



Discover Croatia: A Culinary Journey with Anna & Michael Olson

May 23-30, 2026 | 8 Days, 7 Nights | Maximum 15 Guests



Join renowned celebrity chefs Anna and Michael Olson for an extraordinary culinary adventure through Croatia's most captivating destinations. This exclusive FTD Agency experience combines the rich cultural heritage of Dubrovnik's UNESCO World Heritage sites with authentic gastronomic discoveries across the stunning Adriatic coast. From intimate wine tastings on the prestigious Pelješac Peninsula to hands-on cooking classes in rustic countryside estates, every moment has been carefully curated to offer you unparalleled access to Croatia's culinary secrets and cultural treasures.



Tour Highlights

-  UNESCO World Heritage Exploration - Discover medieval Dubrovnik and Montenegro's historic Kotor
-  Celebrity Chef Experiences - Cook alongside Anna & Michael Olson at the exclusive Kameniti Dvori estate
-  Premium Wine Discoveries - Taste exceptional Plavac Mali wines in family-run Pelješac Peninsula wineries
-  Marco Polo's Island - Explore enchanting Korčula with guided tours and traditional pastry-making classes
-  Adriatic Maritime Adventure - Private boat excursion to pristine oyster farms with fresh seafood lunch
-  Authentic Cooking Classes - Master traditional Croatian desserts and regional specialties with local artisans
- ME Cross-Border Discovery - Journey to Montenegro's dramatic fjord landscapes and medieval architecture
-  Curated Dining Experiences - Savor meals at personally selected restaurants featuring regional Croatian and Montenegrin cuisine

This intimate small-group journey promises not just a vacation, but a transformative exploration of Croatia's soul through its most authentic flavors and timeless traditions. With a maximum of 15 guests, you'll enjoy the personalized attention and exclusive access that defines the FTD Agency experience.

MEET YOUR HOSTS

FTD Agency & Giovanni Varano

For over 15 years, FTD Agency has been crafting extraordinary luxury travel experiences for discerning clients who seek authentic cultural immersion and culinary discovery. Founded and operated by Giovanni Varano, FTD Agency specializes in intimate, celebrity-hosted tours that provide unparalleled access to local traditions, artisans, and flavors. With personally vetted accommodations, hand-selected restaurants, and exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences, every FTD Agency journey reflects Giovanni's commitment to excellence and his passion for sharing the world's most captivating destinations with fellow travelers.



Anna & Michael Olson

Celebrity Chefs Anna and Michael Olson have cooked together for years, and their culinary knowledge, enthusiasm and generosity of spirit come through as you travel with them. Chef Anna is well known for her globally-aired TV series, her 12 cookbooks and her Oh Yum YouTube channel. Chef Michael, a leader of the culinary scene in Niagara, spent recent years teaching the next generation of chefs at Niagara College. They take great pleasure in these culinary tours and in guiding you through every delicious bite.

What to Expect from Anna & Michael

- They accompany us and participate in every excursion
- Expect topical lectures as we travel to a destination, to better prepare us for each culinary experience
- They share their top picks for a drink, snack, meal, gelato or shopping in towns they've visited
- At restaurants, they are a conduit between the local chef and you, the diner, to explain the context or history of a dish
- Making notes of dishes we've loved, or discussions we have about food, Anna & Michael send a custom-designed recipe booklet packed with photos from our adventures so that you can recreate dishes at home

"Croatia offers such a beautiful melding of old-world traditions and Mediterranean flavours, we can't wait for you to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore places and flavours that may not be on everyone's radar, and give us a new appreciation for this country where old meets new."

~ Anna & Michael Olson

Program Itinerary



Day 1 – May 23, 2026 Your Croatian adventure begins as you arrive in the enchanting city of Dubrovnik.

After settling into your carefully selected accommodation, take time to refresh and prepare for the journey ahead. As the sun sets over the Adriatic, we'll gather for a welcome cocktail reception followed by an exquisite dinner at one of our hand-picked local restaurants, where you'll meet your fellow travelers and get your first taste of Croatia's renowned hospitality.

