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Croatia & Slovenia Nature Discovery

Explore the Adriatic Coast & Julian Alps on a Unique & Intimate Itinerary



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Trip Details:

Days

9 Days /
May-Sep

Price

From \$9995

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Discover little-known corners of Europe on an intimate nature journey through two diverse Balkan countries. The Dinaric and Julian Alps rise above rugged seacoast and glacier-carved lakes, their karst expanse riddled with caves, gorges, waterfalls and crystalline rivers. Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, speckled with a thousand islands and reefs, offers idyllic Mediterranean scenery. On a private boat cruise in the Adriatic Sea, view a colony of rare griffon vultures on the island of Cres, and admire rocky headlands, turquoise bays and red-roofed villages that cascade to the sea. In Slovenia, ride a cable car to the top of Triglav National Park and wander trails through alpine meadows dotted with wildflowers. Cultural heritage is a rich part of this trip, too, as we visit ancient Roman sites and traditional farms continuing sustainable artisan production of wine, honey and cheese.

Trip Highlights

Explore a dramatic limestone wonderland spanning two countries, an unspoiled mountain region where wildflowers, waterfalls and butterflies abound

On a private boat cruise among less-visited isles off Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, visit a reserve protecting endangered griffon vultures on the island of Cres

On behind-the-scenes interactions with local artisans, meet beekeepers, cheesemakers, vintners, truffle hunters and olive oil producers, and taste their fine fare



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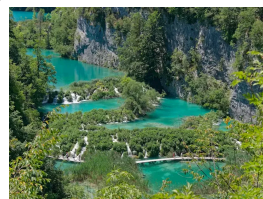
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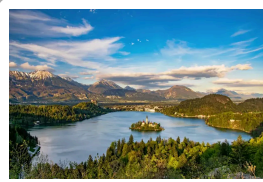
Croatia & Slovenia Nature Discovery Itineraries

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2026 Itinerary

Discover the Adriatic coast and Europe's easternmost Alps on an itinerary showcasing wild scenery and artisan food and wine. Our 2026 itinerary includes an overnight on the island of Pag and a hike in Croatia's Paklenica National Park.



2027 Itinerary

New for 2027, our journey now includes a tour of Skocjan Caves in Slovenia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is one of the world's most impressive karst landscapes, plus a third night at Lake Bled to explore more of the Julian Alps.



Accommodation Details:

Hotel Bastion

Hotel Boskinac

Amadria Park Beach Hotel
Royal

Hotel Vela Vrata

Hotel Starkl

For detailed descriptions, visit
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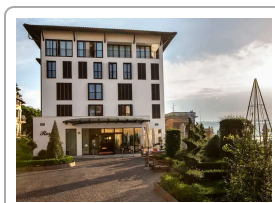
Hotel Bastion

This Relais & Chateaux boutique hotel is optimally located in Zadar's Old Town, blending vestiges of medieval heritage and architecture with contemporary design.



Hotel Boskinac

Hidden among vineyards and olive groves on the island of Pag, Boskinac is a small family-run luxury hotel offering an integrated experience of hospitality, food and wine.



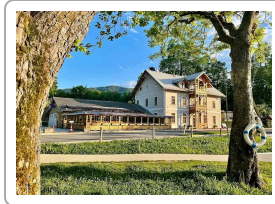
Amadria Park Beach Hotel Royal

This stylish hotel on Croatia's Opatija Riviera is set directly on the seaside promenade, with a sweeping view of the Adriatic Sea and a private beach for guests.



Hotel Vela Vrata

Tucked away on a narrow cobbled street in Buzet's medieval Old Town overlooking the serene Mirna River Valley, this boutique hotel exudes local Istrian heritage and tradition.



Hotel Starkl

This chalet-style heritage hotel overlooking Lake Bled enjoys a storied history going back more than a century, with current family owners that have given it a complete renovation in 2021 while preserving its vintage character.



Awaken Your Wonder in the Wilder Side of the Balkans

Croatia is celebrated for its sun-soaked Adriatic coast and storied seaside towns, while Slovenia is emerging as Europe's next great discovery. Yet some Croatian icons, like Dubrovnik, now overflow with tourist throngs. Nat Hab offers another path—into the Balkans' quiet sanctuaries and national parks, where wilderness and culture thrive. This two-country journey is designed for nature travelers seeking immersion that conventional tours simply can't provide.

1

A Nature-Focused Itinerary

By concentrating on the wild side of Croatia and Slovenia, we provide in-depth access to secluded habitats and experiences far beyond typical tourist routes. Journey amid river-carved canyons, alpine peaks, pine-studded Adriatic islands and dense forests that recall Europe from centuries ago. Along the way, meet local people who still live close to the land, blending cultural encounters with an immersive exploration of nature at its most elemental.

