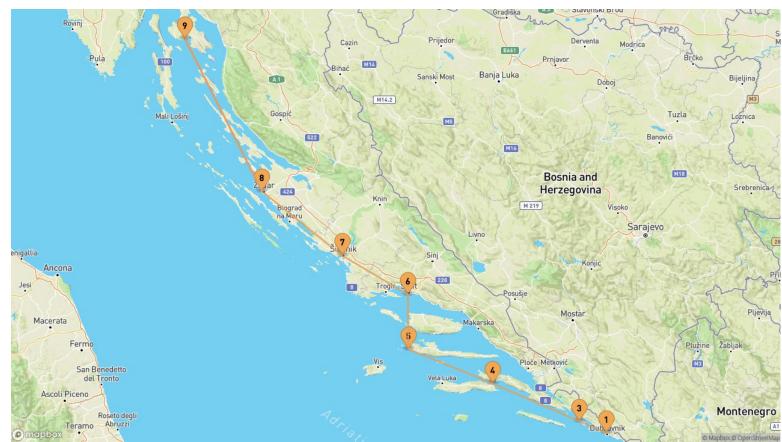
# achting Cruise in Croatia from Dubrovnik to Zagreb

- Regions / Countries: Croa Duration: 10 Days / 9 Nights Croatia
- Tags: Mainland port, Popular, Greenery, Island, Discovery, Village, Secluded, Town, City





## Croatia / Dubrovnik

Mainland port, Popular

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## DAY 1: PARIS - DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

Departure from Paris on a scheduled flight. Arrival in Dubrovnik and transfer to the port. Embarkation and installation on board the MY Casablanca. Dinner on board.



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#### DAY 2: DUBROVNIK

Surrounded by high ramparts that dominate the Adriatic, Dubrovnik, the ancient Ragusa, is considered one of the jewels of world heritage. Founded by the Greeks of Epidaurus, it was populated by Slavic tribes from the 7th century, under the protection of Byzantium. In the 12th century, the city had a political organization led by an elected Rector and two councils. Little by little, it will free itself from the domination of Venice and proclaim its Republic in 1358. For more than three centuries, the Republic of Dubrovnik will reign over the trade of the Adriatic. Noble families and merchants build magnificent palaces, the city is enriched with churches and monasteries. In the 17th century, the city will be destroyed by an earthquake of rare violence. Rebuilt in pure Baroque style, the city now offers many palaces, squares, churches and patrician houses which contribute to its splendor. Day dedicated to the free discovery of Dubrovnik or participation in optional excursions. Full board.

## OPTIONAL:

DISCOVERY OF MONTENEGRO (day with lunch)

Price per person: €150

Departure by coach for a panoramic discovery of the Bay of Kotor. Stop in Perast.

Located in the middle of a fjord, this village has preserved some baroque residences testifying to its rich past. The Saint-Nicolas church built in a 17th century baroque style has the highest bell tower in the Bay of Kotor. Board a private boat to discover the two islets located opposite: Saint-Georges island, planted with cypresses surrounding the remains of a 12th century Byzantine monastery, and Notre-Dame-du-Rocher island, born of a legend. The church is decorated with baroque paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous baroque painter from Perast. Then drive to Kotor, a small medieval town marked by Byzantine and Venetian influences and whose region is listed as a UNESCO cultural heritage site. Saint Triphon Cathedral is the most beautiful example of Romanesque architecture on the Adriatic coast. Lunch at a restaurant and free time in Kotor. Return to Dubrovnik.

## OR DISCOVERY OF THE KONAVLE VALLEY (day with lunch)

Price per person: €150

Departure by coach to the picturesque seaside resort of Cavtat, the ancient Roman city of Epidaurus. Walk along the beautiful seafront with its many café terraces. After Cavtat, drive to the village of Komaji where the Crvik family owns its vineyards and winery. Tasting of local wines and welcome by Andro Crvik who will present his production. Then, visit the old mill known as Minica Dvori, which is still in operation. Demonstration of flour production using traditional methods. The source of the river and the upper course are part of the protected natural park, and the water mill is preserved as a cultural monument. Continue to the village of Cilipi. Welcome in a traditional house and meet the owners who produce olive oil, grape brandy and wine according to ancestral methods. Typical lunch and tasting of local wine to the sound of local music and songs.



