



# CROATIA MONTENEGRO BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA +TRANSYLVANIA



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## *TRIP SUMMARY*

Base Cost	Total	Monthly
(LO)Land Only (Must Purchase Your Own Flight)	\$ 2850.00	\$200 Deposit + 12 Payments of \$220.83
<b>Trip Dates</b>		
July 15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021 (July 25 <sup>th</sup> w/ Extension)		
<b>Included in Base Cost</b>		
8 Day Double Occupancy Hotel Stay (Twin Bed)	Host Dinner	
All City Taxes	Daily Breakfast	
Airport Transfers	The Highly-Coveted AAT T-Shirt	
Half Day Tour of Trogir w/Lunch	Ongoing Support of the AAT staff	
Half Day visit to Krka National Park	Onsite Photographer + Low-Def Photos	
Half Day Tour of Dubrovnik w/ Lunch	Trip Highlight Video	
Transfers from Split to Dubrovnik		
Add-ons and Upgrade	Total	Monthly
Single Room Upgrade	\$ 1350.00	\$ 112.50
Hvar Island-Bisevo-Blue Cave w/ Lunch	TBD	TBD
Bosnia and Herzegovina Day Tour w/ Lunch	\$ 190.00	\$ 15.83
Montenegro Day Tour w/ Lunch	\$ 215.00	\$ 17.92
Transylvania Extension – Shared Occupancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Night in Croatia</li> <li>• One Way Flight Croatia To Bucharest</li> <li>• 2 Nights in Bucharest</li> <li>• Half Day Tour of Bucharest w/ Lunch</li> <li>• Day Tour of Transylvania w/ Lunch</li> <li>• All Transfers</li> </ul>	\$ 1575.00	\$ 131.25
Transylvania Extension – Single Occupancy	\$ 1950.00	\$ 162.50

### Payment Arrangements

- Your deposit is reduced to \$100 is made by July 18<sup>th</sup> using the coupon code “Eurotrip8”
- Your first monthly payment will be collected 30 days after your deposit is made or by July 30<sup>th</sup> whichever comes first. Each of the subsequent payments will be collected every 30 days until June 30<sup>th</sup> for a total of 12 payments

### Refund Policy

- Your deposit is fully refundable for 15 days after it has been paid, or until June 30<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first. After June 30<sup>th</sup> 50% of your deposit can be applied to a future trip within a year's time of this trip being cancelled.
- Each monthly payment, except the final payment, becomes non-refundable 30 days after the due date for that payment.
- The trip becomes 100% non-refundable on/after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- All trips are non-transferrable
- Refunds can take up to 30 days from the date it is requested.
- In the event we are not able to visit our main desired destination (Croatia) for any reason, this trip will be postponed to a later date(s). If you are unable to attend the new dates, we will offer you the option to go anytime on your own. Any request to cancel under this circumstance will abide by our above refund/cancellation policy.
- Travel/Cancellation insurance is highly recommended for ALL AAT trips. Please contact an AAT rep for assistance in getting you a quote.

# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## About AAT

### Detailed Itinerary to be Distributed Upon Receipt of First Monthly Payment

To ensure an intimate and uninvaded experience for our travelers, certain details such as airline names, departure times, hotels and our preparation tips will be withheld until the first monthly payment is received.

### All Details Are Tentative!

Despite the countless hours invested into planning this trip, the circumstance may arise where we must make changes. For example, maybe we might find out that our hotel isn't up to AAT standard or maybe our airline may go belly up bankrupt (this has actually happened)! Whatever occurs we will do everything in our powers to ensure the trip goes on as planned. And if we do have to make a change, that change will result in you going on a trip that is equal or greater than the value of what you originally paid!

### Traveling Alone?

While the option is there for you to get a single occupancy room if you choose, by no means do you have to select it if traveling alone. We understand that the extra money spent in getting your own room, takes away from the money available to you to splurge on the streets of Croatia.

For that reason, we extend each traveler the option of having us pair you with a suitable roommate for no additional cost. Roommates are paired based upon the answers to their personality questions on their registration form, as well as their ages and even astrological signs. At least 2 months before departure you will be given the contact information of your roommate, giving each of you the opportunity to get properly acquainted.

### The Land Package

The Land Package option is for those travelers outside of the New York area that may want to join us. Selecting this option means that you will have to purchase your own flight to meet us in Croatia!

If you select this option, you will have to purchase your flight no later than March 2021

### The "Tell-A-Friend" Discount

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our trip but isn't a member of AAT? Here is your chance to save a little money while bringing them on a trip of a lifetime!

