



Croatia – National Parks and Islands Cruise



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group

VISITING: Croatia

BROCHURE CODE: 5621

DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Enjoy a seven-night small ship cruise, visiting some of the most spectacular national parks, islands and cities on the Dalmatian Coast. Zadar, Split, Krka National Park and Primošten offer an array of stunning architecture, dramatic cliffs, and beautiful beaches. With plenty of time to relax and enjoy the scenery, this is the perfect way to explore the Adriatic.

Our Opinion

“ Small-ship cruises offer a unique way to explore and enjoy as much of an area as possible. Taking in cities, islands, beaches and bays, you can enjoy a more personalised service and experience than aboard larger cruise ships. ”



What's included?

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers (Zadar airport)
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' accommodation in an en-suite cabin with double or twin beds, standard boat category, lower deck
- **Meals and drinks:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners. (Drinks and water are not included)
- **The following destinations are included in the holiday:** Vodice, Skradin, Krka National Park, Šibenik, Primošten, Split, Brač Island, Šolta and Drevnik Islands, Zlarin, Kornati Islands National Park, Telašćica Nature Park Dugi Otok, Ugljan Island, Zadar (order subject to change)
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** Šibenik city tour, Split city tour, Zadar city tour (the order of activities is subject to change)

Please note: a mandatory tourist and harbour tax is payable locally in cash when you board the boat. This costs approximately 35 euros per person for the week. Please also note that the Krka National Park entrance and boat ride must be paid for locally (approximately 40 euros per person).

Please note: flights are not included as some clients like to add a stay in Zadar before or after this holiday. We will be delighted to arrange flights, accommodation and transfers around the sailing trip. Please just ask one of our Travel Experts for suggestions and prices

Trip Overview

Croatia is undeniably a destination for exceptional cruise trips. With its stunning, indented coastline adorned by a myriad of enchanting islands, the country beckons travellers to embark on a truly unique island-hopping adventure. Prepare to be captivated as you navigate the Adriatic Sea, exploring the national parks and islands throughout this breathtaking region.

A small-ship cruise in Croatia offers an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of the thousand islands that dot the coastline. Each island holds its own magical allure, inviting you to discover its hidden treasures and enjoy its gorgeous surroundings. From secluded coves and pristine beaches to rugged cliffs and crystal-clear waters, the Adriatic Sea unveils its secrets at every turn.

As you sail from one island to another, you'll have the chance to witness first-hand the natural

wonders that make Croatia so remarkable. Picture yourself exploring ancient coastal towns steeped in history, wandering through charming villages nestled in beautiful landscapes, and encountering breathtaking panoramic views that will leave you in awe.

During this seven-night cruise, you will visit the stunning towns of Split, Primošten and Zadar, all rich with their own history, culture and unique architecture. You will also get to enjoy the beauty of Krka National Park and its famous travertine waterfalls, as well as the grassy islands and turquoise coves of the Kornati Islands National Park, the largest archipelago in the Adriatic Sea.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFER TO SHIP, SAILING TO VODICE

After arriving into Zadar airport, you will be transferred to the port where you will board your small ship and meet the Captain and crew, as well as your fellow passengers, before setting sail for Vodice, enjoying a swimming stop along the way.. The ship will be your home and sleeping quarters for the next seven nights.

For passengers boarding the boat after 1pm, you will be transferred from the airport to Vodice and board the ship there. You will enjoy dinner on board tonight.

Very occasionally, the itinerary and duration of sailing and activities may change according to local conditions, events or guest preferences. Your skipper and his crew will make these decisions based first and foremost on your safety. In such cases, we reserve the right to alter the itinerary without prior notice.

Included Meals: Dinner

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2

VODICE TO KRKA NATIONAL PARK AND ŠIBENIK TOUR

After breakfast this morning, you will set sail, leaving the Adriatic Sea, journeying up the River Krka where you will anchor upstream at the town of Skradin.

From there, you will board a smaller boat, which will take you further along the river and into the heart of the national park. You will have the opportunity to visit the famous Skradinski Buk travertine waterfalls. You will have some free time at the waterfall to explore the pathways and wooden bridges that surround. Please note that the entrance fees to the park, as well as the boat ride, are payable locally (approximately 40 euros per person).

Returning to the Adriatic Sea, you will stop in the pretty town of Šibenik. The charming old town is home to the beautiful St. Jacob's Cathedral, one of the most important Renaissance buildings in Croatia. After a tour through the old town, you will have the evening free to enjoy as you please. Day of dinner can vary.

One night of the cruise, there will be a Captain's dinner, the night of which will be confirmed during your cruise. During other nights, you will be able to go into the local towns and villages where there are several restaurants available.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

PRIMOŠTEN AND SPLIT CITY TOUR

This morning, you will visit the town of Primošten. This picturesque town is situated on a small island, connected to the mainland by a narrow causeway and it is a beautiful place to explore, or to enjoy another dip in the sea at one of its beaches.

