

Join those in the know who are heading for the sun drenched islands of Dalmatia. Enjoy a narrative ranging from Roman times through to the Bosnian war.



Savor the unique Venetian influence of the Dalmatian islands during your stay in Korcula

Country Roads of the Balkans, Dalmatia & the Adriatic Riviera



TOUR PACE

A well balanced tour with exceptional two-night stays in Vienna, Budapest, Zagreb, Sarajevo, Belgrade and the "Adriatic gem" of Dubrovnik. Scenic driving days with frequent stops for refreshments and photos.

HOTELS

Of modern design are the Vienna Hilton, Korcula's Marko Polo Hotel and Dubrovnik's Libertas Rixos which cascades down to the clear blue sea. Whereas Sarajevo's Hotel Europe and the elegant Grand Royal Hotel in Budapest are more in the traditional style.

FELLOW PASSENGERS

Great for those who want to explore some of the lesser known regions of Eastern Europe. Gastronomes and adventurers will revel in this fascinating insight into the Balkans.

INSIGHT FACT

The Sarajevo Tunnel: This colossal undertaking was dug by Bosnian volunteers and was completed in mid-1993. It allowed food and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out during the siege of 1992 to 1996. The tunnel was one of the major ways of bypassing the international arms embargo and providing the city defenders with weaponry. In effect, the tunnel saved Sarajevo. The tunnel was 1.5 metres in height and width, and ran for approximately 800 metres in length. During the time it was used, it is estimated that 20 million tons of food entered the city, and 1 million people passed in and out of it.

DAY 1 – DEPART CANADA. Board your overnight flight.

DAY 2 – VIENNA AT LEISURE. Welcome to Vienna Airport, where your airport shuttle service leaves for the tour hotel at 09:00, 12:00 & 15:00. Settle in and later, meet your Tour Director and fellow passengers for a *Welcome Drink*. Perhaps start your tour with a special concert? Hotel: Hilton Vienna

DAY 3 – VIENNA SIGHTSEEING. Join a local guide for a tour of the glorious *Schönbrunn Palace*. See the elegant *formal gardens* before going on to view *St Charles' Church, the Imperial Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House*. *Cafés are an institution in Vienna; round off your tour with an explanation of the important role they play in local culture. Your guide will point out the most famous ones – will you be tempted?* (BB)

DAY 4 – VIENNA – BUDAPEST. Cross the Hungarian border and continue to *Budapest*. Enjoy a *panoramic view across the Danube* from the lofty *Citadel* atop *Gellert Hill*. Then ascend the *Castle Hill* district to marvel at the *murals* in *Matthias Church* beside the *Fisherman's Bastion*. View the *Royal Palace of Buda*, then cross the *Danube* to the *Pest* district to visit *Heroes' Square* and *Andrassy Boulevard*. Hotel: Corinthia Grand Royal. (BB,D)

DAY 5 – BUDAPEST AT LEISURE. A whole day to relax or explore this grand metropolis. Perhaps shop for bargains in fine porcelain or maybe take an optional excursion to the famous artists' colony of *Szentendre*? (BB)

DAY 6 – BUDAPEST – ZAGREB. Drive alongside tranquil *Lake Balaton* and hear about the excellent wines produced along the shores. Stop to admire the *abbey of Tihany*, then continue to the Croatian border and the capital, *Zagreb*. A guided tour takes you to *Roosevelt Square, Ban Josip Jelacic Square* and the *cathedral*. Walk through the medieval *Upper Town* to see the *Stone Gate, St Mark's Church* and *Lotrscak Tower*. Hotel: Sheraton. (BB,D)

DAY 7 – ZAGREB AT LEISURE. Today is yours to explore at your will. The *Ilica* is the hub of *Zagreb's* shopping scene, or perhaps take an excursion to the *Zagorje* region to learn about local culture and tradition? (BB)

DAY 8 – ZAGREB – PLITVICE – SPLIT. Get ready for one of Europe's natural wonders, *Plitvice National Park; a scenic wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes, flanked by thundering waterfalls and primeval forest*. Then a delightful drive brings you to the *Dalmatian coast* - sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands. Stay tonight in the historic port of *Split*. Hotel: Atrium. (BB)

