Heritage & Genealogy of Croatia Hosted by Robert Jerin May 15 - 28, 2009

Join noted genealogist, Robert Jerin, for this custom designed exploration of the Dalmatian Coast and the northern 'Heart of Croatia', an area rich in history and proud heritage. We'll have a chance to meet with local professionals working in the field of genealogy while we tour this country rich in culture with its unique style that benefits from a confluence of cultures over thousands of years.



Visiting: Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Ljubljana, Lake Bled Marija Bistrica, Samobor, Zagorje Region, Zagreb



D is covering my Croatian heritage began as an exciting hobby more than a decade ago and has since developed into a passion that I am thrilled to have shared with Americans of Croatian descent all across this country. Having traveled with groups to Croatia five times in the past, I am convinced that to truly get in touch with one's roots, it is essential to visit the land of one's forefathers. I invite you to travel with us as we visit several key regions in Croatia that have given so many of its sons and daughters to America in the several waves of emigration. The Adriatic coast bears evidence of Italian and Venician influence as we travel from Dubrovnik north. A 2 night stay in alpine Lake Bled, Slovenia introduces us to the charming neighboring country. We then explore the old settlements of northern Croatia



which are rich in history, even evidence of prehistoric settlements and early fortifications. Expert local guides unravel this history during our private motorcoach tour as we visit and explore tiny towns and surrounding villages near Karlovac and Zagreb. We'll also learn about techniques genealogists use to uncover lineage, heritage and a sense of origin. Who knows, maybe you can connect with lost relatives as others have done on these tours. This promises to be a unique and enriching travel experience.

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The Tour Includes:

- Custom designed land itinerary
- First Class Hotels in Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Lake Bled, & Zagreb
- ♥ Visits to small towns and rural villages in Zagorje
- Private English speaking Tour manager to accompany the group throughout the land tour
- Local expert guides for in-depth sightseeing
- Conditioned Private Motorcoach
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours inside major sites
- Buffet Breakfasts, lunches, wine tastings, and dinners as shown in the day-by-day itinerary
- CENTRALE TO THE NATIONAL Archives in Zagreb

** Hosted and Directed by Robert Jerin **

Tour Cost:

\$2898^{00**} based on double occupancy Single Supplement \$795^{0**}

<u>Airfare:</u> Cleveland to Dubrovnik and back from Zagreb:

\$995.⁰⁰ plus government fees and taxes

Connecting flights available from most major cities

*Not included Air taxes and fuel surcharges, (currently = \$425), meals and beverages not shown on the brochure and the customary tip to guide and driver at end of tour.

Reservations are 1st come - 1st served. Maximum of 32 travelers and a minimum of 25 passengers. Send your deposit today to confirm a reservation and avoid disappointment

Trip Cancellation Insurance - Current cost is \$235 per person in a double. Must be paid at time of booking/initial deposit in order to cover preexisting medical conditions. Please call for details.

******Based on current exchange rate of 1.40/Euro and subject to adjustment should the rate vary by more than 3% at the time of full payment.

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Your Day-by-Day Itinerary

(Fri) MAY 15 depart USA

Leave your home city and begin your series of flights to Europe and on to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

(Sat) MAY 16 arrive in Dubrovnik

After transferring planes in Europe, fly south to Dubrovnik. Our guide and motorcoach driver will meet us at the airport and transfer us to the hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure in this seaside town. You may take a refreshing walking tour with Bob Jerin to get acquainted with our surroundings. Welcome to Croatia dinner at our hotel tonight. D

(Sun) MAY 17 in Dubrovnik

After breakfast we head to the Old gates and start a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" this morning including visits to the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. You will also see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. The rest of the day is at leisure. B



(Mon) MAY 18 to Split

Depart Dubrovnik and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. See the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic



structures, Jupiter's Temple, Peristyle and Cathedral. B, D

(Tue) MAY 19 to Trogir and Plitvice Lakes

After breakfast, head to Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather to study and paint



here. Then, turn inland and travel to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Upon arrival, have your camera ready and take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy

the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. B, D

(Wed) MAY 20 to Opatija, Postojna and Bled

Return to the coast and travel along the beautiful bay of Kvarner to its popular resort, Opatija. After some free time, journey north to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour the fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterwards, continue to Lake Bled, beautifully set amidst the Julian Alps. B, D

(Thu) MAY 21 in Bled

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town along the forested lakeshore, and the imposing Bled Castle, perched



cliff high on а above the lake. The balance of the day is at leisure for optional activities, such as visiting the small island in the middle of the lake or taking a cable car ride on Mt. Vogel.B

(Fri) MAY 22 to Ljubljana and Zagreb

Start your day with a walking tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Visit the most significant sights of the old city centre:

the picturesque Central open-air Market and the Three Bridges, both designed by famous architect Plecnik, Joze Baroque Town Hall and Robba's Fountain. Then,



continue to Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia. B, D

(Sat) MAY 23 in Zagreb

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, the Parliament and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the winding streets of the old town or an optional excursion to the countryside.B

<u>(Sun) MAY 24 Zagreb</u>

After breakfast, we offer Mass at Bistrica, then off to sightsee the hilly Zagorje region, visiting several small towns and stopping in Grasna Gorica for dinner before returning to Zagreb. B,D



(Mon) MAY 25 Zagreb

After breakfast, head to Karlovac for a sightseeing tour of this famous city. Stop at the Ozalj museum for its display of traditional lifestyles. Enjoy a rustic style lunch at the excellent Furlan restaurant, and wine tasting at the Vrbanek vineyard before returning to Zagreb in the evening. B, L

(Tue) MAY 26 Zagreb

After breakfast enjoy a free day in Zagreb with time to visit



the Archives for some research. Then rendezvous for a hearty lunch and a visit to see the great work being done at St. Theresa orphanage. The Esplanade Hotel will host our farewell dinner. B, L, D

(Wed) MAY 27 Zagreb

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight. B

TERMS and CONDITIONS

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE February 15, 2009

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