

# Adriatic Explorer Premium Plus

## 8 days | Split to Dubrovnik



*Sail the beautiful Dalmatian Coast in style onboard a premium boat. Travelling from sensational Split to Medieval Dubrovnik, visiting some of Croatia's most picturesque islands, national parks and historic towns en route.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Split - historic port
- Makarska - port & riviera
- Pakleni Islands - azure waters & secluded bays
- Mljet Island - National Park & Salt Water Lake
- Dubrovnik - Pearl of the Adriatic
- Korcula - fortress & medieval old town
- Hvar - harbour town & culinary delights
- Brac - the historic town of Bol and Zlatni Rat
- Crystal clear Adriatic waters and sun kissed beaches

#### What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 7 3-course lunches, 1 Captain's dinner
- 7 nights Premium Plus accommodation onboard an air conditioned Comfort Motor Sailer Boat

- 7 days sailing off the Dalmatian Coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, hike and bike ride
- Services of onboard captain and crew
- 2 bath towels for personal use
- Linen and Bedding
- Most port taxes and visitor fees. A supplementary port tax of €40 will need to be paid upon cruise check in
- Guided city tour of Dubrovnik
- One litre of bottled water per day

#### What's Not Included

- International flights visa and transfers to and from the port
- Tips for the crew are not included and at your own discretion. As a guideline we suggest EUR 3–5 per person per day
- Supplementary port tax of EUR 40 to be paid upon cruise check in
- Entrance tickets to national parks not included. The exact cost is dependent on the season and parks visited, approx EUR15 per person

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Raft the Cetina River

Saturday. Split - Makarska. Departure from Split harbour at 1 pm and cruise along Dalmatian coast towards the Makarska Riviera. After lunch we arrive at Omiš, a

picturesque town surrounded by steep rocky mountain cliffs, where the river Cetina flows into the Adriatic sea. Try river rafting on the streams of the Cetina river and meet the ship again in Makarska. Climb up to the old fortress above the town or just take a walk through the old town of Omiš and discover the glorious long history through the many historical monuments. Makarska is a popular tourist destination with many restaurants and bars and a beautiful promenade along the famous beach. Enjoy the magic of the central spot of the Makarska Riviera, and be sure to take a walk along the city streets – with abundance of churches and other cultural sites. **Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)**

#### Day 2 : Beautiful Brac



Makarska - Bol (Brac). This morning we continue our cruise towards our next destination – the island of Brac, more precisely to the town of Bol, a typical Dalmatian fishermen's village. Bol is known for its famous Zlatni Rat beach (Golden horn),

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a natural phenomenon that with its specific form dominates the other beaches of Bol. A walk along the promenade (approx 2 hours) from Bol you can reach the highest peak of all Adriatic islands – Vidova gora, under which the town lies. After swimming break and lunch we continue our journey towards Stari Grad on the Hvar island, the sunniest Adriatic island. Free afternoon to explore this unique town. The famous Stari Grad Field is the oldest in Croatia and the best preserved example of ancient Greek system of agriculture. Together with the old town it is a part of world heritage protected by UNESCO. **Overnight - Stari Grad - onboard (B, L)**

## Day 3 : Hvar & swimming by the Paklina Islands

Bol - Hvar. Our next destination is the island of Hvar, the longest and sunniest of all the Adriatic islands and a favourite destination for jet setters from all around the world. After lunch, we stop for swimming at nearby Pakleni islands. Take some time to relax and enjoy refreshment in clear, crystal blue sea before arrival to Hvar in the afternoon hours. Hvar town offers many cultural and historical sites (Renaissance cathedral, the oldest communal theatre in Europe founded in 1612, Franciscan monastery, the Benedictine convent famous for their lace listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, Spanjola fortress towering high above the town ...) and many restaurants and bars open late into the night. **Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)**

## Day 4 : Picturesque Hvar



Hvar - Vis. The ship sets sail early this morning as we cruise towards the island of Vis, which was, because of its unique geographical position, a strategic harbour for the navy and as such closed to the public until recently. Because of this isolation, Vis has a special

charm - 'the Mediterranean as it once was' which makes it really interesting to see. We spend the night moored up by this town of Vis, situated on the northern side of the island, developed near the remains of the ancient Issa, first urban centre in Croatia. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman Thermal Baths, City museum or simply take a walk enjoying the view of the beautiful Roman styled villas situated along the coast. Tonight we'll enjoy a scrumptious Captain's Dinner **Overnight - Vis - onboard (B, L, D)**

## Day 5 : Marco Polo's birthplace



Hvar - Korčula. Before breakfast we depart towards Korčula, the birthplace of famous explorer and adventurer Marco Polo. Surrounded by medieval walls, Korčula resembles a miniature Dubrovnik when approaching from the sea. It has more legends, tales and monuments than you will find anywhere else. Today, Korčula is the only place in the world where the Spanish medieval knight's game – Moreska is still performed. Upon arrival enjoy a walk through the streets of the old town built in the shape of a fish bone. Enjoy the numerous konobas / taverns, restaurants, cocktail bars and night-club located within and around the city walls. **Overnight - Korčula - onboard (B, L)**

