



The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route

Croatia and Serbia

Between Zagreb and Belgrade – Diverse Culture and Authentic Gastronomy

Introduction:

Discover the unique culinary diversity of Slavonia and Serbia, immerse yourself in the millennia-old history of these regions dating back to Roman times and explore modern cities rich in cultural experiences.

In the capitals of Zagreb and Belgrade you will enjoy the vibrant city life with exciting historical and cultural highlights. In contrast to this are the relaxed and picturesque cities Osijek in Croatia and Novi Sad in Serbia. You can expect special culinary regions with excellent wines and regional cuisine, historical fortresses and a fascinating Roman history along the Danube.

Itinerary: Zagreb > Sisak > Virovitica > Osijek via Baranja Wine Region > Sremska Mitrovica-Fruška Gora > Novi Sad > Stari Kostolac > Smederevo > Belgrade

Duration: 8 days

Best way of transport: private car, camper, (rental car)

More information about The Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route:
<http://romanemperorsroute.org/>

Day	Destinations
Croatia	
1	Arrival at Zagreb airport Zagreb Discover Croatia's capital city during a sightseeing tour by foot, bicycle or bus. Pay also a visit to the archeological museum in Zagreb or the archeological park "ANADAUTONIA" in Šćitarjevo (15 km from Zagreb) and learn about the Roman heritage. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archeological museum • ANADAUTONIA • Crkva sv. Marka • Katarinin Trg • Mirogoj • Dolac Market • Funicular Railway • Upper town • Lower town Taste Zagreb – enjoy a dinner from a wide range of options: rural dishes, sea food and local delicacies from all parts of Croatia. Overnight in Zagreb.
	Zagreb-Sisak (84 km) and Sisak-Virovitica (135 km) Drive to Sisak. The city is built on the ruins of the former city of Siscia which was a once the Roman centre of the Pannonia Savia Province. Enjoy ancient



	<p>Roman history and impressive architecture or be active in beautiful nature. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological park of Siscia in situ • Antique exhibition of the city museum • Stari grad Sisak (Old Fortress) • Pejačević Castle • Franciscan Monastery and the Church of St. Rocco • European Nature Park of Lonjsko Polje <p>Drive to Virovitica. For wine lovers a visit to the wine route as well as associated facilities on the way is worthwhile. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wine route “Virovitički vidici <p>Have a traditional dinner: Virovitica is well known for its local pepper, game specialties and freshwater fish. Overnight in Virovitica.</p>
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Croatia	
3	<p>Virovitica- Osijek via Baranja Wine Region (125 km)</p> <p>Drive to Osijek with a stopover in Baranja Wine Region. Make a break at the Battina Battle Memorial and enjoy a wonderful view over Croatia, Serbia and Hungary. A traditional lunch and excellent wine from the Baranja wine region awaits you in Zmajevac village, for example at Josić Winery. After the lunch take a rest at the lookout along Belje Wine Road, take a boat ride in Kopački rit Nature Park or a stroll around in Zlatna Greda Park. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battina Battle Memorial • Wineries in Zmajevac Village • Belje Wine Road • Kopački rit Nature Park • Zlatna Greda <p>Continue to Osijek. Taste Slavonian cuisine and local wine in one of the many restaurants in Osijek. Overnight in Osijek. <i>Tips for gastronomy: Kod Ruže and accommodation: Tvrđa Hotel or Maksimilijan Boarding House.</i></p>
Croatia & Serbia	
4	<p>Osijek and Osijek-Sremska Mitrovica (110 km)</p> <p>Take a relaxing morning stroll in Osijek. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tvrđa Fortress • River promenade • Bridge of Youth • Freemasonry • The Cathedral • Secession district with monumental public and private buildings <p>Drive to Sremska Mitrovica. Visit Sirmium – one of the major imperial capitals in the late Roman Empire. For a refreshing cool-down take a short swim at the city beach near the city centre. It is one of the most beautiful beaches in</p>

