

Balkan Delight

12 Days

3 Countries

17 Meals

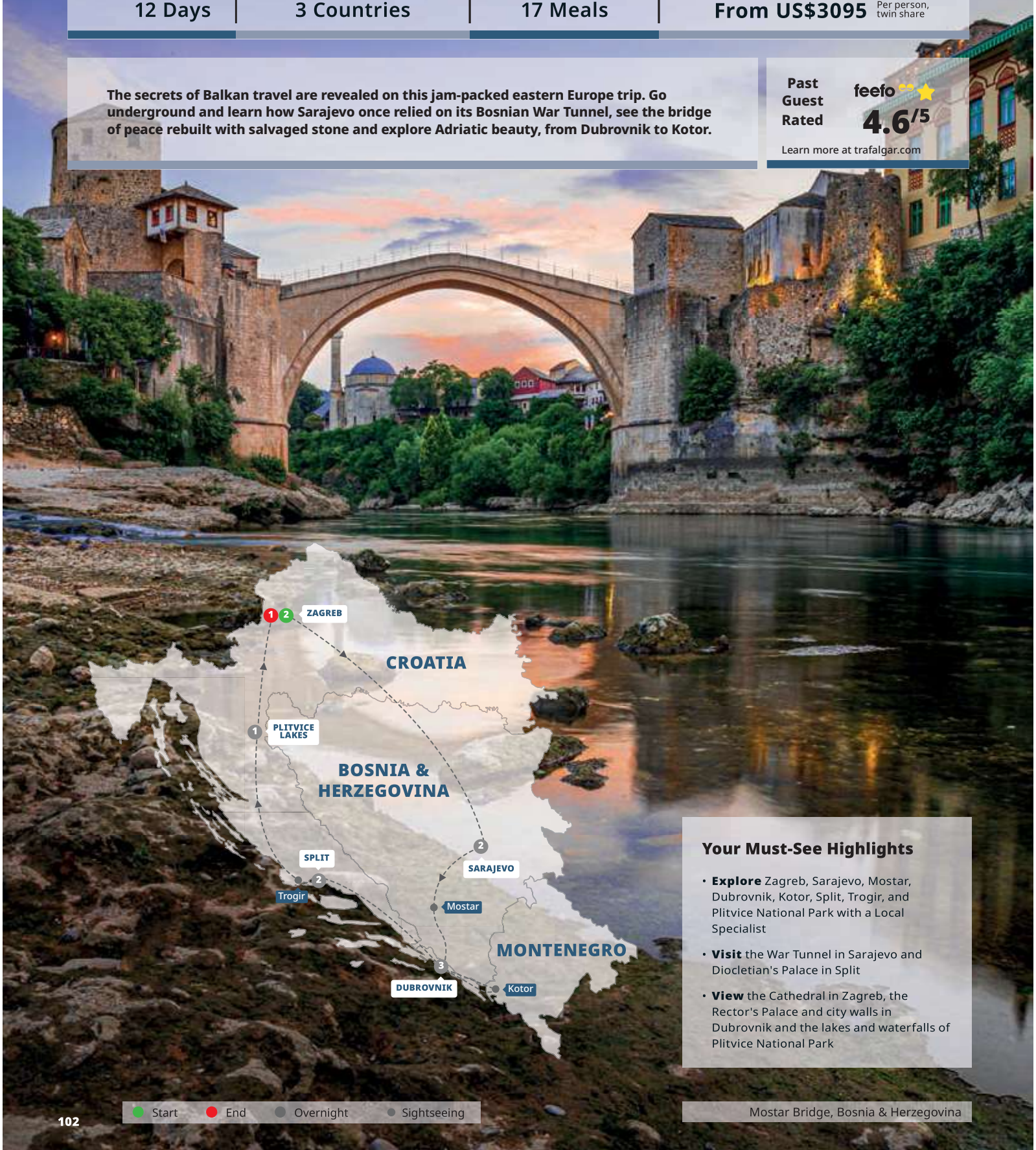
From US\$3095 Per person, twin share

The secrets of Balkan travel are revealed on this jam-packed eastern Europe trip. Go underground and learn how Sarajevo once relied on its Bosnian War Tunnel, see the bridge of peace rebuilt with salvaged stone and explore Adriatic beauty, from Dubrovnik to Kotor.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice National Park with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** the War Tunnel in Sarajevo and Diocletian's Palace in Split
- **View** the Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector's Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park