After lunch, you will set sail for Split. On arrival in Split, you will be taken on a guided city tour. Split is Croatia's second-largest city and it is surrounded by imposing mountains and crystal-clear waters. It is famous for its picturesque views, as well as its well-preserved Roman architecture, including Diocletian's Palace, part of Split's old town UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You will have the rest of the evening free to further explore the old town on your own and to enjoy the bustling Mediterranean atmosphere on the famous promenade of Split.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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BRAČ ISLAND

Today you will set sail towards the picturesque island of Brač. You'll stop for a swimming break along the way, before heading to the small town of Pučišća. Brač is famous for its limestone, which was used to build the White House and the Reichstag. The gorgeous town of Pučišća is a testament to the quality and beauty of the stone.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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5

BRAČ TO ŠOLTA & DREVNIK ISLANDS, AND ZLARIN

This morning you will leave Pučišća and head to the island of Šolta, where you will enjoy a swimming break. Following this, you will sail to the equally beautiful island of Drevnik, where you will stop for another dip in the sea. Then, after lunch on board, it is on to the final island of the day, Zlarin.

You will moor in the harbour of the small fishing village, also named Zlarin. This lovely town has several restaurants and cafes for you to try some of the local cuisine as the sun sets across the idyllic view.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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6

ZLARIN TO KORNATI ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AND TELAŠĆICA NATURE PARK DUGI OTOK

Setting sail from Zlarin, you will head towards the Kornati Islands National Park, home to beautiful turquoise-coloured bays, grass and pine covered islands and stunning backdrops. It is the largest and most dense archipelago in the Adriatic Sea - comprising 147 islands, islets and reefs, which cover an area of 35 km of length.

After passing through the national park, you will continue north, to Telašćica Nature Park, where you will anchor for the night. This stunning nature park is part of a protected bay on the island of Dugi Otok, with its towering cliffs and saltwater lake, it is the perfect place to savour this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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7

UGLJAN ISLAND AND ZADAR CITY TOUR

Before returning to Zadar, you will head to one of the bays on the island of Ugljan for a final swimming stop, travelling on to Zadar after you have had a chance to enjoy the waters of the Adriatic for one last time.

After arriving in Zadar, a local tour guide will take you on a guided city tour through the impressive old town, surrounded by ancient walls. You will see the main sights and attractions, including the Roman Forum, the circular Church of Sveti Donat, and the cathedral of Sveta Stošija, as well as the unique Sea Organs, whose sounds and melodies are created purely by the waves.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you will disembark and say farewell to your ship and the crew.

You will be transferred back to Zadar airport for your flight home. Alternatively, why not extend your time in Zadar? Speak to our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Extend your stay in Zadar

If you would like to add pre or post nights to your cruise, we can easily arrange for you to stay in hotel accommodation in Zadar. Please speak to one of our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Accommodation

MS Kažimir, or similar (Nights: 1-7)



During your cruise along the Croatian Coast, you'll stay aboard a small ship which can accommodate approximately 28-38 passengers.

You will receive the exact name of the ship by our local representatives upon arrival at the port for embarkation. MS Kažimir is an example of the ships that are used and the images shown are from the various different boats available, the exterior, interior and décor vary between them. However, the standard remains the same across each option.

There is an on-board bar and dining area, as well as a sun deck to relax and really enjoy the best of the Croatian weather.

Cabin accommodation

You will stay in a lower deck, two or three-bed cabin equipped with private shower, toilet and air conditioning (the air conditioning will not always be on, depending upon mooring location and power consumption). Some cabins have double beds, others have twin beds and three of them have bunk beds.

There is also the option to upgrade to an upper deck room, depending on availability. Please ask at the time of booking to secure your place.

Each guest is provided with 2 bath towels on arrival; beach towels are not provided.

Card payments are not accepted on-board, only cash (euros and US dollars). Cash machines and banks are available at most ports along the journey and you can open a cabin tab on board, paying for drinks, incidentals and the tourist and harbour tax when you disembark. There is onboard WiFi, however, reception can be intermittent.

Please note: due to specific requirements in some of the harbours, it is possible that ships will be tied sideways to each other and that passengers will need to transfer from one ship to another in order to get to shore. Please be careful when transferring from ship to ship and should you need assistance, the crew members will be delighted to help. All boat routes are dependent on the weather and may be changed at the Captain's discretion.

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The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1*; maximum 40 people (approximately)

*Our cruises are subject to a minimum number of participants, which is necessary for the trip in question to take place (approximately 22 people). Should it become apparent that the minimum number of participants required to carry out the cruise for a ship is not reached, we will inform you at least 30 days before the start of the cruise. Of course we will offer you at the same time – subject to availability – a replacement ship and, if necessary, an alternative route without any extra charge.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the

duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20