

9 to 26 May 2018 (17-days) Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina & Montenegro
Ground Trip Cost Rm7,000 (per pax for group of 12 pax) & Rm6,650 (per pax for group over 13 to 18pax)
Based on Eur1.00 = Rm4.96 Cost will be adjusted accordingly depending on rate in April 2018

Update 10 Nov 2017 Flight bookings is confirmed with **Qatar Airways**. Some members have taken advantage of Qatar online 3 for 2 promo ending today to purchase individual tickets. We will update rest of trip members for next possible Qatar flight promotions.

Update 4 July 2017 Ground trip cost includes one domestic flight Split to Zagreb of **Rm250**. Note that flight fares & airport taxes are not included in the Trip Cost as we await for more airlines to release their flight schedule for May 2018. We may opt for lower cost PROMO fares as was done on past trips. Today Online Qatar flight fares & airport taxes is about RM3,902. Those interested in extending their stay to Slovenia or Budapest after Zagreb, do let us know.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fussy-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun !



Waterfalls at Plitvice National Park / View of Kotor old town

This will be a [backpack experience using a mix of local taxis, chartered bus and local trams/metros in some cities](#). **Croatia** is an expensive destination and we are visiting during the shoulder peak months. We stay in pensions and hostels in rooms, **some private and some shared bath ranging from 2 to 4 pax sharing room**. It is very important participants are able to manage their own luggage and we suggest backpacks. As usual, you pay for your own meals, entrance fees, within-the-town taxis/trams and other activities, unless stated otherwise.

Day 0 Plane:: Assemble in KLIA by **1145PM 9 May 2018 Wednesday**

Day 1 Zagreb : We take Qatar Airways **QR853 0255 10 May** arriving Doha **0525AM**. Transit 1:55hr before reconnecting on **QR217 0720 1215 noon**. After check-in, we are free to wander around Zagreb's old town square and enjoy the many good inexpensive meals. Overnight (O/N) Zagreb

Day 2 Plitvice National Park & Bihac (D): Our chartered bus takes us to UNESCO **Plitvice Lakes National Park** 137km 2:30hr and we spend a good part of the day wandering around Europe's answer to China's Jiuzhaiguo. The Park has many walking trails to enjoy. Members can buy lunch inside park or bring along packed lunch to enjoy enroute. Entrance fees 110 kunas (Rm75) is payable. After we finish, we hop across the Croatia/Bosnia border into Bihac 22km 1hr away. O/N Bihac homestay with dinner provided.

Day 3 Bihac (B/D): Optional morning white water rafting trip on famed Una river, cost Euro40. In the afternoon members have option to chill out at our homestay or embark on short hill walks. Second night in Bihac with breakfast & dinner included.



Day 4 Travnik & Sarajevo (B): After breakfast, our chartered bus takes us to medieval town of **Travnik**, some 4hr away. The local market is busy with a good mix of multi-religious Bosnians going about their business in this small town place for lunch, trout meals recommended. Members have option to walk up to the medieval Turkish castle, which was the seat of the 77 Turkish viziers who ruled Bosnia for 150 years. Later, we move on to **Sarajevo** 90 km 2hr. Sarajevo is the capital & largest city of Bosnia Herzegovina. O/N Sarajevo.

Day 5 Sarajevo: Walking distance from our guesthouse is the Turkish Bazaar called the Bascarsija (Turkish Quarter). We organise a half day walking tour with a local English speaking guide. The city is famous for its cultural and religious diversity. Rest of afternoon free & easy. Members have option to visit Vrelo Brosne 12km away with public transport at own costs. The walk there is a tree-lined road/path of 3km that leads to a series of natural springs and streams and a good-sized park, full of locals enjoying the sun. Second night Sarajevo.

Day 6 Mostar: We proceed to **Mostar** 127km away with chartered bus 3hr through some spectacular scenery along Neretva River and mountainscape carved by the river. After check-in, we have a guided tour of Mostar with a local guide. Rest of afternoon free to wander the small town, home to several important Ottoman mosques and old Turkish houses which survived the last Bosnian War. The famous landmark of Mostar is the Old Bridge, a UNESCO Heritage site and venue for the annual diving competition during summer. O/N Mostar.



Mostar Old Bridge / Group at Sarajevo

Day 7 Zabljak : We charter a bus to cross border into Montenegro towards **Durmitor National Park**. The park is a UNESCO site and home to Tara river canyon, one of the world's deepest river canyon. Along the way, we stop at historic site of Pocitelj with option to climb up the old fort walls. Overnight in Zabljak, closest town to Durmitor NP.

