



Cruise Details

Name:	Croatian Coast and the best of the Adriatic
Reference:	EMERALDE02D100525-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	10 May 25
Departs From:	Venice
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Arrives On:	17 May 25
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your Croatian cruise begins in the romantic city of Venice. You'll 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.

Arrives On: 10 May 25

Day 2: Rovinj (Croatia)

The town of Rovinj on the Istrian Peninsula is threaded with Italian influence. Guests love the winding city streets, picturesque harbour and colourful building facades. It's a lovely, walkable town and there are plenty of art galleries, small squares and a 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, housing relics of the Saint, 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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Pula and Roman Amphitheatre (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Enjoy a captivating walking tour of the historic town of Pula to witness one of the world's largest Roman amphitheatres. With a history dating back to classical Greek legends, Pula stands as one of Europe's oldest towns, shaped by Roman settlers who left behind a legacy of remarkable public buildings. During the guided tour, explore Pula's 3,000-year history, marvelling at Roman city gates and walls, a Byzantine chapel, and a temple dedicated to the God Apollo in honour of the 1st century Roman emperor Caesar Augustus. The highlight of the tour is the extraordinary amphitheatre, constructed between 27 BC and 68 AD, which still stands proudly, hosting summer concerts and festivals. Experience a taste of modern life in Pula with a visit to the open-air city market, where fresh produce, souvenirs, and handicrafts await.

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

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Istria with truffle tasting (extra expense, must be pre-booked)

Embark on a picturesque journey from the pier to the charming hilltop hamlet of Motovun. After approximately 90 minutes, arrive to the parking area, then hop on a local shuttle bus to reach the entrance of this Croatian gem adorned with a 13th-century Romanesque-Gothic bell tower. From the hilltop, marvel at panoramic views over the Mirna Valley and Motovun forest. Explore the village's rich history, featuring landmarks from the 12th century, including the notable Romanesque Municipal Palace—a grand secular building of its time in Istria. After the guided walk, return via shuttle bus to the parking area, rejoining your bus for a scenic journey along narrow roads to the small town of Groznjan. Conclude your guided walk at an atmospheric tavern, indulging in Istrian delicacies. Perched above the Mirna River, Groznjan's medieval town center boasts stone streets lined with galleries, making it a cultural hub during summer months. Experience a guided stroll, savour truffle products, and depart this jewel of a town for a return to the ship.

Activity Level: Moderate, **Duration:** 6 hours

Arrives On: 11 May 25

Day 3: Sibenik (Croatia)

Today we visit Šibenik, nestled in a sea inlet on Croatia's 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 natural splendour of Croatia with a visit to Krka National Park, enhanced by a tranquil boat ride. Encompassing 142 square miles, this park safeguards the mesmerizing middle and lower stretches

of the Krka River. Witness the river's journey through a canyon, culminating in breathtaking waterfalls, lakes, and rapids. Explore the highlight of the park, Skradinski Buk, featuring the largest waterfall at 147 feet, cascading down 17 steps—a renowned gem in European waterfalls. Enjoy panoramic views, a small ethnological exhibition, and an operational old grinding mill above the falls. Conclude your adventure with a scenic half-hour boat ride along the Krka River from Skradinski Buk to the charming town of Skradin. Enjoy some free time in Skradin before returning to the ship.

Activity Level: Strenuous, **Duration:** 4 hours

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Visit to a falconry centre (extra expense)

Embark on a scenic journey to the Dubrava Falconry Center, the exclusive haven in Croatia showcasing a diverse array of birds of prey. Nestled in the lush pine forest of Šibenik Dubrava, this center offers a unique taste of wilderness and adventure. Immerse yourself in a special program that allows you to witness the majestic falcons and come face to face with these incredible sky hunters. With a commitment to preserving various species, the center also plays a crucial role in rehabilitating injured, sick, or hungry birds.

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

Arrives On: 12 May 25

Day 4: Trogir (Croatia)

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

Trogir.

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A walking tour of Split (extra expense)

A panoramic drive through the town of Split brings you to the Mestrovic Gallery. Ivan Mestrovic is the greatest Croatian sculptor of all time, and a large part of his impressive work is displayed here in his house, which is also a 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, which are still very well preserved. They offer a fine glimpse of how the life in the Palace was organized. You will also see the very interesting Cathedral of St Duje (patron saint of the city), 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

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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. Upon arrival, you will have the chance to join your guide for a brief walking tour of the town, followed by some leisure time to explore on your own. 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. You will be welcomed by your host, Don Stipe Perkov, who will share captivating stories about family customs and traditions. The farmhouse

features a 'tineja' (dining room), a 'Konoba' (cellar), a 'kuzina' (kitchen), a museum showcasing farming tools and artifacts, as well as a chapel adorned with stunning stained-glass windows crafted by the German artist Edith Maria Heinze. During your visit, enjoy delectable local treats, including smoked ham, cheese, and bread, all complemented by a glass of wine.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p>

