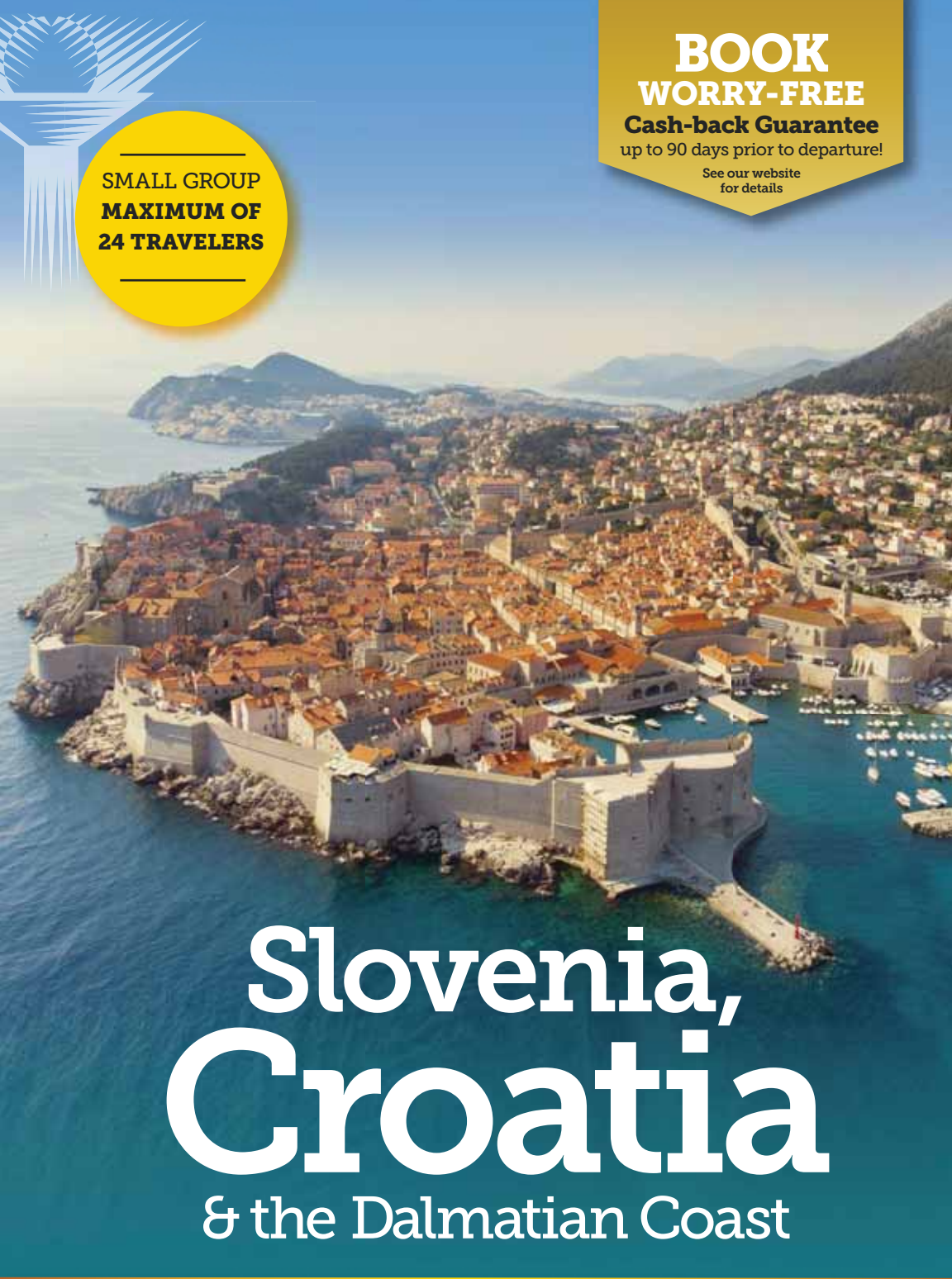

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Above: Stradun, Dubrovnik | Cover photo: Old town of Dubrovnik

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- Uncover the ancient wonders of **Dubrovnik.**
- Explore magnificent **Plitvice Lakes National Park.**
- Witness craftsmen perform masonry traditions on **Brač.**
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- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**

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Historical embankment of the Adriatic Sea, Split

Ljubljana

Day 1 | **In Transit**

Depart gateway city for Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Day 2 | **Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Transfer to the InterContinental Ljubljana.

