

Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

OPTIONAL TRIP EXTENSION TO NORTHERN CROATIA:

Leaving Dubrovnik behind on April 25, we take a short 1-hour flight to Zagreb, Croatia's capital city, known for its well-preserved 19th-century architecture, vibrant street art, and unique mix of Central European and Balkan influences, before transferring to our hotel. This evening, we have a photography walking tour of Zagreb, starting at the Mirogoj Cemetery, where quiet paths make it one of the most peaceful spots in the city, then up to the Upper Town to see the colorful roof of St. Mark's Church and walk the cobbled streets, finishing in Ban Jelačić Square, the city's main meeting place. A group dinner ends our day.

The next morning, we have a 2-hour drive to Plitvice Lakes, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its chain of clear turquoise lakes connected by waterfalls and surrounded by forest. After a picnic lunch, we spend the afternoon walking along wooden pathways, crossing over streams, and taking in the park's peaceful natural beauty, and then continue to the Željava Air Base, an abandoned Cold War-era military complex hidden in the hills, where we explore the massive underground tunnels. We then return to Zagreb in the evening.

After breakfast on our third day, we head to Medvedgrad, a medieval fortress on the base of Mount Medvednica, where we photograph the castle ruins and the Monument to the Homeland while learning about the site's place in Croatian history. We return to Zagreb in time for lunch. This afternoon includes a walking tour to photograph Zagreb's socialist-era architecture, photograph the city from the Lotrščak Tower, and take a quiet walk through Zrinjevac Park and the nearby botanical gardens. This evening, enjoy our farewell dinner. The next morning private airport transfers are arranged to match each guest's specific <u>departure</u> <u>time from Zagreb.</u>

*Please note: While we do our best to follow the above itinerary, changes may be made to any aspect of the tour due to a variety of potential situations or unforeseen circumstances.

TRIP EXTENSION PRICE INFO:

\$3,300 includes double accommodations for three nights; a single supplement is available for an additional \$300; all breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners; a domestic flight; all ground transportation; and airport transfer. <u>Note: Departure is from the airport in Zagreb.</u>

If you are interested in reserving a space on the Trip Extension to Northern Croatia, please call The Workshops (505-983-1400, ext. 111) to be placed on the list. Once a minimum number of requests are received, this will be added to your registration and payment will be collected with the trip balance.