

## 14 Day Croatia Cruise with Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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#### Day by Day Itinerary

Zagreb, Plitvice Lake National Park, Split, Makarska, Brač, Stari Grad, Hvar, Vis, Korčula, Šipan, Dubrovnik, Mostar, Montenegro

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Be captivated by **Zagreb's** history and architecture during a fully guided walking tour
- Tour the **Plitvice Lakes National Park** – the oldest Croatian national park consists of 16 lakes connected by cascading waterfalls
- Explore the largest city in Dalmatia – **Split**, on a fully guide walking tour
- Cruise the **Adriatic Sea** on a Premium Superior ship with no more than 38 guests
- Explore **Hvar** during the day on a fully guided walking tour and at your own leisure in the evening, as the town comes to life
- Relax in **Mljet**, the gateway to Mljet National Park and it's picturesque location
- Stroll through the impressive city walls in **Dubrovnik**
- Be escorted through the countryside and city of **Mostar** in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Where the mountains meet the sea – tour the splendours of **Montenegro**

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Zagreb, Croatia

Welcome to Zagreb!

On arrival into either Franjo Tuđman International Airport Zagreb (ZAG), you will be met by a local representative in the arrivals hall and transferred to your accommodation.

Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

**Meals:** n/a

**Accommodation:** Hotel Dubrovnik 4\* or similar

### Day 2: Zagreb

Begin your morning with an engaging walking tour of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, as you explore the historic Lower and Upper towns. Visit the city's key landmarks, including the iconic St. Mark's Church, the impressive Government Palace, the ancient Lotrščak Tower, the magnificent Cathedral, and the intriguing Stone Gate.

Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of the city centre by wandering through the vibrant Dolac market, or treat yourself to exquisite dishes at local pubs and restaurants. End your day with a relaxing overnight stay in Zagreb, giving you the chance to fully experience the charm of this delightful city.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Dubrovnik 4\* or similar

### **Day 3: Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes National Park - Split**

Set out on a morning journey to the stunning Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Croatia's most historic and breathtaking natural wonders. Explore the park's 16 interconnected lakes, each embellished with cascading waterfalls, as you embark on a 2 to 3-hour walking tour along wooden pathways and nature trails amidst lush greenery and mesmerising turquoise waters (please note that a basic level of fitness is required).

Following your memorable visit to Plitvice Lakes, travel to your hotel in Split for a relaxing overnight stay, reflecting on the beauty and splendour of this picturesque adventure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Corner Split 4\* or similar

### **Day 4: Split - Makarska**

Embark on a captivating guided tour of Split, the largest city in Dalmatia, rich in cultural heritage and historical significance dating back to Roman times. At the city's core lies the impressive palace built by Emperor Diocletian in the late 4th century, one of the best-preserved Roman architectural marvels in the world. Delve into the palace's intricate history and marvel at its details.

After your walking tour, get ready for the next exciting phase of your journey: an unforgettable Katarina Line cruise beginning in the lively city of Split. Set sail at 13:00, cruising along the breathtaking Dalmatian coast. Enjoy a delicious lunch onboard and take pleasure in an afternoon swim at one of the picturesque beaches you'll encounter.

Your evening will be spent in Makarska, a popular destination known for its array of restaurants, bars, and a charming promenade along the famous beach. Discover the allure of the Makarska Riviera, take leisurely strolls through its streets, and explore the numerous churches and culturally significant sites. Bask in the enchanting ambiance of Makarska and make lasting memories in this captivating locale.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

### **Day 5: Makarska - Brač - Stari Grad**

Start your morning adventure with a cruise to the island of Brač, heading to the delightful town of Bol. Bol is famous for its iconic Zlatni Rat beach, also known as the Golden Horn, a natural marvel with its distinctive shape that sets it apart from other beaches. Enjoy a refreshing swim at this scenic spot before savouring a delicious lunch onboard.

