

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

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 Paklina 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). 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.



PRICES / DATES INFO

The 'Twin Share' price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a cabin. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a cabin. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own cabin.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
03 Jul	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
10 Jul	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
17 Jul	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
24 Jul	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
31 Jul	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
07 Aug	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
14 Aug	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
21 Aug	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
28 Aug	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
04 Sep	ZAR 24,925	ZAR 34,895
02 Oct	ZAR 17,495	ZAR 25,055
09 Oct	ZAR 17,495	ZAR 25,055

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