

Dalmatian Islands

8 Days | Dubrovnik to Split



PREMIUM CRUISE HOLIDAY: Explore the dazzling Dalmatian coast with its beautiful secluded bays, perfect beaches and charming villages. Stopping at a different island each night, including glamorous Hvar and architecturally-rich Korcula, as well as Dubrovnik and Split. With plenty of time to swim, sunbathe and relax onboard.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Dubrovnik - Start your sailing adventure in Croatia's most famous city, home to magnificent fortified walls
- Slano - relax in this peaceful fishermen's village set in Slano Bay at the end of the Dubrovnik Riviera
- Korcula - Enjoy a guided tour to discover the history of Korcula or opt to explore the narrow streets independently
- Mljet - Opt to visit Mljet National Park, home to two shimmering salt lakes and verdant green forests
- Brac - Take in the beautiful town of Pucisca, where the limestone is so

white it was used on the Washington White House

- Hvar - Wander through Hvar town independently, soaking up the warm rays on Croatia's sunniest island
- Vis - Enjoy the tranquility of this secluded isle where Croatia's first urban settlement once stood
- Šibenik - Explore its stone alleys and delicious cuisine
- Split - Discover the impressive retirement palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and enjoy a drink in one of the town's many bars

What's Included

- 7 nights accommodation on board M/S Providenca / Liberty
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 5 dinners (including a Captain's dinner)
- Welcome drink and snack on day 1
- An airport arrival from Dubrovnik Airport (or accommodation within Dubrovnik city area) on day 1. Departure transfer to Split airport on Day 8
- Services of 9 crew members including a Cruise Manager
- Complimentary WiFi on board
- Guided walking tours of Šibenik, Dubrovnik, Korcula, Split, Hvar and Pucisca Stonemasonry School.

- Linen and bedding changed twice a week. Towels in room - changed daily
- Complimentary 500ml water with meals as well as complimentary tea, coffee and fresh fruit throughout the day and a snack in the afternoon

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Port tax of EUR 45 per traveller, to be paid upon check-in, in cash. Beach towel hire (optional). Optional excursions
- Tip for your crew. We recommend you allow EUR 5-10 per day, per traveller. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture
- Beverages other than those mentioned under inclusions

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Dubrovnik

Saturday. Welcome to Croatia and the start of your cruising adventure! You will be met at Dubrovnik airport and transferred to Gruž Harbour where embarkation takes place after 14.00. You will be served a welcome drink and snack when you board and be greeted by your Cruise Director and the crew. The cruise begins with dinner on board, then we recommend heading

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out in the evening to explore Dubrovnik.

Overnight - Dubrovnik - Onboard (D)

Day 2 : Slano and Ston



Enjoy a hearty breakfast before participating in a guided tour of Dubrovnik Old Town. Surrounded in immense city walls, as if in a universe of its own, the world-famous Gothic and baroque facades line up as you walk the same streets like the cast and crews of the Game of Thrones, Star Wars and Robin Hood. The merchant power equal to the one of Venetian Republic, Dubrovnik was a large seafaring force. Dubrovnik nobility and captains fancied the small town of Slano for their summer estates and you will understand why as soon as you arrive in the afternoon. Explore this quaint seaside settlement on your own or join the optional tour** to the town of Ston, known for many things gourmand: potent wines, ancient salt production and succulent oysters and mussels.

Overnight - Slano - Onboard (B, L)

Day 3 : Mljet and Korčula

Breakfasts on board are always served with a view. Enjoy the start of your day before arriving to the green island of Mljet. The national park on the island is the home of two salty lakes connected to the sea via a narrow canal. Nature lovers will get a thrill from hiking or cycling here, possibly even kayaking to the small islet in the center of the lake, charming with its 12th-century Monastery of St. Mary. After a refreshing dip along the way, visit Korčula. You'll know Korčula was a Venetian stronghold as soon as you lay your eyes on the many lion statues which lurk at you from the town's facades and

gates. The alleged home of the world renowned traveler Marco Polo is bound to charm you. Overnight in Korčula.

Overnight - Korčula - Onboard (B, L)

Day 4 : Brač



Morning say goodbye to easy-going spirit island, and sail to neighboring islands, Brač, known as the homeland of 'the Croatian marble'. You've probably seen this ultra-quality limestone already, perhaps on the front of the White House in Washington DC or Bundestag in Berlin. In the afternoon you can join us on our optional excursion to Bol. Dinner and overnight Pučišća. **Overnight - Brač - Onboard (B, D)**

Day 5 : Hvar and Vis

Enjoy a breakfast with a view and a morning sail to Hvar, officially the sunniest of 1200 Croatian islands. This jet-set fave is also the island with the most UNESCO-listed heritage in the entire world. In the afternoon, hop over to the island of Vis, the most distant from the coast of all inhabited islands in Croatia. Closed off to the public for the larger part of the 20th century for its role as an important Yugoslav military base, Vis and its nature remain incredibly preserved even today. Optional excursion: Vis **Overnight - Vis - Onboard (B, D)**

Day 6 : Šibenik

Vis - Šibenik. Arriving into Šibenik, the walking tour will introduce you to Šibenik's great claim to Renaissance - both the one centuries ago, when the town's Cathedral of St. James was constructed, and the present day, with the town known as one of Croatia's

upcoming gems. Experience its stone alleys and great cuisine in an evening to yourself.

