



cruise spotlight

what you see

- Dubrovnik - fortress and old city
- Korcula - Reputed birthplace of Marco Polo
- Pakleni islands en route - azure waters & secluded beaches
- Hvar - harbour town, culinary delights & nightlife
- Scedro Island - picturesque & quaint
- Trstenik - On the Peljesac Peninsular and famed for its wines and beaches
- Mljet Island - National Park and salt water lakes
- Sipan - port and sandy white beaches with fantastic beaches
- Crystal clear Adriatic waters & sun kissed beaches

what you get

- 7 breakfasts, 5 (two course) lunches, 2 dinners
- 7 nights accommodation aboard Classic sailing boat
- 7 days sailing the Adriatic Sea's Dalmatian coastline
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- 2 towels for personal use
- Linen and bedding
- Most Port taxes and visitor fees. A supplementary Port tax of Euro 16 will need to be paid by you upon cruise check in.



on location

Your guide to on the ground...

visa requirements

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days. RSA and other passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Please contact the Croatian Embassy. Please note that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller.

climate

Temperatures in Croatia are generally high during the high summer months from June to September, when the sun can be strong, so pack sunscreen. Evenings can be cooler - so take a jacket, a long sleeved top or two and trousers for this eventuality.

time

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of GMT.

money

GBP £1=HRK 8.14 USD \$1=HRK 4.92 AUD \$1= HRK 4.47 (subject to fluctuation). Bring GBP or Euro for

exchange, and an internationally recognized debit/credit card for atms/teller cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). Exchange facilities are also available at various bureau de changes and banks.

health requirements

Recommendations - Tetanus and Polio, typhoid Hepatitis A. If planning to visit mountainous/forested regions, more vaccinations may be necessary. This information is provided as a guide only so please check with your local healthcare provider for the most up to date information. It is advisable to purchase bottled water for drinking.

how much?

TIPPING

If you feel your crew have done a good job you can reward them with a tip. Travellers will often pitch together, pass around an open envelope and present a group gratuity to the crew on behalf of the group. You are not obliged to partake if you don't wish to.

- Can of coke, 330ml **\$2.70**
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) **\$2.40**
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) **\$70-60**
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) **\$3**
- Chocolate candy bar (local brand) **\$1.45**

bright ideas

- Pack light and use a bag rather than a suitcase.
- Bring spare camera batteries/film and go snap happy.
- Want to snorkel? Pack a mask, flippers and snorkel.
- Pack 2 bathing costumes. That way you have a spare!
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Croatian.
- Bring a small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.

top experiences

- Enjoy a glass of wine on the islands of Hvar and Korcula. Famous wine regions.
- Enjoy a morning swim and fill your mind, body and soul with verve for the day!
- Explore the salt lakes on the island of Mljet
- Discover Korcula - the reputed birthplace of perhaps the world's greatest explorer - Marco Polo
- Walk along the awesome fortified walls of Dubrovnik
- Enjoy locally produced olives, preserves & sweetmeats.





cruise dubrovnik: itinerary

day 1 - dubrovnik

Sunday. Dubrovnik. Hail Croatia and welcome aboard! Your boat will have its name written on the side and a sign for "Katarina Line" who we work in conjunction with. An on the go/Katarina Line representative will be there to meet you and help you with the check in procedure. Your boat will be ready for embarkation/check in at the DUBROVNIK (GRUZ) HARBOUR FROM 1PM. If you have any problems, please contact the head office 00 385 (0) 51 603 400.

The stunning walled city of Dubrovnik is a true treasure. The cobbled old city streets resemble a jumble of tangled shoelaces filled with cute cafes, restaurants, ice cream parlours, souvenirs and curious. The compact city is full of colour and life and many a while can be spent watching the local traders go about their day. Spend the day exploring this Croatian favourite! Dinner and overnight onboard (Dubrovnik Harbour).

day 2 - korcula

Dubrovnik - Korcula. As our boat sets sail, the coming week will be filled with island hopping, swimming, sunbathing and relaxing with like minded travellers. In addition to a different view from on deck, you'll enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast and lunch and visit a range of different ports each day. As the sun sets, the world is your oyster; explore the day's port of call and discover a local restaurant or bistro and sample Croatia's incredible gastronomy and fine wines.