Day 2 – May 24, 2026 Discover why Dubrovnik is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" as we explore this UNESCO World Heritage treasure. Marvel at the extraordinary medieval architecture and walk atop the majestic walls that have protected the Old Town for centuries.

Our guided exploration takes you along the famous Stradun, where you'll encounter the historic Onofrio Fountain, the Church of San Biagio, and the impressive Rector's Palace. Step inside the Franciscan Monastery to visit one of Europe's oldest functioning pharmacies, then discover the literary heritage at Marin Držić's house and the magnificent Palača Sponza.

A delightful lunch awaits in an intimate restaurant nestled in the heart of the old town, followed by dinner and a restful evening at your hotel.



Day 3 – May 25, 2026

Embark on a wine lover's dream as we journey to the prestigious Pelješac Peninsula, Croatia's most celebrated wine region. Experience the passion of family-run wineries in the charming micro-villages of Dingač and Postup, where you'll savor the renowned Plavac Mali wines paired with exceptional local delicacies.

Our adventure continues to the captivating island of Korčula, legendary birthplace of Marco Polo. Lose yourself in the maze of narrow cobblestone streets, admire the imposing city walls,



streets, admire the imposing city walls, and visit the stunning St. Mark's Cathedral. After lunch in a traditional restaurant, explore Marco Polo's historic house before traveling to picturesque Lumbarda for an exclusive hands-on cooking class with a celebrated local pastry chef.

Learn the secrets behind traditional island desserts like klašuni and cukarini.

Return to Dubrovnik for a relaxing dinner at your hotel.



Day 4 – May 26, 2026 Today brings an extraordinary culinary adventure in the pristine Konavle countryside. Journey to the rustic Kameni Dvori estate, where ancient stones and natural beauty create the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable cooking experience alongside celebrity chefs Anna & Michael Olson and talented local culinary masters. Roll up your sleeves and immerse yourself in authentic Croatian cooking techniques before savoring the delicious results of your efforts during a magnificent lunch.

Return to Dubrovnik for dinner at another carefully selected local restaurant, where regional specialties await.





Day 5 – May 27, 2026 Begin your day at leisure with a relaxing morning after breakfast, allowing time to reflect on your incredible experiences so far.

After lunch at the hotel, we set off on an exciting cross-border adventure to Montenegro. Arrive in the medieval fortress city of Kotor, dramatically positioned on the deepest fjord in the Mediterranean and proudly listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the atmospheric historic center, including the magnificent Cathedral of San Trifone and elegant Venetian-style palaces that tell stories of centuries past.

As evening falls, indulge in an authentic Montenegrin dinner featuring regional specialties before returning to Dubrovnik for the night.

Day 6 – May 28, 2026 Prepare for an unforgettable maritime and culinary adventure! Travel to the historic town of Ston, world-famous for its ancient salt pans and pristine oyster and mussel farms.

Board your private boat for an exclusive journey to the fascinating oyster farms, where crystal-clear waters meet centuries-old traditions.

Your floating feast begins with a welcome aperitif, followed by the freshest oysters harvested directly from the sea.

Savor the traditional buzzara with its intense, authentic flavors, complemented by expertly grilled fresh fish. This unique dining experience combines breathtaking sea panoramas with exceptional flavors in an atmosphere you'll treasure forever.

Return to Dubrovnik for dinner at your hotel.





Day 7 – May 29, 2026 After six days of incredible discoveries, today is yours to embrace at your own pace. Whether you choose to explore more of Dubrovnik's hidden corners, indulge in some well-deserved relaxation at the hotel, or simply wander the charming streets soaking in the Mediterranean atmosphere, the choice is entirely yours. As your Croatian journey draws to a close, we'll gather for a farewell dinner at a special local restaurant, celebrating the memories we've created together before returning to your hotel for one final night.

Day 8 – May 30, 2026 As your extraordinary Croatian adventure comes to an end, we'll assist with your departure transfers to the airport. Take with you not just souvenirs, but unforgettable memories of a journey that has masterfully woven together culture, breathtaking landscapes, and exceptional flavors with the elegance, authenticity, and territorial passion that defines the FTD Agency experience.



Regular price: \$8750 + GST (Canadian \$)

(per person based on double occupancy)

LIMITED TIME OFFER: \$7950 + GST (Canadian \$)

For the first 5 rooms to book.

