Sailing Split
8 days | Starts/Ends: Split

CRUISE HOLIDAY: Discover sun-kissed beaches, delicious local cuisine, pebbled bays, medieval Dubrovnik, beautiful Korcula and other ports of call. Relax and unwind as we cruise from the ancient port of Split on Croatia’s Adriatic Coast with plenty of time to soak up the sun, swim and explore.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights
- Split – roam the medieval streets that lie within the walls of this ancient city
- Dubrovnik – discover a stunning city and the spectacular setting for ‘Game of Thrones’
- Korcula – uncover this charming island your way and see the sights of Marco Polo’s birthplace
- Mljet Island – explore the unforgettable natural beauty that lies within the national parks
- Pakleni Islands – swim in crystal clear waters and relax on the pristine beaches - a perfect place to relax
- Hvar – wander around the quaint harbour town and perhaps sample some fresh fish and fine wine
- Loviste - stroll around this picturesque seaside town with stunning coastal views
- Brac - soak up the rays on Zlatni Rat, one of the most famous beaches on the Adriatic coast

What's Included
- Continental breakfast daily and 7 (3-course) lunches
- 7 nights accommodation aboard a 'Traditional En suite Ship' - A/C en-suite cabins with bunk beds (see Trip Notes for further details about ship category inclusions)
- 7 days cruising the Dalmatian Coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Most port and visitor fees
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- Linen, bedding, towels and onboard water dispenser
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Below deck cabin (option to upgrade to upper/main deck available)

What's Not Included
- International flights and visas
- Transfers to and from the airport or port
- Port tax of EUR 40 per traveller, to be paid upon check-in, in cash
- Entrance fees to national parks. The exact cost is dependent on the season and parks visited, budget approx EUR15 per traveller
- Tip for your crew. We recommend you allow EUR 3–5 per day, per traveller. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1: Split and UNESCO listed Diocletian Palace

Saturday. Split – Makarska. Hello Croatia and welcome aboard! Located in the heart of Dalmatia, Split became a popular retirement destination in the 4th century for Roman emperors such as Diocletian. Today, it's renowned for its variety of archaeological, historical and cultural monuments, among them the UNESCO listed Diocletian Palace. The first detailed tourist guide published in 1894, bears witness to the long tourist tradition in hospitable Split. Take some time to explore this Roman city - walk the streets where the Diocletian emperor once ruled and soak up the important historical sights.
Sailing Split

Don’t miss the boat! Make your own way to the port, our cruise departs from SPLIT HARBOUR ON SATURDAY AT 13:00. From Split Harbour we cruise south to Makarska. If you require pre-tour accommodation we are able to offer suggestions, get in touch with our travel experts for recommendations. Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)

Day 2 : Seafood and spectacular scenery

Makarska – Mljet. Cast your 21st century worries adrift and get on with the business of sheer relaxation and soaking up the sun. Every day there are opportunities to swim and snorkel direct from the boat or from the sandy white beaches as our boat moors in sheltered bays and coves.

Today, we cruise to the Peljesac Peninsula where we will stop to swim. With lunch onboard, we continue to the verdant green island of Mljet. Half of the island is a national park and is stunningly beautiful, with thick green forests of Aleppo pine encircling the two inland salt water lakes. The lakes, Malo Jezero (big lake) and Veliko Jezero (small lake), are interlinked and connected to the sea by a shallow tidal canal. In the middle of Veliko Jezero is the picturesque island of Saint Mary, home to a small 12th century Benedictine monastery, well worth the visit. The island is easy to navigate and it’s possible to hire bicycles, motorized scooters, buggies and open top cars from the harbour. At dinner time try one of the many seafood kavarnas (taverns) along the waterfront.

In port at day’s end, head to a local restaurant or café. The freshness and variety of Croatian food is typical of Mediterranean cuisine. Seafood has a prominent place, as do fresh vegetables, cheeses and breads. Olives and grapes have been cultivated here since pre-Christian times.