DAY 9 – SPLIT SIGHTSEEING – KORCULA. 1700 years ago the Roman Emperor *Diocletian* built his palace here and your *local guide* will lead you through the labyrinth of streets and historical buildings within that same palace. See *St. Duje's*, (originally *Diocletian's mausoleum*), the *Temple of Jupiter* (today, a *baptistry*) and the *Golden Gate*. Later drive along the coast for a short ferry crossing to the island of *Korcula*. Hotel: Marko Polo (BB,D)

DAY 10 – KORCULA – DUBROVNIK. Your *guided walking tour of Korcula town* takes you to the *Cathedral, the town museum* and the *Bishop's Palace*. The locals also claim *Marco Polo* was born here and you also see his *ruined house* next. After some free time, cross over to the beautiful southern slopes of the *Peljesac peninsula*. *Stop amid the age-old vines to see how wine is produced and enjoy a taste*. Continue to your hotel in *Dubrovnik*, beautifully situated alongside the crystal clear *Adriatic Sea*. Hotel: Libertas Rixos (BB,D)

DAY 11 – DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING. Dubrovnik has to be the most stunning medieval walled city on the Mediterranean. Your *guided sightseeing*

tour in the old town explores the stone paved streets inside the 16th century bastions. See *Onofrio's fountain* and the *Rector's Palace, the city walls*, as well as the *Franciscan and Dominican monasteries*. Balance of the day at leisure to stroll with your friends along the ancient city walls? Perhaps conclude the day with a sunset dinner cruise? (BB)

DAY 12 – DUBROVNIK – SARAJEVO. Journey through the gorge of the River *Neretva* to *Mostar* where you can walk across the famous *Stari Most* (Old Bridge), recently reconstructed after being almost completely destroyed during the war. Explore the *cobbled old town* which stretches on both sides of the bridge. Now it's on to *Sarajevo*. In 1914, it was the site of the assassination that sparked WW1 and more recently, endured the longest siege in modern military history. Hotel: Europe Sarajevo. (BB,D)

DAY 13 – SARAJEVO SIGHTSEEING. Your *guided sightseeing tour* shows you the *Bascarsija, the cobbled old town market* where the city was founded in the 15th century. The small streets around the main square are each named after the trade practised there. Admire *Gazi Husrev-beg's Mosque* and the *Olympic Stadium* before visiting the *Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum, revered by the locals as an inanimate war hero*. The afternoon is yours to try the Bosnian coffee or shop for traditional and hand crafted wares in the Turkish quarter. (BB)

DAY 14 – SARAJEVO – BELGRADE. Your route winds northwards through the remote villages and spa resorts which nestle in the forested Bosnian mountains. Cross the Serbian border to reach the broad *Sava valley* and join the highway to the capital, *Belgrade* for two fascinating nights. Hotel: Metropol Palace. (BB)

DAY 15 – BELGRADE SIGHTSEEING. Your morning *sightseeing tour* with a *local guide* shows you *St Sava Church, the third largest Orthodox Church in Europe, Terazije Street, the National Museum and the National Theater* in Republic Square. Finish your tour at the imposing *Kalemegdan Fortress*, dramatically situated at the confluence of the *Sava and Danube Rivers*. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, celebrate the culmination of a fascinating tour at a *Highlight Dinner with local live music in a typical national restaurant in the old bohemian quarter of Skadarlija*. (BB,HD)

