

Croatia

Including The Istria Peninsula & Dalmatian Coast

1st to 10th October 2026

Our 9-night/10-day tour to Croatia is packed with beautiful coastlines, spectacular scenery, coastal towns and intriguing agriculture. It is easy to see why Croatia has emerged as one of Europe's most popular destinations since its independence in 1991. Located on the coast of the Adriatic, Croatia boasts excellent weather in October, with daytime temperatures of between 20°C and 23°C.



We enjoy magnificent transparent waters and the spectacular natural scenery of the Istria Peninsula and the beautiful coastal town of Rovinj, before heading south towards Zadar, with its extraordinary lush deep pine and olive groves and the pure white Dalmatia stone. Zadar itself has over 3,000 years of history.

Further south is the glorious city of Split where we spend the final 2 nights of our tour. Split is the second largest city in Croatia with a history dating back to the 4th century. The fortress-like centre of the old town is a hub for shopping and restaurants, all found in and around the remains of the Roman Diocletian's Palace.

This is a fully escorted tour led by a Bay Farm Tours tour manager, who will meet you at Manchester Airport. A local guide and interpreter will also accompany us on the tour.

Flights from other airports may be available on request subject to timings, availability and appropriate supplement.

Sightseeing

Croatia, during the month of October, offers the best of the beautiful late summer sunshine, a pleasant climate and an abundance of amazing sightseeing opportunities.



With lush green olive groves, acres of vineyards, spectacular culinary delights and stunning scenery throughout, this tour is a feast of experiences not to be missed. Precariously poised between the Balkans and central Europe, Croatia has had its fair share of pushing and pulling between kingdoms, empires and republics, all of which add to the diverse and interesting cultural legacy. Venetian palaces, Napoleonic forts and Roman columns are just a few hints of the variety of spectacular places to visit.



Throughout the tour, the emphasis will be on combining a mixture of general interest and sightseeing, taking in the unique culture and history of this country.

Croatia is known for its gastronomic delights and there will be plenty of opportunities to experience the local cuisine.

Agricultural Visits



Photograph courtesy of Croatian National Tourist Board, Damir Kvajo

Farming and agriculture are diverse throughout the country. Our itinerary incorporates visits to typical Croatian olive groves, truffle farming and a variety of livestock farming from dairy to pigs.

As with all our farm and technical visits throughout the world, time is given for discussion with farmers/managers allowing the opportunity to get a true insight into the social life, economics and agriculture of the country.

Transport

Throughout our tour we travel by modern deluxe high-sided touring coach, with reclining seats and air conditioning.

For the benefit of all our tour guests, we operate a rotational seating plan on the coach, with guests moving seats at least once a day.

This enables our guests to enjoy a variety of vantage points throughout the tour. In fairness to all, there will be no exceptions to this policy.



Pace of the Tour

This tour is grade B.

Our tours are graded to assist you prior to booking. It is vital that you read the information at the back of this itinerary headed **Important Information to consider before booking your tour**. We hope you find the information helpful and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Hotels

All hotels on this tour are 4 or 5* standard, with a 4-night stay in Rovinj, 3 nights in Petrčane, Zadar and 2 nights in Split, giving you time to enjoy the excellent leisure facilities and location of each hotel.



Leisure facilities at each of the hotels include restaurants & bars, swimming pool and spa with treatments rooms, and each hotel is in a beautiful location.



Itinerary

Thursday 1st October 2026

Flights are direct from Manchester with Jet 2 to Pula. After completing passport and customs formalities we board our coach and travel to our hotel in Rovinj, with lunch taken en-route.



Our hotel is in a lovely location close to the marina and within walking distance of the sparkling Adriatic. Following check in, there will be time to explore this picturesque coastal resort or relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities before evening dinner.

Our 4-night stay here will offer the opportunity of further exploration and relaxation in this true Mediterranean fishing port. Explore the cobbled streets and piazza's or rise early to watch the fishermen haul in their catch at the harbour.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini, Rovinj

Meals: Lunch / Eve Dinner

Friday 2nd October 2026

Breakfast in the hotel, before the first visit of the day, which is to one of the leading agricultural companies in Istria, where they farm Boskarin cattle, a traditional breed derived from oxen.