Day 8 Durmitor NP : Durmitor NP is famous for its 18 glacial lakes and enormous Durmitor Massif. We will spend the day exploring Black Lake, the park's largest lake and walking one of the many mountain trails, with self-prepared picnic lunches. Second night in Zabljak.

Day 9 Kotor: Morning chartered bus to coastal town **Kotor** 3-4hr away through spectacular mountain roads and views of Tara and Moraca river. Along the way, we stop by Moraca Monastery to have a look at a Orthodox monastery. Further on, we take the longer but more scenic Lovcen National Park route, entry fees covered. We arrive in UNESCO Heritage site of Kotor late evening. Kotor has one of best preserved medieval old town in the Adriatic located at the most southern fjord in Europe. Rest of the day free to wander the small Old Town filled with ancient churches and buildings. O/N Kotor.

Day 10 Dubrovnik : Early morning, members can trek up the hill towards Castle of St John for breathtaking views of the Bay of Kotor and the old town below. Our chartered bus brings us 3hr north back into Croatia towards **Dubrovnik** along the beautiful coastline. This is Croatia's top tourist attraction, with its walled old city, wonderful churches and medieval buildings. Another UNESCO Heritage site, Dubrovnik is beautifully located on a rocky coastline and houses numerous restaurants and shops, amidst the living quarters of the locals. O/N Dubrovnik for next 2 nights

Day 11 Dubrovnik: We have a full day exploring Dubrovnik on foot. This include walking the tops of the city walls encircling Dubrovnik in an irregular polygon, making Dubrovnik one of the best preserved medieval walled cities in the worlds. Spend rest of the day wandering the old town filled with churches, monasteries, palaces, fountains and plenty of cafes and restaurants to soak up the local atmosphere. Members have option to take the cable car up to Srd Hill for awesome panoramic view of the town or walk up about 1 hr. Alternatively take a regular shuttle boat to nearby Lokrum island for some short walks and swimming. Second night Dubrovnik.



Dubrovnik, one of the beautiful UNESCO town

Day 12 Split-Ferry Hvar Island: Early morning, we take the regular local bus towards **Split** 4hr, located along the Dalmatian coast. Upon arrival at Split, we drop our main luggage at port of Split and take the 2:00pm catamaran 1hr towards **Hvar Village**. After check-in, members have option to stroll around the small island and swim in one of the many quiet coves. Option of hiring car or scooter to explore the island. O/N Hvar Island

Day 13 Hvar Island-Split: Morning 1hr catamaran brings us back to Split, which is Croatia's second largest city, and was once a retreat for the Roman emperors. The Roman Emperor Diocletian, built his Palace here which has now been enlisted as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Option to join a local guided tour. Or simply get lost wandering inside the Palace grounds with many narrow streets filled with shops, restaurants and cafes. O/N Split

Day 14 Split-Fly Zagreb: Rest of morning free & easy in Split. We take evening internal flight with Croatia Airlines to **Zagreb**. O/N Zagreb.

Day 15 Zagreb: We have a full day to explore Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia filled with plenty of cathedrals, museums, art galleries, restaurants and cafes. Members can start the morning at the city's local market and famous Mirogoj Cemetery before escaping the hot afternoon at nearby Maksimir Park. Optional visit to Ljubljana, capital city of Slovenia located about 2hours from Zagreb (allow extra time for immigration checks at border) by public bus or private van transfer. O/N Zagreb.

Day 16 Plane: After breakfast, we transfer to airport for Qatar Airways **QR218 1850PM 25 May** to Doha.

Day 17 Home: Arrive Doha **0100AM** transit 1:50hr before QR848 at **0250AM** to KLIA, landing at **1515PM 26 May 2018 SATURDAY**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover Split to Zagreb domestic airfare, accommodation and traveling to sites mentioned above.
2. Accommodations will be in doubles, triples or quads with private/shared bath as stated above, in self-catering apartments, hostels and guesthouses. Meals provided with accommodation in the places mentioned above.
3. Flight fare and airport taxes are not include in the trip ground cost above.
4. Not covered are meals (Rm70 x 16 day = Rm1,120), entrance fees and optional activities like Bihac river rafting. In-town trams metro are not covered except for transfers to and from train/bus stations to our place of stay. In some places, we have kitchen facilities for self catered meals to save cost.
5. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and/or airfares. Ground costs calculated based on Eur1.00 = MYR4.96
6. A deposit of **Rm1050** will be payable to confirm your place.
7. We may quickly call in more deposits to buy lower PROMO fares either online or through ticketing agent.

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