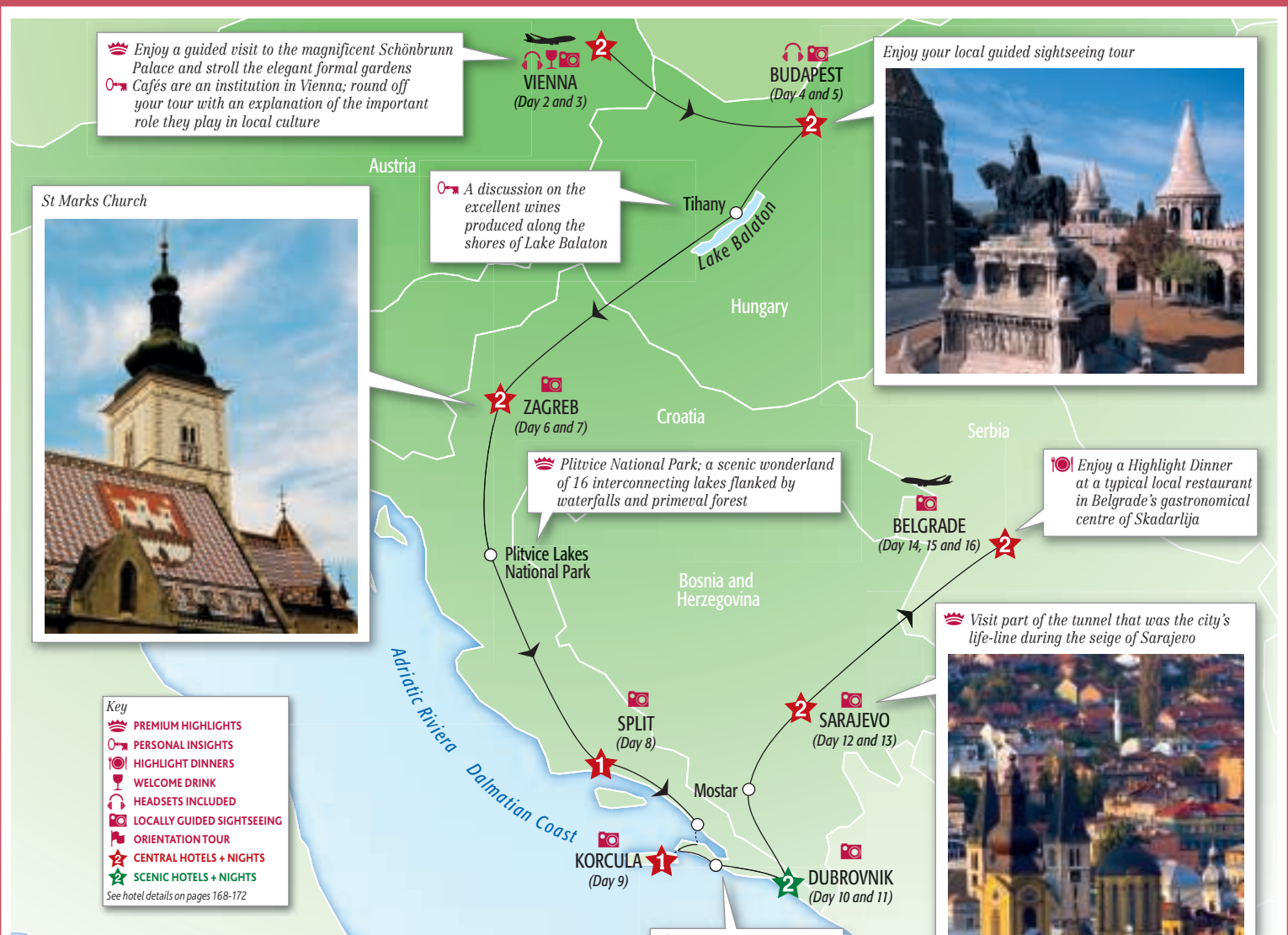
DAY 16 – RETURN TO CANADA. It's time to take home some wonderful memories and a camera full of stunning photography. *Departure transfers* arrive at *Belgrade Airport* at 10:30 (BB)



Relax and enjoy Belgrade

For updated lists of **Definite Departures (DEF), news, views & info** visit our **'Bulletin Board'** at www.insightvacations.com

16 DAYS ~ AUSTRIA ~ HUNGARY ~ CROATIA ~ BOSNIA ~ SERBIA



Enjoy a guided visit to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and stroll the elegant formal gardens
Cafés are an institution in Vienna; round off your tour with an explanation of the important role they play in local culture

Enjoy your local guided sightseeing tour



A discussion on the excellent wines produced along the shores of Lake Balaton

Plitvice National Park; a scenic wonderland of 16 interconnecting lakes flanked by waterfalls and primeval forest

Enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a typical local restaurant in Belgrade's gastronomic centre of Skadarlija



Visit part of the tunnel that was the city's life-line during the siege of Sarajevo



- Key**
- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
 - PERSONAL INSIGHTS
 - HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
 - WELCOME DRINK
 - HEADSETS INCLUDED
 - LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
 - ORIENTATION TOUR
 - CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS
 - SCENIC HOTELS + NIGHTS
- See hotel details on pages 168-172