Overnight - Mljet - onboard (B, L)

Day 3 : Explore Dubrovnik

Mljet – Dubrovnik. Arriving into Dubrovnik, spend the day exploring this ancient city. Much of the history of Dubrovnik can be characterised by its intact city walls, which run uninterrupted for 1940 metres encircling the city. This complex structure, one of the most beautiful and strongest fort systems in the Europe, is the main attraction to the city’s visitors. Five towers inbuilt along the city wall offer unforgettable views of the city and out to sea, and were once used to ward off invaders.

The old stone city is a labyrinth of criss-crossed cobbled streets and lanes, with a thousand and one taverns serving up cold beer and Mediterranean food, numerous souvenir and gift shops, many days can be spent exploring inside these city walls.

Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard (B, L)

Day 4 : Sipan Island

Dubrovnik – Sipan Island/Trstenik. This afternoon we cruise to Sipan Island or Trstenik. Trstenik is a pretty harbour town, located on the north eastern tip of the Peljesac Peninsula. The quaint fishing village boasts beautiful unspoiled coves and beaches, fresh water springs and many restaurants and bars along the harbour side strip.

Sipan Island is historically fascinating. During the 15th century it was a chic summer getaway for the very best Dubrovnik families, many of whom built palaces on the island. Sipan’s beaches are never overcrowded so you’ll have no trouble finding a pleasant place to leap into the clear sea. Overnight - Sipan/Trstenik - onboard (B, L)

Day 5 : Korcula

Korcula – Pakleni Islands – Hvar. En route to Hvar, we’ll cruise the scenic Pakleni Islands. With crystal clear waters and secluded beaches, you’ll have the chance to unwind in a true slice of paradise.

After lunch onboard, we’ll head to Hvar. Wander the charming harbour town independently and immerse yourself in local life, sampling native wines, spirits and cuisine.

Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)

Day 6 : Pakleni Islands and Hvar

Korcula – Pakleni Islands – Hvar. Today, we’ll delve into the old town of Korcula. A distinctive maze of cobbled streets and limestone buildings, you’ll discover a fascinating piece of history on each corner. Explore Renaissance palaces, cathedrals and the tower of Marco Polo in the heart of this bustling island.

Overnight - Korcula - onboard (B, L)

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Day 7: Swimming in paradise

Hvar – Brac – Split. We'll cruise to the island of Brac, where we'll stop at famous Zlatni Rat. Known as one of the most beautiful beaches on the Croatian coastline, you can swim in the brilliant blue waters, stroll along the endless stretch of sand or explore the town.

Explore the nearby town of Bol on your own terms before lunch on board. We return to Split for a free afternoon and evening to explore the city at leisure.

Overnight - Split - onboard (B, L)

Day 8: Split

Saturday. After breakfast onboard, our cruising adventure comes to an end in Split. (B)

Hotels

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Traditional En suite Ship

Traditional En suite ships offer mostly twin bunk cabin accommodation, though dependent upon the craft, triple and double-bedded cabins are sometimes available. All cabins on Traditional En suite ships have private en suite bathrooms and air conditioning. Additionally these ships provide towels, plenty of hot water, board games and lots of shaded and sun deck space to relax on.

Premium Ship

Premium ships are a class above our traditional ships and are bookable as an upgrade on most sailing trips. The Premium ships are fully renovated with slightly larger en suite cabins 8 – 14 square metres (twin share or double). All cabins have air conditioning and most common areas do too whilst sailing as well as hair dryers and safety deposit boxes. Towels and bed linen are changed twice weekly and all premium ships include a tour of Dubrovnik with an English speaking guide. Additionally, premium ships offer plenty of hot water, towels, some linen, a TV and sound system in the reception area, board games, WiFi in common areas (when in port) and extensive sun and shaded deck space to lounge about!

Premium Plus Ship

Premium Plus ships are recently built mini-deluxe vessels with all the features of our Premium ships but they are larger in size offering ample deck space. Premium Plus ships are used as an upgrade (from Premium) on our cruises and include all of the above plus two more guided tours.

Prices / Dates Info

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room/cabin. The ‘Single supplement’ is compulsory for solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room/cabin and the amount needs to be added to the per person price. The single supplement offers the comfort of your own room and is also available to any other person wanting their own room/cabin.

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