



Cruise Details

Name: Discover the Best of the Croatian Coast
Reference: EMERALD2D12220826-2
Operator: Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type: Ocean
Cruise Rating: Ultra Luxury
Ship: Emerald Kaia
Regions: Mediterranean

Departs On: 22 Aug 26

Departs From: Dubrovnik

Arrives On: 05 Sep 26

Arrives At: Dubrovnik

Cruise Nights: 14

Total Vacation Days: 15

Itinerary

Day 1: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your Adriatic cruise begins in Croatia, in the dazzling city of Dubrovnik. Here, you will be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a voyage to discover historic towns and cities and extraordinary coastlines. Please book your flight to arrive into Dubrovnik prior to 07:00 PM. Docked: overnight

Arrives On: 22 Aug 26

Day 2: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Known as the 'Pearl of the Adriatic,' Dubrovnik presents a compelling historic city along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast; its walled Old Town presents one of the finest examples of a medieval citadel in Europe. With its storied history and breathtaking views of iconic terracotta rooftops and the alluring Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik offers the perfect blend of cultural exploration and a relaxing beach holiday. **DiscoverMORE**

Dubrovnik (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Embark on a captivating walking tour of Dubrovnik, starting with a scenic coach journey from the pier to Pile Gate. Explore the Franciscan Monastery, where the mesmerizing cloister and Europe's oldest operating pharmacy, dating back to 1317, await you. Discover the Cathedral Treasury, Admire the exterior of other notable sites, soaking in the rich history and architectural beauty of Dubrovnik. After the guided tour, take advantage of some free time to further explore the town at your own pace, perhaps wandering through charming alleyways or pausing to indulge in local cuisine.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.45 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Dalmatian family experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Travel by motorcoach to Cilipi, a quaint village near Dubrovnik. Our experience will begin with a brief stroll through the village alongside our hosts, allowing us to meet the residents and gain insight into their everyday lives. You'll also savor authentic, home-cooked Croatian dishes as we partake in a meal that reflects the daily culinary traditions of our host family.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 23 Aug 26

Day 3: Split (Croatia)

<p><p>Croatia's second-largest city, Split, is visually stunning and laden with culture, history, and striking architecture. Take a stroll along the Riva, past beautiful terraces, palm trees and bustling eateries to enjoy gorgeous harbour views. Diocletian's Palace, built in the 4th century AD and today, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, dominates the city centre and houses a myriad of buzzing bars and cafés. Today choose between our Included Excursion, EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
A walking tour of Split
A panoramic drive through the town of Split brings you to the Mestrovic Gallery. Continue to the Old Town of Split that is built on and around the spectacular 4th-century Roman Palace of the Emperor Diocletian. Your walking tour starts with a visit to the Palace's cellars and the Cathedral of St Duje, the charming Temple of Jupiter and view other landmarks such as the Golden Gate, the Silver Gate and Peristyle Square from the outside.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Marjan hill
Explore the natural beauty and rich history of Split with a leisurely walking and hiking excursion through Marjan Park Forest. Pass by the quaint fishing port and venture through the oldest neighbourhood, immersing yourself in the city's centuries-old charm. Ascend Marjan's winding trails, shaded by majestic pine trees. Learn about the hill's rich heritage and the efforts of the Marjan Association to preserve its pristine beauty since the 19th century.
Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2.5 hours</p><p>Or</p></p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Split Promenade Walk & Seaside Unwind (extra expense, operated solely during the summer months of June, July and August)
Discover Split on a relaxed coastal walk led by a local guide, exploring the city's Roman heritage and modern seaside charm. Stroll along the palm-lined Riva promenade

and the stylish West Coast, passing luxury yachts and scenic viewpoints on the way to peaceful Sustipan Park.
The experience concludes at Jadran Beach, where you'll enjoy free time to relax by the sea, swim in crystal-clear waters, or unwind at a beach club. Return to the port independently or with your guide, carrying with you the laid-back spirit of Split's coast.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.75 hours