We have a light lunch here before visiting the Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč, where there will be time to wander round on your own before returning to Rovinj.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening at your leisure to either explore Rovinj further or just relax at our hotel.

Evening dinner taken at your own leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini, Rovinj

Meals: Breakfast / Tastings Lunch

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Today we take a short journey to the southern area of the Istria Peninsula to the town of Pula. Here, we visit the roman amphitheatre and also have time to explore the town at leisure.

Following on from here, we visit a goat farm including tastings of the produce before visiting one of the largest olive groves in the country, extending to 137 hectares. We visit the modern olive processing facilities and also the vineyard operations, with the opportunity, to sample the produce from these 2 sections of the business.

Before heading back to the hotel, we stop at Kazun park - an area of historical interest, where we see traditional stone huts used by farmers and shepherds.

Evening dinner will be at a local restaurant in Rovinj.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini, Rovinj

Meals: Breakfast / Tastings Lunch / Eve Dinner



Sunday 4th October 2026

After breakfast we travel in a northerly direction to visit a family-owned company specialising in truffle hunting. This will include a variety of tastings!



The Motovun Forest boasts black and white truffles and were once considered the best quality truffles in Istria. The truffle hunting season starts in early October and lasts for approximately three months. Highly trained dogs are used to locate this valuable delicacy.

Following our tour of the farm, you will have a truffle tasting, finished off with traditional Istrian doughnuts.

We then explore the town of Bale.

The afternoon is concluded with a visit to a local winery followed by wine tasting.

Evening dinner is at leisure on our return to Poreč.

Overnight: Hotel Monte Mulini, Rovinj

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Monday 5th October 2026

After check-out, we start our main travelling day initially heading across country to the east before turning and travelling to the south and enjoying the rural scenery of rocky coastline and islands.

En-route to Zadar we make a visit at Otočac to a traditional village water mill, where we have a demonstration of the production of flour using traditional methods.

We have lunch in a local restaurant before continuing the majority of our journey south to Zadar with views of the dramatic Dalmatian coastline.

Arrive early evening and check-in for our 3-night stay. Our modern hotel, which is in a small resort outside the city, stands in its own grounds right on the Adriatic coastline.

Evening dinner is in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa, Petrčane

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Eve Dinner

Tuesday 6th October 2026

A leisurely breakfast this morning, before our visit in Nadin Village, a family estate surrounded by 360 acres of organic vineyards and other crops. Wander round the family museum, brimming with exhibits and artefacts dating from 1835.

We enjoy tastings and lunch at the estate before returning to Zadar, with time to enjoy the sights and sounds of this ancient town on the shores of the Adriatic.

Evening dinner is in a local restaurant within a stroll to the waterfront in Zadar following our meal there is a chance to hear the sounds and see the light spectacle of the Sea Organ before we make our way back to our hotel.



Overnight: Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa, Petrčane

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Eve Dinner

Wednesday 7th October 2026



Depart for a tour on to the island and town of Pag, to visit the lace museum and enjoy all that this spectacular narrow spit of land has to offer.

Pag famed for its lace making, and local cheese – *paski sir* (meaning, Pag cheese), made from sheep's milk.

Lunch at a local restaurant before our last visit of the day to an award-winning dairy, where we sample some of the famous cheese.

Return to our hotel, allowing free time to relax and enjoy the facilities of our resort hotel.

Evening dinner is in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa, Petrčane

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Eve Dinner

Thursday 8th October 2026

Check out of our hotel and visit Krka National Park with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside, before a guided tour of a typical pig farm of the region. Lunch today will be with our hosts at the pig farm who have diversified into tourism and hospitality.

After a delicious lunch we continue on our journey to Split for the final two nights of the tour. Split is the second largest city in Croatia and demonstrates Dalmatian life with a balance of the traditional and the modern living side by side. Only relatively recently woken up to its potential as a tourist destination, the city has begun to realise what it has to offer, and the renovation of the Riva (promenade) is an example of this.