Your holiday

Day

- 1

Welcome to Zagreb Embark on an epic discovery of the Balkans, a once-troubled region and today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. **(WR) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton**
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Explore Historic Zagreb The paved squares and steep alleyways of Zagreb are ours to explore this morning as we join a *Local Specialist* to delve into the city's rich history. See the majestic cathedral on Kaptol and St. Mark's Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof. Admire the Opera House, then take a stroll around the 17th-century Ban Jelačić Square. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own – enjoy panoramic city views from Strossmayer, pay tribute to Zagreb's patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Kumrovec, birthplace of the iconic leader Tito and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialties with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside. **(B)**
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Journey to Sarajevo We journey to Sarajevo, whose rich religious and multicultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Its centuries-old religious history is reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a *Local Specialist* for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel which allowed food, war supplies and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out. Hear war-time tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol**
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Uncover Sarajevo's Secrets Join a *Local Specialist* for a guided walking tour of the city's Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago. During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street seeking treasures, or drink from the fountain of Sebilj to secure your return to Sarajevo. **(B)**
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Along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik We journey to the secluded coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian coast. En route to Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', we stop at the magnificent Mostar Bridge. A *Local Specialist* will provide tales of this impressive bridge over the Neretva River and the bridge keepers who watched over it in medieval times - giving Mostar its name. Enjoy some free time to explore the town, before continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik. This evening, consider joining a private sunset cruise with dinner, enjoying the best views of this enchanting city from the water. **(B) Hotel: Ariston**
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Discover Picturesque Dubrovnik Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a *Local Specialist*. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls. This evening, we *Connect With Locals* and travel to a traditional tavern overlooking the Dubrovnik Hills and meet the Knez family for a wonderful *Be My Guest* experience. **(B, BMG, ☺)**



A taste of Dubrovnik charm. Meet the Knez family for a masterclass in traditional Croatian cuisine, featuring the very best of the farm's organic produce, and locally made wines and brandies. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

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A Day in Montenegro Dazzling natural surrounds are ours to enjoy today as we travel to the Republic of Montenegro, where we will meet a *Local Specialist* and head towards the mouth of the Bay of Kotor. Celebrate centuries of history in Kotor, with its Venetian palaces and medieval churches. We return to Dubrovnik this evening and dine at our hotel. **(B, D)**
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Onwards to Split We pass old fishing villages and modern resorts, arriving in the vibrant city of Split. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist* featuring the historic inner city. *Dive Into Culture* and admire the façades of Diocletian's Palace, which today forms half of the Old Town of Split. See the city's Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. **(B, ☼)** **Hotel: Corner**
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Split Your Way Indulge in a full free day to discover Split on your terms. Ascend the bell tower for magnificent views of the sprawling terracotta roofs that edge onto the Adriatic or consider a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian islands. **(B)**
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Admire Trogir's Architecture and on to Plitvice This morning, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a *Local Specialist*. The stone town is a boon for lovers of art and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We leave the coast and journey to the forested National Park of Plitvice, where we will dine tonight at our hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Jezero**
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Return to Zagreb Plitvice's multitude of lakes and waterfalls are explored today on a walking tour with a *Local Specialist*. On this *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience, you'll be enchanted by the exquisite beauty of this UNESCO-listed natural wonder. We return to Zagreb for a final Farewell Dinner together, reminiscing over an unforgettable Balkan exploration. **(B, FD, ☼) Hotel: Westin**
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Farewell Zagreb Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Your 2022 Holiday Planner

Start Zagreb	End Zagreb	Start Zagreb	End Zagreb
Sat 16 Apr	Wed 27 Apr	Sat 23 Jul	Wed 03 Aug
Sat 30 Apr	Wed 11 May		
Sat 07 May	Wed 18 May	Sat 06 Aug	Wed 17 Aug
Sat 14 May	Wed 25 May	Sat 20 Aug	Wed 31 Aug
Sat 28 May	Wed 08 Jun	Sat 27 Aug	Wed 07 Sep
		Sat 03 Sep	Wed 14 Sep
Sat 04 Jun	Wed 15 Jun	Sat 10 Sep	Wed 21 Sep
Sat 11 Jun	Wed 22 Jun	Sat 17 Sep	Wed 28 Sep
Sat 25 Jun	Wed 06 Jul	Sat 24 Sep	Wed 05 Oct
Sat 09 Jul	Wed 20 Jul	Sat 08 Oct	Wed 19 Oct

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If you're looking even further ahead, this trip departs most Saturdays from April to October 2023. Visit our website for dates and today's best prices.