Cruise Details

Name:	Croatian Coast and the best of the Adriatic
Reference:	EMERALDE02D110927-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Azzurra
Regions:	Mediterranean
Departs On:	11 Sep 27
Departs From:	Venice
Arrives On:	18 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Dubrovnik
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Your Croatian cruise begins in the romantic city of Venice, founded in the fifth century and stretching across 118 small islands of the marshy Venetian Lagoon. The grandeur of this city needs no introduction, from its legendary canals to the magnificent St Mark's Basilica. Here, you'll be transferred to your Emerald 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: 11 Sep 27

Day 2: Rovinj (Croatia)

Located on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula, the lovely town of Rovinj is interwoven with Italian influences. A rabbit warren of narrow, winding cobbled streets and small squares, Rovinj is a delight to explore on foot, strolling among the many colourful buildings and art galleries. On a

hilltop, the belltower of the Baroque-style St Euphemia’s Church pierces the sky, while down below, the picturesque harbour is filled with fishing boats, a nod to the town’s seafaring and fishing traditions. Today choose between our Included Excursion or DiscoverMORE option. 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 DiscoverMORE
The Heart of Istria Hills, History & Flavors (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
Journey through the heart of Istria, where medieval hilltop towns, breathtaking landscapes, and renowned regional cuisine showcase the very best of Croatia's largest peninsula. Travel through rolling vineyards and picturesque countryside to Hum, officially recognised as the world's smallest town. Wander its charming stone streets and discover centuries of history while learning about the legends and traditions that have shaped this remarkable settlement. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace. Continue to the hilltop town of Motovun, celebrated for its medieval architecture, spectacular panoramic views, and world-famous truffles. A local shuttle transports you from the coach park to the town entrance, where a guided walk reveals ancient stone walls, historic squares, and narrow cobbled streets. Afterwards, enjoy free time to browse artisan shops, relax at a café (own expense), or simply soak up the unique atmosphere. A traditional Istrian lunch featuring regional specialities completes your visit before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 6 hours 45 minutes Docked: 08:00 - 21:00

Arrives On: 12 Sep 27

Day 3: Sibenik (Croatia)

First mentioned in written records in 1066, Šibenik is one of Croatia’s oldest towns. Nestled on the coast between Zadar and Split, it has been conquered by Venetians, Byzantines, Hungarians and Habsburgs, meaning there is a plethora of architectural styles to admire. This tiny city is home to two World Heritage-listed sites: the white-stone Saint James’ Cathedral, an architectural fusion of Gothic and Renaissance, and the 16th- and 17th-century fortress of St Nicholas. DiscoverMORE
Krka National Park (extra expense)
Experience the spectacular natural beauty of Krka National Park, where cascading waterfalls, emerald lakes, and lush landscapes create one of Croatia's most treasured natural attractions. Travel to Krka National Park, established to protect the remarkable course of the Krka River as it flows through dramatic canyons, lakes, and waterfalls. Explore the park's most famous attraction, Skradinski Buk, an impressive series of 17 cascading waterfalls tumbling into crystal-clear pools. Stroll along scenic pathways, admire panoramic viewpoints, and visit the

traditional watermill and small ethnographic exhibition, offering an insight into the region's rural heritage. Complete your visit with a relaxing 30-minute boat cruise along the Krka River to the picturesque riverside town of Skradin, where you will enjoy free time to explore the charming streets or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Eco Tuk Tuk City Tour (extra expense)
Discover the charm of Šibenik on a scenic tuk-tuk adventure through its historic streets and landmarks. Your journey begins with a stop at Barone Fortress, offering breathtaking views and perfect photo opportunities, followed by a visit to St. John Fortress for more panoramic vistas. Continue with a picturesque drive past the St. Michael Fortress, showcasing stunning views of the city and coastline. Arriving at the Šibenik promenades, enjoy a short guided walk (1.3 km / 0.8 mi) through the city’s captivating center, rich in cultural heritage. The tour concludes with a relaxing return drive to the port. Experience Šibenik’s history, beauty, and charm—all from the comfort of a tuk-tuk!
Note: 4 guests per tuk tuk
Activity Level: Easy to Moderate, Duration: 2 hours Docked: 13:00 - 22:00

Arrives On: 13 Sep 27

Day 4: Trogir (Croatia)

