

# CROATIAN ISLAND CRUISE

Dubrovnik, Korčula, Makarska, Pučišća, Omiš, Split, Hvar & Mljet



*Voyage on the Adriatic's emerald waters along Croatia's magnificent Dalmatian coast to experience the region's southern islands. Venture to Mljet's National Park to explore pine-covered hills that frame adjoining lakes. Experience Split's unique blend of fourth century Roman architecture with stylish boutiques and sail to Croatia's sunniest island to enjoy the secluded Mediterranean beaches of Hvar. Guests will have time on their own to visit the many wonderful sights within these fascinating 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: Dubrovnik D

Depart London on your direct flight to Dubrovnik, where you will be greeted and transferred to your boat which is docked in the harbour for the night.

#### DAY 2: Dubrovnik to Korčula B/L

From Dubrovnik, sail to the ancient town of Korčula with a relaxing stop en route to enjoy the glistening Adriatic Sea. Explore narrow walkways that border magnificent Renaissance palaces and discover the alleged birthplace of explorer Marco Polo. In the evening visit the main square of Pjaca to sample local delicacies including black risotto, a dish coloured with cuttlefish ink and savour fine Croatian wine produced from local pošip grapes.

#### DAY 3: Korčula to Pučišća B/L

After breakfast visit Korčula's historic sites including St. Marks Cathedral, which showcases local stonemason Marko Andrijić's magnificent craftsmanship. Depart late-morning to the coastal city of Makarska to stroll along palm-shaded promenades that sit between the dramatic Mount Biokovo and tranquil Riviera waters. After lunch on

board the ship journey to Pučišća, a picturesque town on the island of Brač, to admire its charming white-stoned Roman houses and the elegant domed tower of St. Jerome's Church. This evening dine at a quaint seafront restaurant of your choice.

#### DAY 4: Pučišća to Split B/L

Depart after breakfast for Croatia's second largest city, Split, with a brief stop en route to the port town of Omiš for a relaxing swim in the mouth of the Cetina River. In the afternoon visit the ancient old town, centred round the UNESCO World Heritage site of Diocletian's Palace, built by the ferocious Roman Emperor in the fourth century. Explore the rich mix of Roman and Medieval labyrinthine streets, full of cafes and boutiques, some of which are built into the ancient walls that surround the palace.

#### DAY 5: Split to Hvar B/L

Depart Split for the verdant island of Hvar, stopping for a swim in one of its many secluded coves. Stroll the winding stone streets to Hvar Town's piazza; outlined with bars, shops and cafes this hub of activity is dominated by the Gothic Cathedral of St. Steven and its elaborate seventeenth century bell tower. In the evening, explore Croatia's most romantic town to find a restaurant and sample produce from the islands ancient olive trees and exquisite vineyards.

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

This morning set sail for Mljet National Park to tour the scenic Veliko and Malo Jezero (large and small lake) that are encircled by a panoramic backdrop of woodlands unfolding over rolling hills. Visit the

fascinating 12th century monastery atop a small landmass on the Veliko Jezero, a striking Romanesque feature that was gifted to the Benedictine order by the sympathetic Serbian Prince Desa. In the evening, dine with the captain at a fee or visit a local restaurant.

#### DAY 7: Mljet to Dubrovnik B/L

Sail from Mljet with lunch on-board and a swimming break before arriving in Dubrovnik. Located at the foot of Srđ Mountain, this UNESCO World Heritage Site provides well-preserved examples of Baroque, Renaissance and Medieval monuments including the city walls that have protected the Pearl of the Adriatic since the eighth century. Visit the old town for your final evening meal; fresh seafood caught in the nearby waters is a particular speciality within Dubrovnik.

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

After breakfast on board the ship, 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 Afroditia**. 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 have visited and inspected all of the hotels and sailing boats to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. Should any of the hotels, cruises or lodges given become unavailable you will be placed in accommodation of the exact same standard. Final confirmation of your cruise ship will be sent in a document approximately 10 days 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 Dubrovnik 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 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 on day 1 in Dubrovnik ending back in Dubrovnik on day 8. They will not accompany you on land, this will be your free time to explore

each city at 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.

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. It is not advisable to drink the tap water.

### 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 **Dubrovnik Airport** with **Norwegian Airlines (D8)**, departing from **London Gatwick South Terminal**.

