



Choral Union

CROATIA

*Companion
Tour*



Proposal by



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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CHORAL UNION COMPANION TOUR OF CROATIA

JUNE 26

DUBROVNIK

Individual arrival to Dubrovnik airport.
Check into the hotel for a Welcome Dinner.
Overnight in Dubrovnik, the Pearl of the Adriatic.



JUNE 27

DUBROVNIK TOUR/CONCERT

This morning's walking tour takes you to the Rector's Palace, the Dominican Monastery housing a rich collection of medieval paintings, and other intriguing sites. Spend the afternoon on your own and enjoy the splendid view from the Old City Walls. **Attend the PLU Choral Union performance this evening in the Rector's Palace or the Cathedral.** Overnight in Dubrovnik.

JUNE 28

DUBROVNIK

Enjoy a free day in Dubrovnik or take an optional excursion to Montenegro.
Overnight in Dubrovnik.

JUNE 29

STON

After breakfast in the hotel, check out and board your private coach for Korčula with a stop in the town of Ston for a sightseeing tour of this centuries-old bastion of salt. A 12-kilometer wall (the world's second longest wall after the Wall of China) connects two fortified cities. Enjoy a snack before continuing via ferry to Korčula, the sixth largest island of Croatia, known for its dense woods. Be sure to watch the traditional Moreška sword dance in the Old Town. Overnight in Korčula.



JUNE 30

KORČULA/CONCERT

Enjoy a city tour of Korčula, also known as “Little Dubrovnik” because of its medieval squares, churches, palaces and houses. Tradition is alive on Korčula, with age-old religious ceremonies, folk music and dances still being performed. Both the sword dance and the *klapa* style of male quartet singing originated here. One highlight of your tour is Marco Polo’s birthplace. **Attend the PLU Choral Union’s concert performance this evening.** Overnight Korčula.



JULY 1

HVAR

Check out of your hotel and take the ferry to the island of Hvar, one of the most popular destinations in Croatia thanks to its sunny days, beautiful surroundings, and preserved history. Overnight in Hvar.

JULY 2

HVAR/CONCERT

Enjoy a tour of Hvar island. The town of Stari Grad is the oldest town in Croatia. Use your free time this afternoon to search out Agava lace, a rare UNESCO treasure made by Benedictine nuns only in the town of Hvar. Or, spend time at the water and discover why the island is considered a beach paradise.

This evening **attend a performance of the PLU Choral Union as part of the 59th Hvar Summer Festival.** Overnight in Hvar.



JULY 3

SPLIT

Check out of your hotel this morning and depart by ferry for Split, the largest city on the Adriatic, also known as “the Mediterranean Flower.” On arrival, tour the UNESCO protected city center within the walls of the Diocletian Palace. Built in the third century for the retired Roman Emperor, the palace is a labyrinth of preserved Roman monuments, medieval streets, and modern life. Overnight in Split.



JULY 4

SPLIT/CONCERT

Spend the day discovering Split on your own. With its stunning location between the sea and the mountains, its no wonder the locals love to spend their time outdoors. Split is also a vibrant city port and transportation hub with lots of activity. Travel this afternoon to Trogir. **Gather this evening for the PLU Choral Union concert performance in Trogir Cathedral or a nearby town.** Return to Split for overnight.



JULY 5

PRIMOŠTEN

Today's excursion is to Primošten, one of the most photogenic spots on the Adriatic coast. The town itself is an outdoor museum. Follow the main path around the peninsula and find the perfect spot for a coffee break. Return to Split for overnight.



JULY 6

PLITVICE LAKES

Check out of your hotel and transfer to the town of Pula with a stop at the Plitvice Lakes National Park. Founded in 1949, it is the oldest national park in Southern Europe. The park is a series of lakes, waterfalls and caves, with spectacular flora and fauna throughout. Your journey will include foot bridges, boats and buses. Take a rest between lakes at a charming cafe. Continue to Pula. Located beneath seven hills and with views of the Adriatic, Pula's unspoiled natural surroundings are magical. Overnight in Pula.



JULY 7 ISTRIA TOUR

Your day long Istrian coach tour begins at nearby Lim Fjord. This geographic wonder features ancient cave dwellings along its canyon walls. Continue north to Poreč, also known as Mosaic City. Tour the famed Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the only complete landmark in the world preserved from the early-Christian period. Journey to charming Rovinj, and return to Pula. Tour the many ancient Roman buildings, including the well preserved, magnificent amphitheater. Overnight in Pula.



JULY 8 PULA/FINAL CONCERT

Enjoy a free day in Pula. In addition to the wealth of Roman architecture, Pula is a lively commercial city on the sea that has managed to retain a friendly small-town appeal. You'll find plenty of sites, museums, shopping and cafes to explore. Just a short bus ride away, idyllic beaches await. Nearby Premantura Peninsula hides a spectacular nature park, the protected cape of Kamenjak.

This evening attend the final concert of the PLU Choral Union as part of the 59th Concerts in the Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč followed by a Farewell Dinner. Return to Pula for overnight.



JULY 9 DEPART FOR HOME

End of tour. Individual departure to the airport.

