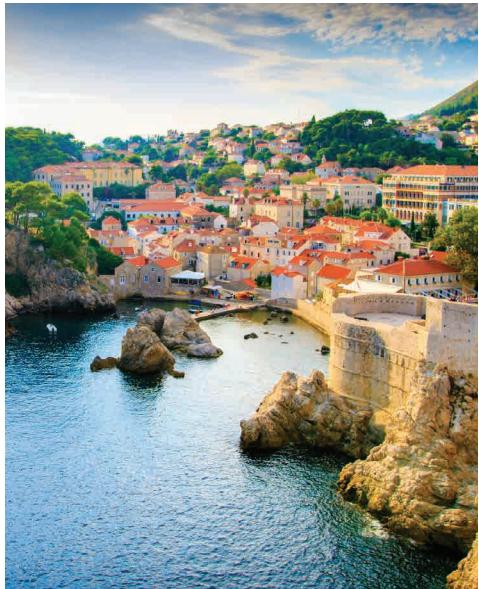


CROATIAN ISLAND CRUISE DUBROVNIK DELUXE



TRIP OVERVIEW

Set sail along Croatia's breathtakingly scenic coastline where rugged mountains cascade down into the crystalline waters of the Adriatic Sea. Departing from the UNESCO recognised city of Dubrovnik you'll cruise between peaceful islands, stopping at the historic towns of Korcula, Hvar and the idyllic forest-covered isle of Mljet with plenty of time onshore to explore the many sights of these enchanting locations.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

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 Dubrovnik and Slano B/L

Depart London on your direct flight to Dubrovnik, where you will be transferred to your boat, docked in the city's port. Enjoy a welcome drink on board as you meet the crew before setting sail up the coast to the village of Slano. There will be time for a dip in the crystal-clear sea before dinner this evening.

DAY 2: Slano to Mljet National Park B/L

A highlight of the cruise, Mljet is known as Croatia's greenest island with the national park making up almost one third of the landmass. Heading to the villages of Pomena or Polace on the western tip of the island you will have time to enjoy the outstanding natural beauty this area has to offer. Not to be missed while you are here is a trip by ferry to Islet Melita or St Mary's Island, a charming island in the middle of the Large Lake, to visit the former Benedictine monastery. Return to the boat in the evening for your overnight stay.

DAY 3: Mljet National Park to Makarska Riviera B/L

After breakfast, the boat we will sail along the Makarska Riviera; known for its gorgeous beaches of fine gravel which are dotted along the coast like a string of pearls. After lunch on board and a long swimming break, arrive at the city of Makarska or one of the neighbouring places where you can enjoy dinner.

DAY 4: Makarska Riviera to Split B/L

Today's destination is the UNESCO recognised city of Split. Croatia's second largest city and the capital of Dalmatia, Split is best known for its fortress-like Palace, built by the Roman emperor Diocletian in the 4th century, which is located in the city centre. Walk through the medieval streets as the Romans did centuries ago and enjoy the impressive architecture including the cathedral, Peristyle and Golden gate. Return to the boat in the evening for your overnight stay in port.

DAY 5: Split to Hvar B/L

Leaving Split, head for the island of Hvar, famed for its fragrant lavender fields and known to be the sunniest Croatian island, making it a favourite with sailors for over two thousand years. Passing between the islands of Brac and Solta where, weather permitting, the cruise will stop for a relaxing swim in a secluded cove; you will arrive at the island's hub, Hvar Town in the afternoon. Spend

your evening exploring the cultural sights of this island and sampling its hip but laidback restaurant scene.

DAY 6: Hvar to Korcula B/L

Depart Hvar this morning and sail for the island of Korcula. En route, stop at one of the numerous bays and enjoy on lunch on-board and break for swimming and sunbathing, before arriving at the island in the afternoon. Explore the Old Town, which is still surrounded by its 13th-century Venetian fortifications, built by the Venetians and acclaimed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. Known as 'Little Dubrovnik', Korcula boasts one of the most beautiful old towns in Dalmatia and is an idyllic place to spend the evening.

DAY 7: Korcula to Dubrovnik B/L

Return south this morning, stopping for a swimming break at the Elafiti Islands. Following lunch on-board, arrive back in the port of the UNESCO-listed city of Dubrovnik this afternoon. Known as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', this enchanting seaside city has featured in many a film, due in part to its red-roofed buildings which provide a unique backdrop to scenes filmed here. The city centre is 4km from the port. The distance from the port of Gruž to the old town is only a few minutes by bus*. Explore the Old Town, where all first-time visitors should begin with a walk around the magnificent medieval city walls before heading to one of the many cafes and shops dotted through the city's streets.
Please note: *Departure is approximately every 10 minutes, fare HRK 12 (at the kiosk) or HRK 15 (in the bus), last return at 2:00 am.