## Croatia / Sipan Island

Greenery, Island, Discovery, Village, Secluded

## DAY 3: DUBROVNIK - SIPAN ISLAND

In the morning, guided tour of the old town of Dubrovnik, passing by the Franciscan monastery and its Romanesque-Gothic cloister, the Rector's Palace, once the seat of the Republic of Dubrovnik, the Baroque cathedral housing a polyptych by Titian, as well as gold and silver reliquaries. After the visit, return on board and sail to the island of Sipan, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands. Free discovery of the island in the evening. Full board.



## Croatia / Korcula

Island, Popular, Town

Korčula Old Town, also known as mini Dubrovnik, is the place where Marco Polo is believed to be born.

## DAY 4: KORCULA

Morning navigation to Korcula. This fishbone-shaped city is one of the most important fortified sites of the ancient Republic of Ragusa (Dubrovnik). According to legend, it was founded in the 12th century BC by the Trojan hero Antenor. From the 13th century, the city's life was very structured and its constitution, dating from 1214, remained in force until the occupation by the French under the First Empire. Korcula, known as the native island of Marco Polo, owes its reputation to its stonemasons who created the most beautiful and ambitious monument here with the Cathedral of St. Mark, which contains a magnificent painting by Tintoretto. Free walk through the alleys of the city. Full board.



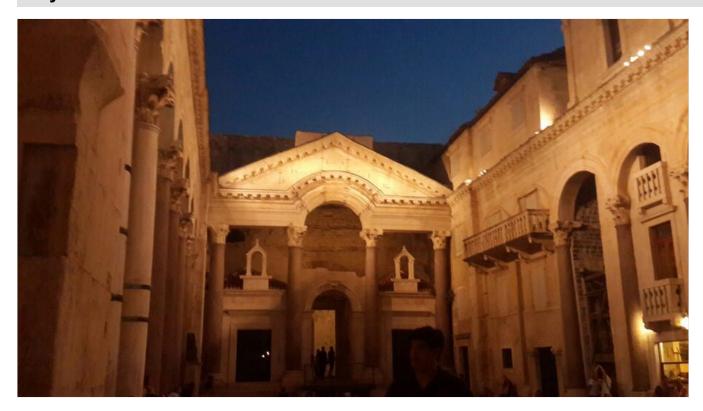
## Croatia / Hvar

Greenery, Popular, Town, Island

It gets almost 2,800 hours of sunshine per year. There is however enough rain to keep the island green and to maintain the beautiful fields of lavender, rosemary, sage, marjoram and thyme and the carefully cultivated vineyards.

## DAY 5: HVAR ISLAND

Discovery of Hvar. An important strategic and nautical center since Antiquity, the island benefits from a mild climate and lush nature. Guided tour of the city to soak up its gentle way of life and discover its historical heritage. Many Renaissance buildings are still visible and two strongholds frame the city: the French fort Napoléon and the Venetian fort Spagnola. The large square, the theater (the first in Europe built in 1612), the Franciscan monastery and the Saint-Étienne cathedral are all remarkable sites, witnesses to the rich history of the island. Full board.



## Croatia / Split

Mainland port, Popular, City

The city is best known for the ruins of the Palace of Diocletian. A tree-lined promenade now keeps the Adriatic from lapping against the south walls of the Old Town as it once did.

#### DAY 6: SPLIT

Arrival in Split. Guided tour of the city. In 295, Emperor Diocletian had his palace built in a large bay not far from Salona. Thus was born the city of Split. At the end of the 7th century, John of Ravenna, Archbishop of Split, transformed Diocletian's mausoleum into a cathedral. After a long Venetian domination and the Napoleonic episode, the city was attached to the Habsburg Empire before becoming part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in 1918. In the afternoon, free time in Split or participation in the optional excursion. Full board.

