

Deluxe Adriatic Explorer Cruise

CROATIAN LAND & CRUISE

DISCOVER 3 COUNTRIES
from Zagreb to Dubrovnik

13
Nights

ZAGREB

INCLUDED:

- 2 overnights in Zagreb in 4* hotel
- 1 overnight in Opatija in 4* hotel
- 3 overnights in Dubrovnik in 4* hotel
- 7 night cruise from Opatija to Dubrovnik in Deluxe Superior or Deluxe cabins with en-suite bathroom
- Barge excursion & entrance to Naron Museum in Metković
- Wine tasting & light tapas lunch in Bibich winery with bus transfer included from Skradin
- Entrance to Plitvice National Park and Krka National Park
- Guided tour: Zagreb, Plitvice, Opatija, Rab, Zadar, Split, Korčula, Dubrovnik, Kotor
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Welcome reception & cocktail
- Daily breakfast
- Three-course lunch or dinner, cheese and salad bar
- Abundant fresh fruit
- Daily cabin service and towel change
- Midweek bed linen change
- Complimentary water from the water fountain
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Captain's dinner with live music in Metković
- Coffee and tea after lunch
- Olive oil and wine tasting on board
- Professional tour manager
- Rab cake tasting
- Dubrovnik cable car
- Visitors' taxes & port fees
- Luggage handling



DUBROVNIK



BOKA KOTORSKA

ITINERARY:

Day 1 ZAGREB

Arrival to Zagreb and transfer to hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 2 ZAGREB WALKING TOUR (B)

Morning city tour of Zagreb includes the historic Upper Town, a visit to the St. Mark's Church, the Cathedral, the Government Palace and the Lotrščak tower. Overnight in Zagreb.

Day 3 ZAGREB - PLITVICE LAKES - OPATIJA (B)

Morning departure towards the spectacular Plitvice National Park, consisting of 16 lakes, connected with a series of waterfalls. 3-hour walk in this wonderful environment enjoying a boat ride on the emerald green Kozjak Lake and a walk back to the entrance. Transfer to Opatija and overnight.

Day 4 OPATIJA - RAB (B, L, T)

Check-out from the hotel and a walking tour of Opatija. Check-in on the vessel and departure at 13h towards Rab, known as the "island of love" with an old town of the same name. Join a guided city tour to see the medieval walls and the famous four towers (and maybe climb one of them later!) together with palaces, churches and squares. There's a slight Montmartre feel with many artists painting and exhibiting out on the streets. Legend has it that local nuns created a special Rab cake for a visiting Pope and we will sample this after the tour. Overnight in Rab.

Day 5 RAB - ZADAR (B, L)

After breakfast, head for Zadar, the oldest university town in Croatia with an amazing heritage. Guided city tour to explore the Roman Forum from the 1st century, St Donat church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval Basilica and the city's symbol, the mighty city walls, over 30 churches, museums and former noble families' palaces and villas in the old town. In recent years Zadar has added a touch of cool with the famous Sea Organs and "Greeting to the Sun" light installations, both located on the city's waterfront. Watch the fabulous sunset from here. Overnight in Zadar.

Day 6 ZADAR - KRKA WATERFALLS / ŠIBENIK (B, T, D)

Cruise towards Skradin, then board a coach. The first stop is the local winery for wine tasting and light tapas lunch. Back in Skradin, walk through the Krka Waterfalls National Park and visit "Skradinski Buk". Jaw-droppingly beautiful, this is the most popular part of the waterfall area. There are 17 waterfalls, with cascades up to 100 m wide, and the Krka river tumbles 45.7 meters. Swimming is allowed in designated areas, bring a bathing suit and enjoy the clear fresh water. Šibenik, our afternoon destination, is situated in the very central part of Croatia's Adriatic coast. Explore the glorious old town, the cultural monuments and the most famous one here, the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of St James. Wander and discover the historic core and waterfront. Dinner on board and overnight in Šibenik.

Day 7 ŠIBENIK - SPLIT (B, L)

After breakfast, cruise south to Split, Croatia's second largest city where Roman emperor Diocletian built a retirement palace now under UNESCO protection. Split waterfront is a happening place and there's a buzz along the beautiful wide promenade. A local guide meets us on arrival for a walk through the heart of the bustling old town and the market. Overnight in Split.

Day 8 SPLIT - METKOVIĆ (B, L, CD)

Morning cruise to Metković, situated on the banks of the river Neretva, after which the delta is named. Here, mandarins grow by the water channels and we take a barge ride to explore the groves, the flora and fauna, wild birds and the traditional way of life of the Neretva people. Experience a delightful, "time warp" feeling. Naronia holds remains of a Roman temple - the Augusteum - and seventeen monumental marble sculptures of Roman emperors and their family members. This is where the ancient Illyrians, Greeks, Romans once sailed, and, according to legend, the pirates of Neretva planned their raids on enemy galleys. Captain's dinner with live entertainment on board scheduled for this evening.

Day 9 METKOVIĆ - KORČULA (B, L)

Departure towards Korčula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo, the famous explorer. Swim stop and lunch on board. Korčula town is commonly referred to be a "miniature

LEGEND:

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner
CD=Captain's dinner

Dubrovnik", as it is encased by medieval stone ramparts and towers. Sightseeing with a local guide through the old town and tiny streets, built in a fishbone pattern for a reason that you will hear about! Lots of simple konobas, restaurants and cool cocktail bars for chill-out time. Overnight in Korčula.

Day 10 KORČULA - DUBROVNIK (B, L)

Catch the first sight of the famous Dubrovnik town from the sea. It is one of the few walled cities on the sea in the world. Writer George Bernard Shaw described it as "heaven on earth". Cruise alongside the old city walls for a true perspective of the majesty of this place. Lunch is served on board as we head for Gruž harbour to dock. Transfer to the Old Town for a guided walking tour, followed by time at leisure which could be used to walk the famous 1940 metres long ramparts, or to take the cable car from the Old Town to Srđ mountain for fabulous views of the city itself and the Elaphiti Islands (ticket included).

Day 11 DUBROVNIK (B)

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the hotel in Dubrovnik. Check-in at the hotel, day at leisure. Overnight.

Day 12 DUBROVNIK - MOSTAR - DUBROVNIK (B)

Breakfast, followed by an escorted full-day bus tour to Mostar and a guided tour of Kotor. Pass through the breathtaking Neretva Valley and local countryside and arrive to Mostar - where "the east meets west", a town full of contrasts, culture, colour and cuisine. Mostar is not only divided by the Neretva River, but also by religion and culture from one bank to the other. Return to Dubrovnik. Overnight in hotel.

Day 13 DUBROVNIK - MONTENEGRO - DUBROVNIK (B)

Escorted full-day bus excursion to Montenegro - a small country with magnificent mountains rising above the Adriatic Sea, filled with natural beauty, clear lakes, fast rivers and serene beaches. Enjoy exploring Montenegro's ~~interesting history, rich traditions,~~ and clean air. Guided tour of Kotor. Transfer to hotel.

Day 14 DUBROVNIK (B)

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. Transfer to Dubrovnik airport.