Evening dinner is in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel Eden, Split

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Eve Dinner

Friday 9th October 2026

Today we drive into the Dalmatian hinterland for a guided tour of a small ethno village with tasting of forgotten meals of the region and traditional Croatian sweets.

Visit to the small town of Omis, known as "Pirate City" – because of its turbulent history. Here, we have a boat ride through the River Cetina canyon, followed by lunch in a restaurant by the river.

We then head back to the city and our hotel where our farewell dinner will be taken.



Overnight: Hotel Eden, Split

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Eve Dinner

Saturday 10th October 2026

A leisurely breakfast and hotel check-out before heading to Split Airport for our early afternoon flight back to Manchester.

Meals: Breakfast

End of Tour

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What is Included

- Outbound flight Manchester to Pula
- Return flight Split to Manchester
- 9 nights' accommodation at 4 & 5* standard hotels
- Accommodation based on a double bedroom with private facilities
- 9 Breakfasts
- 9 Lunches (some of which are tastings of local produce)
- 7 Evening Dinners
- English speaking guide throughout
- Visit to Euphrasian Basilica
- Visit Roman Colosseum
- Visit to Kazun Park
- Visit to truffle farm with tasting
- Vineyard & olive grove tours with tasting
- Visit town of Pag
- Visit to Krka National Park
- Guided tour of small ethno village in Dalmatian Hinterland
- Pirate city of Omis
- Boat Ride through the River Cetina Canyon
- Agricultural visits including dairy, sheep, goats & pigs
- Gratuities for Local Guide & Coach Driver
- Fully escorted throughout by Bay Farm Tours member of staff

What is not included

- Two evening dinners
- Drinks with evening dinner
- Personal expenditure
- Additional gratuities at your discretion
- Insurance (see booking form)

Tour Price

£ 3,644.00 per person based on sharing a double bedroom.
Single room supplement **£807.00**

Important information to consider before booking your tour

Our tours are suitable for the majority of people, with an average level of fitness and mobility. They often involve full days of sightseeing and agricultural visits, which involve some walking, sometimes on uneven ground, and climbing steps. Periods of standing can be anticipated, especially on agricultural visits. Some of our tours inevitably stay in a number of hotels, although we avoid one night stops wherever possible. Other tours are more relaxed and remain in one hotel throughout or change hotels very little.

We welcome single travellers, although unfortunately, there is the single room supplement payable, which is imposed on us by the hotels.

Whilst Bay Farm Tours endeavour to take good care of all our customers, we have to consider the needs of the whole group, and are unable to accommodate anyone with additional needs, particularly those travelling alone.

All our tours involve coach travel, therefore getting on and off a coach is an integral part of any tour.

To assist with the level of physical activity anticipated on a tour we have given each tour a code.

A = Relaxed tour with leisurely physical activity and staying in one or two hotels throughout. Some walking is anticipated on sightseeing and agricultural visits. Walking on uneven ground and cobbles with the possibility of climbing steps can be anticipated. Some periods of standing can be expected.

B = A tour with moderate physical activity staying at a variety of hotels throughout. Includes longer & shorter days, some walking is anticipated on uneven ground and cobbles with the possibility of climbing steps. Periods of standing are inevitable. **For this tour we would suggest you are able to easily walk a minimum of ½ mile in comfort and at a steady pace.**

C = A busy tour staying in a number of hotels, climate and local conditions will possibly make the tour feel more active. The tour includes longer & shorter days. Climbing steps, walking on uneven ground/pavements is anticipated in addition to periods of standing. **For this tour we would suggest you are able to easily walk a minimum of ½ mile in comfort and at a steady pace.**

D = This tour is unsuitable for anyone with walking difficulties. Some aspects of the tour, particularly agricultural and sightseeing visits, involve walking over uneven terrain and climbing steps. The country does not have the facilities available in many western countries regarding accessibility. **For this tour we would suggest you can easily walk a minimum of 1 mile in comfort and at a steady pace.**

Whilst we give the guidelines above it is also important to remember that walking distances in airports can be lengthy, and this must also be considered when booking any of our tours.

Please read your detailed itinerary and the above information carefully, which is a guideline and intended to assist you, to make an informed decision regarding which tour is right for you. All our itineraries are carefully designed, as we want you to get the maximum enjoyment from the tour.

