

Greece to Dalmatia

ESCORTED TOUR



16 days / 15 nights

Guaranteed Departures

Day 1: Sat: Athens. Arrive Athens. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. You have free time before dinner this evening. Overnight Athens. **D**

Day 2: Sun: Athens. After breakfast you have a half-day sightseeing tour of this bustling capital city, set amid reminders of a long and glorious past. See graceful Greek temples, Roman arches and ornate Byzantine churches. Visit the Acropolis and Parthenon, said to be the most perfectly proportioned building of all time. Your afternoon is free for independent exploring. Overnight Athens. **B**

Day 3: Mon: Athens to Delphi & Kalambaka. Depart for Delphi, 160 kms northwest of Athens, where the famous Delphi oracle once foretold the destiny of men. See the 6th century BC Temple of Apollo, the Sacred Way, Stadium, Castilian Fountain and the Archaeological Museum of Delphi, which contains an impressive collection including the magnificent Bronze Charioteer. Continue on to Kalambaka. Overnight Kalambaka. **BD**

Day 4: Tue: Kalambaka to Ohrid. After breakfast, admire the fantastic landscapes of Meteora, known as “the rocks that fell from the sky” and where monks built their retreats away from civilisation. Visit Megalo Meteoro with its tall and intricate dome with twelve sides and fine frescoes. Travel across the border to Macedonia. Overnight Ohrid. **BD**

Day 5: Wed: Ohrid to Tirana. The lakeside resort of Ohrid is an

important cultural and spiritual centre, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Morning tour starts with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town. Visit the Cathedral of St Sophia containing frescoes from the 10th century. In the early afternoon continue to Tirana, capital of Albania. Overnight Tirana. **BD**

Day 6: Thu: Tirana. Your morning sightseeing features the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance, Ethem Bey Mosque and statue of Albania’s national hero – G.K. Skanderbeg. Also see the National History Museum with its brilliant mosaic façade depicting Albanian history. Afternoon free to explore. Overnight Tirana. **B**

Day 7: Fri: Tirana to Dubrovnik. After breakfast depart for Shkodra, one of Albania’s oldest cities, where you see the Rozafa Castle. Continue across the border to Montenegro via Bar, Budva and Herceg Novi to Dubrovnik. Overnight Dubrovnik. **BD**

Day 8: Sat: Dubrovnik. Enjoy a walking tour of Old Dubrovnik and see the Rector’s Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando’s Column and Sponza Palace. See also the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery which houses one of the world’s oldest pharmacies. The rest of the day at leisure. Overnight Dubrovnik. **B**

Day 9: Sun: Dubrovnik. You have the full day at leisure to explore or just relax in this fascinating town. Overnight Dubrovnik. **B**

Day 10: Mon: Dubrovnik to Split. You depart this morning and travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, on the way to Split. Your tour features the historic inner city, which was built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian’s Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. See the remnants of Split’s Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter’s Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. Overnight Split. **BD**

Day 11: Tue: Split to Trogir & Plitvice Lakes. After breakfast you head north along the coast to Trogir, where scholars from around the world gather to study and paint. Then continue inland to the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park. During your walking tour of the lower lakes, enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes, surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Overnight Plitvice. **BD**

Day 12: Wed: Plitvice Lakes to Opatija, Postojna & Bled. Return to the coast to the bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. From here travel north to Postojna, home of one of the largest caves in Europe. You tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train, before journeying to Bled, situated in the Julian Alps. Overnight Bled. **BD**

Day 13: Thu: Bled. Your morning sightseeing features the town of Bled, lake-shore, and a visit to Bled Castle perched on a cliff high above the lake. The rest of the day is free for optional activities, such as visiting the old church situated on a small island in the middle of the lake. Farewell dinner at local restaurant. Overnight Bled. **BD**

Day 14: Fri: Bled to Ljubljana & Zagreb. Morning drive to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, where you visit the open-air market, city hall, Robba’s Fountain, the Three Bridges and Parliament. Then travel on to Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Overnight Zagreb. **BD**

Day 15: Sat: Zagreb. Your morning tour takes you through the historic Upper Town to see St Mark’s Church, St Catherine’s Church, the Cathedral, Parliament and Government Palace. Afternoon free. Overnight Zagreb. **B**

Day 16: Sun: Zagreb. After breakfast, tour services end. **B**

■ Macedonian visa and Albanian entry permit required.



Athens, Parthenon

INCLUSIONS

- ① 15 nights accommodation in 3 and 4-star hotels
- ① Meals as specified
- ① Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport (on days 1 & 16 only)
- ① Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- ① Sightseeing as specified conducted in English language only
- ① Tour escort throughout

YOUR HOTELS

- ④ ATHENS – Divani Palace Acropolis
- ④ KALAMBAKA – Divani
- ④ OHRID – Metropol
- ④ TIRANA – Sheraton
- ④ DUBROVNIK – Tirena or Argosy
- ④ SPLIT – President
- ④ PLITVICE – Jezero
- ④ BLEĐ – Park or Golf
- ④ ZAGREB – Regent Esplanade

■ Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

TOUR PRICE & DEPARTURES

Prices shown per person in AUD. Guaranteed Saturday departures May-Oct 2008.

Departures	Tour code	Twn	Sgl
17 May, 14 Jun, 28 Jun, 12 Jul, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 20 Sep, 4 Oct	K803	3061	4039

TOUR OPTION

You have the option to finish this tour in Dubrovnik.

ATHENS TO DUBROVNIK: 10 days / 9 nights
(Start Day 1-Athens, finish Day 10-Dubrovnik)

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17 May, 14 Jun, 28 Jun, 12 Jul, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 20 Sep, 4 Oct	K804	1974	2737