DAY 8: Dubrovnik to the UK B

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



ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Croatia cruise boat information

Ship information - Deluxe Cruise Yacht

Luxury steel-hull motor yachts offering upscale service, spacious and comfortable cabins with separate beds or queen-size bed and private bathroom facilities including a shower stall and a WC. All cabins are equipped with individually controllable air conditioning. Further amenities include a sun deck with deck chairs, a covered lounge area on the upper deck, a comfortable saloon where meals will be served and a bathing platform at the stern. Rooms: hairdryer, deposit box, WiFi, closet, 2 towels per guest, toiletries

Cabins: 20 cabins

Facilities

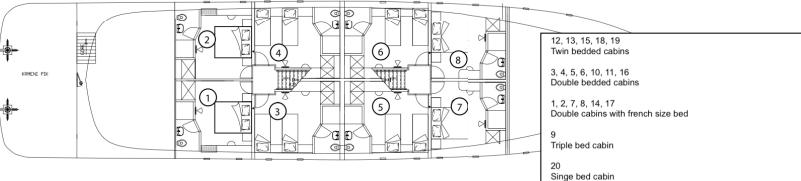
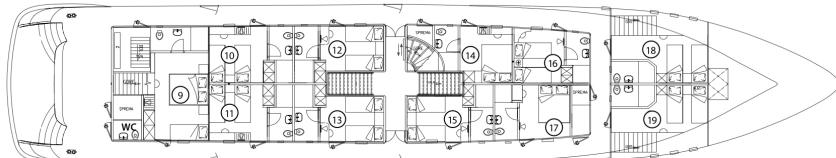
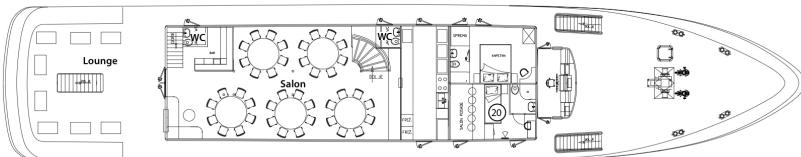
- Bar ■ Seating area ■ Complimentary WiFi ■ Sundeck ■ Satellite TV
- Air-conditioning ■ Captain's dinner ■ Lounge Area

Please note: the ship listed is provided for guidance only and could be changed at the last minute due to local conditions or for operational purposes. Final confirmation of your cruise will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.



Meals

Breakfast and lunch each day will be served in the restaurant on the boat. Breakfast is continental with hot items and lunch is a set three-course meal with a vegetarian option. 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. One dinner is included and on other evenings you can discover the treat range of restaurants each city has to offer.



ON YOUR ARRIVAL

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

Perfecta Travel

Contact Number: 00385 91 2660 018
Email Address: account@perfecta-travel.com

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Perfecta Travel
Contact in Croatia Telephone number
Perfecta Travel 24 hour: Mobile: 00385 91 266 3205

WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, Sunscreen and wide brimmed hat for sunny days
- Towel, swimsuit and snorkel for offshore stops
- Comfortable walking shoes such as trainers
- Camera and charger
- A plug adaptor - the voltage on board the boat is 220 V
- Antibacterial hand gel

- Binoculars
- Personal toiletries and first aid kit
- Small day pack for excursions
- Waterproof, lightweight jacket
- Lightweight clothing
- Sweater and jacket for cooler weather

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

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

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. 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

There will be an English-speaking representative during embarkation and disembarkation. They will not accompany you on land: this will be your free time to explore at leisure. Airport transfers will be with an English-speaking driver.

Tipping

Tipping is at your discretion. There is an envelope in your cabin for this purpose that can be handed to reception at the end of your cruise and this is shared between all members of the crew. Tips are accepted in any currency, however, it is asked that if you do tip in the local currency only notes should be given, as coins cannot be exchanged.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the

sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. Our tour paces are marked with dots out of 3, with the differences being as follows:

- 1 Dot the tour is Easy-Going
- 2 Dots the tour is Intermediate
- 3 Dots the tour is Advanced

Croatian Island Cruise Dubrovnik Deluxe is rated as 1 Dot meaning that the tour pace is Easy-Going. A reasonable level of fitness is required as you will be spending some time on your feet each day though there are no large distances to cover. You will be walking around the sights at a leisurely pace, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing some steps.

Group Size

The maximum number of passengers on your cruise will be 40. If in the unlikely event the tour does not go ahead then you may be asked to change to a different date and 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. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £200 - £300 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases. Should you wish to pay by card for any onboard purchases, please advise this at the beginning of your cruise. If this is not mentioned, then only payment by cash will be accepted.

IMPORTANT - Embarkation Tax

An embarkation tax of €35 per person must be paid in cash on arrival to your vessel.

Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. The schedules of the domestic airlines in country are subject to frequent changes. 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 &/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.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Your flight is to Dubrovnik with Norwegian Airlines (D8), departing from London Gatwick South Terminal.

IMPORTANT: Please note that 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 7kg - 50cm/37cm/25cm) 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 on 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.

