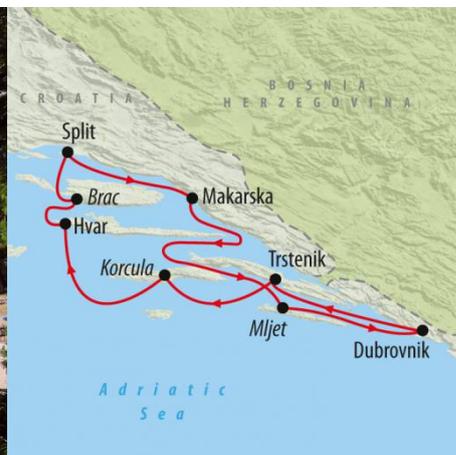


Sailing Split Premium

8 days | Starts/Ends: Split



Setting sail from the ancient port of Split on Croatia's Adriatic Coast, discover sun-kissed beaches, pebbled bays, medieval Dubrovnik, beautiful Korcula and other ports of call. With plenty of time to relax, sunbathe, swim and unwind.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Split – Historical port
- Makarska – Port and Riviera
- Loviste – Fishing village and local market
- Mljet – National Park and salt water lakes
- Dubrovnik – Pearl of the Adriatic.
- Sipan or Trstenik (decided en route)
- Korcula – fortress and medieval old town
- Pakleni islands - azure waters & secluded beaches
- Hvar – harbour town & culinary delights
- Brac – Visit Bol and Zlatni Rat for swimming
- Crystal clear Adriatic waters & sun kissed beaches

What's Included

- One litre of bottled water per day
- Guided tour of Dubrovnik on day 3
- 7 breakfasts, 7 3-course lunches, plus Captain's Feast Dinner

- 7 nights accommodation aboard Premium sailing ship (upgrade to Premium Plus available)
- 7 days sailing off the Dalmatian coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- 2 towels for personal use
- Linen and bedding
- Most port taxes and visitor fees

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 EUR40 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 : Split

Saturday. Split to 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 is

renowned for its variety of archaeological, historical and cultural monuments among them the UNESCO listed Diocletian Palace. The first detailed tourist guide published in 1894, bears witness to the long tourist tradition in hospitable Split!

Don't miss the boat! Cruise departs from SPLIT HARBOUR ON SATURDAY AT 13:00. If you do require pre-tour accommodation, we are able to offer suggestion. From Split harbour sailing south to Makarska. **Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)**

Day 2 : Mljet



Makarska – Loviste – 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.

In port at day's end, head down the gang plank and away to a local restaurant or café.

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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.

Today we sail to Loviste, a delightful fishing village and harbour on the north west tip of the Peljesac Peninsula. Along the harbour fleets of local fishing boats unload their daily catch and village women vie to sell locally grown almonds, olives and figs. With lunch onboard, we continue to the verdant green island of Mljet. Half the island is National Park and 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 connect 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 is 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

Overnight - Mljet - onboard (B, L)

Day 3 : Dubrovnik



Mljet – Dubrovnik. Arriving into Dubrovnik, spend the day exploring 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 warding off by gone 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 inside the 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 interesting. 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. Tonight, a Captain's dinner will be served onboard. **Overnight - Sipan/Trstenik - onboard (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Korcula



Sipan Island/Trstenik – Korcula. 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 for many people, brings to mind '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; you will 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)**

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 covered in pine trees are known to local fisherman for 'paklina' (melted pine resin) 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. Hvar is an island of sunshine and crickets, lavender, sage, rosemary and wine. Take a walk through the harbour town and be sure to sample some of the local wines and spirits, as well as fish and crustaceans, fished by Hvar fishermen. **Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)**

Day 7 : Brac



Hvar – Brac – Split. Cruise to the island of Brac, for swimming at Zlatni Rat near the town of Bol. There is also time to explore the town before lunch on board and return to Split for a free afternoon and evening to explore the city your way. **Overnight - Split - onboard (B, L)**

Day 8 : Split

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

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

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Optional Excursions

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

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.

Optional Extras

The following optional extras are available on arrival:

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

- Captain's dinner: EUR25/person - your choice of fish or meat menu – prepared in each ship's

own style/specialty. A Captain's dinner is included on Comfort and Premium boats.

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.

There is the option to upgrade to a Premium Plus ship which is a 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.

Life On-board

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, Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Continental breakfast will comprise tea or coffee, fruit juice, bread, butter and preserves, plus cold cuts and cheeses. 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 on board cook.