Located on a small island between the Croatian mainland and Ciovo Island, World Heritage-listed Trogir is an ancient settlement with roots in the Hellenistic period, later shaped by Roman, Venetian and Croatian influences. It’s filled with Romanesque churches and Renaissance and Baroque buildings, with St Lawrence Cathedral dominating the old town square. Climb to the top of the bell tower for spectacular views over the town. Spend time people-watching on the wide seaside promenade, which is packed with bars and cafes. DiscoverMORE
A walking tour of Split (extra expense)
Experience the artistic and historical treasures of Split, where remarkable Croatian sculpture meets one of the world's best-preserved Roman monuments. Begin with a panoramic drive to the elegant Meštrovic Gallery, the former residence of Croatia's most celebrated sculptor, Ivan Meštrovic. Explore the gallery's impressive collection, beautiful Mediterranean gardens, and, where operationally possible, visit the nearby Meštrovic Atrium, home to a remarkable collection of sacred sculptures, including the artist's famous crucifix, completed over a period of 33 years. Continue into the heart of Split Old Town, built around the magnificent Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 4th century. Your guided walk includes the remarkably preserved Palace Cellars, the Cathedral of St. Domnius (St. Duje), regarded as one of the world's oldest cathedrals, the Temple of Jupiter, and iconic landmarks including the Peristyle Square, Golden Gate, and Silver Gate. The tour also visits Split's lively open-air market, the largest on the Dalmatian coast, before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours Anchored: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 14 Sep 27

Day 5: Vis Island (Croatia)

The island of Vis served as a Yugoslav military base from the 1950s until 1989, during which it was cut off to visitors and left vastly unpopulated. This has preserved the island’s authenticity and life here is laidback and unhurried, with a rocky coastline and azure waters. The town of Komiža, significantly developed during Venetian rule, is made up of narrow passageways and historic stone buildings. The island was used as a filming location for the sequel to the film Mamma Mia!, depicting the fictional Greek island of Kalokairi. DiscoverMORE
Komiza - Guided Intro & Free Exploration (extra expense)
Discover the unspoilt beauty of Vis, Croatia's most remote inhabited island, where dramatic viewpoints, fascinating military history, and traditional fishing villages showcase a slower pace of Adriatic life. Travel across the island to a spectacular panoramic viewpoint, offering sweeping views over the coastline, crystal-clear waters, and rolling countryside. Continue to a second viewpoint overlooking the former Royal Air Force airfield, built during the Second World War, where your guide will share the island's remarkable military history and decades of isolation. Continue to the charming fishing village of Komiža, nestled at the foot of Mount Hum. Wander its narrow stone streets, admire the traditional Dalmatian architecture, and enjoy free time to browse local shops, relax at a waterfront café (own expense), or soak up the authentic island atmosphere before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Blue cave on Bisevo Island (extra expense)
Travel from Vis to the picturesque fishing town of Komiža, enjoying scenic views along the way. Upon arrival, board speedboats for an exhilarating cruise across the Adriatic toward the island of Biševo. On Biševo, collect your entrance tickets before transferring to small local boats for a visit to the famous Blue Cave (Modra Špilja). Inside the cave, witness the extraordinary natural phenomenon created by sunlight reflecting through an underwater opening, illuminating the interior with a magical blue glow. After the visit, return by speedboat to Komiža and enjoy free time to relax along the harbour, explore the narrow streets, or soak up the laid-back island atmosphere before concluding the excursion.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours 45 minutes EmeraldPLUS
Klapa perfomance on Board
Experience the timeless sounds of Dalmatia with an authentic Klapa performance, one of Croatia's most treasured musical traditions and recognised by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Enjoy an enchanting performance by a traditional Klapa ensemble, whose powerful a cappella harmonies bring to life songs inspired by love, the sea, and the rich cultural heritage of the Dalmatian coast. This captivating musical tradition has been passed down through generations and offers a memorable insight into Croatia's enduring folklore.
Duration: 1 hour Anchored: 08:00 - 17:00

Arrives On: 15 Sep 27

Day 6: Hvar Island (Croatia)

Hvar is a photogenic jumble of whitewashed buildings topped with terracotta roofs, and beyond, picturesque rolling hills peppered with lavender fields, olive groves, and grapevines. The heart of Hvar is its Old Town, which reveals multiple layers of history and architectural wonders. These include the vast St Stephen’s Square, which is home to a cathedral built in the 16th and 17th centuries, and the restored Arsenal, which was used to repair and refit war galleons from the 17th century. Hvar is said to be the sunniest place in all of Croatia, so soak up the rays as you wander the yacht-lined harbour or make your way up to Fortica, the island’s medieval fortress that has sweeping views over Hvar and its neighbouring islands. DiscoverMORE
Hvar island tour (extra expense)
Travel across the beautiful island of Hvar, where historic towns, fertile countryside, and local traditions reveal the authentic character of one of Croatia's most celebrated islands. Enjoy a scenic drive to Stari Grad, one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its picturesque harbour and rich history dating back to the 2nd century BC. Join a guided walk through its charming streets before enjoying free time to explore at your own pace. Continue to the traditional village of Dol, where you will visit a local farm to sample regional specialities and locally produced wine. As you return towards Hvar Town, admire magnificent views over the Pakleni Islands before joining a guided walk through the historic centre. Discover the elegant Cathedral of St. Stephen and the exterior of the Franciscan Monastery while wandering the town's narrow stone streets before departing for the return journey.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours DiscoverMORE
Speedboat Adventure Pakleni Islands (extra expense)
Enjoy a relaxed half-day escape from Hvar and experience the beauty of the Adriatic coastline and nearby islands. Set sail from Hvar and cruise along the scenic shoreline toward the charming village of Milna, where you can enjoy a leisurely stroll, coffee break, and authentic island atmosphere. Continue your journey to the stunning Pakleni Islands, a true Adriatic gem famous for its turquoise bays, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. Here, you’ll have ample time to swim, snorkel, or unwind while surrounded by pristine nature. This experience offers a perfect combination of coastal cruising, island charm, and relaxation, ideal for discovering the highlights of Hvar’s surroundings in just a few unforgettable hours.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 4 hours Anchored: 20:00 (day prior) - 23:00

