



CROATIA & SITES FROM GAME OF THRONES

September 28th – October 4th 2019

**EXCLUSIVE
DEPARTURE**

**COST TO TRAVELERS:
\$1549**

*International airfare
is not included

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



NIGHTS

Hotel Stay



MEALS

10 meals including
breakfast every day



DISCOVER

Amazing
Sightseeing Activities



COACH

Air conditioned with power
outlets and WIFI.



TRIP MANAGER

Experienced
Contiki Trip Manager



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Day 1: Zagreb

September 28th

Welcome to Zagreb. The capital city of Croatia has it all: culture, arts, music, architecture and good eats. Explore the city on your own, relax. Visit the medieval Upper Town, Zagreb's oldest district. It sits, perched on top of two hills, Kaptol, the old town's clerical centre. Clustered around the city's elegant neo-Gothic cathedrals and Gradec, and lined with pastel-coloured baroque palaces, once home to the city's nobility, this town is a sight like no other. Check out Gornji Grad and the Church of St. Mark's, the Art Pavilion and the Meštrović Gallery or the Croatian National Theatre. Dinner is included tonight at your hotel or local restaurant.

Day 2: Zagreb-Plitvice Lakes National Park-Split

September 29th

Depart Zagreb early in the morning for a drive south to Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Europe's great natural wonders. This is truly one of the most amazing primeval forests, featuring 16 terraced lakes, laced together by waterfalls and miles of wooden walkways and bridges. Take advantage of the park's boat and train rides to get the most out of your visit and enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the park's al fresco dining areas. Our journey continues to the historic port city of Split, Croatia's second-largest city. This bustling city offers a perfect balance between traditional and modern lifestyles. The jewel in the centre of town is the breath-taking Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most impressive Roman monuments in the world. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant.

Day 3: Split

September 30th

On our morning tour of Split with a local guide we will learn about the city and discover exciting filming locations from the Games of Thrones. The palace was built in the early 4th century as a retirement estate for the Diocletian, who spared no expense, importing marble from Italy and Greece, and columns and sphinxes from Egypt. Diocletian's Palace was used as the setting for several scenes in the city of Meereen. We follow in Daenerys' footsteps as we explore this 1,700-year-old structure, visiting the throne room and the dungeons where she kept her dragons. Today the palace is a living monument, with residences and colourful shops that started to occupy the ruins of the palace around the 7th century. This afternoon, continue your own exploration of Split, sample fresh local seafood, or relax on the beach.

Day 4 : Split

October 1st

Today you have a chance to have an optional day trip where you will see the Blue and Monk Seal caves, Komiza fisherman village, Secret Bay on Vis Island and Hvar town or you can opt to stay in Split and enjoy the day relaxing in the town.

Day 5 – Split-Klis Fortress-Ston-Trsteno Arboretum-Dubrovnik

October 2nd

This morning we visit Klis Fortress, a small medieval stronghold that provided the backdrop for the City of Meereen. It dates back to the 7th century and has been the seat of many Croatian rulers. We continue our drive along the dramatic coastline, crossing Bosnia Herzegovina, before arriving at Ston, and Mali Ston, both salt-producing towns. The city's defensive walls are world-famous and second largest in the world after the Great Wall of China. After lunch on your own and time to explore the town, our journey continues to Trsteno Arboretum, the oldest arboretum in this part of the world. It was built in the late 15th century to house plants and seeds brought back from foreign countries by the Gozze family. The aqueduct used for irrigation purposes is still in use today and the stunning belvedere pavilion overlooking the Dalmatian Coast and the Adriatic Sea were the gardens of the Red Keep. We arrive in Dubrovnik, 'Pearl of the Adriatic' and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Game of Thrones lovers have arrived in King's Landing, the 'jack pot' of filming locations. - Meals: Breakfast

Day 6 - Dubrovnik

October 3rd

With our in-the-know guide, enjoy views of the red-roofed, terracotta skyline that is easily recognizable as King's Landing. Visit Fort Lovrijenac, known as the 'Red Keep'; the Stairs to the Great Sept of Baelor; Minčeta Tower as House of the Undying; St. Dominika Street, location of many market scenes and famous for Cersei's Walk of Shame. Stop at Pile Bay, aka Blackwater Bay, with amazing views of both Bokar and Lovrijenac Fort. Dubrovnik is not only a feast for Game of Thrones fans, but will enchant all visitors with its marble streets, imposing stone walls rising from steep cliffs, churches, monuments and picturesque coves and beaches. Tonight, join us for our farewell Croatian dinner where we compare notes on filming locations and what sites you enjoyed exploring the most. Meals: Breakfast, Farewell dinner

Day 7 – Travel Home

October 4th

Transfer to the airport for flight

