

ITALY, CROATIA & BOSNIA

Discover ancient ruins in Rome before crossing the Adriatic Sea to Croatia's cascading waterfalls and ancient architecture. Journey to Bosnia-Herzegovina to understand life during the siege of Sarajevo and the fall of Yugoslavia.

Why Brightspark?

Safety And Security

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

Our Tour Directors

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

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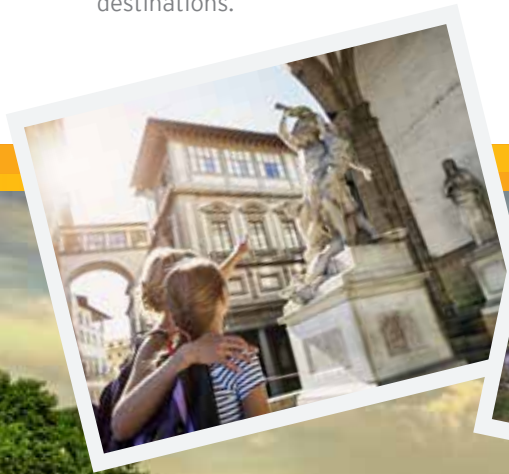
Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

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Day 1: Board your flight to Italy.

Day 2: Rome

- Meet with your tour director at **Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport** in Rome.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Vatican City**, an independent state in the heart of Rome.
- Explore **St. Peter's Basilica**, a late Renaissance church that can hold nearly 60,000 people inside its intricately-decorated walls.
- The highlight of your tour will be the **Sistine Chapel**, with Michelangelo's masterful frescoes on the ceiling. Afterward, be sure to take a stroll through the Vatican gardens.
- Take a walking tour of Rome's city center. Climb the **Spanish Steps at Piazza di Spagna**. Shop along **Via Condotti** and head to the **Trevi Fountain**, believed to hold mystical powers. Your tour ends at **Piazza Navona** near the **Pantheon**. Admire the **Fountain of the Four Rivers**, one of Bernini's Baroque masterpieces.

Day 3: Pompeii & Herculaneum

- Board your private motor coach and depart on a guided tour of **Pompeii**, the infamous site of the **Mount Vesuvius** eruption in 79 AD, which decimated the city and its inhabitants in minutes.
- After free time for lunch, embark on a hike to the top of **Mount Vesuvius**, where you'll have a great view of the city.
- Travel to **Herculaneum**, where well-preserved ruins serve as a living classroom for groups interested in ancient Roman society.

Day 4: Rome

- Take a guided tour of the **Colosseum**. The ruins give a glimpse into ancient Roman life and illuminate the city's long history.
- Take a short walk up **Palatine Hill** to look down on the **Roman Forum**, the center of Roman Parliament, and the **Circus Maximus**, the most famous ancient stadium for chariot races.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to the seaside city of **Ancona**, where you will board an overnight ferry to **Split**.

Day 5: Split & Trogir

- Upon arrival in Split, meet your local guide and discover the coastal region of **Dalmatia**.
- Explore **Diocletian's Palace**. Built in the 4th century, it now encompasses almost half of the old town of Split.
- Opt for a half-day at the beach or travel to **Trogir**, founded in the 3rd century BC. Located on a small island off the Adriatic coast, Trogir is known for its Venetian architecture. Visit the **Cathedral of St. Lawrence** to witness the city's many historical influences.

Day 6: Zadar & Plitvice Lakes

- Spend a free morning relaxing on a local beach near **Zadar**, Croatia's oldest continuously-inhabited city.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Plitvice Lakes National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its 16 cascading lakes. The largest park in Croatia, it connects the coastal and inland regions.

Day 7: Šibenik, Neretva & Dubrovnik

- Depart for **Dubrovnik** by motor coach. On the way, stop in **Šibenik**, the oldest native Croatian town on the Adriatic Sea. The city is known for its blending of Northern Italian, Tuscan, and Dalmatian influences.
- Travel to the banks of the **Neretva River**, where you will cruise through turquoise waters alongside local fishing boats.
- Continue to the southern city of **Dubrovnik**.

Day 8: Dubrovnik

- Head out on a guided walking tour of **Dubrovnik**, one of the most popular tourist destinations on the Mediterranean Sea. Sites include **Onofrio's Fountain**, **Prijeko Street**, the **Rector's Palace**, and **St. Saviour Church**.
- Explore the city's **Old Town**, surrounded by towering ramparts and covered with distinct clay rooftops. The area suffered great damage during the Second World War but was repaired to its original style due to its UNESCO World Heritage status.
- Visit the **Franciscan Church and Monastery**, home to one of the oldest pharmacies in the world.
- Hop aboard a cable car to experience Dubrovnik and the Adriatic Sea from a new perspective.

Day 9: Sarajevo

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Sarajevo**, the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- After lunch, take a guided historical walking tour illuminating the fall of Yugoslavia and life during the siege of Sarajevo, which lasted over 1400 days in the early 1990s.
- Enjoy free time before dinner. Cross the **Latin Bridge** toward **Pigeon Square** and explore the city's **Old Town**. Do some shopping at local coppersmith shops. Snack on **cevapi**, a local delicacy.

Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