## Day 6 : Mljet National Park



Korčula - Mljet Slano/Sipan. We continue cruising towards one of the greenest Adriatic islands – the island of Mljet. This afternoon we take time to enjoy the beauties of the National Park, two salt lakes connected by a narrow channel to the sea and a boat ride to the St Mary isle in the Great Lake, where the old church and monastery are situated. You can cycle around and swim in the lakes. We continue our cruise towards Šipan, part of Elaphite islands, or towards Slano on the coast, both small fishermen's villages where we will overnight in the port. **Overnight - Slano/Sipan - onboard (B, L)**

## Day 7 : The Pearl of the Adriatic

Slano/Sipan - Dubrovnik. In the early morning hours we depart towards our final destination, Dubrovnik arriving in after lunch, to discover this "paradise on Earth", as the famous writer George Bernard Shaw described. We enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik followed by an optional cable car ride up to Srđ mountain for spectacular views of the old town. During free time a stroll along the 1940 metre long city walls is highly recommended and offers magnificent views of the old town of Dubrovnik and the surrounding islands. **Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard (B, L)**

## Day 8 : Dubrovnik



Saturday. Dubrovnik. After breakfast you will say goodbye to the crew and your new friends with the hope of meeting again on one of the ships of Katarina line fleet - Dovidjenja!(B)

## 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.**

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The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 – 32 persons.

## Optional Excursions

Below are some optional tours available locally (booked and paid locally). There are many others and the full list is available on board your ship.

**UNDERGROUND TUNNELS TOUR ON VIS - 1.5hrs EUR30**

This excursion visits military tunnels from the 'Cold War' used for the submarines and gun battery in the past.

Included: Guided tour of the tunnels and return transfer

**GAME OF THRONES TOUR IN DUBROVNIK - 2 hours EUR27**

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.

## Premium & Premium Plus Ships

Premium ships offer a more spacious cabin with en-suite bathroom on newly built or fully renovated ships. Accommodation is mostly twin or double-bedded cabins, though bunk bed cabins are sometimes all that is available. Exclusive features of Premium ships include: air-conditioning in all cabins and in most of the common areas whilst sailing (no A/C is available when the boat is stationary), a guided sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik with an English speaking tour guide and a delicious Captain's Feast.

Additionally, Premium ships offer plenty of hot water, towels, some linen, a TV and sound system in the reception area, board games and extensive sun and shaded deck space to lounge about.

Premium Plus ship 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 Adriatic Explorer and many other cruises and include all of the above plus two more guided tours on the islands.

## Pre-Tour Accommodation

On our Group Sailing holidays we are able to offer pre/post tour accommodation for those

looking at spend additional time in Split, Dubrovnik or perhaps Opatija before or after their cruise.

The hotels we've selected for pre/post tour accommodation factor in comfort and traveller's needs - such as proximity to local transport, restaurants, shops and attractions. On all our programs, we utilise superior tourist class hotels (locally rated as 3 - 4 star) with the emphasis on accommodating you in well-managed hotels that factor in comfort, cleanliness and a modest range of guest facilities rather than putting on the Ritz. All guest rooms offer an en suite bathroom, a television and occasionally a fridge. Most of our Croatian hotels offer a range of guest facilities such as a restaurant or coffee shop and sometimes-additional facilities such as a bar, shops, and currency exchange.

## 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.

## Life Onboard

Luggage

You will need to use a large holdall or rucksack rather than a suitcase due to limited space in the cabins.

What will I eat?

Aboard the cruise, breakfast and lunch is provided. The cooked breakfast includes eggs and bacon, in addition to tea or coffee, fruit juice, bread, butter and preserves. Lunch will include a starter of home made soup or pasta and a main course comprising either fish, meat or chicken with a minimum of two sides (potatoes, cabbage, other vegetables) and side salad and dessert. Dessert will be

either seasonal fruits or perhaps pancakes. All menus are designed and cooked by the onboard cook.

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.

Should I book an 'on deck' or 'below deck' 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.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days.

South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Requirements for the procurement of a Croatian visa are subject to change but application requirements include the need to show proof of sufficient funds to cover duration of stay, proof of pre-paid accommodation or

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documentation regarding the purpose and means of travel (such as a return or onward ticket, details of holiday arrangement etc).

## Health Requirements

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Croatia from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. 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.

## Holiday Money

The official currency in Croatia is the Croatian Kuna.

Any money paid locally for optional excursions that you may wish to partake in can be paid in local currency only - Kuna.

If travelling with Euro, British Pounds, US Dollars and other major currencies these can be exchanged locally or in advance of departure. Internationally recognized debit/credit card can be used for cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). It's advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveller's Cheques are not recommended as they're often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

## Time & Voltage

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT). From the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October, Croatia observes Daylight Saving and is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Standard voltage is 220 volts, AC 50Hz. Primary sockets generally require European plugs, of the two round pin variety. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

## Climate

Croatia is a northern hemisphere destination with Mediterranean and continental climatic

conditions. The continental climate is predominant with hot summers and cold winters. Along the Adriatic coast, dry summers are experienced with mild winters. Our cruises operate during the Croatian summer, when temperatures are generally high (particularly from June through September), so pack sunscreen and a hat, as the sun can be strong.

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