



Cruise Details

Name:	Hidden Gems of the Croatian Riviera
Reference:	EMERALDE03D260926-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Kaia
Regions:	Mediterranean
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Departs On:	26 Sep 26
Departs From:	Dubrovnik
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Arrives On:	03 Oct 26
Arrives At:	Venice
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

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 06:00 PM. Docked: overnight

Arrives On: 26 Sep 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. Discover **MORE** Walking tour of

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
Traditional Dalmatian Meal Experience at family owned local restaurant (extra expense, must be pre-booked)
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</p><p>Docked: 08:00 - 18:00</p></p>

Arrives On: 27 Sep 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 Dujce, 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>EmeraldACTIVE
Split

Promenade Walk & Seaside Unwind (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: 28 Sep 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

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Day 5: Opatija (Croatia)

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.

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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 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

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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

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Arrives On: 30 Sep 26

Day 6: Piran (Slovenia)

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.

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Postoina 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: Moderate, 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

Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Arrives On: 01 Oct 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

Docked: 09:00 - overnight

Arrives On: 02 Oct 26

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

<p><p>Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes here. From your luxury 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 Venice after 11:00 AM.</p><p><p>Docked: 09:00 (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: 03 Oct 26

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