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Guided tour of Trogir (extra expense)

Embark on a picturesque drive to the town of Trogir, situated on a small island between the mainland and Ciovo. Experience the charm of narrow streets, offering a glimpse into life in days gone by. Join a guided walking tour to explore Town Loggia, the Town Hall, and the Cipiko Palace, culminating in a visit to the highlight—the Cathedral of St. Lawrence.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

EmeraldPLUS

Klapa performance on board

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the Dalmatia region with an enchanting Klapa Performance on board. Delight in the harmonious melodies of traditional Dalmatian songs as the Klapa ensemble serenades you with their captivating vocals. Typically performed by male singers, klapa music is celebrated for its rich sound and cultural significance, captivating audiences with its timeless beauty.

Event duration: 1 hour

Offshore: 08:00 - 05:00 (next day)

Arrives On: 24 Aug 26

Day 4: Split (Croatia)

In the morning, get ready to set sail from Split to Zadar. A historic city set on a peninsula; Zadar boasts relics from a variety of eras. Explore the old churches, Roman ruins, and unique modern attractions, including the Sun Salutation and Sea Organ, which are innovative sound and sun-activated art pieces.

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Walking tour of Zadar and Rural estate visit (extra expense)

Embark on a captivating journey that blends history, nature, and the warm hospitality of Croatia. Your adventure begins with a scenic walking tour of Zadar, a city steeped in cultural richness. Stroll through charming streets and admire architectural wonders, including the famous Sea Organ, Greetings to the Sun, the Forum, and the Cathedral of St. Anastasia. Next, take a scenic drive to the picturesque village of Nadin, where you'll arrive at the eco-friendly Odzakovic Estate. Greeted by a host in traditional Croatian folk attire, you'll be immersed in the estate's warm, rustic atmosphere. Delight in a traditional Croatian aperitif while learning about the region's storied winemaking tradition. Your visit also includes a fascinating tour of the estate's ethnographic museum, showcasing the local customs, crafts, and traditions.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.25 hours

Docked: 14:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 25 Aug 26

Day 4: Zadar (Croatia)

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Day 5: Opatija (Croatia)

<p><p>On the western peninsula of Croatia, southwest of the city of Rijeka, Opatija provides alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and the distant Istrian mountains. Known as the 'Nice of Croatia', Opatija reveals lovely seaside promenades and fairy-tale villas. While here, be sure to sample one of the famous local dishes, mussels with pršut or fish stew. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
The Heart of Istria: Hills History & Flavors (extra expense)
Embark on a captivating journey through Istria's medieval towns, rolling hills, and breathtaking landscapes. This full-day adventure brings you closer to the region's rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning scenery. Your day begins in Hum, officially the smallest town in the world. Stroll along its charming stone-paved streets, admire centuries-old architecture, and immerse yourself in the legends that give this tiny town its unforgettable character. Next, travel to Motovun, one of Istria's most iconic hilltop towns. A short local shuttle takes you to the town entrance, where a guided walking tour reveals cobbled streets, ancient city walls, and picturesque squares steeped in history. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace—browse local shops, relax in a café, or simply take in the panoramic views of the Istrian countryside. Savor a traditional Istrian lunch in Motovun, featuring local specialties that celebrate the region's unique culinary heritage. The day concludes with a comfortable drive back to Opatija, leaving you with lasting memories of Istria's charm, history, and natural beauty.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Kayak the Opatija Riviera (extra expense)
Experience Opatija's beautiful coastline from a fresh perspective on this relaxed, beginner-friendly guided kayaking tour. The 4.5 km route offers gentle paddling along the Adriatic, combining light activity with spectacular coastal views. Led by a knowledgeable local guide, you'll paddle past Opatija's landmarks, pausing along the way to hear engaging stories from the town's rich history. Enjoy a refreshing swim and snorkeling stop and take in the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic .
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00</p>

