

# CROATIAN ISLAND CRUISE

Split, Makarska, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Mljet National Park and Hvar



*Set sail along one of the most breathtakingly scenic coastlines in the world where rugged mountains cascade down into the crystalline waters. Cruise between peaceful islands and picturesque coastal cities, whilst making stops at historic Korcula, reputedly the birth place of the legendary explorer Marco Polo, lavender-scented Hvar and the idyllic forest covered isle of Mljet. On shore guest will have time on their own to explore the many fascinating sites within these enchanting locations.*

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip on your Croatian Island Cruise. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

#### Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

#### DAY 1: UK to Split D

Depart London on your scheduled flight to Split, where you will be met and transferred to your boat which is docked in the harbour for the night.

#### DAY 2: Split to Makarska B/L

After breakfast set sail along the crystal blue waters for Brac Island, guests are left to explore the island in their own time. In the afternoon depart for Makarska, a small city on the mainland where the boat will anchor for the evening. Wander into the main square to find open-air restaurants and bars or choose the harbour for a view across the bay.

#### DAY 3: Makarska to Korcula B/L

From Makarska head to Korcula stopping en route for a leisurely swim. After lunch, cruise along to Korcula with time to discover the town and acclaimed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. With an impressive old fortress and quaint cobbled streets, Korcula is an idyllic place to

spend the evening and enjoy dinner in one of the many eateries overlooking the bay.

#### DAY 4: Korcula to Dubrovnik B/L

Depart in the morning for the UNESCO World Heritage recognised city of Dubrovnik, known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. This enchanting seaside city has provided the backdrop to many feature-length films. Upon arrival your crew will direct you to take a short bus journey from the port to the Old Town, where all first-time visitors should begin with a walk around the magnificent medieval city walls.

#### DAY 5: Dubrovnik to Mljet National Park B/L

Your journey to Mljet Island includes a break for swimming and lunch on board. A highlight of the tour, Mljet is known as Croatia's greenest island with the national park making up almost one third of the landmass. Take a local ferry to Islet Melita, a charming island in the middle of the Large Lake to visit the former Benedictine monastery. An optional three course Captain's dinner back on board can be booked locally or alternatively choose one of the local restaurants that line the bay.

#### DAY 6: Mljet to Hvar B/L

In the morning head for the island of Hvar, known to be the longest and sunniest Croatian island and a favourite with sailors for over two thousand years. Weather permitting, the cruise will stop en route for a relaxing swim in one of the Peljesac

Peninsula's secluded coves before arriving at the island's hub, Hvar Town. Spend your evening sampling its hip but laid-back restaurant scene.

#### DAY 7: Hvar to Split B/L

Depart Hvar and enjoy breakfast before stopping for a swim off the Western Coast of Brac Island. This afternoon spend time exploring the UNESCO world heritage site of Diocletian's palace, built by the roman emperor Diocletian as a fortress in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, it now forms the centre of a bustling city. Within the centre of the palace you can find many shops, bars and restaurants, a perfect way to spend your final evening before retiring back to the boat.

#### DAY 8: Split to the UK or Extension B

After breakfast on board the boat, disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, or continue on to your chosen extension

#### Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

### Croatia cruise boat information

You will either be placed on the **MS Eden** or **MS Afrodita**. Both boats are of a 3 ½ star standard. All cabins have an en suite bathroom, air-conditioning, a port hole, and Main/Upper deck cabins have a window on the entrance door with a curtain for privacy. There are 4 decks on each boat: a Lower Deck, Main Deck, Upper Deck and Sun Deck. The cabins are situated either on the Lower Deck, Main or Upper Deck. On the Main Deck there is a fully air conditioned restaurant and bar seating area, where breakfast and lunch is served each day. The Upper Deck also has a seating area at both the front and back of the boat, perfect for admiring the views whilst sailing.

The boat does have Wi-Fi, however this can be slightly temperamental depending on how far out you are to sea. A notice board is provided in the restaurant area providing a schedule for the day's events, including a route map, arrival time at the harbour and breakfast and lunch times. Every day you will receive a briefing from the Cruise Manager with information on the next place you will visit, and recommendations of places of interest and restaurants.

Mercury Holidays has visited and inspected the sailing boats to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. Final confirmation of your cruise ship will be sent in a document approximately two weeks before you travel.



### Meals

Breakfast and lunch each day will be served in the restaurant on the boat. Breakfast served on the boat is continental, and lunch is a set three course meal. As there is a specialist chef on board, all dietary requirements and dislikes should be made known to our reservations staff at the time of booking. A welcome dinner is provided on the boat for you on arrival. All other dinners after this are not included and you will have free time each evening where you can choose to sample one of the many restaurants in each city.

