



Croatia - Islands of the Northern Adriatic Cruise



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group

VISITING: Croatia

BROCHURE CODE: 5721

DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

Embark on a remarkable small-ship cruise, island-hopping through the enchanting Adriatic Sea, where Croatia's extraordinary coastline, adorned with countless captivating islands, awaits. Immerse yourself in the beauty of this unique destination, as you navigate through a maze of indented coastlines and discover the hidden treasures of Zadar, Kornati Islands National Park and Rab.

Our Opinion

“Croatia boasts over a thousand islands, each with its own distinct character and allure. Small-ship cruises allow you to hop from one island to another, discovering charming fishing villages, historic towns, and breathtaking natural beauty along the way.”



What's included?

- **Transfers:** return airport transfers (Rijeka 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: Krk Island, Rab Island, Zadar Archipelago, Kornati Islands National Park, Lošinj Island, Cres Island, Rijeka (order subject to change)
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** Rab city tour, Zadar city tour, Mali Lošinj 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 note: flights are not included as some clients like to add a stay in Rijeka 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

Small-ship cruising in Croatia offers an exceptional and unforgettable experience. Exploring the stunning Northern Adriatic coastline aboard a smaller vessel allows for a more intimate and immersive journey. The charm of Croatia's numerous islands and picturesque coastal towns truly comes to life as you navigate through narrow straits and hidden coves that larger ships cannot access.

One of the major advantages of small-ship cruising in Croatia is the opportunity to visit lesser-known destinations and discover hidden gems off the beaten path. This itinerary includes various stops at charming fishing towns and villages, secluded bays, and untouched natural wonders that showcase the country's diverse beauty.

During this seven-night cruise, you will visit the stunning towns of Zadar, Mali Lošinj and Rab, rich with history, culture and beautiful architecture. You will sail on to the Kornati Islands National Park, the

largest archipelago in the Adriatic Sea, with 147 islands, islets and reefs, as well as the islands of Krk, Rab, Lošinj and Cres, each with their own charm and stunning beauty.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFER TO SHIP, SAILING TO KRK

After arriving into Rijeka 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 the island and town of Krk. 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 Krk port and board the ship there.

The boat will be moored overnight in nearby Punat. You will enjoy dinner on board.

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

KRK TO RAB ISLAND, AND CITY TOUR

After breakfast, you will set sail for Rab Island. You will drop anchor in a secluded bay where you will have plenty of time for swimming and sunbathing. Following this, you will arrive in the charming town of Rab later this afternoon, where you will take part in a guided city tour.

The old town of Rab is surrounded by ancient, fortified walls and 4 stunning bell towers. It stretches out into the sea, along a narrow, rocky headland. The old streets are filled with a variety of cafés, bars, restaurants, boutiques, and lovely local shops, making it the perfect place to explore.

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.

Day of dinner may vary.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

RAB TO ZADAR, AND CITY TOUR

This morning you will leave Kvarner Bay and head towards your next port of call. After a swimming break to enjoy the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic, you will arrive at the centre of northern Dalmatia, Zadar.

You will be given a guided tour of the city, passing the old Roman Forum, circular church of Sveti Donat, and the Cathedral Sveta Stošija. This former Venetian town was once the capital of Dalmatia, due to its prominent trading location; now it is home to various lively cafes, restaurants and bars, nestled in amongst the fantastic ancient ruins. It has a fantastic atmosphere and is a wonderful place to explore.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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4

ZADAR ARCHIPELAGO AND KORNATI ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Setting sail from Zadar, you will journey towards one of the most stunning collection of islands in the Adriatic.

According to the Irish author George Bernard Shaw, "On the last day of creation, God crowned his work, and thus created, out of tears, stars and breath, the Kornati Islands". It's easy to see why George penned this line, as you wind your way through the beautiful scenery, countless islands, and perfectly turquoise sea. 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, where you will anchor at one of the many islands that comprise the Zadar Archipelago, including Dugi Otok, Zverinac, Molat or Olib.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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ZADAR ARCHIPELAGO AND MALI LOŠINJ CITY TOUR

Today you will sail to the island of Lošinj, which is famous for its 300 days of sunshine per year, as well as its covering of thick pine forests and hidden coves and bays.

This area is home to several dolphin pods, so keep your eyes peeled for them playing in the waves.

After a swimming break, you will reach Mali Lošinj, where you will enjoy a tour of Mali Lošinj with its small old town area and harbour front, filled with numerous shops, cafes and restaurants. You will spend the the night on this stunning island.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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LOŠINJ TO CRES ISLAND

Today you will set sail to the neighbouring island of Cres. The island is covered in countless olive groves and roaming flocks of sheep, giving it an inviting, rural feeling and the opportunity to try some of the freshest olive oil possible.

You will stop for a swim at one of the secluded bays before heading to the picturesque town of Cres, where you will anchor for the night. Thanks to its 15th-16th Century Venetian architecture, it feels very much like a charming Italian village, complete with fabulous local dishes to try.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
7

CRES TO RIJEKA

This morning you will depart Cres and cruise along the eastern shoreline of Istria to Rijeka – not without taking one last dip in the sea.

Arriving in Rijeka, there will be time to explore the city independently. This port city is lined with Habsburg-era buildings, filled with colour and history and there are plenty of cafes, restaurants, museums and shops to explore.

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 Rijeka airport for your flight home. Alternatively, why not extend your time in Rijeka? Speak to our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick

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Extend your stay in Rijeka

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 Rijeka. Please speak to one of our Travel Experts for further details.

Included Accommodation

MS Sveti Vid, 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 Sveti Vid 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, as well as a superior boat category,

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

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