

# SWITZERLAND & CROATIA

## 24 DAY PRIVATE GROUP TOUR



### **24-day Private Group Tour Fully Escorted from Maitland**

**Includes** Fully escorted from Greenhills Travel Centre by Warwick (Curly) Gladman • All airfares and taxes • Airport and hotel transfers • Accommodation • Coach and train transportation as per itinerary • Local tour Directors in Switzerland and Croatia • Hotel Porterage • Meals including inflight: 24 Breakfasts, 13 Dinners, 2 Lunches • Gratuities for Tour Directors and Drivers • Inside Visits and Special Features are shown in **CAPITALS**

**Departs** 22 September 2022

# ITINERARY

## Day 1 Sydney - Zurich

Depart Greenhills Travel Centre for Sydney Airport to board our flight to Zurich.

## Day 2 Zurich

On arrival after clearing immigration and customs we will be transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Zurich. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (Dinner included)

## SCENIC SWITZERLAND BY TRAIN

**Transport:** Touring by Standard / First-class train

**Accommodation:** Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, portage, tips and service charges

**Highlights:** Lucerne, Montreux Switzerland, Gruyere Switzerland, Alpine journey Switzerland, Glacier Express, Bernina Express Train Excursion to Tirano, Italy.

## Day 3 Zurich - Lucerne

Board the train for your journey from Zurich to Lucerne. Lucerne is one of Switzerland's most idyllic medieval cities, surrounded by a beautiful lake and nestled amidst snow-capped Alps. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover the delights of this charming city such as the famous wooden bridge or the picturesque town centre.

*(Alternatively, sign up for an optional excursion. Ascent up Mount Stanserhorn. Climb towering Mount Stanserhorn aboard the world's first double-decker, open-top aerial cable car! \$114)*

**SWISS FOLKLORE - EVENING FOLKLORE PARTY WITH DINNER**

(Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 37 mi/ 60 km

## Day 4 Lucerne - Interlaken - Goldenpass Mob Panoramic Train To Montreux - Lausanne

Depart Lucerne on the Lucerne - Interlaken express. Cross Brunig Pass enroute to Interlaken. **RIDE THE FUNICULAR UP TO THE SPECTACULAR HARDER KULM OVERLOOK FOR SWEEPING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE BERNESE OBERLAND AND A LOVELY LUNCH SURROUNDED BY NATURE'S SPLENDOUR.** From Interlaken, take the BLS Regio Express train to Zweisimmen. Continue on the **GOLDENPASS PANORAMIC TRAIN** for your unforgettable journey to Montreux, then continue to Lausanne. (Breakfast included)

Today's Distance: 109 mi/ 175 km

## Day 5 Lausanne - Montreux - Tasch - Zermatt

Depart for the delightful Swiss mountain resort of Zermatt. Enroute, stop to visit the town of Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva and surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Enjoy some free time or maybe join an optional guided excursion to Chillon Castle before continuing by train to Zermatt. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 109 mi/ 175 km

## Day 6 Zermatt - Gornergrat Excursion

An included excursion takes you to the famous **GORNERGRAT**, travelling on board Europe's highest rack railway. The views of the Matterhorn from its summit are spectacular. The rest of the day is at leisure in Zermatt-with a variety of interesting shops, cafes, bars, and picturesque streets to explore. (Breakfast included)

## Day 7 Zermatt - Glacier Express - St. Moritz

The train journey today aboard the spectacular **GLACIER EXPRESS** is without a doubt one of the main highlights of the tour. Enjoy unforgettable views as you make your way through the unspoiled natural beauty of the Alps on the direct route from Zermatt to the world-famous mountain resort of St. Moritz. This picture-perfect town is more than just a holiday resort. It was also the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism (in 1864) and has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. Stretch your legs this evening, and admire the beautiful chalets decorated with colourful geraniums. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 174 mi/ 280 km



Zurich



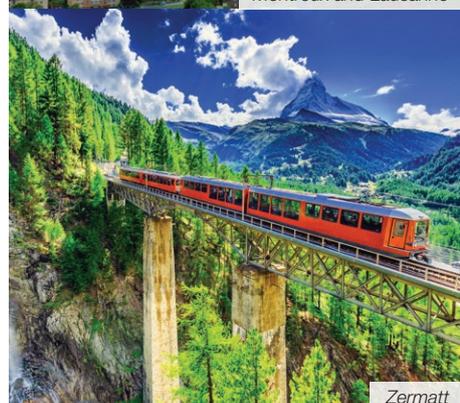
Lucerne



Interlaken Lake



Montreux and Lausanne



Zermatt

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### Day 8 St. Moritz. Bernina Express Excursion To Tirano, Italy

Take the *Bernina Express* train (A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE) to Tirano and back for one of Europe's most spectacular and breathtaking train rides. Travel across lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina, witnessing an array of beautiful mountain streams, glaciers, and alpine scenery along the way. (Breakfast included)

Today's Distance: 75 mi/ 120 km



The Bernina Express to Tirano, Italy

### Day 9 St. Moritz - Zurich

Leave St. Moritz for the journey back to Zurich. Enjoy some time at leisure in Zurich. Take a stroll around the city centre and indulge in some chocolate tasting or follow the course of the river Limmat until it reaches the banks of Lake Zurich. (Breakfast included)

Today's Distance: 137 mi/ 220 km



Limmat River, Zurich

### Day 10 Zurich - Zagreb

After breakfast we head off to the airport for our flight to Zagreb to commence our Croatian Adventure. Arrive mid-afternoon. Overnight Zagreb. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