	<p>Serbia. Explore the city during a sightseeing tour or enjoy the beautiful nature. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirmium Imperial Palace • City beach • Bridge of St. Irinei • Srem Museum • Zasavica Nature Reserve <p>Dinner and overnight in Sremska Mitrovica or Fruška Gora.</p>
5	<p>Sremska Mitrovica-Fruška Gora (35 km) and Fruška Gora -Novi Sad (32 km)</p> <p>Continue your trip to Fruška Gora National Park. The mild, sunny slopes of Fruška Gora are covered with fertile vineyards, forests, and lakes. Also known as the Serbian Holy Mount due to the large number of monasteries. Have lunch and wine tasting at one of the numerous wineries, e.g. Deurić Winery and enjoy the beautiful nature surrounding you. Visit one of the old orthodox monasteries or take a walk in the beautiful nature. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruška Gora National Park • Wineries • Besenovo, Kuvezdin, Petkovica or Sisatovac monasteries <p>Drive to Novi Sad. Discover during a sightseeing tour the main highlight of Novi Sad: the Petrovaradin Fortress. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrovaradin Fortress • Svetozar Miletic Square • Danube Park • Dunavska Street • The Name of Mary Church • The Synagogue • Štrand <p>Enjoy the end of the evening during a traditional Serbian dinner, e.g. at Plava Fralja. Overnight in Novi Sad. <i>Tips for gastronomy: Plava Fralja and accommodation: Hotel Sheraton.</i></p>
6	<p>Novi Sad-Stari Kostolac (199 km), Stari Kostolac-Smederevo (54 km) and Smederevo-Belgrade (55 km)</p> <p>Drive to Stari Kostolac. Visit Viminacium Archeological Site, which was one of the most important Roman cities and military camps in the period from the 1st to the 4th century. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphitheater • Mausoleum and Tombs • The Baths • Porta praetoria <p>Drive on to Smederevo – the heart of the Morava wine region. Taste for example at the Winery Jeremić typical wines from the region and enjoy lunch at nearby restaurants arranged by the winery. If time allows drive to the city and climb the medieval Smederevo fortress. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wineries



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smederevo Fortress <p>Continue to Belgrade. For your dinner you can choose from a diverse selection of traditional and modern cuisine. Overnight in Belgrade. <i>Tips for accommodation: Envoy Hotel, Hotel Mark or Smokvica.</i></p>
7	<p>Belgrade</p> <p>The vibrant capital city of Serbia has something to offer for everyone. Just stroll around the city or explore Belgrade’s main highlights during a sightseeing tour. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgrade Fortress • Ancient Roman city Singidunum • St. Sava church • Museum of Yugoslavia • Skadarlija • Sava Mala • Royal Compound in Dedinje • Nikola Tesla Museum • Zemun • Mount Avala • Boat ride on the Danube <p>Have dinner in one of the many restaurants in Belgrade and think back over your eventful journey. Overnight in Belgrade. <i>Tips for accommodation: Envoy Hotel, Hotel Mark or Smokvica.</i></p>
8	<p>Departure from Belgrade</p>



Further information

Car rental:

- This itinerary is cross border. Make sure to book border crossing at the car rental company.
- You start in Zagreb and finish your journey in Belgrade. Consider to book a different car pick-up and drop-off location.

How to arrive to Zagreb and how to travel

- Zagreb International Airport: direct flights, e.g. from Stuttgart, Berlin, Cologne, Munich, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt am Main, Amsterdam, Brussels, London.
- Car Hire: All major brands are available at the airport (Sixt, thrifty, Europcar, Avis, Enterprise); thrifty can be rented at the airport in Zagreb and dropped off at Belgrade Airport.
- Train Station: Glavni Kododvor (Zagreb main station), connections run from Frankfurt and Munich.

Tourist Information Zagreb

Website: <http://www.infozagreb.hr/&lang=en>

Tourist Information Sisak

Website: <https://www.sisakturist.com/en/home>

Tourist Information Bilje (Baranja Region)

Website: <http://tzo-bilje.hr/en>

Tourist Information Osijek

Website: <http://tzo-bilje.hr/en>

Tourist Information Sremska Mitrovica

Website: <http://tosmomi.rs/>

Tourist Information Novi Sad

Website: <http://novisad.travel/en/>

Tourist Information Smederevo

Website: <https://www.smederevowelcome.com/>

Tourist Information Belgrade

Website: <http://www.tob.rs/>

Departure

- Public transport to the Nikola Tesla airport by bus (around 30 min – around 2,50€) with airport express bus A1 (from Slavija Square or Train Station) or city bus 72 (from Zeleni Venac).
- By car around 20 min.



- Non-stop flights from Belgrade, for example to Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Stuttgart, Baden-Baden, Memmingen, Hannover, Dortmund, Friedrichshafen, Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Brussels, London.