Arrives On: 26 Aug 26

Day 6: Piran (Slovenia)

<p><p>Piran is a pretty town of red-tiled, whitewashed buildings clustered on the tip of the Slovenia's Piran peninsula. Part of the Venetian empire from the late 13th century to the end of the 18th century, Piran is esteemed for its gothic-style Venetian architecture. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Postojna cave and Predjana Castle with Home Hosted Experience (extra expense)
Experience the natural and cultural treasures of Slovenia on a captivating journey to two of its most iconic sites. Begin with a visit to the world-famous Postojna Cave, a breathtaking underground marvel carved by nature over millions of years. Accompanied by expert guides, explore its awe-inspiring chambers and

spectacular limestone formations, uncovering the hidden secrets of this vast subterranean world. After the cave visit, enjoy time to browse for local souvenirs and keepsakes before continuing to the nearby Predjama Castle. Built dramatically into a cliffside cave, this extraordinary medieval fortress is steeped in legend and offers stunning views and fascinating tales of knights, sieges, and rebellion. Your day continues with a warm welcome at a private local home, where you'll enjoy an authentic Slovenian lunch prepared with traditional ingredients—offering a taste of the region's rich culinary heritage.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration:

7.5 hours

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A Stroll Through Taste and Time (extra expense)

Begin your journey with a gentle stroll to Brotherhood Square, where our expert guides bring the city's vibrant past to life through captivating stories that span centuries. Wander through Piran's charming, winding streets to the Piran Minorite Monastery and the majestic St. George Cathedral—timeless architectural masterpieces, each filled with history, artistry, and unforgettable legends. Awaken your senses with a curated tasting of Piran's finest local delicacies, celebrating authentic flavors designed to delight every palate. Conclude your luxurious exploration at iconic Tartini Square, where the rhythm of Piran's culture resonates beneath ancient cobblestones, leaving you with memories to treasure for a lifetime.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.25 hours

Arrives On: 27 Aug 26

Day 7: Venice (Italy)

Today, you will arrive in Venice, truly an enchanting city that exudes an evocative atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, this romantic Italian city spans 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic Coast. Admire the grandeur of the iconic canals and magnificent St. Mark's Basilica.

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Walking tour of Venice with Doge's Palace (extra expense)

Begin with a scenic 20-minute private motorboat ride along the Canale della Giudecca to St. Mark's Square, where your expert guide will lead you through Venice's iconic landmarks. Marvel at the Marciana Library, Loggetta, Bell Tower, Clock Tower, and the Procuratie Vecchie and Nuove, and admire St. Mark's Basilica (exterior). Explore the legendary Doge's Palace, including the Golden Staircase, grand halls, and masterpieces by Tintoretto and Veronese, then cross the Bridge of Sighs, steeped in romantic legend. Enjoy free time to explore Venice at your own pace, before a guided walk back to the motorboat for your return to the pier.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

Arrives On: 28 Aug 26

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

Venice is an enchanting city that exudes an atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, the city stretches across 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic. Admire the grandeur of the canals and see St Marks Basilica. *Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available today.

Arrives On: 29 Aug 26

Day 9: Rovinj (Croatia)

Located on the Istrian Peninsula, the lovely Croatian town of Rovinj is interwoven with Italian influences. Rovinj is a charming, easily walkable town and visitors here love to explore the narrow, winding streets that reveal old buildings with colourful façades and small, striking squares. There are also plenty of art galleries as well as a picturesque harbour dotted with fishing boats.