## OPTIONAL:

MOSTAR (BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA) (long afternoon with lunch)

Price per person: €110 in 2023 and €130 in 2024

After the guided tour of Split, departure by coach for an excursion to Mostar. Scarred by the war, Mostar has been reborn since the reconstruction of the "Old Bridge". Built by the Turks more than 500 years ago, it is the symbol of the city. The Old Bridge district of the old town of Mostar is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk through the alleys, visit the Turkish house and the mosque. Lunch at the restaurant. Return to Split.



## Croatia / SIBENIK

Town, Mainland port

The Sibenik port in Croatia offers an authentic experience of the country's culture and history. The port is located in the heart of the city, surrounded by impressive medieval fortresses, stunning architecture and quaint alleyways. Visitors can explore the UNESCO-listed St. James Cathedral, the oldest native Croatian town hall, and the famous St. Michael's Fortress. For a taste of local cuisine, head to the lively food market where vendors sell fresh seafood and traditional delicacies. Don't miss the opportunity to witness the city's unique cultural heritage, including traditional Dalmatian singing and dancing.

#### DAY 7: TROGIR - SIBENIK

In the morning, continue sailing to Trogir. Located 25 km north of Split, Trogir has preserved its medieval character, making it one of the most interesting cities on the Adriatic coast. Visit the Cathedral of St. Lawrence built in the 13th century. Through the alleys, exterior views of the various monuments and palaces and the Benedictine monastery of St. Nicholas. In the late morning, sail to Sibenik. Full board.



## Croatia / Zadar

City, Mainland port, Popular

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#### DAY 8: SIBENIK - PLITVICE - ZADAR

Naturally protected by its large bay and dominated by a fortress, Sibenik is home to a beautiful old town, full of churches, monasteries and palaces. The majestic St. James Cathedral, considered the first Renaissance building built outside of Italy, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park with lunch on site. Inland, this is a particularly interesting site. This large park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a UNESCO, encompasses a succession of 16 lakes with a very particular configuration. In fact, each lake flows into the next lake via one or more waterfalls. In total, 92 waterfalls over a height difference of 133 m! The clarity of The water is incredible and swimming is prohibited in order to protect this magnificent site. Drive to Zadar and visit the old town with the National Square, the nerve center of the Renaissance-style city. Then, visit the Cathedral of Saint Anastasia, a Byzantine church rebuilt in Romanesque style at the beginning of the 13th century. Visit the Church of Saint Donat, a true Carolingian-style monument built in the shape of a rotunda. The visit will end with a walk on along the fortifications built mainly in the 16th century. Return to the boat. Full board.



## Croatia / Krk

Island, Greenery

Krk is the largest of Croatian islands and the most popular island in Croatia and is nicknamed as the "cradle of Croatian culture" and "the Golden island". The first known town on the location where the town of Krk is located now was established by the Romans and was called Curicum. Varied beautiful landscapes, from rocky shores of the northwestern coastline and western forests to eastern sunburnt ridges, amazing beaches, mild Mediterranean climate and rich culture make Krk island a perfect destination for very different travelers from all around the world.

#### DAY 9: RAB - KRK

Rab is an island with two faces: a rocky and deserted expanse to the east and a landscape flooded with vegetation, forests and scrubland to the west. The Romans nicknamed the eponymous city Felix Arba, "Happy Rab", and we understand why. With its beaches, bays, fragrant and green atmosphere, Rab is intended for rest and pleasure. Its beauty and its various tourist infrastructures make it one of the most visited islands in the Adriatic. Free walk through the alleys of the city. In the late afternoon, continue sailing to the island of Krk. Full board.



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#### DAY 10: ZAGREB - PARIS

Disembarkation and departure by coach for a short guided tour of the capital of Croatia, which is also the largest city in the country. Zagreb was founded about 1000 years ago by the will of King Ladislas, just opposite the Gradec fortress, which has now become the historic district of old Zagreb. In addition to this well-preserved medieval heritage, the city has many religious and cultural buildings dating from the Austrian domination, thus revealing its roots in the cultural space of Mitteleuropa. After the city tour, transfer by coach to Zagreb airport. Flight to Paris on a scheduled flight.

