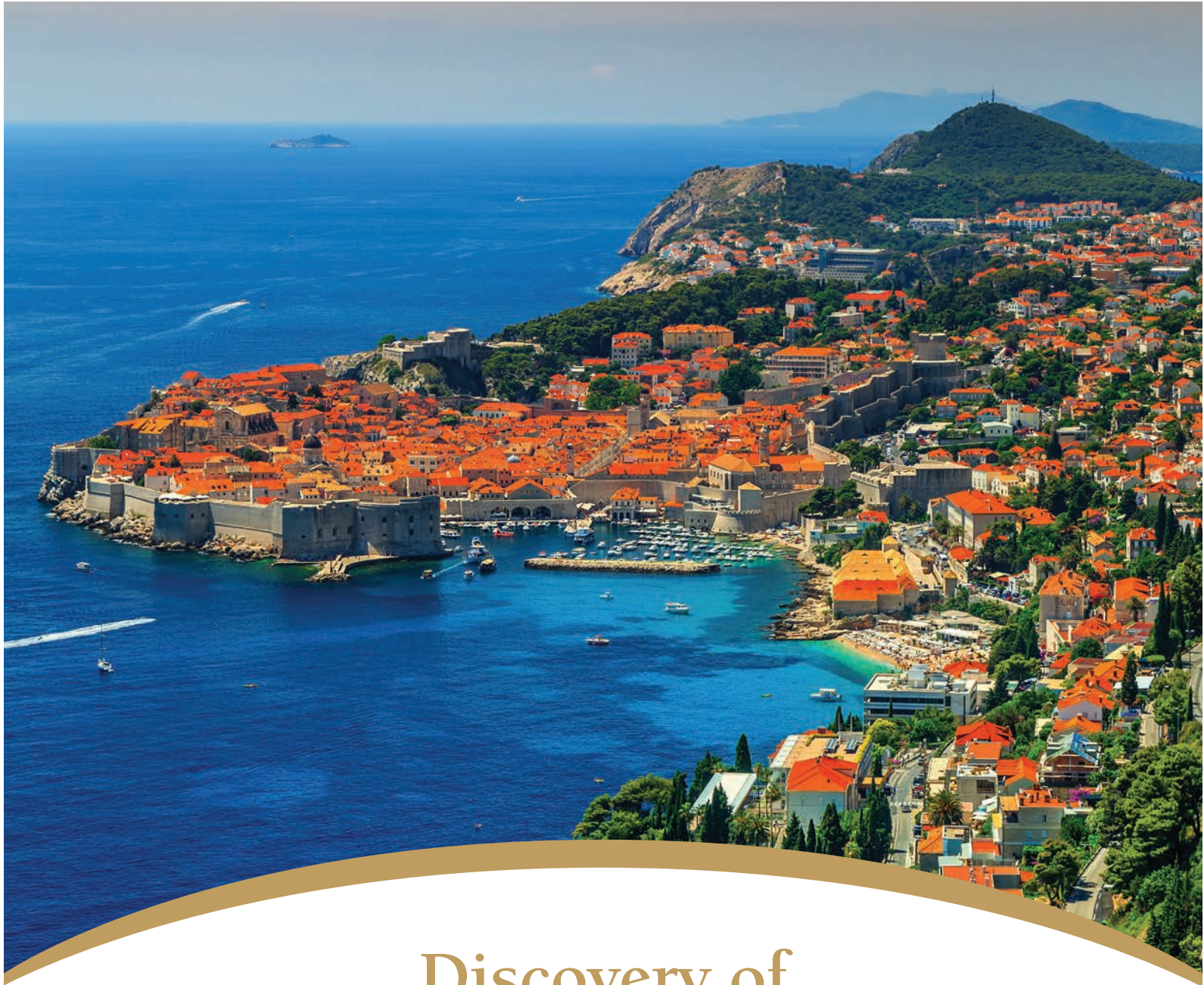




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# Discovery of Croatia and Slovenia