Included Excursion

Walking tour of Rovinj

Discover one of the most picturesque Istrian towns on a guided walking tour—the ideal way to intimately experience local life. Rovinj, believed to be one of the most photogenic towns in the Mediterranean, evolved from a fishing village into a captivating tourist destination. The main Church of St. Euphemia showcases exquisite Baroque architecture, making it a highlight in Istria. Your guide will lead you through well-preserved medieval streets, offering insights into local life across different eras.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

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The Heart of Istria: Hills History & Flavors (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

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Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7 hours

Arrives On: 30 Aug 26

Day 10: Sibenik (Croatia)

Today we visit Šibenik, nestled in a sea inlet on Croatia's gorgeous Adriatic coast. The origins of Šibenik date back to 1066 and there is a plethora of architectural styles to admire. Don't miss the UNESCO World Heritage-listed St James' Cathedral, crafted from white stone – just take the stairs from the Riva, the seaside promenade.

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Visit to Krka National Park (extra expense)
Immerse yourself in the splendour of Croatia with a visit to Krka National Park, enhanced by a tranquil boat ride. Witness the river's journey through a canyon, explore the highlight of the park, Skradinski Buk, featuring the largest waterfall at 147 feet. Conclude your adventure with a scenic half-hour boat ride along the Krka River to the charming town of Skradin. Enjoy some free time in Skradin before returning to the yacht.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration:

4 hours

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Eco Tuk Tuk tour of Šibenik (extra expense)
Experience the captivating highlights of Šibenik through a scenic tuk-tuk ride that winds its way through the city's historic streets. Your journey commences with a visit to the Barone Fortress, where you can relish breathtaking views and capture unforgettable photographs.
Proceed to the St. John and the iconic St. Michael Fortress, providing a distinctive vantage point of both the city and its stunning coastline. As you arrive at the promenades of Šibenik, you will enjoy a brief guided walk through the charming city center, immersing yourself in its rich cultural heritage. Your tour will conclude with a leisurely drive back to the port, leaving you with lasting memories of Šibenik's beauty and history.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

Arrives On: 31 Aug 26

Day 11: Trogir (Croatia)

The tiny town of Trogir is a hidden gem, located on a small island between the Croatian mainland and Ciovo Island. For some of the most spectacular views of this photogenic town, climb the tower of the Cathedral of St Lawrence – the highest building in Trogir.

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A walking tour of Split (extra expense)
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Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.15 hours

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Dalmatia untouched (extra expense)
Our tour kicks off with a picturesque drive to the quaint town of Primosten. This delightful locale is an island linked to the mainland by a causeway and is renowned for its charming stone houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Next, head to the village of Burni, where many homes date back several centuries. Immerse yourself in the essence of this traditional Dalmatian village with a visit to the Jurlinovi Dvori family farmhouse where you will enjoy local specialities.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration:

4 hours</p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 01 Sep 26

Day 12: Vis Island (Croatia)

<p><p>The island of Vis, off the Croatian mainland, was closed to visitors until 1989. This has given Vis a rare sense of peace and authenticity. The rocky coastline, azure waters and Venetian architecture made the island the ideal backdrop for the film 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again.' (2018). </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Komiža - Guided Intro & Free Exploration (extra expense)
Your island adventure kicks off with a scenic coach ride to a breathtaking viewpoint, where you'll be treated to stunning panoramic views. Next, visit the base of the hill that hosts Tito's Cave, a significant hideout and headquarters for Josip Broz Tito, the resistance leader and Yugoslavian President. Reunite with your coach for a drive to Komiza, one of Croatia's most charming island villages, renowned for its rich fishing traditions. Explore a small fishermen's museum nestled within a 16th-century Venetian tower and enjoy some leisure time to soak in the delightful atmosphere of this quaint town.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Blue cave on Bisevo Island (extra expense)
Enjoy a scenic 45-minute boat ride to the picturesque island of Bisevo. This island boasts a collection of caves that can only be reached by sea. Each day around noon, the waters become tranquil, allowing sunlight to stream into one of the caves through an underwater entrance. This phenomenon illuminates the cave's interior with a stunning blue glow, earning it the name Blue Cave. Hop aboard a local boat to access through a small natural opening and immerse yourself in its extraordinary beauty.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.75 hours</p><p>You will overnight in Hvar.</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
On board performance
Growing up in Hvar, a group of friends was inspired by the soothing melodies of traditional Dalmatian songs and founded Klapa Galešnik in 2002, with the intention of dedicating themselves more seriously to a cappella singing. Their debut performance took place at the Dalmatian Klapa Festival in Omiš in 2003. Since that time, their performances have consistently enriched the cultural landscape of Hvar and its surrounding regions. The group is led by Professor Tomi Domancic.
Event duration: 1 hour </p><p><p>Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 02 Sep 26

