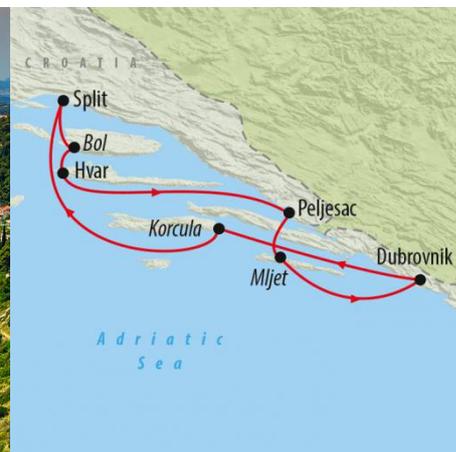


Dalmatian Elegance

8 days | Starts/Ends: Dubrovnik



Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the beautiful Croatian coastline, visiting stunning islands and swimming in the turquoise waters. Visit the ancient cities of Dubrovnik and Split, the exquisite national park of Mljet and the Golden Cape beach at Zlatni Rat on this deluxe cruise of Croatia.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Split – Discover the historical port & Diocletian Palace
- Korcula Island - Explore the beautiful town on a walking tour
- Mljet Island - salt flats of Mljet National Park and boat ride to St Mary Isle
- Dubrovnik - cruise along old city walls, walking tour of Old Town, and cable car ride to Srd Mountain
- Trstenik - stop at Elaphiti Islands en route before visiting a local farm for a village feast
- Hvar - tour of town and harbour
- Island of Brac - town of Bol with famous Zlatni Rat beach (also known as the Golden Cape). Wine tasting at the oldest Dalmatia wine cooperative

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners (including Captain's dinner)
- 7 days sailing the southern Adriatic Sea
- 7 nights accommodation on board a Deluxe Boat
- Airport arrival and departure transfers from Dubrovnik Airport on day 1 and day 8
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader who travels with you on board the cruise
- Sightseeing in Dubrovnik (inc. one way bus transfer, and cable car), Hvar, Korcula and Split
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, sightsee and soak up the sun
- Entrance fee to Mljet National Park
- Services of onboard captain and crew
- 2 bath towels for personal use
- All port taxes and visitor fees

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tips for the crew are not included and at your own discretion. As a guideline we suggest EUR 3–5 per person per day

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Dubrovnik



Saturday. Hello Croatia and welcome aboard! Upon arrival you'll be met at the airport and transferred to Gruž harbour where the boat is docked. Today will be spent getting to know your fellow passengers or perhaps exploring the incredible history of Dubrovnik. Later this evening a welcome dinner will be hosted on your boat.

Don't miss the boat! Check in for your cruise begins from 13.00 at Dubrovnik Gruž Harbour.

Overnight - Dubrovnik - Onboard (D)

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Day 2 : Korcula



Dubrovnik - Korcula. This morning we depart Dubrovnik and set sail for Korcula Island, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. En route to Korcula we'll visit one of the secluded bays that dot this beautiful coastline, stopping for lunch here. Arriving into Korcula this afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the old town. Wander through the tiny streets, which are purposefully designed in a fish bone pattern, something you'll learn about during your time here.

This evening is free for you to further explore this charming island town. With an abundance of restaurants and bars you'll be sure to find a lovely spot to while away the night. **Overnight - Korcula - Onboard (B, L)**

Day 3 : Split

Korcula - Split. Today we continue to the beautiful city of Split. Sit back and relax as we cruise through crystal waters and past lush green islands. Croatia's second largest city, Split is home to the majestic retirement palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. We'll enjoy a guided tour through the bustling old town and market this afternoon. **Overnight - Split - Onboard (B, L)**

Day 4 : Brac



Split - Bol. This morning we head for the Island of Brac and the picturesque town of Bol. You'll

have some free time to explore one of the most beautiful beaches in Dalmatia, Zlatni Rat. This stretch of beach is often referred to as the 'Golden Horn' due to its golden sand stretching out from the mainland. The town of Bol itself is a beautiful traditional fisherman's town.

After lunch on board the boat you'll have some free time before we head to the oldest wine cooperative in Dalmatia to enjoy a wine tasting experience. This evening we come together for a delicious captains dinner along with live entertainment. **Overnight - Bol - Onboard (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Hvar



Bol - Hvar. After breakfast we depart for Hvar. Stopping for lunch on the small island of Scedro, we'll then continue to the Pakleni Islands to enjoy a swim in the turquoise waters.