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Day 5: 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. Its rocky coastline, azure waters and Venetian architecture made it the ideal backdrop of the film 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again.' (2018). As the afternoon rolls in, it's time to set sail to Hvar. </p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Komiza tour (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. After a brief stop to capture some photographs, you'll continue your journey, passing picturesque vineyards on your way to Hum, the highest point on Vis at 1,925 feet. Take a moment here to enjoy the sweeping vistas of the island, including a glimpse of the former WWII Royal Air Force (RAF) airstrip. Next, you'll 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. This cave consists of two chambers equipped with the essentials, serving as Tito's residence and operational base during the final year of the war, where he coordinated the efforts of the Partisan army and managed his government. If you're up for it, you can climb the roughly 300 steps to explore the cave and fully appreciate its historical significance. Afterward, you'll reunite with your coach for a drive to Komiza, one of Croatia's most charming island villages, renowned for its rich fishing traditions. While there, you can 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, situated roughly three miles from Vis. 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 transforms the water into a shimmering silver hue and illuminates the cave's interior with a stunning blue glow, earning it the name Blue Cave. Hop aboard a local boat to access the Blue Cave through a small natural opening and immerse yourself in its extraordinary beauty.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours</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.
Duration: 1 hour

Arrives On: 14 May 25

Day 6: Hvar Island (Croatia)

The heart of island paradise Hvar is the Old Town – while it's become a modern-day hotspot, it's layered in history and architectural wonder. The town of Hvar is a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings with sun-kissed red roofs, and beyond the town are rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and

grapevines. **EmeraldACTIVE**
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 (Gate of Dates), and ascend the stairs into the historical heart of the city. Here, you'll encounter 15th and 16th-century palaces and winding pathways that fill the air with the fragrant scents of Mediterranean flora. 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. Originally built in the early 16th century during Venetian rule and reconstructed in 1579, this Spanish fortress now showcases an impressive collection of amphorae and artifacts from antiquity and the Middle Ages. In addition to appreciating its stunning architecture, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of the city of Hvar, the surrounding landscape, and the Pakleni Islands. Take some time to explore the fortress before making your way back to the ship.
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. Known for its breathtaking bay that has inspired artists and poets, Stari Grad boasts majestic countryside, and a mild climate surrounded by lush subtropical vegetation. Continue your journey to the charming village of Dol, where you'll indulge in local products and wine at a traditional farm. On your way back to Hvar, savour magnificent views of the town and Pakleni Islands. 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

Arrives On: 15 May 25

Day 7: Korčula (Croatia)

The sixth-largest island in the Adriatic, Korčula, is among the most beloved in Croatia. Its Old Town, referred to by the locals as 'Little Dubrovnik', is a delightful collection of medieval churches, palaces, and squares, while the villages of Cara and Smokvica produce the country's signature dry white wine. You will sail to Dubrovnik later in the

day. **DiscoverMORE**
A walking tour of Korčula (extra

expense)
Discover the rich historical tapestry of Korcula, Croatia's captivating island, where landmarks ranging from Marco Polo's house to medieval fortifications unfold tales of Turkish invaders and resilient pirates. Explore the enchanting zig-zagging streets, strategically designed to combat winter winds and offer natural 'air-conditioning.' On your walking tour, 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</p><p>DiscoverMORE
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. Dive into the adventure of Korcula Island with a self-drive buggy experience, following a safety briefing. Set off on your two-seater convertible buggy, winding through gravel roads above Lumbarda village, surrounded by picturesque olive groves and vineyards. Discover hidden bays and coves, with the first stops at Lumbarda's renowned Pržina Beach and LaBannya Beach—inviting you to swim in crystal-clear waters and bask in the sun.
Note: Participants must have their driver's license with them as they will be driving the buggies during the excursion.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Dalmatian family experience (extra expense, available on select departures)
Travel by motorcoach to Cilipi, a quaint village near Dubrovnik with a population of around 400. Here, we will break into smaller groups to enjoy a Home-Hosted dining experience with a local family. 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. Following this, we will gather at the family table to share a meal together. This unique opportunity will let you enter the homes of the villagers, fostering a personal connection and providing a deeper understanding of their way of life. Our hosts come from diverse working- or middle-class backgrounds, and it's likely that several generations of the family will join us at the table, offering a rich perspective on village life in Croatia. 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: 3.5 hours</p>

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Day 8: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the grand, historic city of Dubrovnik. From the yacht, you will 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 11:00 AM.</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 operate unaltered from the itinerary stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.</p></p>

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