Next, continue your journey to Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, celebrated as the sunniest island in the Adriatic. Spend the afternoon exploring this remarkable town at your own pace. Don't miss the renowned Stari Grad Field, the oldest in Croatia and a superbly preserved example of ancient Greek agriculture. Both the old town and the field are honoured as UNESCO World Heritage sites.

As the day winds down, settle in for the night at one of Stari Grad's ports—either the main port or the ferry port, depending on availability. Relax and rejuvenate in this charming coastal town, readying yourself for more unforgettable experiences ahead.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

### **Day 6: Stari Grad - Hvar**

Our next enchanting stop is the captivating town of Hvar, a favourite destination for jet-setters from around the world. After a delightful lunch, we'll head to the nearby Paklinski Islands, where you can enjoy swimming, relaxing,

and refreshing moments in the crystal-clear sea. The stunning beauty of this area is sure to take your breath away. As afternoon approaches, we'll arrive in Hvar and embark on a guided tour of this remarkable town (included with the Premium Superior package). Hvar features a wealth of cultural and historical sites, including a Renaissance cathedral, Europe's oldest communal theatre established in 1612, the Franciscan monastery, and the Benedictine convent known for its UNESCO-listed site. Don't miss the chance to visit the majestic Spanjola Fortress, which offers panoramic views from its elevated position.

As night falls, Hvar transforms into a lively hub with numerous restaurants and bars that stay open late, offering a vibrant and unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the charm and allure of this extraordinary destination and make lasting memories with fellow travellers.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

#### **Day 7: Hvar - Vis**

Early in the morning, set sail for the enchanting Biševo Island to experience the awe-inspiring Blue Cave, a stunning natural marvel. Please be aware that there is an entrance fee of €18, payable on-site. Following this, the cruise will continue to the island of Vis, a former strategic naval base that was closed to the public until recently. Due to its unique location and seclusion, Vis offers a distinctive charm and a glimpse into the Mediterranean as it once was, making it a fascinating destination to explore.

You'll spend the night in the town of Vis, located on the northern side of the island and developed around the ancient ruins of Issa, Croatia's first urban centre. History enthusiasts can visit the remains of a Roman thermal bath or the City Museum. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely walk and admire the scenic "Villae Rusticae" along the coastline, adding to the picturesque landscape. Embrace the allure of Vis and soak in the serene ambiance of this historically rich island.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

#### **Day 8: Vis - Korčula**

After a delightful breakfast, we set sail towards the enchanting island of Korčula, renowned as the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. As we approach by sea, you'll be captivated by the mediaeval walls encircling Korčula, giving it a resemblance to a miniature Dubrovnik. This charming island is rich with legends, tales, and historical monuments, offering a unique sense of history and intrigue.

Korčula is also home to a distinctive tradition—the Spanish mediaeval knight's game known as Moreška, performed exclusively here. Upon arrival, you'll have the chance to join a guided walking tour through the old town, which is thoughtfully designed in a fishbone pattern (included with the Premium Superior package). Stroll through the narrow streets and marvel at the architectural wonders that have endured through the ages.

In the evening, explore the vibrant selection of konobas (taverns), restaurants, cocktail bars, and nightclubs both within and around the city walls. Your overnight stay will be at the port, allowing you to fully soak in the captivating atmosphere of Korčula and appreciate its rich history alongside its lively contemporary scene.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

#### **Day 9: Korčula - Mljet - Šipán/Slano**

The cruise continues to the island of Mljet, one of the Adriatic's greenest and most lush islands. Located on the island's western side is the captivating Mljet National Park (entrance fee of 25 EUR payable on-site). Upon arrival, you'll have free time to explore the park's natural beauty.

The national park features two stunning salt lakes connected to the sea by a narrow channel. You can take a boat ride to the island of St. Mary in the Great Lake, where you'll find an ancient church and monastery set in tranquil surroundings. Enjoy various activities such as cycling, canoeing, or taking a refreshing swim in the picturesque lakes.