This afternoon we arrive into Hvar, the longest and one of the sunniest islands in the Adriatic, which is famous for its lush sprawling lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. We'll embark on a tour of the historic highlights including the Renaissance cathedral and the oldest community theatre in Europe, founded in 1612. Next we'll hike up to the town fort. From here you'll have stunning views across the sea and to the Pakleni Islands. This evening will be free for you to explore the abundance of charming restaurants and bars open long into the night. **Overnight - Hvar - Onboard (B, L)**

Day 6 : Elaphati Islands

Hvar - Peljesac. This morning we make our way to Peljesac Peninsula, famous for its excellent quality wine. We'll stop at the Elaphati Islands for a short time before we

reach Peljesac Peninsula and explore the rural inland area.

This afternoon we'll visit a local village and farm where you'll get the chance to indulge in a typical village party with Croatian delicacies on offer. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner of local dishes, freshly produced with ingredients from the surrounding area. After a wonderful evening we'll transfer back to our boat. **Overnight - Peljesac Peninsula - Onboard (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : Mljet National Park



Peljesac - Mljet - Dubrovnik. We continue to cruise the beautiful waters off the Dalmatian coast this morning as we make our way to the island of Mljet. We'll take a stroll to the famous salt lakes in Mljet National Park before taking a boat ride across to St Mary Island, home to an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a church dating back to the 12th century. Alternatively you can explore the national park independently by renting kayaks, bikes or scooters.

Returning to our boat we'll enjoy lunch on deck as we sail towards Dubrovnik. After we've docked in Dubrovnik we'll be escorted to the old town to enjoy a guided walking tour of this incredible city, much of which starred in the hit television series 'Game of Thrones'. After we've completed our walking tour you'll have time to explore the city independently. Perhaps walk up the famous ramparts or take the cable car (ticket cost included) to Srđ Mountain for fabulous views across the city. **Overnight - Dubrovnik - Onboard (B, L)**

Day 8 : Dubrovnik

Today marks the end of your sailing adventure in Croatia and you're free to leave

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after breakfast this morning. A transfer to Dubrovnik airport will be provided. (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.

Deluxe Ship

Deluxe ships are a class above our premium and premium plus ships and are spacious, newly built ships with well-appointed cabins featuring twin or double beds. All cabins have their own bathrooms, LCD TV and are air-conditioned. Deluxe ships also offer air-conditioning in most of the common areas whilst sailing (no a/c when boat is stationary), free Wi-Fi when in port, and have a spacious deck with sun loungers. Additionally, some deluxe ships feature gym facilities and a plunge pool. Exclusive features of our deluxe category include airport arrival and departure transfers from Split airport, an on-board English speaking tour leader to answer any questions you may have and provide commentary on the locations and sights you will see, guided sightseeing tours of Dubrovnik - including a dinner cruise and journey on a cable car, Hvar, Split and Korcula - including a wine tasting tour and a village feast. Plus, at the end of a wonderful week sailing all our deluxe cruises come to a close with a delicious Captain's farewell dinner.



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.

The sightseeing group may vary in size from 2 – 32 persons.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days.

South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Requirements for the procurement of a Croatian visa are subject to change but application requirements include the need to show proof of sufficient funds to cover duration of stay, proof of pre-paid accommodation or documentation regarding the purpose and means of travel (such as a return or onward ticket, details of holiday arrangement etc).

Health Requirements

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Croatia from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. 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.

Holiday Money

The official currency in Croatia is the Croatian Kuna.

Any money paid locally for optional excursions that you may wish to partake in can be paid in local currency only - Kuna.

If travelling with Euro, British Pounds, US Dollars and other major currencies these

can be exchanged locally or in advance of departure. Internationally recognized debit/credit card can be used for cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). It's advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveller's Cheques are not recommended as they're often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

Time & Voltage

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT). From the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October, Croatia observes Daylight Saving and is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Standard voltage is 220 volts, AC 50Hz. Primary sockets generally require European plugs, of the two round pin variety. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate

Croatia is a northern hemisphere destination with Mediterranean and continental climatic conditions. The continental climate is predominant with hot summers and cold winters. Along the Adriatic coast, dry summers are experienced with mild winters. Our cruises operate during the Croatian summer, when temperatures are generally high (particularly from June through September), so pack sunscreen and a hat, as the sun can be strong.