Overnight - Šibenik - Onboard (B, D)

Day 7 : Krka and Split



When sailing along the Croatian coast, surpassing the beauty around you may seem like an impossible task. Perhaps so, but there are sites on the Croatian mainland which surely parallel it, such as the Krka River and its stunning estuary. A coach trip brings you to the small town of Skradin, the guardian of the mouth of River Krka, and the gateway to its National park. The place where wild waterfalls inspire serene lakes, the park is definitely worth a visit before heading back to the seaside to visit the gem of Trogir, a petite island bridged to the mainland. A showcase of stunning architecture founded upon Greek and Roman heritage, Trogir has been protected by UNESCO, just like its big neighbor and your next stop, the town of Split. **Overnight - Split - Onboard (B, D)**

Day 8 : Disembark in Split

Saturday - Split. Today marks the end of your cruising adventure in Croatia and you are free to leave after breakfast this morning (disembarking by 9am). Included airport or Split city hotel departure transfer.(B)

ACCOMMODATION

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

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

M/S Providencia

Commissioned in 2014 and completely refurbished in 2018, the MS Providencia is 47m long and 9m wide with 20 air conditioned en suite cabins on the upper, main and lower deck. Cabin furnishings include a cupboard, a cabinet and a window or porthole. All cabins are equipped with power plugs, LCD TV, safe box and hairdryer. Upper deck houses a fully air-conditioned salon-restaurant that sits all guests at the same time with a fully equipped bar and LCD TV. At the rear of the boat you can find a shaded lounge area with club tables and comfortable sofas. Top deck, also called the sun deck offers 145 m² of space and is equipped with sun chairs and jacuzzi. Complimentary WIFI is available in the salon and in the rear part of the boat



M/S Liberty

M/S Liberty was commissioned in 2011, salon / restaurant and all decks refurbished in 2019, cabins refurbished in 2021/2022. The boat is 45 m long, 9 m wide with a cruising speed of 9 knots. Her capacity is 40 persons. She has 20 ensuite cabins on the main and lower deck, and all are fully air-conditioned. Cabin furnishings include a cupboard, a cabinet and a window or a porthole. All cabins are equipped with power plugs, LCD TV, safe box and hairdryer. Bathrooms are fully equipped. Upper deck houses a fully air-conditioned salon-restaurant that sits all guests at the same time with a fully equipped bar and LCD TV. At the rear of the boat you can find a shaded lounge area with club tables and comfortable sofas. Top deck, also called the 'sun deck'

offers 145 m² of space and is equipped with sun tanning chairs, and jacuzzi also WIFI is available free of charge in the salon and in the rear part of the boat.



BEFORE YOU GO

Our partners

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

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

Optional excursions

WALKING TOUR PACKAGES

Available to book on arrival:

This package includes a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik, Korcula, Split and Hvar on the days docked in these destinations with a Pucisca Stonemasonry School visit inclusive of entrance fees. The Dubrovnik tour also includes coach transfers from the port.

CETINA RIVER TRIP

Offered on day 3:

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the Cetina River for stunning views of the canyon and surrounding mountains with services of a guide and a snack included in the price.

MLJET ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Available on day 5:

Guided visit to this stunning national park that borders two saltwater lakes, perfect for walking with fees including entrance to the park.

TASTE OF DALMATIA:

Available on day 7:

Visit a local winery in the small town of Ston for the chance to sample some of Dalmatia's finest wines with the services of a guide, transfers and wine tasting included in the price.

*All prices for optional excursions will be provided on arrival in Croatia, subject to traveller numbers. Unfortunately, we're unable to provide these in advance. These tours are subject to change and other tours may be available to book locally subject to local conditions.

MS Adriatic Princess specifications

MS Adriatic Princess was commissioned in 2017, luxury class. The boat is 45m (144ft) long, 8.5m (28ft) wide with a cruising speed of 9 knots. Her capacity is 40 persons. She has 18 en suite cabins on the main and lower deck, and all are fully air-conditioned.

CABIN SIZES

- Lower deck cabins: 14-18m² (46-60sq ft) with bathroom
- Main deck cabins: 13-15m² (40-44sq ft) with bathroom

Cabin furnishings include a cupboard, a cabinet and a window or a porthole. All cabins are equipped with power plugs. Bathrooms are fully equipped with a shower, toilette, hairdryer and a vanity with a sink.

OTHER PARTS OF BOAT

Upper deck houses a fully air-conditioned salon-restaurant with a fully equipped bar and LCD TV. At the rear of the boat you can find a shaded lounge area with club tables and comfortable sofas. Top deck, also called the "sun deck" offers 155m² (500sq ft) of space and is equipped with sun chairs. WIFI is available free of charge in the salon and in the rear part of the boat.

UPPER, ON DECK OR BELOW DECK CABIN?

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On all of our Croatia sailing holidays, you have the choice of an on deck (upper) or below deck cabin. Below deck cabins are located below the main deck or in the hull of the ships. They do have windows or port holes that allow in natural light but these generally do not open. On deck cabins are either on the main deck or top floor of the boat. These all have opening windows that allow in the breeze. There is a supplement for upgrading to on deck cabins, please see the 'extra prices' section located at the bottom of the 'prices and departures' tab on our website for details. On deck cabins must be booked prior to arrival and are subject to availability - book early to avoid disappointment.

Life onboard

Luggage

We recommend that you use a large holdall or rucksack rather than a suitcase due to limited space in the cabins though suitcases can be accommodated.

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 main course of pasta or risotto-type dishes served with a side salad. Dessert will be either seasonal fruits or perhaps pancakes. All menus are designed and cooked by the on board cook.

Is there a bar on board?

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 on board?

Smoking is restricted to outside only - on deck.

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.

Families onboard

Family groups, including parents with children from 5 years are accepted on our Dubrovnik and the Dalmatian Coast sailing holiday and so may form part of your sailing group.

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.

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. Visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the Croatian Embassy before travel. For information about visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Croatia/Visas

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.

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)

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.

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