Day 12: Hvar Island (Croatia)

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Day 13: Hvar Island (Croatia)

The heart of island idyll Hvar is the Old Town; while this has developed as a modern-day hotspot, it reveals multiple layers of history and architectural wonders. The Old Town of Hvar presents a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings topped with sun-kissed terracotta roofs, and beyond, scenic rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and grapevines.

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Uphill hike to the Spanish fortress

Begin your hiking tour with a stroll through the charming old town. Pass through the main city gate, known as the Porta di Datallo, and ascend the stairs into the historical heart of the city. Continue your journey towards Hvar's fortress, known locally as Fortica or Španjola. Once you cross the town walls, enjoy a gentle ascent along a tree-lined hillside leading to the fortress.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 2 hours

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Hvar island tour (extra expense)

Explore the cultural and historical treasures of Hvar on a scenic drive that takes you from the vibrant town to the picturesque Stari Grad. Continue your journey to the charming village of Dol, where you'll indulge in local products and wine at a traditional farm. The excursion concludes at the main town square, where a knowledgeable guide leads you on a walking tour through Hvar's narrow, characteristic streets.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Offshore: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 03 Sep 26

Day 14: Korčula (Croatia)

The sixth-largest island in the Adriatic, Korcula is among the most beloved in Croatia. Its Old Town, referred to by the locals as 'Little Dubrovnik', is a delightful mix of medieval churches and elegant palaces, and squares, while the villages of Cara and Smokvica are renowned for producing the country's signature dry white wine.

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A walking tour of Korcula (extra expense)

Discover the rich historical tapestry of Korcula, traverse cobblestone streets through centuries of art and history, visiting 14th- to 16th-century fortifications, the Rector's palace, and the City Museum housed in a 16th-century mansion. Uncover Korcula's vibrant history in the small cathedral, Museum of Icons, and glimpse Marco Polo's believed birthplace.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2 hours

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Buggy tour (extra expense)

Start your excursion with scenic journey by minibus to explore the captivating Peljesac and Korcula archipelago, reaching the buggy pick-up point. Set off on your two-seater convertible buggy, winding through gravel roads above Lumbarda village, surrounded by picturesque olive groves and vineyards. Enjoy a delicious snack and local wine tasting at a charming restaurant before continuing to Lumbarda Beach, where you'll have time to swim in crystal-clear waters and relax in the sun.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

Note: All driving guests must have a valid driver's license and minimum of 18 years old. Please wear comfortable shoes, your swimsuit under comfortable clothing and bring a towel if you plan to swim.

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Dalmatian family experience (extra expense)

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experience will begin with a brief stroll through the village alongside our hosts, allowing us to meet the residents and gain insight into their everyday lives. You'll also savor authentic, home-cooked Croatian dishes as we partake in a meal that reflects the daily culinary traditions of our host family.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 14:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 04 Sep 26

Day 15: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the grand, historic city of Dubrovnik, home to one of the finest examples of a medieval citadel in Europe. From your luxury yacht, you'll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. </p></p><p>Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 12:00 PM.</p><p><p>Docked: 20:00 (day prior)</p></p><p><p>*Please verify with the Shore Excursion Manager onboard whether a DiscoverMORE tour is available on disembarkation day. </p></p><p><p>The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will operated unaltered from the itinerary states above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.</p></p>

Arrives On: 05 Sep 26

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