For every traveler that you refer to our trip, you can subtract \$50 from the cost of your trip. There is no limit to the amount of people you can bring if that person has not already traveled with AAT. Be sure to tell your friend to enter your name in the registration form under "How did you hear about this trip?"

Your \$50 discount will be put back on your card once you and your referral have paid in full.

### The "Thank You to All Medical Staff & First Responders" Discount

At the time of writing this, we are enduring what is certain to be labeled as the most challenging period of our lifetimes. While this situation has forced us all to make sacrifices, none of us has made a greater sacrifice than medical staff and first responders that have been tasked with being our lifesavers in the face of complete uncertainty. When this is all behind us, we will owe to it you for getting us to better days.

As a token of our appreciation we would like to extend to all our many customers that are first responders or work in Medicine a \$100 discount off any single trip you book in the year of 2020.

To claim your discount, simply indicate in our registration form your occupation and follow up by emailing us a work ID or any work credentials.

Your discount will be returned to you after all payments are collected!



## About Croatia

### Entry Requirements

#### **PASSPORT:**

You must have a U.S. passport valid 3 months after the planned date of departure with 1 blank page is required for an entry stamp.

#### **VISA:**

No visa is required.

### Shots/Vaccines

None

### Weather

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F.

## About Montenegro

### Entry Requirements

#### **PASSPORT:**

You must have a U.S. passport valid 3 months after the planned date of departure with 1 blank page is required for an entry stamp.

#### **VISA:**

No visa is required.

### Shots/Vaccines

None

### Weather

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F.

## About Bosnia and Herzegovina

### Entry Requirements

#### **PASSPORT:**

You must have a U.S. passport valid 3 months after the planned date of departure with 1 blank page is required for an entry stamp.

#### **VISA:**

No visa is required.

### Shots/Vaccines

None

### Weather

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F.

## About Romania (Transylvania)

### Entry Requirements

#### **PASSPORT:**

You must have a U.S. passport valid 3 months after the planned date of departure with 1 blank page is required for an entry stamp.

#### **VISA:**

No visa is required.

### Shots/Vaccines

None

### Weather

Daily high temperatures are around 82°F, rarely falling below 75°F.

## THE ITINERARY

### Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Montenegro

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2021**

	Arrive in Split, Croatia (SPU)
	Transfer to <b>Split. Hotel</b>
8:00 PM	Host Dinner

**Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

9:00 AM	Depart for Split & Trogir tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diocletian's Palace</li> <li>• The Peristyle</li> <li>• Temple of Jupiter</li> </ul>
12:00 PM	Break for Lunch (Included)
1:00 PM	Depart for Krka National Park
7:00 PM	Return to the hotel

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Free Time	<b>Boat Tour of Hvar &amp; Blue Cave</b>	
	8:00 AM	Depart for boat tour of Hvar & Blue Cave
	6:00 PM	Return to Hotel

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

9:00 AM	Checkout of Hotel/Depart for Dubrovnik	3h Drive
12:00 PM	Break For Lunch	
1:00 PM	Old City Walking Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vector's Palace</li> <li>• Mt Srd Cable Car</li> </ul>	
5:00 PM	Check into Dubrovnik Hotel	

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Free Time	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina Tour</b>	
	8:00 AM	Depart for Bosnia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pocitelj</li> <li>• Medjugorje</li> <li>• Mostar</li> </ul>
	7:00 PM	Return to Hotel

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Free Time	<b>Montenegro Tour</b>	
	8:00 AM	Depart for Montenegro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Konvale</li> <li>• Bay of Kotor</li> <li>• Our Lady of Rocks Boat Ride</li> <li>• Perast</li> </ul>
	7:00 PM	Return to Hotel

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Free Time

**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

12:00 PM	Checkout of Dubrovnik Hotel
	Depart from Dubrovnik (DBV)

### 3 Day Transylvania Extension

Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

2:00 AM	Checkout of Hotel	
6:15 AM	Depart for Zagreb via Croatia Airlines Flight OU661	55m Flight
7:10 AM	Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia	1h 30m Layover
8:40 AM	Depart for Bucharest, Romania	1h 50m Flight
11:30 AM	Arrive in Bucharest, Romania	
12:30 PM	Break For Lunch (Included)	
1:00 PM	Begin Half Day Tour of Bucharest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palace of Parliament</li> <li>• The Royal Palace</li> <li>• Revolution Square</li> <li>• Old Town</li> </ul>	
6:00 PM	Check into Bucharest Hotel	

Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

7:00 AM	Depart for Transylvania Tour w/ Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peles Castle</li> <li>• Bran Castle (Dracula's Castle)</li> </ul>	
7:00 PM	Return to Hotel	

