

# Croatia & Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

# **Inspiring Moments**

- ► Fall under the spell of the **Dalmatian Coast** where glistening blue waters, timeless beauty and alluring islands await.
- ► Bask in unrivaled relaxation during a glorious seven-night Adriatic cruise.
- ► Stroll through the unique landscape of **Plitvice Lakes National Park.**
- ► Embrace the natural grandeur and well-preserved history of Adriatic island gems: **Rab, Hvar and Korčula.**
- ► Stand amid the magnificent Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace in Split.**
- ➤ Witness **Trogir's** Romanesque, baroque and Renaissance-style architecture.
- Explore a rich abundance of history and culture in beautiful **Dubrovnik**.
- ► Uncover the energetic Croatian capital of Zagreb.
- ► Experience six UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Plitvice Lakes National Park

Discover the bounty of Croatia on this incredible 10-night journey, including a seven-night Adriatic cruise! Explore one of the world's best-preserved medieval towns in legendary Dubrovnik. Then set sail along the Dalmatian coast on your first-class ship to enchanting islands and timeless ports. Walk along cobblestones brimming with maritime legends and see landscapes that stir your soul. Choose between touring the Cathedral of St. James or Krka National Park in Šibenik. Plus, revel in the wonders of Plitvice Lakes National Park, an astonishing natural marvel, before capping off your adventure in cosmopolitan Zagreb.

# **Day-by-Day Itinerary**

#### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Dubrovnik, Croatia.

#### Day 2 | Dubrovnik, Croatia

Upon arrival, transfer **3** to the ship. Later, join the group and the captain for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 3 | **Dubrovnik | Korčula**

Enchanting Dubrovnik. Encounter the majestic Pile Gate and witness Europe's oldest working pharmacy. See the Franciscan Monastery's cloister, pass by the columns of medieval Sponza Palace and view a baroque cathedral with its vast collections of art and religious relics. After, you may wish to walk along the ancient walls to see Dubrovnik's iconic orange rooftops. Begin cruising along the stunning Dalmatian coast, a landscape of dramatic limestone cliffs.

**Korčula.** The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Pelješac Channel and brims with natural beauty. Discover Korčula's stunning old town, cobbled lanes and enduring architecture with a guide.

# Day 4 | Hvar | Split

Hvar Island. Uncover Hvar, home to a Renaissance cathedral and an ancient community theater. Visit a Benedictine convent that is dedicated to the island's storied tradition of agave lace, an extremely intricate lace made by extracting threads from the agave plant. Continue sailing on gentle seas to Split.

**Split.** Behold the riches of Split! Roam the courtyards and chambers of Diocletian's Palace. See the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle, a rectangular open court that was the heart of the palace.

#### Day 5 | **Trogir | Šibenik**

**Trogir.** Fall under the spell of Trogir, one of Europe's best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic towns. See the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the intricate Cipiko Palace and the 15th-century Fortress Kamerlengo.



# PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

- Cultural Šibenik. Discover the architecture of Šibenik while visiting the lauded Cathedral of St. James.
- •Krka National Park. Explore waterfalls, walking paths and more on a journey to this delightful park. (Active)

#### Day 6 | Zadar

Zadar. This storied university town features the impressive Roman Forum and the St Donat church. Witness the town's modern attractions at its waterfront promenade, including the Sea Organ, a musical art installation. Nearby is the Monument to the Sun, which celebrates Zadar's incredible sunsets. Pause to taste Maraschino cherry liquor and locally made sweets!

#### Day 7 | Rab Island

**Rab Island.** Get to know the island's many marvels, from medieval walls and ancient stone lanes to bell towers and pretty squares. Spy local artists painting in outdoor settings and taste *Rapska torta*, or Rab cake. Legend claims that the cake was first served in 1177 to Pope Alexander III.

#### Day 8 | Krk Island | Opatija

**Krk Island.** Cruise to Krk Island, Croatia's largest island. Take in views of the city while enjoying lunch on the ship.

Continue sailing to Opatija. Later, raise a toast to your sailing adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

# Day 9 | Opatija | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Zagreb

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Opatija. Head inland to tour Plitvice Lakes National Park.

**Plitvice Lakes National Park.** Thrill to Croatia's natural sensation boasting 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked by a series of waterfalls. The area features a network of boardwalk trails, nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species.

Enjoy a lunch of regional dishes, then continue to Zagreb and check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

#### Day 10 | Zagreb

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Zagreb today



or join our elective excursion to the countryside.

**Elective** | *Croatian Countryside*. Travel to Klanjec to visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery. See some of the famous artist's works and learn about his life before continuing to Kumrovec near the Sulta River. The village features an open-air museum with houses from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Enjoy lunch at a family restaurant.

#### Day 11 | Zagreb

#### **Enrichment:** Contemporary Croatia.

Zagreb Panoramic Tour. Zagreb weaves European elegance with a Balkan spirit. After a panoramic tour of the lower town, drive to Mirogoj Cemetery, designed by architect Hermann Bollé. Tour the cemetery, then return to Zagreb's beautifully preserved upper town, home to more treasures by Bollé, including St. Mark's Church.

**Free Time:** Your final afternoon is at leisure. Consider visiting a museum or a deliciously fun farmer's market. Gather for a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner.

# Day 12 | In Transit

Transfer  $\Im$  to the airport for the return flight  $\diamondsuit$  to your gateway city.

#### **Included Features**

**NO SINGLE** 

SUPPLEMENT

for Solo Travelers

## Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- Cruise for **7 nights** aboard the first-class MV Infinity.
- -3 nights in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.

#### **Transfers** {with baggage handling}

 Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

# **Extensive Meal Program**

 -10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

#### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- AHI Travel Assurance covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- Engaging excursions showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |

  A choice of excursions in selected locales.
- Electives and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.



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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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