

Adriatic Explorer Premium Plus

8 days | Split to Dubrovnik



CRUISE HOLIDAY: Cruise the beautiful Dalmatian Coast in style onboard a premium cruiser. Travelling from sensational Split to Medieval Dubrovnik, visiting some of Croatia's most picturesque islands, national parks and historic towns en route.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Split - Begin your Croatian cruise in the charming port city of Split, take in the history, opt to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site - Diocletian's Palace and enjoy delicious cuisine
- Pakleni Islands - Swim in the azure waters and secluded bays of this small group of islands off the coast of Hvar
- Mljet Island - Stroll around the two salt lakes and through the lush forests of Mljet National Park
- Korcula - Wander through the quaint old town and enjoy a refreshing pint in one of the many taverns
- Hvar - Visit the town of Hvar on the island of the same name, which is the sunniest island in the Adriatic
- Brac - Stop at the delightful fishing town of Bol and Zlatni Rat, the most famous beach in Croatia

- Makarska - Opt to go rafting on the Cetina River and take a stroll through the old town of Omis, dotted with historic monuments
- Dubrovnik - End your tour in the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', the famous walled city which starred in the *Game of Thrones*

What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 7 (3-course) lunches and 1 Captain's dinner
- 7 nights Premium Plus accommodation onboard an air conditioned ship
- 7 days sailing off the Dalmatian Coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, hike and bike ride
- Services of onboard captain and crew
- 2 bath towels for personal use
- Linen and bedding
- Most port taxes and visitor fees (a supplementary port tax of €40pp will need to be paid upon cruise check-in)
- Guided tours of Hvar, Korcula and Dubrovnik
- Onboard water dispense
- Complimentary WiFi onboard

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Transfers to and from the airport or port

- Tip for your crew. We recommend you allow EUR 3–5 per day, per traveller. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture
- Port tax of EUR 40 per traveller, to be paid upon cruise check-in
- Entrance fees to national parks. The exact cost is dependent on the season and parks visited, budget approx EUR15 per traveller

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Raft the Cetina River

Saturday. Split - Makarska. Departure from Split Harbour at 1 pm and cruise along Dalmatian Coast towards the Makarska Riviera. After lunch we arrive at Omis, a picturesque town surrounded by steep rocky mountain cliffs, where the river Cetina flows into the Adriatic Sea. Try river rafting on the streams of the Cetina River and meet the ship again in Makarska. Climb up to the old fortress above the town or just take a walk through the old town of Omis and discover the glorious long history through the many historical monuments. Makarska is a popular tourist destination with many restaurants and bars and a beautiful promenade along the famous beach. Enjoy the magic of the central spot of the Makarska Riviera, and be sure to take a walk along the city streets – with an abundance of churches and other cultural sites. **Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)**

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Day 2 : Beautiful Brac



Makarska - Bol (Brac). This morning we continue our cruise towards our next destination – the island of Brač, more precisely to the town of Bol, a typical Dalmatian fishermen's village. Bol is known for its famous Zlatni Rat Beach (Golden Horn), a natural phenomenon that with its specific form dominates the other beaches of Bol. A walk along the promenade (approx 2 hours) from Bol you can reach the highest peak of all Adriatic Islands – Vidova Gora, under which the town lies. After a swim break and lunch we continue our journey towards Stari Grad on Hvar Island, the sunniest Adriatic Island. Free afternoon to explore this unique town, opt to visit the famous Stari Grad Field, the oldest in Croatia and the best preserved example of ancient Greek system of agriculture. Together with the old town it is World Heritage Listed and protected by UNESCO. **Overnight - Stari Grad - onboard (B, L)**

Day 3 : Hvar and swimming by the Paklina Islands

Bol - Hvar. Our next destination is the island of Hvar, the longest of all the Adriatic Islands and a favourite destination for jet setters from all around the world. After lunch, we stop for swim at nearby Pakleni Islands. Take some time to relax and enjoy the refreshment of the clear, crystal blue sea before arrival to Hvar, in the afternoon hours. Hvar Town offers many cultural and historical sites - Renaissance Cathedral, the oldest communal theatre in Europe founded in 1612, Franciscan Monastery, the Benedictine Convent famous for their lace listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Spanjola Fortress towering high above the town... and many restaurants and bars open late into the night. **Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)**

Day 4 : Picturesque Hvar and optional Blue Cave visit



Hvar - Vis. The ship sets sail early this morning as we cruise towards the little island of Biševo to visit the Blue Cave (weather dependant, book and pay locally EUR14pp). We then continue to the island of Vis, which was because of its unique geographical position, a strategic harbour for the Navy and as such, closed to the public until recently. Because of this isolation, Vis has a special charm, 'the Mediterranean as it once was' which makes it a really interesting place to see. We spend the night moored up by the town of Vis, situated on the northern side of the island, developed near the remains of ancient Issa, the first urban centre in Croatia. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman Thermal Baths, City Museum or simply take a walk and enjoy the views of the beautiful Roman styled villas situated along the coast. **Overnight - Vis - onboard (B, L)**

