



## Croatia - Plitvice Lakes Adventure



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group  
**VISITING:** Croatia

**BROCHURE CODE:** 4028  
**DURATION:** 7 nights

### In Brief

Make the most of one of Europe's most idyllic locations, as you spend a week enjoying all that the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park and the stunning surrounding area can offer. This activity holiday offers a fantastic selection of things to do: hike, bike, stand-up paddle, kayak, and packrafting in this week-long exciting adventure.

### Our Opinion

*“ I was once watching a TV programme which showed the magnificent Plitvice lakes and I thought they were breathtaking. I watched it the whole way through to the credits to see the programme location. Alas, they didn't mention it in the credits but many years later I saw a picture in a travel magazine and was thrilled to find this hidden gem in Croatia. This is an outstanding family activity holiday in one of my favourite countries in the world. ”*

Alex Charlton



## What's included?

- **Transfers:** group airport and activity transfers (private airport transfers may incur a supplement)
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights in standard double/twin rooms at the Hotel Zeleni Kut
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** Mreznica packrafting, Plitvice National Park exploration hike, Cycling around Bosiljevo, Zrmanja River kayaking or packrafting, Mreznica canyon kayaking (order of activities is subject to change)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- Free use of paddleboards for the duration of your stay
- National Park entrance fees
- The services of our local representatives or guides

## Trip Overview

The Plitvice Lakes National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, containing sixteen lakes and numerous waterfalls which are fed by the Black and White Rivers. Located roughly halfway between the cities of Zagreb and Zadar, it is one of Europe's most spectacular national parks, showcasing a natural landscape that is beautifully unique and sure to be popular with your family. The park covers approximately 300 square kilometres and is also home to a rich variety of wildlife including deer, boars and rare bird species.

The surrounding region is covered by lush green forests, which, combined with the rivers, provide an exceptional playground for your family adventure week. The activities included in this holiday really make the most of the spectacular landscapes which are found throughout this part of Croatia and you'll enjoy hiking and biking in stunning scenery, kayaking through dramatic canyons and packrafting across turquoise waters. There will also be free time for you to relax and explore this wonderful region independently.

Based at the Hotel Zeleni Kut which has a lovely, welcoming feel and friendly staff, this is the perfect trip for families looking for a fun-filled adventure with remarkable scenic beauty.

**Photos: Aleksandar Gospic, Ivan Coric and Croatian National Tourist Board, Raftrek**

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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## ARRIVAL, TRANSFERS AND WELCOME

You will arrive at the airport and be transferred to the town of Zvecaj, which is to be your base for the coming week. Your transfers will be grouped to the closest available departure time.

After settling into your hotel room, there will be a get together with the guide to discuss the week ahead and dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant. Dinner will be a set 3-course meal (drinks are not included).

**Included Meals:** Dinner

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## MREZNICA PACKRAFTING

Today you will start your expedition on the lower Mreznica river. Packrafts are inflatable boats that come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Some are suitable for individuals and some can fit 2 adults and a child. They are very lightweight and stable which makes them really popular with our families.

After a full safety briefing and introduction on a relatively flat and easy section of the river, you will soon appreciate the beauty of this wonderful area. The group will paddle together taking regular breaks to swim and relax as you work your way downstream. You will be on the river for around 4 to 5 hours in total in grade one to two rapids. After the rafting adventure, the group can take some time to relax or make use of the stand-up paddleboards available to hire or play beach volleyball at the hotel's court.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## PLITVICE LAKES HIKE

The region's most famous attraction is always a huge highlight for our guests. After a 90 minute transfer to the start point, you will be guided on a hike through the Plitvice National Park, exploring the walkways and bridges. It is hard to describe the beauty of these lakes – the blues and greens seem so intense and, with 90 waterfalls, there are spectacular sights to be seen. You'll explore the park and have the chance to get up close to some of the local flora and fauna.

