



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover the Gems of Italy & Croatia
Reference:	EMERALD2D18250726-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	25 Jul 26
Departs From:	Venice
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Arrives On:	08 Aug 26
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your Adriatic cruise begins in the centuries-old, Italian city of Venice. Here, you will be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht to embark on a compelling journey of history, art, and natural wonders. Please book your flight to arrive into Venice prior to 04:00 PM. Docked: 21:00

Arrives On: 25 Jul 26

Day 2: Piran (Slovenia)

Your first stop is Piran, a pretty town of red-tiled, whitewashed buildings clustered on the tip of the Piran peninsula and Slovenia's glamorous yachting destination. 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. **Discover MORE** Postoina cave and Predjana Castle with Home Hosted Experience (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

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:** 7.50 hours

EmeraldPLUS Slovenia's alluring Lipica Stud

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the prestigious Lipica Stud Farm, renowned for its rich equestrian heritage and majestic Lipizzaner horses. Immerse yourself in the splendour of the stud farm with a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the elegant stables and lush pastures that have bred these noble creatures for centuries. Enjoy the added charm of a horse carriage ride through the picturesque surroundings.

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 26 Jul 26

Day 3: Mali Losinj (Croatia)

Set at the apex of a long natural harbour and ringed by elegant, gently weathered Adriatic town houses and verdant hills, this fascinating Croatian town straddles both coasts on the narrowest section of the island. Mali Lošinj boasts countless natural wonders, as well as historical sites that testify to its turbulent and storied past.

Included Excursion

Walking tour of Mali Losinj

Step into the heart of the Adriatic with a guided Walking Tour of Mali Lošinj. This charming island town captivates with its blend of Venetian flair, Mediterranean spirit, and maritime legacy. Stroll cobbled lanes past colourful facades, explore the fragrant Losinj Aromatic Garden, and visit historic sites like the Church of St. Nicholas. Your local guide brings the island's history to life with stories of sailors, traders, and centuries-old traditions. With stunning sea views and lush gardens, this leisurely walk reveals the soul of one of Croatia's best-kept secrets.

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 2 hours

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Losinj Archipelago Speedboat Adventure (extra expense)

Discover the untouched beauty of the Losinj Archipelago on this exhilarating speedboat adventure. Departing from Mali Lošinj, you'll cruise past dramatic coastlines and crystal-clear waters, stopping at scenic bays perfect for swimming and snorkeling. Marvel at the historic Apoxyomenos site before continuing to the peaceful island of Ilovik. There, enjoy a brief guided orientation followed by free time to explore the island's charming village or relax by the sea. With stunning views and refreshing ocean breezes throughout, this half-day escape blends natural beauty with a dash of adrenaline.

Activity Level: Moderate,

Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 27 Jul 26

Day 4: Senj (Croatia)

Stop in Senj, gateway to the renowned Plitvice National Park.

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Plitvice Lake National Park tour (extra expense)

Journey from Senj to one of Croatia's most breathtaking natural treasures on this full-day excursion to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel through scenic countryside before arriving at the park, where cascading waterfalls, vivid turquoise lakes, and lush forest trails await. Accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, stroll along wooden boardwalks and tranquil paths while learning about the park's unique ecosystem. Following your exploration, enjoy a traditional Croatian lunch before a leisurely return drive to your ship in Baska, Krk—passing charming villages and stunning landscapes along the way.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 9.5 hours

Later in the morning, sail to Baška, famous for its old town with old stone houses and narrow streets. You will also appreciate the beautiful beaches and stunning nature here.

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Walking tour of Krk and Vrbnik (extra expense)

Experience the cultural charm of Krk Island on this guided walking tour through the historic towns of Krk and Vrbnik. Begin with a scenic drive from Baska to Krk Town, where you'll explore landmarks such as the impressive Frankopan Castle and Krk Cathedral. Enjoy free time to stroll at your leisure before heading to Vrbnik, a hilltop village known for its wine heritage and panoramic Adriatic views. Walk through its labyrinth of cobbled streets, including the famously narrow Kamenita ulica, and end your visit with a relaxing local refreshment before returning to Baska.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4.5 hours

Offshore: 10:30 - 23:00

Arrives On: 28 Jul 26

Day 4: Krk Island (Croatia)

Arrives On: 28 Jul 26

Day 5: Opatija (Croatia)

Located on the western peninsula of Croatia, Opatija boasts alluring views across the Adriatic towards the Kvarner Islands and distant Istrian mountains. Known as the 'Nice of Croatia', Opatija is home to lovely seaside promenades and fairy-tale villas. While here, be sure to sample some of the local specialities, mussels with pršut or fish stew. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.