The first island we visit is Korcula, an island renowned for its long maritime history and is the reputed birthplace of the great explorer Marco Polo. It is possible to climb the tower, which was said to be his home. It is also one of the most charming and romantic of the 1000 or so islands off the Adriatic coast. Ancient medieval walls surround hidden treasures; you will find architectural delights, including Renaissance palaces, cathedrals, museums and plenty more gems tucked away in its network of old cobbled streets. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

day 3 - hvar

Korcula - Hvar. This morning we sail to the little island of Scedro for a dip, before continuing to the sunshine island of Hvar. Hvar is the longest island in the Adriatic, renowned for its historic architecture, fresh lavender, figs and olives. Take a walk through the harbour town and be sure to sample some of the

local wines and spirits, as well as the freshly caught fish. Hvar offers plenty of restaurants, cafes and bars, open long into the night! Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

day 4 - trstenik

Hvar - Trstenik. Setting sail we cruise to the little village of Trstenik on the southern coast of Peljesac island. Chief occupations on the island include farming, viticulture and fishing. The coastline along the town and the neighbouring inlets is covered by lush groves of pine, and is perfect for swimming. The famous Grgic winery is situated here - have a walk and taste some of their delicious wine! Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

day 5 - mljet

Trstenik - Mljet. Today we sail to the verdant green island of Mljet, where you can opt for a dip in one of the crystal clear inland lakes or visit the small 12th century Benedictine monastery. A little over half the island is devoted as National Park offering pleasant scenery and is easily navigated by bicycles, motorized scooters and buggies, all available for hire by the harbour front. At dinner time try one of the many seafood restaurants along the waterfront or any one of the tiny local village kavarnas (taverns) throughout the island. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

day 6 - sipan island

Mljet - Sipan Island. Cruising to the Elafiti Islands, the anchor will be dropped at one of the smaller islands, offering the opportunity to swim and snorkel in azure blue waters. Sipan, the biggest island, is our choice of port tonight. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

day 7 - dubrovnik

Sipan Island - Dubrovnik. Arriving back to Dubrovnik early this morning the day is free for you to further explore the impressive old city or perhaps take one final dip in the sea. For those of you with energy, we recommend a walk on top of the 1940m long city walls!. Breakfast, dinner and overnight onboard.

day 8 - dubrovnik

Sunday. Dubrovnik. Our week of sun and sailing concludes after breakfast. Perhaps spend some more time wandering around the beautiful old city before flying home.

Top spots

Dubrovnik: Without doubt the ancient walled medieval city of Dubrovnik is Croatia's crowning jewel and one of planet earth's 'must-see's. Its appeal lies in the old town of Stari Grad. Jutting out into the azure blue sea, Stari Grad is cross-crossed with marble-paved squares, steep cobbled streets buzzing with life and activity, tall houses, convents, churches, palaces and museums all cut from the same light coloured stone. Built between the 13th and 16th centuries, the imposing city walls (some 25m high with 16 towers) are still intact today, a walk along which is considered to be the highlight of one's stay in Dubrovnik.

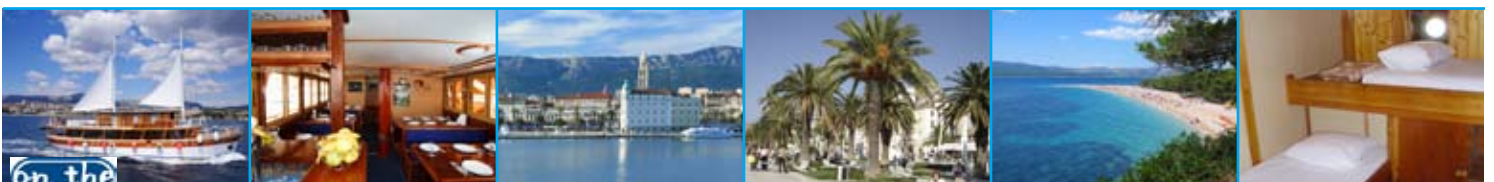
Korcula: The greenest island in Croatia, Korcula is all woodlands, vineyards, fishing villages and reputed birthplace of the original and greatest explorer Marco Polo. Though Korculans like to identify Antenor, fleeing from Troy, as the city's founder, there are even older Neolithic burial mounds, and a possible Phoenician settlement, attesting to the island's long and illustrious history.

The walled old city of Korcula, with streets arranged in a herringbone pattern allowing free circulation of air but protecting against strong winds, is tightly built on a promontory that guards the narrow sound between the island and the mainland. Building outside the walls was forbidden until the 18th century, so there is some awesome architecture inside the old city.