A boat tour and a short train ride will take you back to the starting point of your walk. The hike will cover around four to six miles depending on the group's abilities and the local conditions. Lunch is not included today, however, you will be shown local places where you can eat in Grabovac, as well as the local mini-market.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## CYCLING TO BOSILJEVO CASTLE

It would be a real shame not to get out and explore the region further and the best way to do this is by bike. You will cycle on very quiet routes through forests, between hills, and across the Croatian countryside. You will get to see some traditional villages and learn about the culture of the region as you head towards Bosiljevo Castle, a 15th-century castle situated in a landscape shaped by karst relief.

You will be out cycling for approximately 4-5 hours today, including breaks.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## FREE DAY

Today is free for you to be as active or relaxed as you like; there are many options to choose from. You could go hiking, horse riding, rafting, zip-lining or sightseeing. All activities can be arranged and paid for locally.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## ZRMANJA RIVER CANOE SAFARI

You are back on the water for your penultimate activity. Today you will enjoy a canoe trip through the Zrmanja and Krupa Canyons on an activity lasting between four to five hours. Following full tuition, you will set off on this grade two to three river for a fabulous canoe safari.

You'll see waterfalls, negotiate some easy rapids and come across hidden pools. The beauty is that you are unlikely to see any other group on the river so this stunning place could well be all yours.

Depending on the water levels you may travel by raft or kayak today.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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## MREZNICA CANYON KAYAKING

Today you will start your expedition in the Upper Mreznica Canyon. Here you will find a gorge so narrow and deep that the sunlight only reaches it for a few hours a day, creating spectacular shadows. You will travel downstream in kayaks passing waterfalls and lush vegetation before stopping at a freshwater spring.

Your trip will continue to a secret spot with a view of a very dramatic waterfall which provides the ideal spot for swimming. After a break, you will return to the vehicles and drive back to the hotel via the village of Rastoke. Lunch is not included today, so you can either bring along your own packed lunch, or you may choose to eat in one of the restaurants in Rastoke.

You will be rafting for approximately three hours today, including breaks.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

As hard as it is to wave goodbye to the people and places of the Plitvice region, sadly today is the end of the holiday and you will be transferred back to the airport for your return flights home. We can arrange for you to extend your holiday if you would like – please contact one of our Travel Experts for a quotation.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Personalise this tour

### Our pick



## Plitvice Lake extension

As well as the stunning beauty of the Plitvice Lake National Park, the surrounding region here enjoys a wonderful rustic beauty and there is much to be enjoyed should you wish to explore further. With a history dating back to the 8th century and many Croatian traditions still in place here, it is a wonderful region to spend some extra time in.

For this reason, some families opt to stay an additional week, whether it to be to see and do more or simply relax

following your week of climbing, kayaking and cycling!

Staying at Hotel Gacka, we can book bed and breakfast for up to seven nights for you and your family. Should you wish to explore further we can also look to book car hire to allow you to see more of the region.

**Please note:** extensions are subject to flight and accommodation availability – please speak to our

Travel Experts for further information on this.

## Included Accommodation

Hotel Zeleni Kut (Nights: 1-7)



Hotel Zeleni Kut is situated on the bank of the Mrežnica River in a lovely peaceful area of Zvečaj. The hotel is a perfect base for your activity week. The small hotel is comprised of just 14 hotel rooms and has a variety of fantastic facilities and amenities to keep the family entertained.

Our holiday is based in clean and comfortable hotel rooms.

## Hotel facilities

- The hotel has its own restaurant offering a la carte meals, serving a variety of local specialities for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- The hotel has a private beach which is very popular with guests during their downtime from activities.
- There is also a children's play area which is popular with the hotels younger guests.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in the rooms and main building

**DOUBLE OR TWIN ROOMS:** the resort has 14 hotel rooms which are around 22 m<sup>2</sup>. They are a good base for your adventures during the week. Each room is comfortably arranged, featuring an en-suite toilet with shower, as well as a TV, air conditioning, hairdryer and minibar. Each room can fit 2 people, however, an extra bed can be added if required.

## The Specifics

### Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 8 people (depending on departure date). Maximum 42 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

## Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

## Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

## Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

## Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

## Terms and Conditions

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website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

