

Sailing Split Premium Plus

8 days | Starts/Ends: Split



CRUISE HOLIDAY: Discover sun-kissed beaches, delicious local cuisine, pebbled bays, medieval Dubrovnik, beautiful Korcula and other ports of call. Relax and unwind as we set sail from the ancient port of Split on Croatia's Adriatic Coast with plenty of time to soak up the sun, swim and explore.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Split – roam the medieval streets that lie within the walls of this ancient city
- Dubrovnik – discover a stunning city and the spectacular setting for 'Game of Thrones'
- Korcula – uncover this charming island your way and see the sights of Marco Polo's birthplace
- Mljet Island – explore the unforgettable natural beauty that lies within the national parks
- Pakleni Islands – swim in crystal clear waters and relax on the pristine beaches - a perfect place to relax
- Hvar – wander around the quaint harbour town and perhaps sample some fresh fish and fine wine
- Loviste - stroll around this picturesque seaside town with stunning coastal views

- Brac - soak up the rays on Zlatni Rat, one of the most famous beaches on the Adriatic coast

What's Included

- Buffet breakfast daily, 7 (3-course) lunches, afternoon tea and coffee, and 1 Captain's dinner
- 7 nights accommodation aboard a 'Premium Plus Ship - spacious A/C en-suite cabins with double or twin beds (see Trip Notes for further details about ship category inclusions)
- 7 days cruising the Dalmatian Coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Guided tour of Dubrovnik on day 3, Korcula town on day 5 and Hvar Town on day 6
- Services of captain, onboard crew and on board English speaking tour manager
- Linen and bedding, 2 towels for personal use (mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen)
- Olive oil and wine tasting on board
- Onboard water dispenser
- Most port taxes and visitor fees
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Below deck cabin (option to upgrade to upper/main deck available)

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Transfers to and from the airport or port
- Port tax of EUR 40 per traveller, to be paid upon check-in, in cash
- Entrance fees to national parks. The exact cost is dependent on the season and parks visited, budget approx EUR15 per traveller
- Tip for your crew. We recommend you allow EUR 3–5 per day, per traveller. Tipping is an entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Sailing Split



Saturday. Split – Makarska. Hello Croatia and welcome aboard! Located in the heart of Dalmatia, Split became a popular retirement destination in the 4th century for Roman emperors such as Diocletian. Today, it's renowned for its variety of archaeological, historical and cultural monuments, among them the UNESCO listed Diocletian Palace. The first detailed tourist guide published

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in 1894, bears witness to the long tourist tradition in hospitable Split. Take some time to explore this Roman city - walk the streets where the Diocletian emperor once ruled and soak up the important historical sights.

Don't miss the boat! Make your own way to the port, our cruise departs from SPLIT HARBOUR ON SATURDAY AT 13:00. From Split Harbour we sail south to Makarska. If you require pre-tour accommodation we are able to offer suggestions, get in touch with our travel experts for recommendations.

Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)

Day 2 : Seafood and spectacular scenery



Makarska – Mljet. Cast your 21st century worries adrift and get on with the business of sheer relaxation and soaking up the sun. Every day there are opportunities to swim and snorkel direct from the boat or from the sandy white beaches as our boat moors in sheltered bays and coves.

Today we sail to the Peljesac Peninsula where we will stop to swim. With lunch onboard, we continue to the verdant green island of Mljet. Half of the island is a national park and is stunningly beautiful, with thick green forests of Aleppo pine encircling the two inland salt water lakes. The lakes, Malo Jezero (big lake) and Veliko Jezero (small lake), are interlinked and connected to the sea by a shallow tidal canal. In the middle of Veliko Jezero is the picturesque island of Saint Mary, home to a small 12th century Benedictine monastery, well worth the visit. The island is easy to navigate and it's possible to hire bicycles, motorized scooters, buggies and open top cars from the harbour. At dinner time try one

of the many seafood kavarnas (taverns) along the waterfront.

In port at day's end, head to a local restaurant or café. The freshness and variety of Croatian food is typical of Mediterranean cuisine. Seafood has a prominent place, as do fresh vegetables, cheeses and breads. Olives and grapes have been cultivated here since pre-Christian times.

Overnight - Mljet - onboard (B, L)

Day 3 : Explore Dubrovnik



Mljet – Dubrovnik. Arriving into Dubrovnik, we enjoy a guided tour and then spend the rest of the day independently exploring this ancient city. An optional cable car ride up to Srd Mountain is available to book locally, well worth the trip to enjoy the spectacular views of the old town. Much of the history of Dubrovnik can be characterised by its intact city walls, which run uninterrupted for 1940 metres encircling the city. This complex structure, one of the most beautiful and strongest fort systems in the Europe, is the main attraction to the city's visitors. Five towers inbuilt along the city wall offer unforgettable views of the city and out to sea, and were once used to ward off invaders.