### On your arrival

On your arrival in Split you will be met by a representative from our local agent, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Croatian representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. If you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

**Atlas d.d.**  
Mrs. Marija Ursić-Beusan  
Vukovarska 19  
20000 Dubrovnik  
Croatia  
Contact number: 00385 20 442622  
Mobile number: 00385 91 2852390

### Emergency contact information

Please find below the **emergency** contact details for **Atlas d.d.**

Contact in Split	Telephone number
Mr. Nino Vukov	00385912852392
Contact in Dubrovnik	Telephone number
Mrs. Marija Ursić-Beusan	00385912852390

### Visas

A visa is not required for your trip to Croatia. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

### Insurance

You must obtain suitable travel insurance prior to departure. Mercury Holidays is partnered with Holiday Extras which offer insurance at the following prices:

Age in years	Up to 64	65-74	75-85
Up to 10 days cover	£21	£42	£62
Up to 17 days cover	£27	£48	£68

Prices are based on our Silver package for European insurance. For all persons 86 years and over, please contact us for insurance prices. If you have an existing policy with another company, please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

### Tour Guides

An English speaking Tour Director will be on board your cruise with you for any queries that you may have, starting in Split on day 1 ending back to Split on day 8. They will not accompany you on land, this will be your free time to explore each city

at your leisure. Airport transfers will be with an English speaking driver.

### Tipping

It is customary to tip approximately £20.00 (200KN) per person for the duration of your cruise. You may tip at the end of the cruise, at check-out. This is shared between all staff members on board the cruise. Tips are accepted in any currency, however it is asked that if you do not tip in the local currency that you only pay in notes as coins cannot be exchanged.

### Health and Vaccinations

It is strongly recommended that you check the latest health recommendations for travel to Croatia with your GP at least 4-6 weeks before travel. Alternatively up to date information can be obtained by telephoning the MASTA Travel health line on 09068 224100. Any medicines you may need during your journey should be packed in your hand luggage. We suggest it is worth taking a few first aid supplies such as travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic cream, aspirin etc. Because these products can be more expensive abroad and familiar brands are not always available. If your visit is between April and September, you should also take mosquito repellent.

### Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness. It involves some climbing of steep steps, and getting on and off boats. **This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.**

### Group Size

The maximum number of passengers on your cruise will be 40 passengers. If in the unlikely event the tour does not go ahead then you may be asked to change to a different date. A full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

### Currency Exchange

The currency in Croatia is the Croatian Kuna, We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK, however cash machines are available in all the major cities to withdraw money in the local currency.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any dinners where these are not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs, extra drinks and snacks. Approximately £200-£300 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour.

### What to Pack

- Warm clothes in case of cold weather
- Insect repellent
- Suncream and a hat with a big brim for sunny days
- Comfortable shoes such as trainers
- Sunglasses and plastic bags
- Towel and swimsuit
- Snorkel, for off shore stops
- Ruck sack or light bag per person
- Personal toiletries and first aid kit
- Travel plug adapter - the electricity supply on board the boat is 220 V. You will need a 2 round pin plug adapter.

### Flight and Airport Information

Your flight is to Split International Airport in Croatia with Norwegian Air (DY), departing from London Gatwick South Terminal.

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Gatwick - Split	18:05	21:30	2 hours 25 minutes	D82600
Split - Gatwick	22:15	23:40	2 hours 25 minutes	D82601

**IMPORTANT: Please note that all flight times are subject to change. Final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.**