When a tour is returning to the same hotel it is possible to take a 'rest day' if required, though not surprisingly, we do find that on the whole people do not want to miss out on a day's activities.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions on 01524 423444.

12. All arrangements made by or through Bay Farm Tours in connection with the booking are subject to the conditions made by the airlines, hotels, coach companies, shipping lines, restaurants and other persons, firms or companies concerned.

13. Force Majeure: No liability can be accepted by Bay Farm Tours for changes due to "force majeure" and shall not be liable in respect of events. These can include: strikes, riots, political unrest, war or threat of war, industrial action, government action, natural disasters, technical or weather problems, disease problems or similar events beyond our control.

14. Passports / visas: Information and advice given is for British Citizens only, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who has a British Subjects Passport or travels on the passport of another country should consult with the relevant Embassies and /or Consulates. It is the responsibility of the client to ensure that he/she has in his/her possession the necessary passport(s), visas, or immigration requirements.

15. Travel insurance: Is compulsory for clients travelling on a Bay Farm Tour. On receipt of your booking form and deposit a disclaimer form will be sent to you to complete with details of your insurance company and policy.

16. Data Protection. In order to process your booking and to ensure your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements we need to use the information you provide including name, address, and any special needs/dietary requirements etc. We take full responsibility for ensuring that proper security measures are in place to protect your information. We must pass the information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements such as airlines, hotels and transport providers etc. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs and immigration if required by them, or as required by law.

17. Flight Delays. In the event you have a flight delay it is the responsibility of the appropriate airline to provide appropriate standards of welfare and communication. If you are at a point in your tour where you are travelling with the Tour Manager, he or she will approach the airline or their representative. If it is at a point on your travel itinerary where you are travelling individually you may need to do this yourself. It should be noted that airlines do not generally provide the above if the reason for any delay is due to inclement weather.

18. Foreign Office Advice. Once we have received your booking form and deposit, we will send you "Information to assist you in preparing for your Tour". This will include latest Foreign & Commonwealth Office advice about the country you are visiting. If you wish to receive this information prior to booking on any tour we would ask you ring our office and we will forward this to you by first class post, or you may check on FCO website on www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo for advice and the latest information about the country to be visited.

19. Our Liability to you. If the contract we have with you is not performed, or is improperly performed by us or our suppliers, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to you, or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable, or unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with due care, could not foresee or forestall.

Our liability except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of 3 times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to; **(a)** The contractual terms of the companies that provide transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract. **(b)** Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of limitation of compensation contained in these conventions. You can ask for a copy of the transport companies' contractual terms, or the international conventions, from the Bay Farm Tours offices at 35, Euston Road, Morecambe, Lancs., LA4 5DF Tel No: 01524 423444.

20. Denied Boarding. Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. **However, reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us.** Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in clause 8. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. If your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Air Transport Users Council on 020 7240 6061 www.auc.org.uk.

21. Behaviour. If your behaviour or that of any member of your party is likely in our opinion to cause distress, damage, danger to or to annoy our other customers, employees, accommodation providers, or anyone else, we can end your travel arrangements and terminate your booking. If you are prevented from travelling because any person in authority is of the opinion that you are unfit to travel or likely to cause a risk, discomfort to or disturb other passengers we can end your travel arrangements and terminate your booking. In each case we will not be liable for any refund, compensation or any other costs you have to pay. We will also hold members of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage to the property together with legal costs we incur in pursuing the claim. We cannot accept liability for the behaviour of others on your flight or in your tour accommodation. It is important to report the actions of any other travellers that are causing you discomfort or distress to your tour manager or airline/accommodation staff as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken.

22. Prompt assistance on tour. If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provisions of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

23. Excursions. Additional excursions or other tours that you choose to book or pay for whilst you are on tour are not part of your package holiday/tour provided by us. For any excursion or other tour that you book, your contract will be with the operator of the excursion and not with Bay Farm Tours. We are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision by the operator.

24. ABTA. We are a member of ABTA, membership number V0620. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of, or in connection with this contract. Further information on the Code and arbitration can be found at <http://www.abta.com>

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