

Delights of Dubrovnik & Croatia

October 15th-21st 2017.



Sunday - 35 members, family & friends met at Bristol airport for our flight to Dubrovnik. We had already heard that our return flight, had been re-scheduled due to Monarch airlines going into liquidation, then our hotel moved us to the next door hotel, so I knew there would be a 3rd problem & I was not disappointed as our flight was delayed by an hour!!

We were met in Dubrovnik by our local guide Dolores who escorted us to our hotel where we were greeted with a welcome drink before going to our rooms.

Monday - we met our guide & coach & were driven along the coastal road for a panoramic view of the city walls of Dubrovnik. We then continued with a guided walk through the ancient town, finishing at lunchtime -in the afternoon we were free, so some climbed the many steps up onto the city wall, others had a ride in the glass bottomed boat while some watched the world go by!

Tuesday -after a delay at the border into Bosnia & Herzegovina we travelled to Mostar where we met another local guide whose tour included the Bazaar, a Mosque & the Turkish House. We then had time at leisure for lunch & a look in the Bazaar before returning via Pocitelj.

Wednesday - today was a day at leisure but many joined the optional drive through the Konavle region first to the delightful village of Cavtat before enjoying a 3 course lunch in a local restaurant.

Thursday - an early start once more, this time across the border to Montenegro-again long delays - & along the Bay of Kotor to the UNESCO city of Kotor. We were again given a guided tour before lunch & then moved to the coastal town of Budva for a short stop. We then took a short ferry ride across the bay before continuing across the border to Dubrovnik.

Friday -we headed to Ston with its 5 kilometre stone walls - a few members climbed the steps onto the walls - we also saw where salt is still being produced, along with where oyster & mussels are farmed. We then headed back to the Arboretum at Trsteno - with its exotic vegetation & plants.

Saturday - We all checked out of our rooms by 10.00am & put our luggage in the storage room. We were free then until 6.45pm & many returned to Dubrovnik while others relaxed near the pool. We had our final evening meal before being taken by coach to the airport for our flight at 11.15pm! Dolores escorted us & saw us safely through security. On landing at Luton Airport our coach was waiting for us & we had a very good journey back to Bristol. Here we said our fond farewells to friends old & new, looking forward to seeing many again on future holidays.

Again another successful holiday with wonderful weather & good company.