### Baggage Allowance

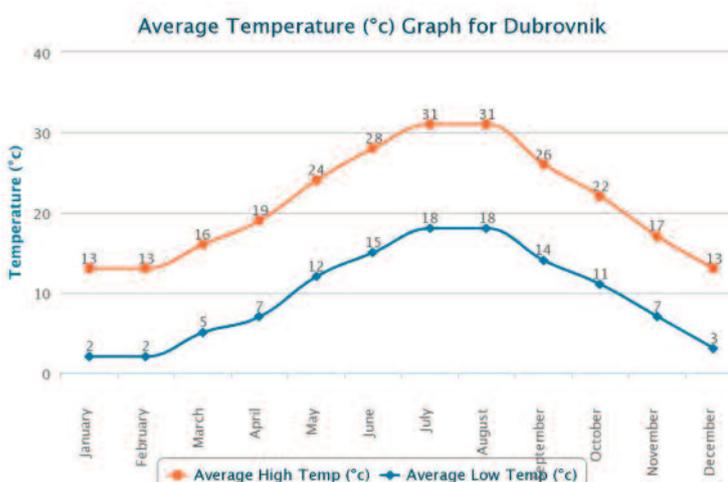
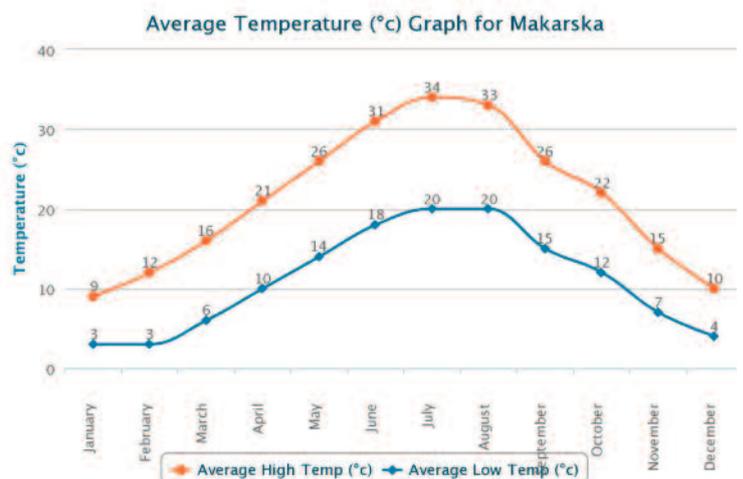
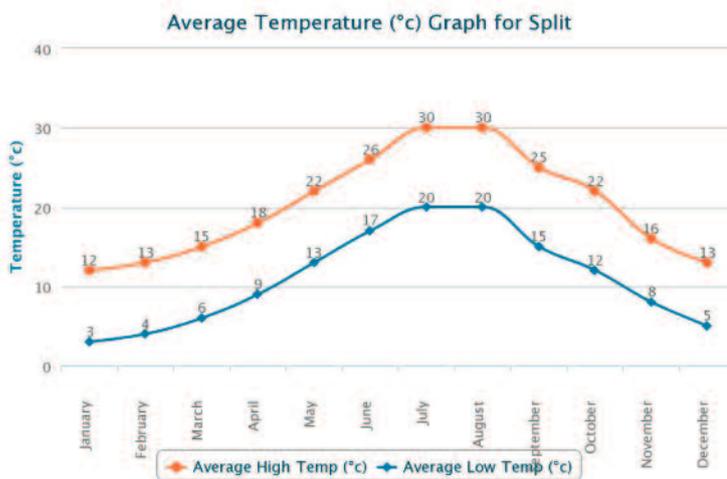
Each passenger is entitled to 20KG of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding (max 10kg - 55x40x23cm) in size and 1 personal item such as a handbag, briefcase or laptop case. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-in should be at least 3 hours before departure.

### Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras - Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

### Weather and Climate

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



MS Afrodita

## Regional flight information

Due to group transfers some passengers will have a waiting time at the airport while the rest of the group arrives from different flights. Please note that if your wait at the airport is longer than average then a private transfer is included. If you want to request a private transfer to avoid any wait at the airport then the cost is £50 per person return.

### London Gatwick - South Terminal - 20kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
London Gatwick - Split	18:05	21:30	2 hours 25 minutes	DY 2452	No wait
Split - London Gatwick	22:15	23:35	2 hours 20 minutes	DY 2453	15 minutes

### Manchester - Terminal 1 - 20kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
Manchester - Split	17:25	21:20	2 hours 55 minutes	EZY 1967	10 minutes
Split - Manchester	22:00	23:55	2 hours 55 minutes	EZY 1968	No wait

### London Stansted - Main Terminal - 20kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
Stansted - Split	06:30	09:55	2 hours 25 minutes	EZY 3021	35 minutes
Split - Stansted	10:30	12:00	2 hours 30 minutes	EZY 3022	No wait

### Bristol - Main Terminal - 20kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
Bristol - Split	07:00	10:30	2 hours 30 minutes	EZY 6205	No wait
Split - Bristol	11:10	12:50	2 hours 40 minutes	EZY 6206	40 minutes

### London Luton - Main Terminal - 20kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
London Luton - Split	14:50	18:20	2 hours 30 minutes	EZY 2243	No wait
Split - London Luton	19:00	20:33	2 hours 33 minutes	EZY 2244	10 minutes

### Leeds Bradford - Main Terminal - 22kgs baggage allowance

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number	Airport Waiting Time
Leeds Bradford - Split	14:05	18:05	3 hours 5 minutes	LS 245	15 minutes
Split - Leeds Bradford	18:50	20:55	3 hours 5 minutes	LS 246	No wait

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