#### THE CROATIAN

**Transport:** Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach. Free Wi-Fi (where available)

**Accommodation:** First-Class or Superior First-Class with private bath or shower.

**Includes:** hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges.

**Highlights:** Zagreb, Pula, Zadar, Plitvice, Postojna, Ljubljana.

### Day 11 Zagreb

Today is a surprise. A mystery day tour. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Discover the Lower and medieval Upper Town of the capital of Croatia, with a Local Guide, and admire the Austro-Hungarian architecture such as the Parliament, Stone Gate, the Archbishop's Palace, and more, plus a visit to the majestic **CATHEDRAL**. Enter Slovenia and arrive in its capital, Ljubljana. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 106 mi/ 170 km



Zagreb, Croatia

### Day 12 Ljubljana

Guided sightseeing features the main sights like the medieval castle, the impressive City Hall, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, and a visit to the **TOWN HALL'S INNER COURT**. Balance of the day is at leisure to join the locals along the banks of the Ljubljana River or to just relax. (Breakfast included)

### Day 13 Ljubljana - Postojna - Opatija, Croatia

Enjoy a guided walk through the spectacular Postojna Caves and ride a mini-train. The cave was discovered in the 17th century, opened to the public in 1819, and is considered the most beautiful in Slovenia. Continue to the famous seaside resort of Opatija. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 81 mi/ 130 km



St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Ljubljana

### Day 14 Opatija - Excursion To Pula

Take a scenic drive through the Istrian Peninsula to Pula, where your local guide will show you the Triumphal Arch of the Sergi, dating back to the 1st century. Then, visit the perfectly preserved **AMPHITHEATRE** and the **TEMPLE OF AUGUSTUS**. Return to Opatija and immerse yourself in the relaxed atmosphere of the resort. Walk along the seaside promenade and take pictures of the famous Maiden with the Seagull. (Breakfast included)

Today's Distance: 130 mi/ 210 km



Temple Of Augustus in Pula, Croatia

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### Day 15 Opatija - Plitvice - Zadar

Head to Plitvice and join your Local Guide for a walking tour of the **NATIONAL PARK**, with its lakes, waterfalls, and forests. Back to the coastline, arrive at your beautifully located hotel, surrounded by fragrant pine woods. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 199 mi/ 320 km

### Day 16 Zadar - Trogir - Split

A guided walking tour to the main square gives you a good impression of this city with its turbulent history of fighting off the Venetians, crusaders, and Turks over the centuries. Don't miss the Sea Organ and the Greeting to the Sun. The next two cities are **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES**: explore picturesque Trogir, founded by Greek colonists and a major port until Roman times, and then continue to Split, the ancient Spalato. This evening enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

Today's Distance: 137 mi/ 220 km

### Day 17 Split

Walk through the labyrinth of medieval streets within the walls of Emperor **DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE**, a well-preserved fortress and a living part of the Old Town, with your Local Guide. Also see the Mausoleum, the Cathedral of St. Domnius, and the Temple of Jupiter with its impressive basement halls-a filming location in Game of Thrones. (Breakfast included)

### Day 18 Split - Bosnia - Herzegovina - Dubrovnik, Croatia

Follow the Dalmatian coast, heading south to Dubrovnik. Enjoy a walking tour with a Local Guide to see the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, and the impressive ramparts, erected during the Crusades to protect the town against land attacks. Also visit the 15th-century **RECTOR'S PALACE**, built in gothic style, with renaissance and baroque elements, harmoniously combined. (Breakfast included)

Today's Distance: 162 mi/ 260 km

### Day 19 Dubrovnik

Discover the bounty and beauty of southern Croatia as you journey into the Golden Valley of Konavle for lunch and a liqueur tasting at a historic agritourism venue. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

### Day 20 Dubrovnik

Free day to explore Dubrovnik. **TONIGHT ENJOY AN ADRIATIC SUNSET CRUISE AND DINNER. ENJOY AN EVENING LIKE NO OTHER ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE DINNER CRUISE AS THE SUN SETS ALONG THE COAST OF THE BREATHTAKING ADRIATIC SEA TO FINISH YOUR HOLIDAY.** (Breakfast & Dinner included)

### DAY 21: Dubrovnik – To be Advised

After breakfast this morning we head of to the airport for our onward flight. (Breakfast included)

### DAY 22: STOPOVER TO BE ADVISED

Free Day (Breakfast & Dinner included)

### DAY 23: TBA- Sydney

Transfer to the airport for flight to Sydney. (Breakfast & Dinner included)

### DAY 24 Sydney

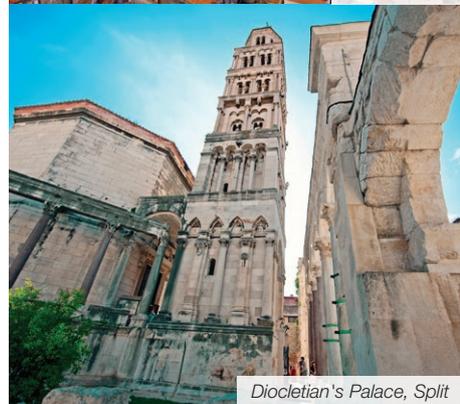
Arrive Sydney and transfer back to Greenhills Travel Centre.



Zadar, Croatia



Split, Croatia



Diocletian's Palace, Split



Dubrovnik, Croatia



Stradun Street, Dubrovnik

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