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

12:00 PM	Checkout of Hotel	
	Transfer to Airport	

## IN DEPTH

### Split



Split is the second-largest city of Croatia, but it remains one of the Adriatic's most vibrant port cities, stunningly located between mountains and sea. As the economic and cultural center of the Dalmatian coast. It was the Romans who put Split on the map when Emperor Diocletian built his retirement palace here in the 4th century. Diocletian's Palace is more like a walled town and it has endured as the center of Split's cultural and political life even as the Byzantines, Croatian kings, Venetians, Austrians and Italians planted their flag on the great city. In addition to enclosing a welter of Roman ruins and medieval churches, the sprawling 4th century residence is also bursting with trendy shops, stylish bars, and brand-name boutiques.

### Trogir

Gorgeous Trogir is set within medieval walls on a tiny island, linked by bridges to both the mainland and to the far larger Čiovo Island. On summer nights everyone gravitates to the wide seaside promenade lined with bars, cafes and yachts, leaving the knotted, mazelike marble streets gleaming mysteriously under old-fashioned streetlights. The old town has retained many intact and beautiful buildings from its age of glory between the 13th and 15th centuries like Cathedral of St. Lawrence houses the Renaissance Chapel of St. John and offers sweeping views from its bell tower. In 1997 its profuse collection of Romanesque and Renaissance buildings earned it World Heritage status.



### Krka National Park



The national park is a vast and primarily unaltered area of exceptional natural value, including one or more preserved or insignificantly altered ecosystems. The purpose of the park is primarily to serve science, culture, education and recreation. Including the submerged part of the river at the mouth, the Krka River is 72.5 km long, making it the 22nd longest river in Croatia. It springs in the foothills of the Dinara mountain range, 2.5 km northeast of Knin with seven waterfalls.



## Hvar

Hvar's major features is sunshine. Hvar island boasts 2718 hours of sunshine a year, making it Croatia's sunniest island. This is the destination of choice for partiers from all corners of the world, but the northern coastal towns of Stari Grad and Jelsa are far more subdued and low-key. Hvar's interior hides abandoned ancient hamlets, craggy peaks, vineyards and the lavender fields that the island is famous for.



## Blue Cave



The Blue cave is located in the small bay of Balun on the island of Biševo. It is 24 m long, 10-12 meters wide, 15 inches tall and 16 m deep. The entrance to the cave is about 1.5 m high. The cave has two openings, one smaller, one artificially deepened, through which the boat can pass. The underwater canopy through the cave floods the sunlight, which passing through the water, first disappears, and then falls from the bottom of the cave, filling the entire cave with a luminous blue light while objects beneath the surface shimmer in silver and pink.

## Dubrovnik Old Town

Although the shelling of Dubrovnik in 1991 horrified the world, the city has bounced back with vigor. Old Town and its many sights including the well-preserved city walls that are 1940 meters long with 6 fortresses Lovrijenac, Revelin, Minčeta, Bokar, St John and St Lucas is one of the top attractions. The Old Town is also famous for Stradun also known as Placa. It is magnificent with all these styles of architecture like Renaissance Sponza Palace, Gothic Rector's Palace which is a history museum now and Baroque.



### Mount Srd Cable Car



Taking the cable car to the top of Mount Srd is a must-do experience in Dubrovnik. At 415 metres above sea level, the views from the top are staggering. On a clear day you can see up to 60km, taking in Lokrum, the Elafiti Islands and a huge sweep of the Dubrovnik coastline. With such a birds-eye view of potential invaders, it's no surprise that there's a fortress on top. Napoleon Bonaparte was the first to spot the defensive potential of Srd hill. He began construction of Fort Imperial or Fort Napoleon in 1806.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina Tour

### Počitelj

In the middle ages, Počitelj was the administrative centre and centre of governance of Dubrava, and its westernmost point, which gave it major strategic importance. It is supposed that the fortified town and its attendant settlements were built by Bosnia's King Stjepan Tvrtko I in 1383. The walled town of Počitelj evolved over the period from the sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries. Architecturally, the surviving stone-built parts of the town are a fortified complex, in which two stages of evolution may be observed: mediaeval, and Ottoman.