Is there a bar on board?

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 on board?

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.

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.

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

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.

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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 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.

Croatia Country Guide

Croatia: Fact File

Official Name: Republic of Croatia

Capital: Zagreb

Population: 4.5 million

Total Area: 56,542 square kilometres

Official Languages: Croatian (others Serbian, Italian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Czech) English is widely spoken in the main cities, If you tour also spends time in smaller towns and villages you may wish to bring along a phrasebook to help you pick up a few words of the local language.

Religion: Roman Catholic 88%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%

Voltage: 220-240V. Sockets are of European two pronged round pin variety.

Time Difference: GMT/UTC + 1. For all time differences please visit www.timeanddate.com

Croatia: Brief History

Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of World War I. In 1918, the Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes formed a kingdom known as Yugoslavia. Following World War II, Yugoslavia became a federal independent Communist state under the strong hand of Marshal TITO. Although Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it took four years of sporadic, but often bitter, fighting before occupying Serb armies were mostly cleared

from Croatian lands. Under UN supervision, the last Serb-held enclave in eastern Slavonia was returned to Croatia in 1998.

Croatia: Geography and weather

Croatia is situated in southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia. Geographically diverse, the country has flat plains along the Hungarian border, low mountains and highlands near Adriatic coastline and islands. The climate is predominantly continental with hot summers and cold winters, although the coast is more Mediterranean with mild winters and dry summers.

Croatia: Visas

Many nationalities (including citizens of the UK, Australia, Canada, the US and EU citizens) do not need a visa to enter Croatia or Slovenia. However, visitors must hold an onward ticket, all documents required for their next destination and sufficient funds. If your nationality is not listed please consult your nearest Croatian consulate before you travel.

Croatia: Money

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Prices quoted in this country dossier are in euros unless otherwise specified.

ALL prices mentioned are for guidance only and are subject to change.

Local currency

The monetary unit in Croatia is the kuna (HRK). For up to date exchange rates with your own currency visit www.oanda.com or www.xe.com. You might find kuna difficult to obtain overseas, however it should be no problem to change currency on arrival

Changing money, credit cards & ATMs

The easiest way to obtain money in Croatia is to draw it out of an ATM (cash machine) on a credit or debit card (e.g. visa or cirrus). ATMs are widely available throughout Croatia and credit cards are accepted in many restaurants and shops. Another option is to bring cash, in either US dollars or euros (pounds sterling and other currencies cannot always be easily changed) but we advise against bringing all your money in this form, in case of theft. In all of the cities that we visit there are many places

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to change money and your tour leader will be able to show you where to get the best rates of exchange.

Tippling

In a restaurant, round up the bill unless a service charge has already been added or the service was not up to standard. You should also round up bar bills and taxi fares.

Croatia: Optional excursions

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 are subject to change due to local inflation or exchange rates.

Croatia: Security

Most people find Croatia a very friendly and safe and feel quite comfortable wandering around alone during the day. However, as with any area you are not familiar with (particularly in the capital cities) it is recommended that you exercise more caution at night especially if you are a lone female.

Croatia: Local food and drink

Some breakfasts are included in your tour. Breakfasts can be basic so if you tend to get hungry it may be a good idea to buy some fruit or snacks to eat during the day. All other meals, extra snacks and drinks on the tour are at your own expense.

Ask your tour leader if they can recommend any restaurants in the area to suit your taste or budget or have fun exploring independently.

Food

Croatian specialities include Dalmatian or Istrian prosciutto, Pag or Lika cheese, sheep's cheese, Slavonian paprika-flavoured salami ("kulen" and Samobor or Zagorje garlic sausages ("èe#njovka"). There is also a wide selection of meat dishes, including turkey with a special pasta known as "mlinci", roast lamb, roast suckling pig, and boiled or baked "#trukli" (pasta with cheese). Croatian vineyards produce reasonable wine – particularly red and you will almost certainly come across plum brandy, a national favourite.

Drink

All drinks such as bottled water or soft drinks are at your own expense at all times and are fairly inexpensive. Alcoholic drinks vary in

price, with wine and beer generally being the cheapest options.

Croatia: National holidays

1 January - New Year's Day

6 January - Epiphany; Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

1 May - Labour Day; Corpus Christi

22 June - Anti-Fascist Resistance Day

25 June - Statehood Day

5 August - Victory Day and National Thanksgiving Day

15 August - Assumption Day

8 October - Independence Day

1 November - All Saints' Day

25-26 December - Christmas Holidays

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