Tonight, meet your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 | **Ljubljana**

Enrichment: ***Yugoslavia and the Republic of Slovenia.***

Discovery: ***Slovenia's Capital.*** Trendy Ljubljana brims with life, from its colorful baroque architecture to the meandering emerald river. On an informative walking tour, see the famous Dragon, Triple and Cobblers' bridges, and visit an outdoor market and Prešeren Square, a popular spot for socializing. Step into the green-domed Ljubljana Cathedral; then take in more highlights while cruising the Ljubljanica River, lined with weeping willows and blossoming flowers.

Day 4 | **Lake Bled**

Discovery: ***Lake Bled.*** Glorious Lake Bled is framed by the majestic Julian Alps and a mighty hilltop fortress. Ride aboard a *pletna* to Bled Island, home to the Church of the Assumption of Mary. Visit a nearby apiary to learn about Slovenia's thriving api-tourism industry and taste local honey. Cap off your excursion inside Bled Castle, built on a precipice above the city.

Day 5 | **Slovenske Konjice | Zagreb, Croatia**

Discovery: ***Zlati Grič Winery.*** Traverse the sunny hills of northeastern Slovenia, a prominent wine region steeped in centuries of viniculture. Settle in for a wine tasting and lunch at a countryside winery.

In Croatia, check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

Day 6 | **Zagreb**

Enrichment: ***Contemporary Croatia.***

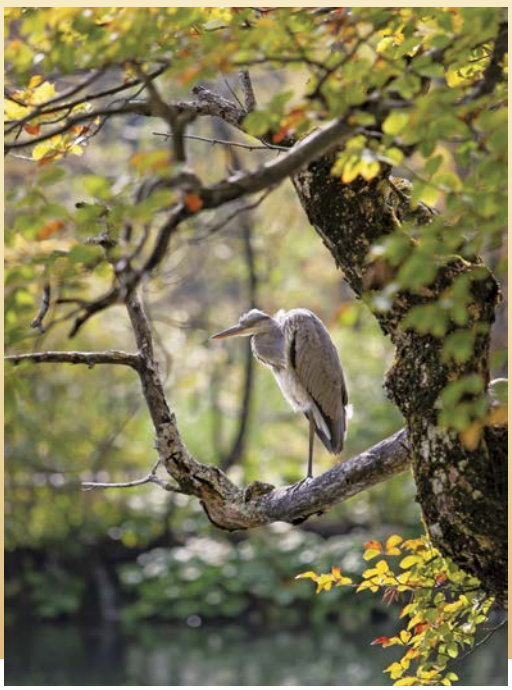
Discovery: ***Zagreb Panoramic Tour.*** Tucked between the sparkling Sava River and the forested

Main Square, Zagreb

St. Mark's Church, Zagreb

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 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.



slopes of Mount Medvednica, Zagreb weaves European elegance with a delightful Balkan spirit. Following a panoramic tour of Zagreb's Lower Town, drive to Mirogoj Cemetery. Designed by architect Hermann Bollé, this gem is filled with arcades, creeping ivy and sculptures. Back in Zagreb's beautifully preserved Upper Town, admire the city's Austro-Hungarian architecture and see more treasures by Bollé, including St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, the church features a tiled mosaic roof that depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms as well as those of Zagreb.

Free Time: Explore Zagreb at your own pace.

AHI Connects: ***Peka Dinner***. Experience an authentic Croatian feast, a dinner of meat and vegetables roasted under a bell-like lid.

Day 7 | 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 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 through nature, enjoy a delicious lunch.

Continue to Split, nestled near the lapping waters of the Adriatic, and check in to the Cornaro Hotel.

Gather for dinner tonight. Influenced by the culinary traditions of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Turkey and other neighbors, Croatian cuisine represents a varied heritage.

Day 8 | **Split**

Enrichment: ***Croatia's Seafaring History.***

Discovery: ***Exploring Split.*** Witness legends come to life on a walking tour of Split where modern boutiques sit beside ancient fortresses, coveted landmarks and crumbling walls. Visit the incredible complex 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 at the octagonal dome of the Cathedral of St. Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle, an open court that was the heart of the palace. Roaming the complex's passageways, courtyards and underground chambers is an unforgettable experience!

Wrap up your excursion while enjoying delicious fresh catch at a local fish market.

Free Time: Your evening is at leisure. Perhaps get a taste of local life along Marmont Street.

Day 9 | **Brač**

Discovery: ***Brač***. Board a ferry for a gentle cruise to Brač, Dalmatia's largest island. While cruising across the Brač Channel, delight in the Mediterranean scenery before you — a visual wonderland of karst limestone cliffs, towering cypress trees and palm-shaded coves.