Croatia Country Guide

Croatia: Fact File

Official Name: Republic of Croatia

Capital: Zagreb

Population: 4.5 million

Total Area: 56,542 square kilometres

Official Languages: Croatian (others Serbian, Italian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Czech) English is widely spoken in the main cities, If you tour also spends time in smaller towns and villages you may wish to bring along a phrasebook to help you pick up a few words of the local language.

Religion: Roman Catholic 88%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%

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Voltage: 220-240V. Sockets are of European two pronged round pin variety.

Time Difference: GMT/UTC + 1.
For all time differences please visit www.timeanddate.com

Croatia: Brief History

Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of World War I. In 1918, the Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes formed a kingdom known as Yugoslavia. Following World War II, Yugoslavia became a federal independent Communist state under the strong hand of Marshal TITO. Although Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it took four years of sporadic, but often bitter, fighting before occupying Serb armies were mostly cleared from Croatian lands. Under UN supervision, the last Serb-held enclave in eastern Slavonia was returned to Croatia in 1998.

Croatia: Geography and weather

Croatia is situated in southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia. Geographically diverse, the country has flat plains along the Hungarian border, low mountains and highlands near Adriatic coastline and islands. The climate is predominantly continental with hot summers and cold winters, although the coast is more Mediterranean with mild winters and dry summers.

Croatia: Visas

Many nationalities (including citizens of the UK, Australia, Canada, the US and EU citizens) do not need a visa to enter Croatia or Slovenia. However, visitors must hold an onward ticket, all documents required for their next destination and sufficient funds. If your nationality is not listed please consult your nearest Croatian consulate before you travel.

Croatia: Money

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Prices quoted in this country dossier are in euros unless otherwise specified.

ALL prices mentioned are for guidance only and are subject to change.

Local currency

The monetary unit in Croatia is the kuna (HRK). For up to date exchange rates with your own currency visit www.oanda.com or www.xe.com. You might find kuna difficult to obtain overseas, however it should be no problem to change currency on arrival

Changing money, credit cards & ATMs

The easiest way to obtain money in Croatia is to draw it out of an ATM (cash machine) on a credit or debit card (e.g. visa or cirrus). ATMs are widely available throughout Croatia and credit cards are accepted in many restaurants and shops. Another option is to bring cash, in either US dollars or euros (pounds sterling and other currencies cannot always be easily changed) but we advise against bringing all your money in this form, in case of theft. In all of the cities that we visit there are many places to change money and your tour leader will be able to show you where to get the best rates of exchange.

Tipping

In a restaurant, round up the bill unless a service charge has already been added or the service was not up to standard. You should also round up bar bills and taxi fares.

Croatia: Optional excursions

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 are subject to change due to local inflation or exchange rates.

Croatia: Security

Most people find Croatia a very friendly and safe and feel quite comfortable wandering around alone during the day. However, as with any area you are not familiar with (particularly in the capital cities) it is recommended that you exercise more caution at night especially if you are a lone female.

Croatia: Local food and drink

Some breakfasts are included in your tour. Breakfasts can be basic so if you tend to get hungry it may be a good idea to buy some fruit or snacks to eat during the day. All other meals, extra snacks and drinks on the tour are at your own expense.

Ask your tour leader if they can recommend any restaurants in the area to suit your taste or budget or have fun exploring independently.

Food

Croatian specialities include Dalmatian or Istrian prosciutto, Pag or Lika cheese, sheep's cheese, Slavonian paprika-flavoured salami ("kulen" and Samobor or Zagorje garlic sausages). There is also a wide selection of meat dishes, including turkey with a special pasta known as "mlinci", roast lamb, roast suckling pig, and boiled or baked "#trukli" (pasta with cheese). Croatian vineyards produce reasonable wine – particularly red and you will almost certainly come across plum brandy, a national favourite.

Drink

All drinks such as bottled water or soft drinks are at your own expense at all times and are fairly inexpensive. Alcoholic drinks vary in price, with wine and beer generally being the cheapest options.

Croatia: National holidays

1 January - New Year's Day

6 January - Epiphany; Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

1 May - Labour Day; Corpus Christi

22 June - Anti-Fascist Resistance Day

25 June - Statehood Day

5 August - Victory Day and National Thanksgiving Day

15 August - Assumption Day

8 October - Independence Day

1 November - All Saints' Day

25-26 December - Christmas Holidays

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