### Medjugorje



Medjugorje is a town in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It's been an unofficial place of Catholic pilgrimage since the Virgin Mary allegedly appeared on Apparition Hill in 1981. There is a "Queen of Peace" statue marking the site of the 1st apparition and one in front of the St. James Church

### Mostar

Mostar is the chief city and, historically, the capital of Herzegovina. It is situated in mountainous country along the Neretva River and lies on the Sarajevo-Ploče rail line. First mentioned in 1452, Mostar became a Turkish garrison town in the 16th century. In 1566 the Turks replaced the town's wooden suspension bridge over the Neretva with a stone arch one, whence the name Mostar (from Serbo-Croatian most, "bridge"). This stone bridge had a single arch 90 feet (27 metres) wide and was a masterpiece of Ottoman engineering. In November 1993, during the Bosnian civil war, the bridge was destroyed by artillery fire from Bosnian Croat forces. A major rebuilding project was undertaken to restore the bridge and nearby buildings that had also been damaged; the bridge reopened in 2004.





## Montenegro Tour

### Bay of Kotor



Scattered with photogenic medieval towns admiring their reflections in peacock blue inlets, the compact bay or simply the 'Boka', as it's known in local parlance is stitched together by a series of scenic, serpentine roads, making it easy to explore. Bay can be divided into four main gulfs connected by narrower channels, each of which is worth visiting. The narrowest section at the Verige Strait is only 1115 feet wide. The outermost part of the bay is the Bay of Tivat. At the main entrance to the Adriatic lies the Bay of Herceg Novi. The inner bays are the Bay of Risan to the

northwest and the Bay of Kotor to the southeast. As if determined to prove the 'good things come in small packages' adage, the region crams in everything from island monasteries and show-stopping citadels to adventure sports and extraordinary eateries, where waterfront induce fresh seafood.

### Our Lady of Rocks

The Island Gospa od Skrpjela (Our Lady of the Rocks) is one of two gorgeous islands in the bay of Boka Kotorska, which are situated in the sea across Perast in the Kotor municipality. The other island, which also should be visited, is the Island Sveti Djordje. That island is also called "the island of the dead captains", because according to a legend one French soldier, by shooting from cannon towards Perast, has hit a house of his beloved girl and killed her. That legend was a motive for the master piece "The Island of the Dead" by the Switzerland painter Beklin.



### Konavle



The Konavle region is on the southernmost tip of Croatia, running from Cavtat south to the Montenegrin border. It includes the Konavle valley or Konavosko Range which is protected on the northeast by karstic mountains, of which the highest is Mt Snijeznica (1234m). Konavle is separated from the sea by a chain of lower hills. Most of the land is planted with vineyards and fruit trees. There are 20 villages in Konavle, the largest of which are Cilipi and Grudawhich is the region's administrative capital. All except Cilipi and Gruda are on the slopes of hills or

mountains. The villages contain reminders of Konavle's fascinating history. In the village of Pridvorje is a Ducal palace that recalls the days when wealthy Dubrovnik residents built villas in the region. In the hamlet of Mocici is an ancient temple complex as well as traces of an even earlier Illyrian shrine.

## Half Day Tour of Bucharest

### The Palace of Parliament



The Palace of Parliament is the world's second-largest administrative building (after the Pentagon) and former dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu's most infamous creation. Started in 1984 (and still unfinished), the 330,000-sq-metre building has more than 3000 rooms. Entry is by guided tour only (book ahead). Entry to the palace is from B-dul Națiunilor Unite on the building's northern side (to find it, face the front of the palace from B-dul Unirii and

walk around the building to the right). Bring your passport.

### The Royal Palace

The history of the Royal Palace goes back to the first half of the 19th century when, on the site of the present Royal Palace, there was a building constructed in 1820 by order of Dinicu Golescu. The original building was turned in 1837 into the court of Prince Alexandru Ghica, and, successively, home of Alexandru Ioan Cuza (the first prince of the United Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia) and residence of Prince Carol I. The latter altered the original building, by resorting to the services of two foreign architects, namely, Paul Gottereau and Karl Liman. It was not the first time when Carol I turned to the services of Karl Liman, since the architect also contributed to the building of the Peleş Castle



### Revolution Square



It was here, at around 10:30 on December 21, 1989, that the Nicolae Ceausescu regime began to crumble. A large crowd of well over 100,000 people which had been brought in to dutifully cheer Ceausescu in the time-honored way in fact jeered him – on live television. The dictator's astonished face when he realizes he is being booed is captured on video seconds before transmission is cut and the Romanian revolution begins.

A white marble triangle, with the inscription *Glorie martirilor nostri* (Glory to our martyrs) points (slightly inaccurately) to the low balcony above the entrance of the former Central Committee building (today the Ministry of Internal Affairs) from where Ceausescu held his last public speech. He fled – by helicopter – from the roof of the building late the next morning.



