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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Discover Croatia with Friendly Planet Travel's Latest European Package Offering Food, Wine, Touring, and More**

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—August 27, 2012—Rugged, gorgeous coastlines, unique historic cities, impressive architecture, charming villages, and decadent food and wine define Croatia, one of Europe's hidden gems. As a country untouched by mass tourism, Croatia is a destination for travelers seeking a European vacation with a twist. Now, thanks to [Friendly Planet Travel](#), travelers can explore this majestic country on the [Discover Croatia](#) tour starting at just \$2,699.

“This unique package focuses on local gastronomy, in addition to sightseeing, and offers numerous opportunities to sample Croatian cuisine throughout the tour, such as the famous truffles of the Opatija region, and a traditional dinner at the well-regarded [Lička Kuća](#) restaurant near Plitvice Lakes. Several wineries are also visited to sample award-winning wines and learn about the stories and traditions of wine making in Croatia that have been passed down for generations,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “Our April and May departure dates offer the perfect time to visit Croatia, while the weather is warm and there are fewer tourists. We are also able to provide passengers with low through fares from many major U.S. airports.”

Friendly Planet Travel's 10-day Discover Croatia package includes round-trip airfare from [New York](#) (JFK) or [Newark](#) (EWR); fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; all ground transportation and transfers; accommodations in superior hotels; 16 meals (including eight buffet breakfasts, four lunches, and four dinners); comprehensive touring programs including entrance fees; and a professional English-speaking tour director and local guides.

Discover Croatia takes travelers through the country's most enticing areas, starting at the capital of Croatia, [Zagreb](#), which boasts rich history and culture, before continuing to [Opatija](#), a favorite resort and playground of European aristocracy. Situated on [Kvarner Bay](#), Opatija is located very close to Venice, so travelers who wish can easily enjoy a taste of Italy. From here, travelers have the opportunity to visit [Pula](#), once a strategic port in ancient Rome with one of the

largest and most complete amphitheater in the world which is in better condition than Rome's Coliseum. The tour continues to [Rovinj](#), one of the most beautiful seaside towns in Istria, known for its glass artwork followed by Livade, to enjoy one of Istria's greatest treasures - the Zigante truffle. At [Plitvice Lakes National Park](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which features 16 beautiful, clear lakes connected by waterfalls, travelers enjoy a boat ride over the emerald green Kozjak Lake.

Filled with ancient history and beautiful architecture, each town in Croatia has a new adventure to offer. The tour continues to the historic towns of [Šibenik](#), to sample the award winning wines at Bibich Winery; and [Split](#), the second largest city in Croatia with a distinct old town that has been built and re-built over centuries, resulting in old Roman ruins surrounded by modern architecture which creates an impression of stepping back in time. Travelers also enjoy time in [Trogir](#), another UNESCO World Heritage Site and historic town situated on a small island linked by bridges; [Ston](#), to visit Milos Winery for a taste of the famous 'Plavac Mali', a close relative of Zinfandel; and [Dubrovnik](#), a timeless old town that is uniquely encircled by medieval ramparts and has remained unchanged since the 13th century.

Friendly Planet Travel's [Discover Croatia](#) package includes four-star accommodations in each location. In [Zagreb](#), the Hotel Palace is located in an Art Nouveau mansion in the heart of the city; in [Opatija](#), the modern Kristal Hotel is built on the banks of the Adriatic Sea; in [Split](#), the Italian-style President Hotel is located in the historic heart of the city at the foothills of the famous Marjan Hill; and in [Dubrovnik](#), Friendly Planet offers the Uvala Hotel with its Mediterranean atmosphere, great views and complimentary bus to town.

Friendly Planet's 10-day [Discover Croatia](#) tour is available on the departure dates of April 19 and May 3 for \$2,699, and May 31 for \$3,199 if booked by Oct. 17. More departures for the Fall of 2013 are planned.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com or its blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit it at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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