Single room supplement: \$1250 + GST (Canadian \$)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodation:

- 🏠 7 nights at Hotel Ivka 4* in Dubrovnik (or similar) breakfast and dinner buffet daily

Culinary Experiences:

- 🍹 Welcome cocktail reception and dinner
- 🍽️ All lunches as per program with wine (¼ bottle) and mineral water (½ bottle)
- 👨🍳 Exclusive cooking class with celebrity chefs Anna & Michael Olson at Kameni Dvori estate
- 🍰 Interactive pastry cooking class in Korčula
- 🍇 Wine tasting in Pelješac featuring 3 premium wines with bread and cheese
- 🚤 Boat excursion with oyster and mussel tasting including lunch on board
- 🍷 Farewell dinner at local restaurant

Transportation:

- 🚌 Private minibus for all excursions and transfers as per program
- 🚢 Ferry tickets for Orebić–Korčula–Orebić crossing

Guided Tours & Activities:

- 🏛️ Professional guided tour of Dubrovnik (up to 3 hours)
- 🏰 Guided tour of Korčula (up to 1 hour)
- 🗻 Guided sightseeing in Kotor, Montenegro (up to 2 hours)
- 🔍 All cooking class facilities and ingredients

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Transportation:

- ✈️ International flights to/from Dubrovnik
- 🚗 Airport transfers (available as optional service)
- 🚶 Transportation on Day 7 (free day)

Additional Costs:

- 🏛️ Tourist tax
- 🛡️ Travel insurance
- 📄 Entrance fees not specifically mentioned
- 🍽️ Meals not listed in the program
- 🛍️ Personal expenses and shopping
- 💵 Tips and gratuities
- 🍷 Alcoholic beverages during hotel meals

Optional Supplements:

- 🚗 Airport transfers: Car (1-3 passengers) \$160 / Minivan (4-7 passengers) \$170
- 🍷 Hotel beverage package for 5 meals: €55 per person (¼ wine + ½ mineral water)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Booking Agreement

By submitting a deposit/registration, you agree to the terms outlined in this itinerary, including requirements, inclusions/exclusions, and payment terms. You are responsible for obtaining valid travel documents, insurance, and medical coverage. Your booking is confirmed upon receipt of deposit; balance payment is due by the invoice deadline. Prices, policies, and itineraries are subject to change until final confirmation. If booking on behalf of others, you must inform all participants of these terms.

Payment Schedule

All amounts based on early booking double occupancy, per person, with no add-ons selected. Should clients select any add-ons, prices will be adjusted accordingly.

- Registration fee: \$750 CAD per person upon signing up
- Second installment: \$3,225 CAD per person due by November 23, 2025 (6 months before departure)
- Final balance: \$3,975 CAD per person due by February 22, 2026 (90 days before departure)

Cancellation Policy

Tour cancellation requires written notice to FTD Agency. We make every effort to refill cancelled spots. If your spot is refilled, you receive a full refund minus a \$750 CAD non-refundable processing fee.

If your spot cannot be refilled:

- Up to 179 days before departure: Full refund minus \$750 CAD fee
- 180-61 days before departure: 50% non-refundable
- Fewer than 60 days before departure: 100% non-refundable

We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance including trip cancellation coverage, as FTD Agency is not responsible for unused services due to cancellations.

Physical Requirements

This tour involves daily walking on flat, paved streets for up to 2-3 hours. Participants must be able to walk unassisted and handle their own luggage.

Program Flexibility

All itinerary experiences are guaranteed; however, the order may be adjusted due to local conditions or weather requirements.

Travel Arrangements

International flights, airport transfers, and travel insurance are not included and are the participant's responsibility.

Participant Responsibility

Participants must ensure they have valid travel documents, visas, and meet health entry requirements for Croatia and Montenegro.

Health & Mobility

This tour is suitable for reasonably fit adults. Please disclose any dietary restrictions or mobility needs when booking.

Liability

FTD Agency acts as an agent for suppliers providing services and is not liable for third parties or unforeseen events beyond our control.

Rooming

Double occupancy pricing is based on shared accommodation. A single room requires payment of the single supplement.