Day 5 : Marco Polo's birthplace



Hvar - Korčula. Before breakfast we depart towards Korčula, the birthplace of famous explorer and adventurer Marco Polo. Surrounded by medieval walls, Korčula resembles a miniature Dubrovnik when approaching from the sea. It has more legends, tales and monuments than you will find anywhere else. Today, Korčula is the

only place in the world where the Spanish medieval knight's game – Moreska is still performed. Upon arrival, enjoy a walk through the streets of the old town built in the shape of a fish bone. Enjoy the numerous konobas/taverns, restaurants, cocktail bars and night-clubs located within and around the city walls. **Overnight - Korčula - onboard (B, L)**

Day 6 : Mljet National Park



Korčula - Mljet Slano/Sipan. We continue cruising towards one of the greenest Adriatic Islands – the island of Mljet. This afternoon we take time to enjoy the beauties of the National Park, two salt lakes connected by a narrow channel to the sea and a boat ride to the St Mary Isle in the Great Lake, where the old church and monastery are situated. You can cycle around and swim in the lakes. We continue our cruise towards Šipan, part of Elaphite Islands, or towards Slano on the coast, both small fishermen's villages where we will overnight in the port. Tonight we'll enjoy a scrumptious Captain's Dinner. **Overnight - Slano/Sipan - onboard (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : The pearl of the Adriatic

Slano/Sipan - Dubrovnik. In the early morning hours we depart towards our final destination, Dubrovnik arriving in after lunch. Discover this "paradise on Earth", as the famous writer George Bernard Shaw described, here we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik followed by an optional cable car ride up to Srđ Mountain for spectacular views of the old town. During your free time, a stroll along the 1940 metre long city walls is highly recommended and offers magnificent views of the old town of Dubrovnik and the

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surrounding islands. **Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard** (B, L)

Day 8 : Stunning Dubrovnik



Saturday. Dubrovnik. After breakfast, say goodbye to the crew and your new friends - Dovidjenja!(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.

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.



Our partners

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.

Optional excursions and extras

Below are some optional extras and tours available locally (booked and paid locally in Croatia Kuna only). There are many others and the full list is available on board your ship in a book for you to browse at your leisure.

- English breakfast supplement: EUR 40pp - includes 2 eggs, bacon, tomato and mushrooms, or fruit and yoghurt or similar. Comfort and Premium boats include a cooked breakfast.

- UNDERGROUND TUNNELS TOUR ON VIS - 1.5 hours EUR30pp

This excursion visits military tunnels from the 'Cold War' used for the submarines and gun battery in the past.

Included: Guided tour of the tunnels and return transfer

- GAME OF THRONES TOUR IN DUBROVNIK - 2 hours EUR27pp

On this tour, you will be taken through all the parts of the Old City where some of the most memorable scenes from the ongoing cultural phenomenon were filmed.

Ship and cabin category options

PREMIUM SHIP:

Premium steel hulled vessels with modern traditional look. Accommodation in air-conditioned, spacious en-suite cabins with double or twin beds, hair dryer and safety deposit box. Ships are from 29 to 35m in length with cabins 8 to 14m² in size.

Included services: Buffet breakfasts, three course lunches, Captain's dinner, English speaking tour manager on board, a guided tour, daily cabin service, mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen, luggage handling, olive oil and wine tasting on board, afternoon tea and coffee, water dispenser, complimentary Wi-Fi, most visitors tax and port fees.

PREMIUM PLUS SHIP:

Premium superior vessels are recently built mini deluxe vessels featuring similar comfort – 38 to 41m in length. Air-conditioned cabins are 8 to 14m² in size with double or twin beds, hair dryer and safety deposit box.

Included services: Buffet breakfasts, three course lunches, Captain's dinner, English speaking tour manager on board, 3 guided tours, daily cabin service, mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen, luggage handling, olive oil and wine tasting on board, afternoon tea and coffee, water dispenser, complimentary Wi-Fi, most visitors tax and port fees.

'ON DECK' OR 'BELOW' 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 and if available, can't be opened during cruising times.

Life onboard

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.

Families onboard

On occasion family groups, including parents with children may form part of your sailing group. If you specifically do not wish to travel with one or two children onboard, please let us know at time of booking so we can aim to make the necessary arrangements of your request.

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Captain's call

The Captain has the right to change the scheduled route at any point in time to ensure the safety of all travellers and to ensure the cruiser stays on schedule. Changes may become necessary due to weather, sea conditions, port regulations or any other reason.

Please note that all boats have an onboard motor which they tend to use for the majority of the time, rather than the sails.