



A Sample Private Shore Excursion for
Split, Croatia
with your personal English-speaking guide

Featuring Exeter International Extraordinary Experiences
VIP Tour of the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery with a Curator



Day 1

Option 1 (Half-Day)

Split

This morning your guide will meet you at your port to begin your exploration of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. This busy maritime and shipbuilding center is also the home of the Diocletian Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site complex built in the 3rd Century and covering a considerable area in the heart of the old town.

The Diocletian Palace, facing onto the Split harbor, is one of the most impressive Roman architectural monuments and is protected as a UNESCO Heritage Site. The Roman Emperor Diocletian, noted for his persecution of early Christians, was supposedly a native of nearby Salona before rising through the military ranks and getting appointed as emperor by his legions. He ruled for 20 years before abdicating and retiring to this palace. After his death, the palace was gradually abandoned until the 7th century when refugees from the surrounding areas, fleeing foreign invasions, sought shelter within the palace's protective walls. In the

following centuries, the castle's population outgrew its capacity and the town sprawled outside the walls. Nowadays, Split is a major port and industrial center, as well as a perfect base for day trips to many nearby attractions.

You will have the chance to wander around the more than 200 buildings within the boundaries of the Diocletian Palace complex, many of which are still homes, while others house cafes, restaurants, and shops. Like a typical Roman fort (castrum), in its original form the palace had a roughly square layout and was surrounded by a thick wall with gates and watchtowers. Some of the best-preserved sites you can visit are the Vestibule, the Temple of Jupiter, the Peristyle, and Diocletian's Mausoleum – now the Cathedral of St. Dominus.



Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

Later today, your guide and driver will take you on a private visit to the gallery of Ivan Mestrovic - the most celebrated Croatian artist of the 20th Century. Even as a youngster in rural Croatia, Mestrovic demonstrated a unique talent for molding clay. This talent was later honed in Zagreb and Vienna from which emerged an exquisite artist whose brilliant creativity translated itself into sculpture. He was a colleague and friend of the famous French sculptor Antoine Rodin in Vienna. During World War II Ivan Mestrovic was imprisoned but later freed when the Vatican intervened on his behalf and he later came to the United States to teach and create until his death in 1962. He is buried in a mausoleum that he designed himself. The artist was known for immortalizing womanhood in pieces such as *Maternity* and *the History of Croatia*. The gallery in Split was the original residence of the artist.

Note: While transportation services are included, the historical center of Split is pedestrian only. Please wear comfortable footwear.

Exeter Services: Half-Day Vehicle, Driver & Guide

Option 2 (Full-Day)

Split - Trogir

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Later continue with your guide and driver to the neighboring island of Trogir. Trogir is treasure trove of cultural and historical monuments dating as far back as the 4th Century BC. Set on a small island just off the mainland, Trogir was first settled by the ancient Greeks, before falling under the Romans and later the Byzantines. Destroyed by the Saracens and abandoned in the 12th Century, thanks to its strategic location the town was soon revived and became an artistic and cultural center under the Austro-Hungarians and later the Venetians. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Old Town is surrounded by a fortress wall with two gates and is connected to the mainland with a bridge.

As you enter the fortified town through the Land Gate, you will stroll along its narrow streets, flanked by ancient stone houses. We suggest that you do not miss St. Lawrence Cathedral, built over the remains of an older church destroyed by the Saracens. The main entrance is through a magnificent Romanesque portal, carved by the Dalmatian sculptor Master Radovan in the 13th Century. Just to the right of the main entrance stands a beautiful Venetian bell tower from the 15th Century.

Your guide will also show you the Gradska loza (the Old City Hall) from the 15th Century, the city walls, and the Kamerlengo Castle, which was once the residence of the Venetian governor. The palace's large courtyard is nowadays used for open-air theater performances and concerts. On the sea-side of the island, you may see the Sea Gate, which was built in the 16th Century, and the nearby old fish market, located in an open loggia, surrounded by a colonnade.

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Exeter Services: Vehicle, Driver & Guide

Prices

Option A

Number of Travelers	2011 Per Person Price
2	\$675
3 - 4	\$475
5 - 9	\$325
10 - 15	\$225

Option B

Number of Travelers	2011 Per Person Price
2	\$700
3 - 4	\$500
5 - 9	\$350
10 - 15	\$250

- All prices are per person.
- Prices for larger groups available upon request.
- Spanish-speaking guides are possible at a slightly higher rate.
- Prices are subject to change based on customization for each traveler and on port dates.

Your itinerary includes...

Services

Private vehicle and driver at your service as described. Private English-speaking guide at your service as described. A full-day is generally eight hours in duration. A half-day is generally three and a half hours in duration.

Transfers

All transfers to and from your cruise ship are included in the program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal between as noted in your itinerary. Guides may assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater tickets at your request.

Theater

None Included.

Tickets

All museum tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Independent Shore Programs

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal for full or half-day sightseeing programs as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, your driver and guide are at your disposal, so you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price. Your copy of "Travel Tips" contains suggested gratuity guidelines for your consideration. Gratuities may be extended in the local currency, U.S. Dollars or Euro.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

PAYMENT

Exeter International must receive a deposit of 10% of the total program cost or \$250 per person, whichever is greater, before reservations for your independent travel program can be initiated. The balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. *No reservations are made on your behalf until this deposit has been received.* Availability and pricing is subject to change until this deposit is received. **All deposits are nonrefundable.**

CANCELLATION

Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to the following forfeit of tour cost

- 59-14 days prior to departure, 50% of total tour cost
- 14 or less days prior to departure, 100% of tour cost.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

All Exeter International U.S. Resident guests receive \$50,000 per person in emergency medical coverage and emergency medical evacuation insurance.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Once an itinerary is finalized and final payment has been made, a \$100 revision fee will be charged if the itinerary is changed.

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2011. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International is under no obligation to give breakdown costs involved in any Travel Program.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
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