

Pearls of the Adriatic Croatian Cruising

9 Days

1 Country

17 Meals

From US\$2180 Per person, twin share

There's nothing better than lazy days on the Adriatic which you'll get to experience on this Croatia cruise from Dubrovnik to Opatija. Discover why Rab is the 'island of love', explore the buzzing historic centre of Split and fill up on sun-kissed days along the Dalmatian coast.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Korčula Old Town, Split, Rab and Opatija with a Local Specialist
- **Visit** Dubrovnik, Metković, the Narona Archaeological Museum, Split Market, Skradin, Bibich winery, Krka Waterfalls National Park, Skradinski Buk, Šibenik, Zadar and Volosko
- **See** the Augusteum Roman Temple in Metković and the Zadar Sea Organ

Your holiday

Day

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Welcome to Dubrovnik Imposing stone walls encircle the Old Town of Croatia's most recognisable city. On arrival in Dubrovnik, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore 'paradise on earth' in the words of George Bernard Shaw. Your local host will meet you and provide suggestions on how to explore the city's limestone streets and elegant courtyards lined with remnants of Dubrovnik's Golden Age. **Hotel: Lapad**
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Embark and Cruise to Korčula A leisurely start to your day could see you get your final fix of Dubrovnik. Then, transfer to the MV Aquamarin where you'll meet your onboard team. Set sail for Korčula, most famously the birthplace of Marco Polo and reminiscent of Dubrovnik with its medieval squares, churches and palaces. You'll discover why the locals call it 'The Black Island' and see how its towering walls have shielded its capital for centuries as it came under the rule of the Greeks, the Romans, the Venetians and even the British. After a tour through the Old Town's narrow streets, you'll have time to soak up the local atmosphere in one of the many *konobas*, restaurants or cocktail bars. **(B, L)**

Hotel: Adriatic Cruise
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Onwards to Picturesque Metković Follow in the footsteps of ancient Illyrian, Greek and Roman sailors as you cruise to Metković. It's here, on the banks of the Neretva, that you'll find one of the last remaining wetland deltas in Europe. A barge ride into the groves provides the perfect opportunity to view the local flora, fauna and birdlife. Next, visit the Narona Archaeological Museum, where you'll see the remains of the Augusteum Roman temple, at the heart of what was once a major Roman stronghold. Tonight, you'll be hosted by the Captain for dinner. **(B, L, D)**
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Continue to Historic Split Your cruise continues towards the capital of Dalmatia and the home to the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace. Explore another aspect of Split's buzzing historical town centre on foot with your *Local Specialist* who will share all the iconic and unexpected highlights with you as you wind your way towards Split Market at the heart of Croatia's second-largest city. Watch the animated vendors ply their fruits, fish and vegetables to locals visiting the market for their daily grocery run. You'll be tempted to stay in Split forever, but the comfort of your ship beckons. **(B, L)**
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Admire the Krka Waterfalls and on to Šibenik Arrive in Skradin and travel to Bibich winery where you'll *Dive Into Culture* and get to sample some of the indigenous varietals produced by this boutique family-owned winery. Next up is a visit to Krka Waterfalls National Park, where you'll visit *Skradinski Buk*, a spectacular vantage point from which to view 17 separate falls cascading 150 feet (45 m) to the pools below. You'll have the afternoon to explore the cultural monuments and waterfront attractions of Šibenik, a historic city along the Dalmatian coast and the oldest native Croatian town on the shores of the Adriatic. **(B, D, 🍷)**



Visit Krka Waterfalls National Park. For the best views, you'll head to Skradinski Buk to capture the park's spectacular waterfalls on camera. Discover more at [trafalgar.com](https://www.trafalgar.com).

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Off to Stunning Zadar Cruise to Zadar, Croatia's oldest university town. From the 1st-century Roman forum to the 9th-century St. Donat Church, there's history around every turn. After exploring the wealth of museums, churches and palaces, you'll make your way to Zadar's *Riva* to see (and hear) the mesmerising Sea Organ, comprising several stairs that descend into the sea. **(B, L)**
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A Day Exploring Rab Island Today you'll explore the 'island of love'. A guided tour of Rab will reveal its highlights, including its ancient walls, church bell towers and the monastery at the 16th-century Church of St. Justine. Sample Rab cake and enjoy a presentation of how this local delight is made. Rub shoulders with local artists who add a splash of colour to the streets of the town before returning to your cruise ship. **(B, L)**
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Cruise to Opatija Opatija was a favourite getaway of the Habsburgs and we're sure that you'll be looking forward to a return here too. Often compared to the French Riviera, the area has a colourful history which is brought to life by your *Local Specialist*. Savour the town's café culture and stroll down Franz Joseph promenade to the fishing village of Volosko. Tonight, your Farewell Dinner on board is paired with live entertainment. **(B, L, FD)**
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Disembark and Journey Home Say a fond farewell to your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://www.trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

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Start Dubrovnik	End Zagreb	Start Dubrovnik	End Zagreb
♦ Tue 26 Apr	Wed 04 May	Tue 26 Jul	Wed 03 Aug
Tue 03 May	Wed 11 May	♦ Tue 02 Aug	Wed 10 Aug
♦ Tue 10 May	Wed 18 May	Tue 09 Aug	Wed 17 Aug
Tue 17 May	Wed 25 May	♦ Tue 16 Aug	Wed 24 Aug
♦ Tue 24 May	Wed 01 Jun	Tue 23 Aug	Wed 31 Aug
Tue 31 May	Wed 08 Jun	♦ Tue 30 Aug	Wed 07 Sep
♦ Tue 07 Jun	Wed 15 Jun	Tue 06 Sep	Wed 14 Sep
Tue 14 Jun	Wed 22 Jun	♦ Tue 13 Sep	Wed 21 Sep
♦ Tue 21 Jun	Wed 29 Jun	Tue 20 Sep	Wed 28 Sep
Tue 28 Jun	Wed 06 Jul	♦ Tue 27 Sep	Wed 05 Oct
♦ Tue 05 Jul	Wed 13 Jul	Tue 04 Oct	Wed 12 Oct
Tue 12 Jul	Wed 20 Jul	♦ Tue 11 Oct	Wed 19 Oct
♦ Tue 19 Jul	Wed 27 Jul	Tue 18 Oct	Wed 26 Oct

♦ **Reverse itinerary:** These departures sail southbound from Opatija to Dubrovnik. One fewer dinner is included. See [trafalgar.com](https://www.trafalgar.com) for full details. Trip code: CICS

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Explore the beauty of the Adriatic in comfort, boarding the deluxe MV Aquamarin or MV Fantazija to navigate the picture-perfect Croatian coastline and secluded harbours. Enjoy an intimate encounter with sun-kissed resort towns and fishing villages, made possible with small ship cruising. It's the easiest way to experience the true Croatia.