Taste the local wines at a famous winery on the Peljesac peninsula

- Included Premium Highlights**
- Enjoy a guided tour in Vienna's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens
 - Tour the pristine Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Center
 - Enjoy a wine tasting and informative talk at a local winery on the Peljesac peninsula
 - Bear witness to the tunnel that saved Sarajevo at the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum

- Included Personal Insights**
- An entrée to the history and significance of Viennese café culture
 - Hear about the excellent wines produced along the shores of central Europe's largest Lake

- Included Additional Excursions & Sightings**
- Tour the Ring Street in Vienna seeing the City Hall, Parliament and St. Charles' church
 - Views of Budapest from Gellert Hill and visit Matthias Church and Heroes' Square
 - Scenic drive along Lake Balaton to the picturesque abbey of Tihany
 - See Zagreb's Ban Josip Jelacic Square and Cathedral and tour the Upper Town
 - Explore Split's historical buildings built within the walls of Diocletian's Palace
 - See Marco Polo's house, Bishop's Palace, Cathedral and town museum in Korcula
 - See Onofrio's Fountain, Rector's Palace and the awesome city walls of Dubrovnik
 - Admire the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries in Dubrovnik Old Town
 - Walk across the Stari Most in Mostar and explore the old town
 - See the Bascarsija, Gazi Husrev-beg's Mosque, Olympic Stadium in Sarajevo
 - See Belgrade's St Sava Church, National Museum, National Theater and Kalemegdan Fortress

- Included First Class Services**
- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
 - Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with onboard restroom
 - Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portage
 - Insight Traveler document wallet, map book journal and information pack
 - Airport Shuttle arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 2 and Day 16

- Included Quality Dining**
- Highlight Dinner with live music in the old Bohemian quarter of Belgrade (HD)
 - 14 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 5 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Save up to \$360 p.p. - see reductions below

Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts - Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Canada	p.p.	Option	Canada	p.p.	Option	Canada	p.p.	Option
Apr 17 - May 02	\$3575	\$940	Jun 19 - Jul 04	\$3675	\$970	Aug 21 - Sep 05	\$3775	\$1010
Apr 24 - May 09	\$3599	\$940	Jun 26 - Jul 11	\$3775	\$1010	Aug 28 - Sep 12	\$3735	\$970
May 01 - May 16	\$3650	\$940	Jul 03 - Jul 18	\$3775	\$1010	Sep 04 - Sep 19	\$3735	\$970
May 08 - May 23	\$3650	\$940	Jul 10 - Jul 25	\$3775	\$1010	Sep 11 - Sep 26	\$3735	\$970
May 15 - May 30	\$3650	\$940	Jul 17 - Aug 01	\$3850	\$1070	Sep 18 - Oct 03	\$3675	\$970
May 22 - Jun 06	\$3650	\$940	Jul 24 - Aug 08	\$3775	\$1010	Sep 25 - Oct 10	\$3625	\$970
May 29 - Jun 13	\$3675	\$970	Jul 31 - Aug 15	\$3775	\$1010	Oct 02 - Oct 17	\$3625	\$970
Jun 05 - Jun 20	\$3675	\$970	Aug 07 - Aug 22	\$3775	\$1010	Oct 09 - Oct 24	\$3625	\$970
Jun 12 - Jun 27	\$3675	\$970	Aug 14 - Aug 29	\$3775	\$1010			

Supplements

Pre & post tour accommodation

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Hilton Vienna	\$180	\$269	\$168
Metropol Palace, Belgrade	\$142	\$197	\$142

Reductions

SAVE \$140 per person with Triple room reduction
Insight's Great Savings & Discounts
 SAVE \$360 per person with Young Traveler Discount
 SAVE up to \$193 per person with 2nd Tour Discount
 SAVE up to \$193 per person with Frequent Traveler Discount
Early Payment Discount 12 mths \$360 10 mths \$270 6 mths \$180
 For additional information regarding Insight's great Savings & Discounts, please see page 18.

Notes

REF: E961C. Prices are per person sharing a twin. Tours start on Saturdays and end on Sundays.
Additional Visa Requirements: Visas are required for many Eastern European countries and can be obtained by your Travel Agent.
Insight's Airport Shuttle Service: Transfers operate on the days and at the times shown in the itinerary. Passengers arriving outside these days and times have the option of either purchasing a transfer (see page 17) or making their own way from/to the airport.
Insight's Low Airfare Promise: Insight promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 174 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

Included are worth approximately \$123