The old stone city is a labyrinth of criss-crossed cobbled streets and lanes, with a thousand and one taverns serving up cold beer and Mediterranean food, numerous souvenir and gift shops, many days can be spent exploring inside these city walls.

Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard (B, L)

Day 4 : Sipan Island

Dubrovnik – Sipan Island/Trstenik. This afternoon we set sail for Sipan Island or Trstenik. Trstenik is a pretty harbour town, located on the north eastern tip of the Peljesac

Peninsula. The quaint fishing village boasts beautiful unspoiled coves and beaches, fresh water springs and many restaurants and bars along the harbour side strip.

Sipan Island is historically fascinating. During the 15th century it was a chic summer getaway for the very best Dubrovnik families, many of whom built palaces on the island. Sipan's beaches are never overcrowded so you'll have no trouble finding a pleasant place to leap into the clear sea. Later, we enjoy a Captains dinner on board.

Overnight - Sipan/Trstenik - onboard (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Korcula



Sipan Island/Trstenik – Korcula. Upon arrival, we enjoy a guided tour of Korcula town and plenty of free time to relax or further explore.

Korcula is one of the most charming and romantic islands of the 1000 or so off the Adriatic coast. Korcula old town is set in a mini fortress and reminisces many travellers of Dubrovnik. The distinctive white limestone, which was used to build both towns originates from Vrnik, a tiny island just off Korcula.

Ancient medieval walls surround hidden treasures, where you'll find architectural delights including Renaissance palaces, cathedrals, museums and plenty more gems tucked away in its network of old cobbled streets. According to local legend, the famous world explorer, Marco Polo was born here in 1254 and, you can even climb the tower which was said to be his home.

Overnight - Korcula - onboard (B, L)

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Day 6 : Pakleni Islands and Hvar



Korcula – Pakleni Islands – Hvar. Today we cruise the Pakleni Islands and onward to Hvar. The tiny archipelago (of about twenty islets) extend along the south side of Hvar. The islands are covered in pine trees and known to local fisherman for 'paklina' (melted pine resin), and used for 'water proofing' boat decking. The islands also offer crystal clear waters and secluded beaches.

After lunch on board we sail onward to Hvar, an island of sunshine, lavender, sage, rosemary and wine. Upon arrival, we'll take a guided tour of Hvar Town and then free time is offered to take a walk through the harbour town and be sure to sample some of the local wines and spirits, as well as the fresh fish and crustaceans, caught locally.

Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)

Day 7 : Swimming in paradise



Hvar – Brac – Split. We'll cruise to the island of Brac, where we'll stop at famous Zlatni Rat. Known as one of the most beautiful beaches on the Croatian coastline, you can swim in the brilliant blue waters, stroll along the endless stretch of sand or explore the town.

Explore the nearby town of Bol on your own terms before lunch on board. We return to Split for a free afternoon and evening to explore the city at leisure.

Overnight - Split - onboard (B, L)

Day 8 : Split

Saturday. Your perfect week of sailing concludes in Split after breakfast.(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 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.



Our partners

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.

Optional excursions and extras

Below are some optional extras and tours available locally (booked and paid locally in Croatia Kuna only, prices are subject to change). There are many others and the full list is available on board your ship.

GAME OF THRONES TOUR IN DUBROVNIK - 2 hours EUR27 per person

On this tour, you will be taken through all the parts of the Old City where some of the most memorable scenes from the ongoing cultural phenomenon were filmed.

The following optional extras are available on arrival:

English breakfast supplement: EUR 40/person - includes 2 eggs, bacon, tomato and mushrooms, or fruit and yoghurt or similar. Comfort and Premium boats include a cooked breakfast.

Ship and cabin category options

TRADITIONAL ENSUITE SHIP:

Wooden ship, air-conditioned cabins with private shower/toilet - mostly bunk beds.

Included services: Continental breakfasts, three course lunches, water dispenser, complimentary Wi-Fi on board.

PREMIUM SHIP:

Premium steel hulled vessels with modern traditional look. Accommodation in air-conditioned, spacious en-suite cabins with double or twin beds, hair dryer and safety deposit box. Ships are from 29 to 35m in length with cabins 8 to 14m2 in size.

Included services: Buffet breakfasts, three course lunches, Captain's dinner, English speaking tour manager on board, guided tour in Dubrovnik, daily cabin service, mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen, luggage handling, olive oil and wine tasting on board, afternoon tea and coffee, water dispenser, complimentary Wi-Fi, most visitors tax and port fees.