2

Active Exploration for In-Depth Nature Encounters

To get the most out of your Balkan nature adventure, we spend plenty of time exploring on foot. Among our outings, we hike a short portion of the Via Dinarica long-distance trekking path through Croatia's Dinaric Alps and wander trails on top of Slovenia's Triglav National Park, overlooking Lake Bohinj far below—views you can't get from a vehicle!

3

Major Highlights the Nat Hab Way

While we love showing you the less-traveled realms of Croatia and Slovenia, we also make time for some of the region's beloved popular spots. But we do it our way, strategically timing our visits to avoid crowds. For instance, we'll head into Plitvice National Park in the quiet morning hours to enjoy its turquoise lakes and dramatic waterfalls before others arrive.

4

Fabulous Local Food and Wine

On this adventure, dining is part of the experience. Sample seafood pulled fresh from the Adriatic that morning, olive oil from Dalmatia's islands, local honey and cheeses, and wines from revived ancient traditions. In Croatia and Slovenia, every meal reflects the region's character, making food a true highlight of your journey.

5

Travel with Just 10 Guests...and TWO Expedition Leaders

Our small group size lets us explore remote areas and stay in traditional places that large tours and cruise passengers never experience. With fewer people, the journey is more peaceful and comprehensive. Plus, with two guides for groups of six to ten guests, we can divide into smaller cohorts, tailoring activities and ensuring exceptional personal attention.



6

Support Local Wildlife Conservation Efforts

Although many of the region's native species have diminished populations, one remarkable bird is staging a comeback: the endangered griffon vulture. With just one egg produced each year, every individual matters. Protected since 1969 in the world's first reserve of its kind, griffon vultures rank among the largest birds on Earth. We visit their reserve as well as the Beli Rescue Center, where injured vultures are rehabilitated and returned to the wild.

7

Outstanding Naturalist Expedition Leaders

We're known for the quality of our guides, and you'll find that the leadership on this trip is no exception. With a deep knowledge of the coastal and alpine ecosystems in Croatia and Slovenia, your Expedition Leaders enhance your adventure in a way that makes you feel safe, cared for and enlightened. [Read our Expedition Leader bios](#) and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

8

Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures a Rewarding Experience

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you get our exclusive guarantee, promising that we will meet the lofty expectations set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most impressive guarantee made by any adventure travel company. [Read our important promise for yourself!](#)

9

Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.



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Croatia & Slovenia Nature Discovery Dates, Pricing & Info

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2026 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 30, 2026	Jun 7, 2026	\$9995 USD
Jun 20, 2026	Jun 28, 2026	\$9995 USD Habitat Club Pricing Available
Jun 30, 2026	Jul 8, 2026	\$9995 USD
Jul 11, 2026	Jul 19, 2026	\$9995 USD Habitat Club Pricing Available



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Departure	Return	Notes
Jul 21, 2026	Jul 29, 2026	\$9995 USD Women's Journey, Habitat Club Pricing Available
Aug 15, 2026	Aug 23, 2026	\$9995 USD
Sep 5, 2026	Sep 13, 2026	\$9995 USD

2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
May 21, 2027	May 29, 2027	\$10795 USD
May 30, 2027	Jun 7, 2027	\$10795 USD
Jun 8, 2027	Jun 16, 2027	\$10495 USD
Jun 20, 2027	Jun 28, 2027	\$10495 USD
Jun 29, 2027	Jul 7, 2027	\$10495 USD Habitat Club Pricing Available
Jul 11, 2027	Jul 19, 2027	\$10495 USD
Jul 20, 2027	Jul 28, 2027	\$10495 USD
Aug 1, 2027	Aug 9, 2027	\$10495 USD
Aug 10, 2027	Aug 18, 2027	\$10495 USD



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Departure	Return	Notes
Aug 22, 2027	Aug 30, 2027	\$10495 USD
Aug 31, 2027	Sep 8, 2027	\$10495 USD
Sep 12, 2027	Sep 20, 2027	\$10795 USD



Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/cultural-journeys/croatia-slovenia-nature-travel/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

Included

Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and local guides, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some gratuities, airport/train station transfers on Day 1 and final day, private boat tour to the island of Cres, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Important Information About This Trip

While our focus on this unique itinerary is extensively on nature, and we spend most of our time immersed in beautiful and wild landscapes from the Adriatic Sea to the Julian and Dinaric Alps, please be aware that this is not a wildlife-centric trip. While we might see a few animals here and there, and we do visit a special island reserve dedicated to the conservation of endangered griffon vultures, wildlife is not a prominent highlight. Be assured, however, that your experience will include magnificent natural places that conventional itineraries don't offer—our guests come home wowed by the diverse landscapes we encounter, and our connections with local people living on the land in rural areas.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least \$250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.



Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Zadar, Croatia, and ends in Ljubljana, Slovenia. **You must arrive in Zadar by 2:30 pm on Day 1** in order to join a welcome presentation and walking tour of the city at 3:30 pm.

You may depart from Ljubljana at any time on the final day, though we recommend flights before 1 pm for the smoothest experience.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



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