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# Educational Journeys

## Explore Zagreb to Istria

Zagreb-Poreč-Opatija-Plitvice

**WHEN:** Post-Journey: April 19 - 25

**WHERE:** Zagreb – Poreč – Opatija – Plitvice

**ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Guided walking tours
- Oil tasting
- Truffle hunting

<b>COST:</b>	Occupancy	Price (per person)
	Double Occupancy:	\$1,349
	Single Occupancy:	\$1,699
	Guest Occupancy:	\$1,399

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## Explore Zagreb to Istria



### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Accommodation in mostly 4\* hotels in Zagreb, Plitvice and Opatija on BB basis  
All transfers as per the itinerary  
Walking tours of castles in Zagorje, Pula, Plitvice and Zagreb  
Entrance to Veliki Tabor Castle, museum Staro Selo, Pula Amphitheater, Plitvice National Park  
Lunch in Zagorje, olive oil tasting and truffle hunting in Istria

### EXCLUSIONS:

Airfare (*Participants are responsible to making transportation arrangements to Zagreb*)  
Tips  
Gratuities  
Meals not specified  
Entrances not mentioned in inclusions

### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

This Educational Journey will operate with a minimum of 20 participants.  
Your registration is non-refundable unless the Educational Journey is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier  
Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.  
The activity level for this Educational Journey is Moderate (1-5 miles walking throughout the day with some hills and stairs.)  
Have questions? Contact [meetings@asta.org](mailto:meetings@asta.org)

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### HIGHLIGHTS:

Zagreb is recognized as one of the most vibrant and popular tourist destinations in Central-Eastern Europe. Opatija is a very famous destination, situated at the foot of Mount Učka.

In 1844, tourism began when Iginio Scarpa built his villa "Angiolina" on the site of what is now the "1st of May Park". Soon after this, the resort was frequented by the rich and famous, including Gustav Mahler, Anton Chekhov, and Isadora Duncan. Even the Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria used to visit his mistress here.

### HOTELS:

Hotel Palace 4\*, Zagreb or similar  
Hotel Valamar 4\*, Poreč or similar  
Hotel Ambassador 5\*, Opatija or similar  
Hotel Park Exclusive 4\*, Otočac or similar

### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 – arrival to Zagreb  
Day 2 – FD tour of Hrvatsko Zagorje  
Day 3 – transfer to Livade for a truffle hunting, walking tour of Motovun and Poreč  
Day 4 – Walking tour of Pula  
Day 5 – Transfer to Plitvice  
Day 6 – Plitvice – Zagreb with walking tour of Zagreb  
Day 7 - Departure



Zagreb  
St. Mark's Church

Photo: M. Gašparović/Zagreb TB



Guard of honor of the cravat regiment

Photo: I. Kralj/Zagreb TB

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## Full Itinerary:

### Day 1

#### Arrivals to Zagreb

You will be welcomed at Zagreb airport and transferred to your hotel.

*Included: Accommodations at 4-star hotel in Zagreb*

### Day 2

#### ZAGREB- HRVATSKO ZAGORJE – ZAGREB

Begin your scenic drive through the beautiful continental part of Croatia, exploring Zagorje, its castles, and stories from the past. Your first stop will be the small town of Klanjec, birthplace of sculptor Antun Augustincic, a prominent 20th-century Croatian sculptor. His most notable sculptures include the Peace Monument outside of the United Nations building in New York and the Miner statue in front of the International Labor Organization headquarters in Geneva.

From here, you will have a shortstop in the village of Kumrovec. Known as the birthplace of Josip Broz Tito, it was once a regular inhabited village but is now a museum. Upon the tour of Kumrovec, you will continue driving through the fascinating Zagorje countryside. On your way to Veliki Tabor castle, you will relax and have lunch in the nearby farmhouse, GresneGorice.

After lunch, your guide will take you for a Veliki Tabor castle tour, which is part of the Museums of HrvatskoZagorje. Return to the hotel in the afternoon. Overnight in Zagreb.

*Included: Accommodations at 4-star hotel in Zagreb*

### Day 3

#### ZAGREB - LIVADE (TRUFFLE HUNTING) – MOTOVUN - POREČ

Start this adventure with one of the Istrian families, whose third generation is now hunting for truffles. Your friendly hosts will tell you all about truffles, the tradition of truffle hunting, and their truffle hunting dogs. A tasting of truffle products will be prepared for you with beautiful surroundings, followed by the opportunity to buy truffle products in their shop. The rush of adrenaline that you will experience during the truffle hunting process will leave you feeling comforted. Truffles are their love and their way of life.

We'll then continue to the beautiful small town of Motovun for a walking tour and then to Poreč for overnight. Arrival at the hotel in the evening.

*Included: Accommodations at 4-star hotel in Poreč for 1 night*

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**Opatija  
Maiden with Seagull**

Photo:P.Kürschner/Opatija TB

## Full Itinerary:

### Day 4

#### **POREČ – ROVINJ - PULA –OPATIJA**

Transfer to visit Rovinj and then onto Pula. Pula is best known for its many surviving ancient Roman buildings. The most famous is its 1st-century amphitheater, known locally as Pula Arena. It is also the sixth-largest amphitheater in the world and one of the best-preserved amphitheaters from antiquity. Pula Arena is still used today for summer film festivals.

After a guided tour of Pula, we are going to the nearby Village of Vodnjan for olive oil tasting. The family farm, Chiavalon, specializes in growing olives and producing top quality extra virgin olive oils. Their olive oil is among the 15 worlds' top olive oils.

Overnight in Opatija.

*Included: Accommodations at hotel in Opatija*

### Day 5

#### **OPATIJA – PLITVICE**

Situated in a thick forest, Plitvice Lakes are considered to be one of the most beautiful natural phenomena in the world. Sixteen lakes, connected by 92 waterfalls, cascade through its picturesque surrounding. Plitvice Lakes was declared a National Park in 1949. Since 1979, they have been inscribed on the UNESCO List of World Natural Heritage sites. The park's attractions also include several caves and a great variety of flora and fauna.

A guided tour of the park lasts for about three and a half hours, including a boat ride and a walking tour. Join us to enjoy the magic beauty of the lakes and waterfalls, creating spectacular scenery.

Overnight in Plitvice.

*Included: Accommodations at hotel in Plitvice*

### Day 6

#### **PLITVICE - ZAGREB**

Morning departure to Zagreb. Discover why Zagreb is recognized as one of the most vibrant and popular tourist destinations in Central-Eastern Europe.

Depart from the Ban Jelacic Square nearby the Cathedral. You'll experience a sightseeing tour through the city with a guide that includes the Lotrščak tower, Klovičevi Dvori, Strossmayer promenade, Stone gate, Bloody Bridge Street, and many other highlights of this town.