The cruise will then proceed to either Šipán, part of the Elaphite Islands near Dubrovnik, or Slano, located along the coastline. Both are charming fishing villages where we'll stay overnight. As the day ends, enjoy a delightful Captain's dinner onboard, savouring exquisite cuisine while surrounded by the enchanting beauty of the Adriatic seascape.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

#### **Day 10: Šipán/Slano - Dubrovnik**

Set sail early in the morning toward the grand finale of our journey—the true gem of the Adriatic. After a delightful lunch, we'll make a brief stop for a refreshing swim. Following this, prepare for a guided tour of Dubrovnik, a city renowned for its rich history and stunning beauty. For an extra touch of awe, consider taking an optional cable car ride up to Srđ Mountain, where you'll enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the old town and its surroundings.

While in Dubrovnik, we highly recommend a leisurely walk along the impressive city walls, which stretch 1,940 metres. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to spectacular views of the old town and the enchanting islands on the horizon.

As the day winds down, we'll dock for the night in the charming harbour of Gruž. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences of our Adriatic adventure as you say goodbye to this mesmerising destination.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Premium Superior ship

#### **Day 11: Dubrovnik**

After breakfast, at approximately 9:00am, you'll disembark from your ship and be transferred to your hotel, where you'll have a full day to further explore Dubrovnik.

You can take the cable car up to Srđ Mountain for breathtaking views of the city, or wander through the many shops and cafes along Stradun, the main street. Alternatively, enjoy a walk along the mediaeval walls that encircle the entire town.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Lero 4\* or similar

#### **Day 12: Dubrovnik - Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Dubrovnik**

Savour a delicious breakfast before setting out on a guided full-day bus tour to Mostar. As you travel through the stunning Neretva Valley and picturesque countryside, you'll arrive in Mostar, a town where "east meets west." This enchanting destination offers a captivating blend of contrasts, vibrant cultures, and delectable cuisine.

Mostar's unique allure is highlighted by the Neretva River dividing the town, with distinct religious and cultural influences on each side. Discover the town's rich history and diverse ambiance that make it truly special.

After an enriching day exploring Mostar, we'll return to Dubrovnik for a relaxing overnight stay, reflecting on the memorable journey through these intriguing landscapes and cultures.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Lero 4\* or similar

#### **Day 13: Dubrovnik - Montenegro - Dubrovnik**

Join a guided full-day bus excursion to Montenegro, a charming small country where magnificent mountains meet the Adriatic Sea. Prepare to be captivated by Montenegro's natural beauty, including crystal-clear lakes, rushing rivers, and serene beaches that create a peaceful atmosphere.

During this trip, you'll have the opportunity to explore Montenegro's diverse natural attractions, which are beautifully intertwined with its intriguing history, rich culture, and enduring traditions. Immerse yourself in the pristine landscapes and enjoy the fresh, clean air that defines this picturesque region.

As the day concludes, we'll return to Dubrovnik for a relaxing overnight stay, leaving you with cherished memories of your enchanting adventure through the wonders of Montenegro.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Lero 4\* or similar

#### **Day 14: Depart Dubrovnik**

Unfortunately today brings about the end of your time in Croatia.

At a relevant time, you will be transferred to Dubrovnik Ruđer Bošković Airport (DBV) in time for your departure flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## INCLUSIONS

- Amazing sights include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korčula, Dubrovnik, the UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes, Montenegro, and island-hopping along the Dalmatian Coast
- Guided tours of Zagreb, the Plitvice Lakes, Split, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik
- 6 nights in 4-star hotel accommodation
- 7 nights aboard a Premium Superior cruise on the Adriatic Sea
- Daily breakfasts, 7 lunches & 1 dinner
- Dedicated transportation throughout
- Dedicated English-speaking local guides throughout
- Cruise director whilst onboard the Adriatic Sea cruise
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of your itinerary
- National Park fees at the Plitvice Lakes
- Hotel to port portorage
- Tourist taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Port fees: €60 per person (payable locally)

