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Budapest to Dubrovnik via Lake Balaton

From \$1,399 per person // 12 days



From majestic Budapest, catch a train through the fantastic scenery of rural Hungary and Croatia, en route to the historic city of Dubrovnik on the Adriatic Coast. Along the way, you'll stop at lovely Lake Balaton, Zagreb and Split.

The Essentials

- Majestic Budapest on the River Danube
- The Hungarian resort of Lake Balaton
- Historic Croatian capital Zagreb and beachfront Split
- The unforgettable walled city of Dubrovnik

Tailor make your holiday

- Add extra nights & destinations
- Choose alternative hotels
- Upgrade your journey to First Class
- Let us suggest the most scenic routes

What's included?

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 11 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Coach transfer from Split to Dubrovnik
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Days 1, 2 & 3 Budapest

Arrive into Budapest and check in for a 3-night stay at the centrally located Hotel Rum (or similar). You have two full days to explore the Hungarian capital, ranked one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Along with famous monuments like the iconic Parliament Building and the Széchenyi Bridge, you might also like to admire the views from the stunning Fisherman's Bastion, or take a dip in one of Budapest's grand and historic baths.



Days 4 & 5 - Lake Balaton

It's just under 3 hours from Budapest's Deli station to Keszthely on the Western shores of Lake Balaton, where you will disembark for the spa town of Hévíz. Here you have 2 nights at the Danubius Health Spa Resort (or similar). Enjoy some free time in Hungary's favourite tourist destination. As well as sunbathing and swimming, you can also take advantage of some of the other water sports on offer, as well as walking and visiting the bountiful vineyards on the northern shore. Hévíz itself is also known for its thermal lake, the second largest in the world and known for its medicinal properties.



Days 6 & 7 - Zagreb

Check out of your hotel after a leisurely breakfast and head back to the station at Keszthely. Here you'll catch a train around the lake shore and south across the Croatian border to Zagreb. Check in for 2 nights at the Dubrovnik Hotel (or similar). Zagreb is a capital city with a historic pedigree going back to Roman times. Explore the medieval Upper Town with its colourful buildings and majestic churches or take up bus up to the top of the Medvednica mountain for a 13th century fortress commanding fabulous city views.



Day 8 - Zagreb To Split

Spend a last morning in Zagreb taking in the sights. Perhaps visit one of the many museums or, if the weather is fine, head to one of the city's two lakes for some outdoor relaxation. After lunch, it's time to leave Zagreb and take the train for a scenic journey up the Mrežnica Valley and then up into the hills, reaching 870 metres above sea level before dropping down towards the coast. Arrive into Split and check in for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Jupiter (or similar).



Day 9 - Split

Split is Croatia's second largest city, with a UNESCO World Heritage listed Old Town that was built around a Roman Emperor's palace in 305AD. The city also boasts many other Roman remains along with a lovely waterfront on the Adriatic coast. Spend your free days here exploring the walkable centre. Don't miss a visit to the Diocletian's Palace, one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments. You might also like to browse the stalls at the Pazar (Green Market) or take a walk to the 15th century hermitage caves on Marjan Hill.



Days 10 & 11 - Dubrovnik

After a leisurely start today, catch a coach from Split down to Dubrovnik (in summer months, it's also possible to take a ferry – please ask us for details). Check in for 2 nights at the Rixos Libertas Hotel (or similar). Dubrovnik was at the heart of one of the most prosperous Maritime Republics during the Renaissance Period, and this wealth is clear to see in the magnificent and endlessly photogenic Old Town, overlooking the Adriatic. The best views are to be had from the historic city walls.



Day 12 - Depart Dubrovnik

Leave Dubrovnik today for your onward journey. From here, you can take a ferry across to Italy, catch a flight back to London or travel back to Zagreb for connections back to Australia. Alternatively, if you would like to extend your holiday with additional nights and destinations, let us know and we can tailor make your trip!

Pricing

From \$1,399 per person

Low season (November-March) from \$1,399pp

High season (April-October) from \$1,799pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.