



# 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 Kompas 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 Hotel Kompas, Dubrovnik.

JUNE 28

## DUBROVNIK

Enjoy a free day in Dubrovnik or take an optional excursion to Montenegro, a Balkan country with striking highlands, bays overlooking Adriatic, Venitian villages, and walled cities. Overnight in Hotel Kompas, Dubrovnik.

JUNE 29

## KORČULA/CONCERT

After breakfast in the hotel, check out and board your private coach for Korčula, the sixth largest island of Croatia, known for its dense woods. Arrive via a short boat ride from Oerbic to Domince. Both the sword dance and the *klapa* style of male quartet singing originated here.

This evening, **attend the PLU Choral Union's concert performance this evening at the Cathedral of St. Mark.** Overnight in Hotel Port 9, Korčula.





JUNE 30

## KORČULA

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. One highlight of your tour is Marco Polo’s birthplace. Be sure to watch the traditional Moreška sword dance in the Old Town. Overnight at Hotel Port 9, 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 at Hotel Pharos, 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 at St. Stephen’s Church as part of the 59th Hvar Summer Festival (TBC). Overnight at Hotel Pharos, 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.” Your journey includes a ferry ride from Stari Grad to Split. Overnight at Hotel President, Split.



JULY 4

## SPLIT/CONCERT

This morning, 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. Attend a performance of the PLU Choral Union in Trogir Cathedral. Overnight at Hotel President, Split.

## JULY 5 SPLIT

Spend the day discovering Split on your own. With its stunning location between the sea and the mountains, it's no wonder the locals love to spend their time outdoors. Split is also a vibrant city port and transportation hub with lots of activity. Overnight at Hotel President, Split.



## 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 Park Plaza Arena Hotel, Pula.

## JULY 7 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 Porec followed by a Farewell Dinner.** Return to Park Plaza Arena Hotel, Pula for overnight.





## JULY 8 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 at Park Plaza Arena Hotel, Pula.



## JULY 9 DEPART FOR HOME

End of tour. Individual departure to the airport.