Tour Dates: April 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

  
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Skradinski Buk Falls – a favorite in Krka National Park



Visit the enchanting resort town of Bled, Slovenia

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**DAY 2 Dubrovnik, Croatia:** Welcome to Dubrovnik, commonly known as ‘the Pearl of the Adriatic’. Upon arrival, you’ll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to your hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:30pm. Enjoy time at leisure to familiarize yourself with your new surroundings. This evening, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Dubrovnik:** Begin discovering this beautiful country with a tour of this historic city. As one of Europe’s best preserved medieval cities, ramparts, watchtowers, and the incredible crystal-clear water of the Adriatic Sea create the charms of its perfect location. Stroll through the UNESCO World Heritage Old Town with the local guide as a treasure trove of history is unveiled. Admire the Rector’s Palace and visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a 14th-century pharmacy. After the tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Montenegro / Kotor:** Travel by coach to Montenegro, Europe’s youngest nation and the ‘Jewel of the Mediterranean’. At the mouth of the Bay of Kotor, admire the beauty of this longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe. Visit the charming town of Kotor where a local guide accompanies you on a walking tour as you wander through the winding streets. View the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, Maritime Museum, numerous palaces, and the Old Square where the atmosphere of this medieval town is truly felt. Continue to Budva, a unique walled city on the sea, for a tour with a local guide before the short ferry crossing along the Bay of Kotor and return to Dubrovnik. **Meal: B**

**DAY 5 Ston /Orebić / Korčula:** Today’s adventure discovers the island of Korčula, birthplace of the legendary explorer Marco Polo. Reach the island by boat departing from Orebić on the Pelješac peninsula. One of the greenest islands in the Adriatic Sea, the name comes from the Greeks, meaning ‘Black Corfu’, for its dark, densely wooded appearance. Explore the town on

a guided walking tour, passing its typical medieval architecture, including towers and clusters of red-roofed houses. En-route back to Dubrovnik, stop in a cozy village to visit a winery and taste the local product. One final stop in Ston, a medieval gothic town surrounded by fortified walls, completes the return journey. Dinner is included tonight at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Dubrovnik – Trogir – Split:** Departing Dubrovnik, travel to the town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The small, historic center of this medieval town resembles an outdoor museum, and the streets boast magnificent Romanesque churches and beautiful examples of Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Discover these sights with a local guide during a walking tour. Continue by coach to Split, another UNESCO World Heritage Site and Croatia’s grand 1,700-year-old city. During the guided walking tour, marvel at its rich culture and Renaissance and Gothic architecture. At the heart of the waterfront is Diocletian’s Palace, the 3rd-century ‘retirement home’ intended for the Roman Emperor of the same name. Admire its lovely peristyle courtyard, Cathedral of St. Dominus, ancient columns, and Roman belfries. **Meal: B**

**DAY 7 Krka National Park / Šibenik:** Natural beauty awaits as you visit Krka National Park. Walk through the park with a local guide and witness magnificent waterfalls, including the famous Skradinski Buk Falls – one of Croatia’s most famous sights. As Europe’s largest waterfall, it consists of a chain of cascades, islands and lakes. The park is rich with a variety of flora and fauna, including sixty species and sub-species of plant life. Departing the national park, continue to Šibenik, one of the oldest towns on the Adriatic Coast. This charming town boasts impressive monuments dating back to Venetian times, particularly the marble Cathedral of St. James – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They all await your discovery as you enjoy a walking tour with a local guide. Return to Split for dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 8 Split – Plitvice:** After breakfast, depart by coach for the breathtaking scenery of Plitvice Lakes National Park, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have your camera ready as you