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Wednesday</b> 09 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 24 Apr 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 16 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 01 May 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 23 Apr 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 08 May 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 07 May 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 22 May 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 14 May 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 29 May 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 May 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 05 Jun 2025	\$4,399		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 28 May 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 12 Jun 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>

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<b>Wednesday</b> 04 Jun 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 19 Jun 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 11 Jun 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 26 Jun 2025	\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 18 Jun 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 03 Jul 2025	\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Wednesday</b> 30 Jul 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 14 Aug 2025	\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 06 Aug 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 21 Aug 2025	\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Wednesday</b> 17 Sep 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 02 Oct 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 24 Sep 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 09 Oct 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 01 Oct 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 16 Oct 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Wednesday</b> 08 Oct 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 23 Oct 2025	\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Wednesday</b> 15 Oct 2025	<b>Thursday</b> 30 Oct 2025	\$4,399		<div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; width: 100px; margin: auto;">Book</div>

## OPTIONAL TOURS



### Cabin Upgrade - Twin Occupancy

**\$375**



### Cabin Upgrade - Single Occupancy

**\$750**

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land package** only.

If you would like to add airfares to your booking, please select the departure city where we have the economy return flights add-on for your selection. If you would like to book the business class or premium class, please contact us anytime and our ticketing expert would assist you. Currently we use Emirates Airlines or similar.

### Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$2,042 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

#### Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach and ship, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Whilst in the Plitvice Lakes, some of the boardwalks may be slippery and uneven. Please disclose any

physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

Industry standard is USD\$10-15 per person per day – however the final amount you may wish to give, is completely at your discretion.

### **Group Size**

Minimum: 2

Maximum: 38

### **Visa & Passport Information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

AU Passport holders:

You do not need a visa for Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania if you are staying less than 90 days.

Travellers require a passport valid for at least 3 months after the traveller exits the country. You may be required to provide proof of minimum funds.

**IMPORTANT:** Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

### **Children**

Children under the age of 12 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi- trip journeys simply with us.

## **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

Pre tour accommodation in Zagreb, including breakfast & arrival transfer – **\$255** per room, per night for double/twin/single.

Post tour accommodation in Dubrovnik, including breakfast & departure transfer – **\$380** per room, per night for double/twin/single.

## **CRUISE INFORMATION & UPGRADES**

### **Katarina Line**

Katarina Line itineraries offer travellers the opportunity to discover breathtaking natural landscapes and charming Mediterranean villages while island-hopping through Croatia. This distinctive method of travel is one of the most popular and effortless ways to truly experience the essence of Croatia.

### **Premium Superior vessels**

The maximum capacity of these vessels ranges from 32 guests to 38 – depending on the vessel. They are modern, recently built (or refurbished) mini deluxe vessels, varying from 35 metres to 41 metres in length, featuring a spacious sun deck(s), air-conditioned salon, cosy lounge area and cabins 8 to 14m<sup>2</sup> in size with double or twin beds, hairdryer and safety deposit box.

### **Inclusions:**

Daily buffet (continental) breakfast

Three-course lunches

Captain's dinner

English-speaking tour manager on board

Three guided tours of Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik

Daily cabin service

Private shower/toilette

A mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen



Luggage handling  
Olive oil and wine tasting on board  
Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits  
Complimentary water  
Free WIFI in public areas

**Lower Deck cabins**

Included

**Upper/Main Deck cabins**

\$333 per person (double/twin) – \$666 per person (single)

Cabin upgrades and prices are subject to availability upon booking

**Beverages**

Beverages that are not included in the tour cost can be purchased at the vessel's bar on consumption, or can be billed to your cabin, which you will require to settle on the cruise disembarkation day in Dubrovnik

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