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Picturesque Opatija & Moscenice (extra expense)

Discover the timeless beauty of Croatia's Istrian coast on this scenic half-day excursion. Begin with a visit to the medieval hilltop

village of Moscenice, where narrow stone lanes and panoramic views of Kvarner Bay await. Enjoy a guided walk and savor a tasting of local specialties, including Istrian prosciutto, cheeses, olives, and regional wine. Continue to elegant Opatija for a guided stroll along its famed seaside promenade, surrounded by lush gardens and 19th-century villas. Conclude your tour with leisure time to shop or explore before making your way back to the ship.

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 3.5 hours

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Ucka Mountain Hike

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Rijeka region. Your adventure begins with a scenic drive from the Port of Opatija to the charming Poklon Lodge, where lush forests, rolling hills, and sparkling glimpses of the Adriatic set the tone for the day.

From Poklon Lodge, join a professional guide for a hike to the summit of Vojak, the highest peak of Ucka Mountain. Along the way, breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in sweeping panoramas of the Istrian Peninsula and the northern Adriatic islands. At the summit, pause while soaking in the spectacular 360-degree views—a truly unforgettable moment.

After descending, return to Poklon Lodge before a comfortable drive back to the Port of Opatija. Relax as the region's final scenic vistas unfold, bringing your nature-filled adventure to a perfect close.

Tour

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 4.75 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 29 Jul 26

Day 6: 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.

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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 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

Docked: 08:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 30 Jul 26

Day 7: Venice (Italy)

Venice is an enchanting city that exudes an atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, this historic Italian city stretches across 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic. Among the many highlights in Venice, admire the grandeur of the city's iconic canals and magnificent St. Marks

Basilica. **DiscoverMORE**
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
Docked: 08:30 - Overnight

Arrives On: 31 Jul 26

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

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Docked: 08:30 (day prior) - 21:00

Arrives On: 01 Aug 26

Day 9: Rovinj (Croatia)

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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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
The Heart of Istria: Hills History & Flavors (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7 hours</p><p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 21:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 02 Aug 26

Day 10: Sibenik (Croatia)

<p><p>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.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Eco Tuk Tuk tour of Sibenik (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</p><p><p>Docked: 13:00 - 22:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 03 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. [DiscoverMORE](#)
A walking tour of Split (extra expense)

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: 4.15 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

Arrives On: 04 Aug 26

Day 12: Vis Island (Croatia)

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.'

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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

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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

You will overnight in

Hvar.

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
Offshore: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 05 Aug 26

Day 12: Hvar Island (Croatia)

Arrives On: 05 Aug 26

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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Hvar Stroll & Seaside Escape
Enjoy a relaxed coastal walk along Hvar's beautiful promenade, with sweeping views of turquoise waters, elegant yachts, pine-covered hills, and the Pakleni Islands. Strolling at an easy pace, your guide shares insights into the island's history and lifestyle as you pass seaside cafés and hidden coves. The walk concludes at a charming local beach and bar, where you'll have free time to swim, relax, or enjoy a refreshing drink by the sea. Afterwards, return along the same scenic route to the yacht, taking in Hvar's natural beauty one last time. A perfect blend of gentle activity, coastal scenery, and laid-back island charm.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration:

4 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: 06 Aug 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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Traditional Dalmatian Meal Experience at family owned local restaurant (extra expense)
A scenic drive leads to the village of Cilipi, a small community near Dubrovnik with a population of around 400 residents. Here, the group divides into smaller parties for a warm hosted meal at a family owned local restaurant.
Your host, Niko Novakovic, welcomes you and guides you to your place at the table. Enjoy an authentic taste of Croatian hospitality as you share a traditional cooked meal, prepared just as it would be for the family's own table. This intimate setting offers a genuine glimpse into daily life, local flavours, and time-honoured culinary traditions.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

Docked: 08:00 - 14:00

Arrives On: 07 Aug 26

Day 15: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

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.

Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 11:00 AM.

Docked: 20:00 (day prior)

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Arrives On: 08 Aug 26

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