take a walk around several of the lower lakes in the park. The scenery of this natural wonder is spectacular, with 16-terraced lakes, descending 300 feet in 4 miles, surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. After free time to explore, continue to the hotel for check in and dinner. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 9 Plitvice – Postojna, Slovenia – Ljubljana:** It's time to leave Croatia and cross the border into Slovenia, home to the world's most captivating cave. Tour Postojna Cave, a fantastic subterranean world, on an unforgettable miniature electric train ride followed by a walk with the local guide. Shaped by tiny droplets of water over millions of years, the caves are an underground paradise with magnificent formations and diverse fauna. After the visit, a stop is made at Predjama Castle for a photo opportunity before arriving in Ljubljana for the next 2 nights' accommodations and dinner at a typical local restaurant. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 10 Bled:** Today's adventure is the visit to Bled, situated on the pristine shores of Lake Bled in the spectacular Julian Alps. Explore Bled Castle, perched on a cliff overlooking the lake, with the local expert. Continue to the delightful town of Radovljica for lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Ljubljana for a tour of this capital city. View its open-air market, the Baroque Venetian inspired City Hall, Triple Bridge which connects the old and new city, and Robba Fountain – inspired by Bernini's Four Rivers Fountain in Rome. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 11 Ljubljana – Maribor – Graz, Austria – Vienna:** Depart Slovenia with sightseeing enroute to the final destination of Vienna, Austria's capital city. Visit Maribor, one of the most important cultural centers of Slovenia. A local guide will point out the highlights and you'll see its historic castle which has remained practically unchanged since the 15th century. In the center of town, see the Old Vine, the oldest vine in the world. With an age spanning 400 years, it's in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the oldest noble vine in the world still bearing grapes! After a wine-tasting, travel to Austria and enjoy a stop in Graz, whose historic center is one of the best-preserved in Central Europe. Discover the city with a local guide, and ride on the Schlossbergbahn funicular that takes you up the steep incline of Schlossberg Hill in 1.5 minutes for a wonderful panoramic view. Continue to Vienna for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 12 Vienna:** The final day begins with a tour of this historic city. A panoramic drive around the Ringstrasse showcases some of the architectural highlights as your guide explains the regal history. During a guided walking tour, stroll through the city center, passing the Hofburg Palace (the former principal imperial palace of the Habsburg dynasty) and St. Stephens Cathedral. The afternoon is free for independent exploration before meeting for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 13 Vienna / USA:** Bid a fond farewell to these historic and scenic countries as you transfer to the Vienna airport and return home with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 18 Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Travel to four countries: Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, and Austria
- Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Admire the longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe
- Discover charming towns on guided walking tours
- Taste local wine in a cozy village
- Visit Diocletian's Palace along the waterfront in Split
- Experience natural beauty in Krka and Plitvice Lakes National Parks
- Ride a miniature electric train through Postojna Cave
- Explore Bled Castle
- See the oldest grape-bearing vine in the world
- Learn about the regal history of Vienna
- English-speaking guides for local excursions

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 5 – Hotel Neptun, Dubrovnik, Croatia**

**Days 6 and 7 – Hotel Corner, Split, Croatia**

**Day 8 – Lyra Hotel, Plitvice, Croatia**

**Days 9 and 10 – Lev Hotel, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**Days 11 and 12 – Linder am Belvedere or similar, Vienna, Austria**

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See Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria

2026 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
April 12	\$5,699	+ \$1,859

**Pricing includes round trip airfare from Chicago.**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.*

### COMPLIMENTARY LOCAL PICKUP SERVICE AVAILABLE.

With 10 or more travelers, on the same departure date, the travelers will be picked up at the Fitchburg Senior Center (pick up is in the back of the seniorcenter building). Fewer than 10 travelers, the pickup will be at the Madison Dutch Mill Park and Ride.

### UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FROM AN ADDITIONAL \$6,000 PER PERSON\*

\*Upgrades must be purchased at least 120 days prior to departure and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.



### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$449 (Optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

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| • 91 days or more                          | Deposit Amount    |
| • 90 to 45 days prior                      | 20% of tour cost  |
| • 44 to 15 day prior                       | 30% of tour cost  |
| • 14 to 1 day prior                        | 50% of tour cost  |
| • Day 1 of departure                       | 100% of tour cost |
| • or early departure from tour             |                   |
| • No refund on unused portions of the tour |                   |



Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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