Arrives On: 16 Sep 27

Day 7: Korčula (Croatia)

A gem of the Adriatic, Korcula is among the most beloved islands in Croatia. It boasts a landscape of olive groves and vineyards, and a striking coast of white pebble beaches and azure waters. While there’s evidence the island has been inhabited since prehistoric times, the fortified old town is on UNESCO’s tentative list for its late medieval planning and has been referred to by the locals as ‘Little Dubrovnik’. It’s a delightful mix of medieval churches, elegant palaces and squares. See the impressive St Mark’s Cathedral, built in Gothic-Renaissance style, and the captivating

Marco Polo Center, where you can understand the legacy of the explorer who is said to have been born here. The villages of Cara and Smokvica are renowned for producing the country’s signature dry white wine. Today choose between our EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option. EmeraldACTIVE
Lumbarda Coastal Walk & Sabulum Winery
Discover the natural beauty and renowned winemaking traditions of Korcula on a leisurely journey through the picturesque village of Lumbarda. A short drive brings you to Lumbarda, a charming coastal village famous for its sandy bays, rolling vineyards, and relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. Join your guide for a scenic walk along the coastline, where panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea accompany paths winding through centuries-old vineyards that have shaped the island's landscape and traditions. Continue to the acclaimed Sabulum Winery, where you will learn about Korcula's distinctive wine heritage before enjoying a tasting of locally produced wines. Afterwards, depart for the return journey.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes DiscoverMORE
Buggy tour (extra expense)
Experience the rugged beauty of Korcula Island on an exciting self-drive buggy adventure, combining panoramic scenery, hidden beaches, and authentic island charm. Travel by minibus to the buggy base, where a safety briefing is provided before setting off in your two-seater buggy. Follow scenic gravel tracks through olive groves and vineyards above Lumbarda, enjoying spectacular views across the Pelješac Peninsula and the Korcula Archipelago. Along the route, discover secluded bays and stop at Lumbarda Beach, where you may enjoy a refreshing swim or simply relax by the crystal-clear waters. After the buggy adventure, enjoy refreshments at a local restaurant before free time in Lumbarda to explore the village, relax by the waterfront, or swim before departing for the return journey.
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 Docked: 08:00 - 14:00

Arrives On: 17 Sep 27

Day 8: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes in the grand city of Dubrovnik, a World Heritage Site known as the Pearl of the Adriatic. The city is renowned for its breathtaking architecture of red terracotta-tiled roofs and white stone walls, striking against the turquoise waters that lap below. From your luxury yacht, you’ll be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. DiscoverMORE
Dubrovnik & Cavtat (extra expense, must be booked on board)
Explore two of Croatia's most enchanting coastal towns, where medieval history, magnificent architecture, and Adriatic scenery create an unforgettable experience. A scenic drive brings you to Pile Gate, the grand entrance to Dubrovnik Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow your guide along the famous Stradun, discovering the city's rich history and architectural treasures. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, home to a beautiful cloister and one of Europe's oldest working pharmacies, founded in 1317, while admiring the elegant exteriors of Dubrovnik's most celebrated landmarks. Continue with a panoramic drive

to the charming seaside town of Cavtat, nestled on a picturesque bay between two peninsulas. Enjoy free time to stroll along the waterfront promenade, browse local shops, or relax at a café (own expense) before departing for the return journey. A brief stop will be made at the airport for guests ending their cruise.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours 45 minutes

Note: This excursion is available for guests continuing on to the next cruise and for disembarking guests with flights departing after 4:00 pm. Luggage will be stored on the coach. Please book your flight to depart out of Dubrovnik after 12:00 PM. Docked: 08:00 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.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 27

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