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Gatwick - Dubrovnik	06:00	09:40	2 hours 40 minutes	D82604
Dubrovnik - Gatwick	10:25	12:00	2 hours 35 minutes	D82605

**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 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.

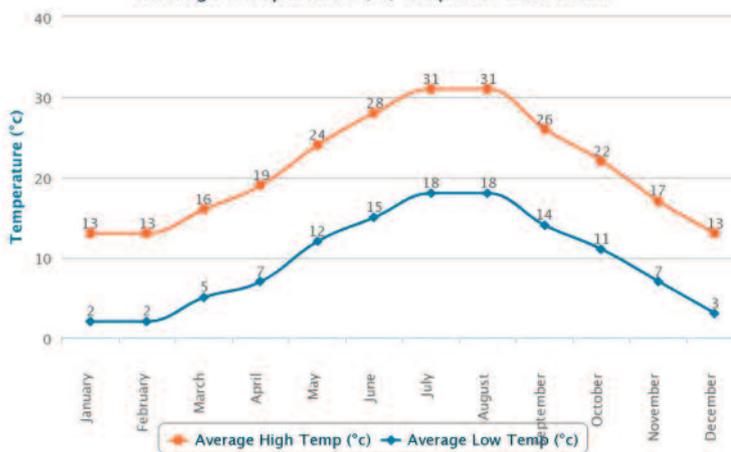
### Airport Extras

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.

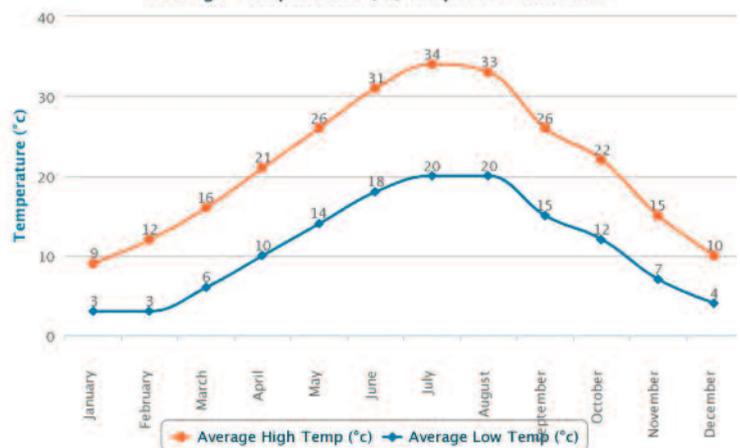
### Weather and Climate

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

Average Temperature (°c) Graph for Dubrovnik



Average Temperature (°c) Graph for Makarska



Average Temperature (°c) Graph for Split



MS Afrodita

# DUBROVNIK BEACH STAY

## Extension



*Your 5 day/4 night stay in Dubrovnik on the Adriatic seafrost gives you further opportunity to explore the city and all it has to offer.*

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

### Dubrovnik (5 days/4 nights)

Dubrovnik is a city in southern Croatia fronting the Adriatic Sea. It's known for its distinctive Old Town, encircled with massive stone walls completed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Paved with limestone, the pedestrianised Stradun (Placa Street) is lined with shops and restaurants and the beach areas are lapped with pur crystal clear sea.

### Hotel Information

Your stay will take place at one of the following hotels:

**3★ Valamar Club** on Light All-Inclusive.

Hotel information: Ul. Iva Dulčića 38, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Contact number: 00385 20 447 100

**4★ Valamar Argosy Hotel** on Half Board.

Hotel information: Ul. Iva Dulčića 41, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Contact number: 00385 52 465 120

**5★ Valamar President Hotel** on Bed & Breakfast.

Hotel information: Iva Dulčića 142, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Contact number: 00385 52 465 000

**4★ Hotel Neptun** on Bed & Breakfast.

Hotel information: Ul. kardinala Stepinca, 20000, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Contact number: 00385 20 440 100

**4★ Hotel More** on Bed & Breakfast.

Hotel information: Ul. kardinala Stepinca 33, 20000, Croatia.

Contact number: 00385 20 494 200

Your chosen hotel and board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure. Final confirmation of your hotel will be sent in a document approximately 10 days before you travel.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any meals that aren't included, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs, laundry and drinks.

### Tour Guides

Your stay in Dubrovnik is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.

### Extension return flight information

Your flight is with **Norwegian Airlines (D8)**

Route	Depart	Arrive	Flight Duration	Flight Number
Dubrovnik - Gatwick	10:25	12:00	2 hours 35 minutes	D82605

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