### Old Town Bucharest



Known to most locals as Centru Vechi (the Old Centre), Bucharest's Old Town is defined by the area bordered by the Dambovitza river to the south, Calea Victoriei to the west, Bulevardul Brătianu to the east and Regina Elisabeta to the north. The area is more or less all that's left of pre-World War II Bucharest. What the war didn't destroy (and it destroyed a fair bit: allied bombing was fierce during the early part of 1944) communism did, most notably in the form of the grandiose Civic Centre project that

saw almost a fifth of the total area of the city flattened to make way for Bulevardul Unirii and Casa Poporului. Indeed, that anything survives at all is little short of a miracle.

While much of Bucharest changed beyond recognition after 1989, nothing compared to the transformation of Old Town/Lipscani during the boom years of the late naughties, which saw what was very much a no-go area with almost nothing to offer visitors into one of the Romanian capital's liveliest entertainment districts. Much of that development, however, was ad hoc, as is so often alas the Bucharest way: posh restaurants and trendy clubs opened in buildings which looked as though they may fall down at any moment.

## Transylvania Tour

### Peles Castle



Nestled at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains in the picturesque town of Sinaia, Peles Castle is a masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture, considered by many one of the most stunning castles in Europe.

Commissioned by King Carol I in 1873 and completed in 1883, the castle served as the summer residence of the royal family until 1947. Its 160 rooms are adorned with the finest examples of European art, Murano crystal chandeliers, German stained-glass windows, and Cordoba leather-covered walls.

### Bran (Dracula's) Castle

Surrounded by an aura of mystery and legend and perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to its imposing towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker's Dracula. Built on the site of a Teutonic Knights stronghold dating from 1212, Bran castle was first documented in an act issued on November 19, 1377, giving the Saxons of Kronstadt (Brasov) the privilege to build the Citadel.





Although Stoker never visited Transylvania, the Irish author relied on research and his vivid imagination to create the dark and intimidating stomping ground of Count Dracula, leading to persistent myths that it was once the home of Vlad Tepes, ruler of Walachia. While the association with Dracula is sketchy at best, the castle continues to hold a strong attraction for all fans of the Count.



From 1920 to 1948 Bran served as royal residence, a gift of the people of Brasov to Queen Marie of Romania. The castle is now a museum open to tourists, displaying art and furniture collected by Queen Marie. Narrow winding stairways lead through some 60 timbered rooms, many connected by underground passages, which house collections of furniture, weapons and armor dating from the 14th to the 19th centuries. The castle overlooks the picturesque village of Bran, which offers an open-air Ethnographic Museum consisting of old local-style village houses complete with furniture, household objects and costumes.

## ACCOMODATIONS

### Split Hotel (\*\*\*\*)



A step away from magnificent beaches, [redacted] makes no bones about offering you one of the most luxurious bases from which to explore the stunning Adriatic coast. Overlooking the magnificent Adriatic Sea and the Dalmatian Islands, our resort is designed to the highest standards offering rooms with balconies and great views of the sea. Our resort features 252 elegant guest rooms and suites, all with Free high-speed wireless internet. In our 3 restaurants you can

enjoy our super breakfast buffet, Dalmatian cuisine, international cuisine and Mediterranean cuisine beachside. Relax at our spa, enjoy the private beach, or float in one of our pristine swimming pools. Our resort also makes a memorable event venue for conferences and weddings with 8 meeting rooms and an elegant seaside deck for grand outdoor events.

### Dubrovnik Hotel (\*\*\*\*)

Just a few minutes' drive from the beauty and bustle of the World Heritage Site of Dubrovnik lies new [redacted], an oasis of calm and a gem of contemporary architecture. Wrapped in lush gardens running right down to the beach and with fabulous views across the sea, this 240-room and 11-suite resort is all about bringing people together. It is intimate enough for couples, spacious enough for families, and, with 1500 m<sup>2</sup> of state-of-the-art conference facilities, an appropriate location for international conferences.



### Bucharest Hotel (\*\*\*\*)



This 4-star hotel is located directly on the Victoriei Boulevard, close to the University of Bucharest and Cismigiu Park. It offers free access to the wellness center and indoor pool with artificial waves, steam room and fitness area. Free Wi-Fi access is provided across the premises.

The on-site [redacted] Restaurant pairs regional-inspired cuisine with a wide selection of Romanian and international wines, in a vibrant and sophisticated setting. The property is nonsmoking throughout.

In the vicinity you will find Bucharest's historical center and the popular Lipsani Street with a choice of bars, restaurants and themed cafes. Piata Universitatii Metro Station is a 2-minute walk away and the Railway Station is 10 minutes on foot from the [redacted].

