

Discover Croatia

featuring Oberammergau's Passion Play and Medjugorje

Highlights...

Oberammergau • Passion Play • Bled • Pletna Boat Ride • Split • Diocletian Palace • Medjugorje • Dubrovnik • Korcula Island • Wine Tasting • Plitvice Lakes National Park

12 Days • 18 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 7 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Spend three nights in Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic.”
- ★ Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes at Croatia’s Plitvice Lakes National Park.
- ★ Walk in the footsteps of Marco Polo as you explore the medieval city of Korcula.
- ★ Discover the magnificence of the ancient Roman Palace of Diocletian.
- ★ Follow the path up Apparition Hill in Medjugorje where the six young visionaries first encountered the Virgin Mary in 1981.
- ★ Visit 4 of the area's most beautiful countries: Germany, Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join Collette and explore the hidden treasures and wonders of Croatia and Slovenia. Filled with medieval architecture, tranquil lakes and rolling green hills, this is one of today’s “must see” destinations. In addition, travel to the Bavarian village of Oberammergau for an unforgettable performance of the Passion Play. An amazing journey awaits you as you depart on your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Arrive Bavaria, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in beautiful southern Bavaria. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Oberammergau - Passion Play

The morning is at leisure for you to independently explore the village. ★**This afternoon, witness a performance of the Passion Play.**★ The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Oberammergau - Bled, Slovenia

★**LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:**★ Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. This morning, depart for beautiful Bled, Slovenia, your home for the next two evenings. After arriving in Bled, the remainder of the day is at leisure. If you are lucky, you may catch a spectacular sunset over the tranquil blue waters of Lake Bled with the majestic Julian Alps as a backdrop. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Bled

Today you explore Bled from the water. ★**Enjoy the old-world charm of taking a “pletna” boat to the island on the lake to visit the 17th century cathedral, St. Mary’s Church, and the “wishing bell”.**★ The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore charming Bled on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Bled - Split, Croatia

After breakfast, travel to the ancient city of Split. ★**Experience Split’s impressive Roman Palace of Diocletian, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site.**★ In addition, you will see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the winding streets of the old city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Split - Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Dubrovnik, Croatia

This morning, travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina and the small parish of Medjugorje. On a locally guided tour, take in the beauty of the stone statue of the Queen of Peace by sculptor Dino Felici that stands before the entrance to the church grounds. Visit and pray before the “Blue Cross”, a place of great healing and grace at the base of Apparition Hill. If you choose to ascend Apparition Hill*, you can pray before the cross that commemorates the spot where the Virgin Mary first appeared to the visionaries. You may also choose to ascend Cross Mountain*, the hill above Medjugorje, and the place where parishioners erected a cross to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Jesus’ death. Later, arrive in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Dubrovnik - Korcula - Dubrovnik

Your first stop today is the birthplace and childhood home of Marco Polo, the island of Korcula. Upon arrival in the city of Orebic, take a short cruise to the city of Korcula where history lives. Walk in the footsteps of Marco Polo as you explore the streets that lead to the Venetian-influenced Cathedral Square. ★**Later, travel through one of Croatia’s finest wine producing areas, the Peljesac region, where you have the opportunity to sample some locally produced varieties.**★ *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Dubrovnik

Join an expert local guide on a tour of “Old Dubrovnik”, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe’s oldest pharmacy lies; Rector’s Palace; the City Walls; and many more historical sites. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this fascinating city. ★**This evening, travel to the culturally-rich Konavle region and join your fellow travelers for a home-hosted dinner. While visiting with your host family you will learn about life in the Croatian countryside and enjoy a discussion on the unique traditional clothing worn in the region. Costumed staff will serve you a culinary feast prepared in the customary way of their ancestors.**★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Dubrovnik - Plitvice Lakes

You begin your day very early by travelling to Croatia’s most beautiful national park, Plitvice Lakes, an integral part of UNESCO World Heritage. ★**Enjoy awe-inspiring scenery as you travel through this natural phenomenon of sixteen terraced lakes surrounded by forests and thick vegetation. Each lake is connected by a series of waterfalls and free flowing cascades.**★ A cruise on the lake takes you into the heart of this natural wonder where pristine clear waters reveal the underwater life that inhabits the lake. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Plitvice Lakes - Zagreb

Today you journey to the majestic capital of Croatia, Zagreb. Upon arrival, join a local guide for a city tour featuring Zagreb's Old City and experience such sights as the majestic cathedral, St. Mark's Church and the Opera House. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Today breakfast will be included.

Experience It!

The Apparitions of Medjugorje

On June 24, 1981, six young people from the village of Bijakovici in the parish of Medjugorje, claimed to have seen an apparition, a white form with a child in her arms, on the hill called Crnica (currently known as Apparition Hill). They identified her as the Blessed Virgin Mary; however, the children were scared and they did not approach the apparition. The next day, four of these children felt strongly drawn to the same place they had seen the Blessed Mother the evening before. Two additional children joined them this day and again they saw the vision of Mary. This time they prayed with her and thus began the Our Lady Queen of Peace's messages of peace, faith, conversion, prayer and fasting. Although much older now, the group of six visionaries still receive messages, some daily, and some annually on the anniversary of the apparitions, June 25. Since the original apparition, Medjugorje has become one of the most visited Marian shrines in the entire world.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Munich Regional Hotel
Day 3	Oberammergau Regional Hotel, Oberammergau Region
Days 4, 5	Golf Hotel Bled, Bled
Day 6	Hotel President, Split
Days 7 – 9	Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik or Dubrovnik President Hotel, Dubrovnik
Day 10	Hotel Jezero
Day 11	The Westin Zagreb, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Oberammergau

Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

*The terrain on the ascent of Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain is rocky and uneven. It is a strenuous climb and should only be attempted by those in excellent physical condition.

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to secure single accommodations it is highly recommended that you book early. Also, triple and child rates are not available.

At Collette, we pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

All tours will be subject to the finalization of play tickets. In the event that Collette cancels the tour, you will be refunded 100%.

Due to flight restrictions, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

PAYMENTS:

A per person deposit of \$1,500 Per Person is due with passenger names. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: For Oberammergau: Deposits are non-refundable; A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For

cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of cancellation. This air ticket is covered by Collette's travel protection plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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