Mljet: Thought to have been discovered by the Ancient Greeks, records for which have been found, Mljet was called "Melita" or "honey" which over the centuries evolved to the current Slavic name. A chap called Agesilaus of Anaxarba was banished to Mljet by Roman Emperor Septimus Severus almost 2000 years ago, so Mljet has certainly seen some history! Mljet is carpeted with verdant forest (over 70%), sprinkled with fields, vineyards and tranquil villages. The western half of the island is a national park. The park is characterised by two deep bays, which are called lakes due to their very narrow passages to the open sea. On an island on one of the lakes is a 12th century Benedictine monastery.

According to legend, Odysseus found his shelter in a cave under the village of Babino Polje. Today, this void is a harbour used by local fisherman. According to Homer, Odysseus survived a shipwreck on his way back home from the Trojan War. He swam into the cave for shelter and there the nymph Calypso,

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daughter of Poseidon, waited for him. Amazed by the beauty of the nature and in love with the nymph Calypso, by all accounts Odysseus stayed on the island for 7 years! You won't be there for that long, so make the most of it!

Hvar: Located on the Dalmatian coast, the island of Hvar is separated from the island of Brac by the Hvar Channel. Residents of Hvar mostly work in the fishing and tourism industries. With a very mild Mediterranean climate and beautiful beaches, it is no wonder Hvar's residents who work mostly in agriculture, fishing and tourism, approve of their island. Blessed with around 2715 hours of sunshine per year, the island promotes itself as the 'island of sunshine'. Hvar could also be called the 'island of lavender or wine' as it cultivates vast quantities of this aromatic botanical for oils and soaps and is one of Croatia's most famous regional producers of wine.

Vineyards on the southern side of the island are famous for red wines produced from the Plavac Mali grape. The central plain between Stari Grad and Jelsa is famous for its white wines. Sitting at the foot of pineclad slopes, the medieval old town of Hvar on the island of the same name is crammed to the gunnels with historical sights, cafes, boutiques and bars.

PLEASE NOTE: The Captain has the right to change the route due to weather and sea conditions or to ensure the boat stays on schedule. Also note that all boats have an onboard motor which they tend to use for the majority of the time, rather than the sails.

useful information

Luggage

You will need to use a large holdall or rucksack rather than a suitcase because there is limited space in the cabins.

What will I eat?

Aboard the cruise, Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Continental breakfast will comprise tea or coffee, fruit juice, bread, butter and preserves, plus cold cuts and cheeses. Lunch will include a starter of home made soup or pasta and a main course comprising either fish, meat or chicken with a minimum of two sides (potatoes, cabbage, other vegetables) and side salad and desert. Desert will be either seasonal fruits, ice cream or perhaps pancakes. All menus are designed and cooked by the onboard cook.

Is there a bar onboard?

A bar operates on board all boats. Prices are in line with those one will pay in port at bars/cafes for beers, wines, basic spirits, mixers, soft drinks and bottled mineral water. Since there is a bar aboard, it is not possible to consume personal supplies of alcohol or beverages not purchased aboard. If you were found to be flouting this rule, you would be asked to consume such personal supplies when ashore. The same would happen if you were drinking BYO drinks in a hotel lobby! You'd be asked to consume the drink(s) beyond the confines of the hotel!

Can I smoke onboard?

Smoking is restricted to OUTSIDE ONLY - ON DECK.

Classic boats

Offer mostly twin bunk cabin accommodation with private en suite bathrooms. Dependant upon craft, occasionally double-bedded cabins are available. All boats offer plenty of deck space and room to lounge about. There are only Classic boats available on our Cruise Dubrovnik.

Should I book an 'on deck' or 'below deck' cabin?

There are small differences between 'above deck' and 'below deck' cabins. 'Above deck' cabins are arranged on the main or top deck of the boat and have windows allowing fresh air and views. Whilst 'below deck' cabins are arranged within the hull of the boat below the main deck. 'Below deck' cabins may have port holes, but these will not necessarily open.

Optional extras:

There are a couple of optional extras available to you onboard. You are able to purchase a fully-cooked breakfast if so desired or join other travelers aboard for a Captains Dinner (subject to 10 participants - the cook wants to make cooking a big meal worthwhile!) and/or have one's bed linen changed during the cruise. These services are available at reasonable cost.

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