

Adriatic Explorer

8 days | Split to Dubrovnik



CRUISE HOLIDAY: Cruise the beautiful Dalmatian Coast in style onboard a Premium cruiser. Travel from sensational Split to Medieval Dubrovnik. Stopping off at 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
- Korčula - 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
- Brač - 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 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 city tour of Dubrovnik
- Onboard water dispenser
- 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
- Entrance to the Blue Cave which is approx EUR14 per traveller

COVID SAFE GUIDE

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Welcome to Croatia

Saturday. Split - Makarska. Welcome to Croatia! Departure from Split Harbour is at 1 pm, as we begin our cruise along the 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 take a walk through the old town of Omis and discover its glorious history through the many historical monuments. Makarska is a popular destination for visitors, with many restaurants and bars as well as a beautiful promenade along the famous beach.

Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)

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Day 2 : Beautiful Brac and Stari Grad



Makarska - Bol (Brac) - Stari Grad. This morning we continue our cruise towards our next destination - the island of Brac. We'll stop at Bol, a typical Dalmatian fishermen's town. Bol is known for its famous Zlatni Rat Beach (Golden Horn), a natural phenomenon that dominates the other beaches of Bol. A walk along the promenade (approx 2 hours) takes us to the highest peak of all of the Adriatic Islands - Vidova Gora, which towers over the town. After a swim break and lunch, we continue our journey towards Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, the sunniest Adriatic island. This afternoon is free to explore the town and the famous UNESCO-listed Stari Grad Field, the best preserved example of an ancient Greek agricultural landscape in Dalmatia. **Overnight - Stari Grad - onboard (B, L)**

Day 3 : Hvar and swimming by the Pakleni Islands

Stari Grad - Hvar. Today we sail around the island of Hvar to the town of the same name. Hvar Island is the longest of all the Adriatic islands and a favourite destination for jet setters from around the world. En route to the town, we stop for a swim at the Pakleni Islands. Take some time to relax and enjoy the refreshment of the clear, crystal blue sea before we arrive into Hvar this afternoon. Hvar's town offers many cultural and historical sites including the Renaissance Cathedral, the oldest community theatre in Europe and the Franciscan Monastery, as well as the Spanjola Fortress, which towers high above the town. There are also many restaurants and bars that open late into the night. **Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)**

Day 4 : Picturesque Vis and optional Blue Cave visit



Hvar - Vis. The ship sets sail early this morning as we cruise towards the little island of Bisevo to visit the Blue Cave (weather dependant, book and pay locally, approx. EUR 14pp). We then continue to the island of Vis which was a strategic harbour for the navy because of its unique geographical position. As such it was closed to the public until recently. Because of its isolation, Vis has a special charm - 'the Mediterranean as it once was' which makes it really interesting to see. We spend the night moored by the town of Vis, on the northern side of the island. The settlement was developed near the remains of ancient Issa, the first urban centre in Croatia. If interested, opt to 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 along the coast. **Overnight - Vis - onboard (B, L)**

Day 5 : Medieval walls of Korcula



Vis - Korcula. Before breakfast we depart towards Korcula, the birthplace of the famous explorer and adventurer Marco Polo. Surrounded by medieval walls, Korcula resembles a miniature Dubrovnik when approaching from the sea. It has more legends, tales and monuments than you can find anywhere else. Today, Korcula 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. Explore the numerous konobas/taverns, restaurants, cocktail bars and night-clubs located within and around the city walls.

Overnight - Korcula - onboard (B, L)

Day 6 : Mljet National Park



Korcula - Mljet and Slano/Sipan. We continue our journey towards one of the greenest Adriatic Islands - 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 Sipan, part of Elaphite Islands, or towards Slano on the coast, both small fishermen's villages where we will overnight in the port and enjoy the Captain's dinner on board. **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 after lunch, we enjoy a guided tour of this "paradise on Earth", as the famous writer George Bernard Shaw described. Later, there's an optional cable car ride up to Srd Mountain where you can enjoy spectacular views of the old town. We recommend a stroll along the 1940 metre long city walls which offers magnificent views of the old town of Dubrovnik and the surrounding islands. **Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard (B, L)**

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Day 8 : Farewell Croatia



Saturday. Dubrovnik. After breakfast, say goodbye to the crew and fellow travellers and our holiday comes to an end - 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 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.



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 40/pp - 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

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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.

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.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Croatia Country Guide

Visas and passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before

travel. For information about visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Croatia/Visas

Essential packing

Please check local temperatures so you can pack accordingly. Visit www.worldclimate.com

- Lightweight cotton garments in summer, warm clothing for Spring and Autumn (temperatures can get quite low at night)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Universal travel adaptor
- DEET based mosquito repellent and antihistamine cream
- First aid kit including Dioralyte
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume, torch and money belt
- Either a rucksack or suitcase is suitable. A small daypack for your day-to-day needs
- A towel for swimming/showering (unless stated as included under the Trip Notes 'Inclusions' section on page one of these Trip Notes)

It's not like home and what to expect

Travel to far-flung corners of the earth involves lifestyles and conditions that are sometimes very different from what you are used to back home. You must come prepared to cope with unusual situations, local inadequacies and unpredictable events as and when they occur. Foreign travel is definitely not suitable for people who expect or demand everything to go exactly as planned. With the greatest respect and in the interest of your ultimate enjoyment you must understand this. Things can and do change in foreign countries.

Please visit www.onthegotours.com/Croatia/Travel-tips-and-useful-info for local currency, climate, WiFi and much more.

Optional excursions in Croatia

A full list of the main excursions available on each tour can be found in the daily itinerary on these Trip Notes. All prices given are approximate and for guidance only, and are subject to change due to local inflation or

exchange rates. Prices quoted in these Trip Notes are in Euros unless otherwise specified.

If you joining one of our sailing holidays, a folder/book is available onboard your ship for you to explore that includes what excursions or suggested sightseeing is available to you, at each of the ports visited.

Health requirements and water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

The tap water in Croatia is generally considered safe to drink, but as a precaution against stomach upsets you may want to drink bottled mineral water, which is readily available from shops, hotels and restaurants.

Shopping

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring any included shopping experiences offered.

You are under no obligation to partake in a listed shopping experience and you are most welcome to wait inside or outside the premises.

All purchases made whilst on holiday are at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

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