AHI Connects: ***Insight to a Craft***. After cruising to Brač, drive to Pučišća, recognized worldwide for its stone quarries. The white stone is a symbol of Brač and has been quarried from the island since Roman times. It was used in the construction of many famous buildings, including the White House, Budapest's Parliament House and Vienna's Parliament. Visit the Pučišća Stonemasonry School to see the centuries-old craft of carving stone by hand.

Discovery: ***Winery Tour and Lunch***. From Pučišća, travel to Bol where the land and culture are deeply embedded in viticulture. Croatia offers many outstanding grape varieties, including Merlot and Pošip. After a group lunch, visit Brač's oldest winery and tour its facilities and cellar. Learn how the winery cultivates grapes in Brač's steep slopes and rocky soil, and enjoy a wine tasting.

Return to Supetar before cruising back to Split.

Day 10 | **Split | Dubrovnik**

Discovery: ***The Dalmatian Coast.*** Your journey follows the scenic Dalmatian Coast, one of Europe's most picturesque stretches of coastline. Witness tiny villages nestled in coves, bright turquoise bays and rolling hills peppered with fig, orange and apple trees. Stop for lunch at leisure along the way.

Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, check in to the Grand Villa Argentina.

Day 11 | **Dubrovnik**

Discovery: ***Dubrovnik's Old Town.*** Although beautiful Dubrovnik was relentlessly shelled during Croatia's Homeland War in the

Underground chambers, Split

Top: Vineyards, Brač | Above: Pučišća Stonemasonry School

UNESCO World Heritage

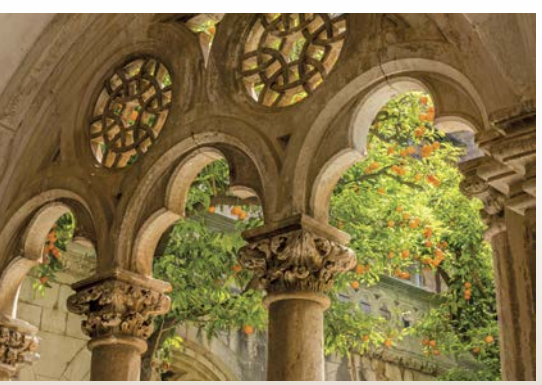
1. **Plitvice Lakes National Park**
2. **Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian**
3. **Old City of Dubrovnik**

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. Witness Europe's oldest working pharmacy and admire the Franciscan Monastery's Romanesque cloister. Pass through the impressive columns of medieval Sponza Palace, one of the few buildings to survive Dubrovnik's 1667 earthquake, and view the baroque cathedral that houses a collection of art and religious relics.

Free Time: You may wish to walk around the city's old limestone walls, an experience that offers splendid views of Dubrovnik's distinctive red clay rooftops, harbor and vast stretch of blue sea. Indulge in the city's gastronomy during dinner at leisure. Perhaps try *manestra,* a typical bean soup, or *rozata,* a sweet pudding.

Day 12 | **Dubrovnik**

Free Time: Discover for yourself what writers throughout time have struggled to convey about



Top: Dubrovnik | Above: Franciscan Monastery, Dubrovnik

Dubrovnik's inimitable allure. The city offers a trove of cultural and artistic gems, and every limestone-paved street leads to a new wonder or hypnotizing sea view. For a relaxing afternoon, laze in the sun at one of Dubrovnik's cliff bars.

Gather for a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 13 | **In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

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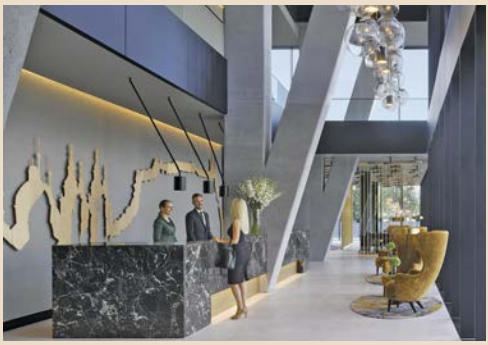

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Diocletian's Palace, Split

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  – Admire Zagreb's historic architecture.
  – Encounter Plitvice Lakes National Park.
  – Follow an ancient path through Split.
  – Sail to Brač, witness time-honored artisan crafts and delight in a winery tour and lunch.
  – Experience a traditional *peka* dinner.
  – Absorb the breathtaking Dalmatian Coast.
  – Appreciate Dubrovnik's beautiful Old Town.
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