PREMIUM PLUS SHIP:

Premium superior vessels are recently built mini deluxe vessels featuring similar comfort – 38 to 41m in length. Air-conditioned cabins are 8 to 14m2 in size with double or twin beds, hair dryer and safety deposit box.

Included services: Buffet breakfasts, three course lunches, Captain's dinner, English speaking tour manager on board, guided tours in Dubrovnik, Korcula and Hvar Town, daily cabin service, mid-week fresh set of towels and bed linen, luggage handling, olive oil and wine tasting on board, afternoon tea and coffee, water dispenser, complimentary Wi-Fi, most visitors tax and port fees.

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'ON DECK' OR 'BELOW' CABIN:

There are small differences between 'above deck' and 'below deck' cabins. 'Above deck' cabins are arranged on the main or top deck of the boat and have windows allowing fresh air and views. Whilst 'below deck' cabins are arranged within the hull of the boat, below the main deck. 'Below deck' cabins may have port holes, but these will not necessarily open and if available, can't be opened during cruising times.

Life onboard

Is there a bar onboard?

A bar operates on board all boats. Prices are in line with those one will pay in port at bars/cafes for beers, wines, basic spirits, mixers, soft drinks and bottled mineral water. Since there is a bar aboard, it is not possible to consume personal supplies of alcohol or beverages not purchased aboard. If you were found to be flouting this rule, you would be asked to consume such personal supplies when ashore. The same would happen if you were drinking BYO drinks in a hotel lobby - you'd be asked to consume the drink(s) beyond the confines of the hotel.

Can I smoke onboard?

Smoking is restricted to outside only – On deck.

Families onboard

On occasion family groups, including parents with children may form part of your sailing group. If you specifically do not wish to travel with one or two children onboard, please let us know at time of booking so we can aim to make the necessary arrangements of your request.

Captain's call

The Captain has the right to change the scheduled route at any point in time to ensure the safety of all travellers and to ensure the cruiser stays on schedule. Changes may become necessary due to weather, sea conditions, port regulations or any other reason.

Please note that all boats have an onboard motor which they tend to use for the majority of the time, rather than the sails.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Croatia Country Guide

Visas and passports

Visa requirements are subject to change and visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

After booking your holiday, please provide us with your passport details as soon as possible so that we can proceed to book all services. Please be advised visa requirements are subject to change, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. For information about visas, head to www.onthegotours.com/Croatia/Visas

Essential packing

Please check local temperatures so you can pack accordingly. Visit www.worldclimate.com

- Lightweight cotton garments in summer, warm clothing for Spring and Autumn (temperatures can get quite low at night)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Universal travel adaptor
- DEET based mosquito repellent and antihistamine cream
- First aid kit including Dioralyte
- Tour Voucher and a copy of your travel insurance policy, spare passport photos and a photocopy of your passport
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen, swim costume, torch and money belt
- Either a rucksack or suitcase is suitable. A small daypack for your day-to-day needs
- A towel for swimming/showering (unless stated as included under the Trip Notes 'Inclusions' section on page one of these Trip Notes)

It's not like home and what to expect

Travel to far-flung corners of the earth involves lifestyles and conditions that are sometimes very different from what you are used to back home. You must come

prepared to cope with unusual situations, local inadequacies and unpredictable events as and when they occur. Foreign travel is definitely not suitable for people who expect or demand everything to go exactly as planned. With the greatest respect and in the interest of your ultimate enjoyment you must understand this. Things can and do change in foreign countries.

Please visit www.onthegotours.com/Croatia/Travel-tips-and-useful-info for local currency, climate, WiFi and much more.

Optional excursions in Croatia

A full list of the main excursions available on each tour can be found in the daily itinerary on these Trip Notes. All prices given are approximate and for guidance only, and are subject to change due to local inflation or exchange rates. Prices quoted in these Trip Notes are in Euros unless otherwise specified.

If you joining one of our sailing holidays, a folder/book is available onboard your ship for you to explore that includes what excursions or suggested sightseeing is available to you, at each of the ports visited.

Health requirements and water

You should seek medical advice for vaccinations and about medications before travelling.

The tap water in Croatia is generally considered safe to drink, but as a precaution against stomach upsets you may want to drink bottled mineral water, which is readily available from shops, hotels and restaurants.

Shopping

In the tourism industry it's common practice for commission to be offered in exchange for recommending particular shops or suppliers. This can become an issue when clients feel obliged to purchase. We do our best to avoid this by monitoring any included shopping experiences offered.

You are under no obligation to partake in a listed shopping experience and you are most welcome to wait inside or outside the premises.

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All purchases made whilst on holiday are at your own discretion. Please make sure that you are completely happy with your purchase. On The Go cannot be held responsible for any items that you buy if they fail to meet expectation, or any shipping arrangements. Proceed with caution.

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