

10 Days/9 Nights

Departs Select Fridays Apr.-Oct.



Dalmatian Highlights Cruise: Dubrovnik, Korčula, Split, Hvar, and Mljet

Enjoy Croatia's most popular islands at a leisurely pace with plenty of free time for exploring and no need for directions and unpacking! The Dalmatian Coast along the Croatian side of the Adriatic Sea offers one of the most culturally rich regions of Europe. We've brought this option in for those who want a more personalized cruise along the Dalmatian Coast to explore the historic beauty and quiet charm of some of the most romantic islands and towns in Europe.

INCLUSIONS

- Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 2 Nights Dubrovnik (1 Pre and 1 Post)
- 7 Night Cruise with Half Board
- Walking Tours in Dubrovnik, Korčula, Split & Hvar



ARRIVE DUBROVNIK:

After landing and going through customs at the airport, you will be greeted by an Avanti representative who will take you to your hotel for your pre-night in Dubrovnik. Once you check in, relax, walk around Dubrovnik for a leisurely stroll and take in the sites and sounds of this ancient, yet modern city.

(Accommodations, Dubrovnik)



DUBROVNIK:

Spend a leisurely morning in Dubrovnik. After checking out, transfer to the port. Over a welcome drink and a snack, meet your Cruise Director and the crew and get acquainted with the rules and safety measures. Your journey begins with dinner onboard and overnight in Dubrovnik.

(Breakfast, Dubrovnik; Dinner & Accommodations: On Board)



DUBROVNIK TO KORČULA:

The far south of Croatia holds many gems. Start with a walking tour of Dubrovnik, a.k.a. the Pearl of the Adriatic or the King's Landing. Whatever you might consider to be the town's main drawcard, Dubrovnik's mighty city walls and its courteous spirit will swiftly transport you back in time to when this was an independent republic which successfully rivaled the Venetian Republic.

Back on the boat, our first stop is Korčula, with your journey over interrupted only by a refreshing dip on the Elaphite Islands. You'll know Korčula was a Venetian stronghold as soon as you lay your eyes on the many lion statues which lurk at you from the town's facades and gates, intertwined with some of the most outstanding stonework you will get see anywhere on the Adriatic coast. Overnight in Korčula.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations: On Board)



KORČULA TO PUCISCA (ISLAND OF BRAČ) TO OMIŠ:

After breakfast, a local guide will take you for a walk around the town of Korčula to learn about its long history, stunning architecture, and the legend of the great merchant Marco Polo, who was reputedly born and spent his childhood in Korčula. After the guided tour, you will set sail towards the Island of Brač, passing through the scenic Peljesac channel, around the tip of Peljesac Peninsula and the southeastern tip of the Island of Hvar. Weather permitting, we'll stop for refreshing swim in a secluded bay. Afterward you will continue your journey towards Pucisca, nestled in a beautiful bay on the island of Brač, well-known as the source of the whitest and best quality limestone in the world, which are featured in the facade of the White House, as well as other important landmarks all over the world. You can join an optional short visit to a stone masonry school and learn about Brač limestone, and their centuries-old tradition of masonry, before reboarding and continuing your journey to Omiš for the night.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations: On Board)



OMIŠ TO SPLIT:

When sailing along the Croatian coast, surpassing the beauty around you may seem like an impossible task. Perhaps so, but there are sites on the Croatian mainland which surely parallel it, such as the Krka River and its stunning estuary. A coach trip brings you to the small town of Skradin, the guardian of the mouth of River Krka, and the gateway to its National park. The place where wild waterfalls inspire serene lakes, the park is definitely worth a visit. After returning to the seaside, visit Trogir, a petite island bridged to the mainland. A showcase of stunning architecture founded upon Greek and Roman heritage, Trogir is protected by UNESCO, just like its big neighbor and your next stop, the town of Split. Explore on your own or join our optional walking tour to learn about the Diocletian's Palace, once the Roman Emperor's retirement estate and today a lively city center. Whatever you do, make sure to take it easy in Split, as after all, that is the true highlight of local living. Dinner on board and overnight in Split.

(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations: On Board)



SPLIT TO HVAR TO VELA LUKA:

Today you will be sailing towards Hvar, known as the sunniest island in Croatia, famous for its endless fields of lavender and rosemary, its beautiful coast, and lovely historical towns. Your destination is the town of Hvar, a town of immense beauty that buzzes with a vibrant energy in the summer sun. Upon arrival, your expert local guide will take you for a walk around its ancient streets. After the guided walking tour, we will set sail to Koršula Island. Along the way, we'll make a stop for a swim near the stunning Palinski Islands, known for a very warm sea and turquoise water. Later in the afternoon, drop the anchor in Vela Luka on Koršula, where you will enjoy dinner and overnight.

(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations: On Board)



VELA LUKA TO POMENA (MLJET) TO SLANO:

Wednesday morning after leaving the inescapable beauty of Vela Luka, your Captain will hand-pick a bay for you, where he will drop the anchor for a short stay. You can hop into your swimsuit and have a swim in the crystal-blue Adriatic, surrounded by pine trees and the sound of crickets. After the stop, you will continue sailing to Pomena on the island of Mljet. The Island of Mljet, on its western side, features the National Park of Mljet, known for its stunning beauty and its two turquoise saltwater lakes surrounded by a thick forest. Upon arrival, you will have plenty of free time to explore the park on your own. You could rent bikes and cycle (or jog, if you like) along the numerous paths around the lakes or in the forests. You can also rent kayaks and paddle across the magnificent lakes to observe the scenery from a different perspective on the other side. If you feel like just relaxing, you can hop onto the small boat that will take you to a tiny island on one of the lakes, where you will find a monastery and the Church of St. Mary's built in the 12th Century. Enjoy a cup of coffee with the view of the serene nature of the park.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations: On Board)



SLANO TO DUBROVNIK:

After breakfast you are free to take an optional guided tour, 'Taste of Dalmatia', where you will visit Ston, a small town famous for its 3 miles long city wall—the longest one in Europe, and visit a local winery to taste fine Dalmatian wines. Later, set sail to Lopud Island for a short swim (weather permitting) and continue to Dubrovnik. Cruise beneath Dubrovnik City Walls and then to port Gruž. After the tour, you can return to the ship for your last night on board.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Accommodations: On Board)



DUBROVNIK:

After breakfast, your transfer will greet you after disembarking from the ship and take you to your hotel for check-in. You'll have the remainder of the day to explore Dubrovnik on your own and take in all the sights and sounds this wonderful city provides.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Dubrovnik)



DUBROVNIK:

Transfer to the airport to return home or continue on to your next Avanti destination!

(Breakfast, Dubrovnik)
