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CROATIA

Cruise the Islands of the Dalmatian Coast



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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Cruising through the Croatian islands with opportunities for swimming and snorkeling
- ▶ Hike (and bike) through ancient Croatian villages and learn about rich history and Croatian culture
- ▶ Explore Dubrovnik, Split, Trogir, and visit the Blue Cave
- ▶ Taste Croatian seafood and cuisine, and sip local wines
- ▶ Enjoy all single cabins on a private ship just for AdventureWomen

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

- Day 1 arrive in Croatia, welcome dinner
- Day 2 tour the Old Town, cruise to Sipan Island
- Day 3 cruise to Mljet, hike in Mljet National Park, cruise to Korkula
- Day 4 explore Komiza
- Day 5 visit the Blue Cave, cruise to Vis and explore
- Day 6 cruise to Brac Island, explore the village of Milna
- Day 7 cruise to Split, visit the Diocletian Palace, walk Split's famous promenade
- Day 8 visit Krka National Park, explore Trojir
- Day 9 depart Croatia

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$7,995



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DAY 1
Saturday
9/7/24

Accommodations
Hotel Kompas

Meals Included
dinner

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Arrive Dubrovnik

Welcome to Croatia! Explore the country's diverse culinary specialties, such as risottos, cheese, prosciutto, sausages, complex wines, seafood, salty cheese, and grilled meats and lamb. Enjoy island hopping and traveling along the stunning southern Adriatic coast and national parks.

Arrival Information

Arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia (DBV) before 2:00pm. One group transfer will be provided today; private transfers are available for an additional fee.

Pick-up and Transfer

You will be picked up at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Welcome Dinner

Enjoy a lively welcome dinner as you get to know your fellow travelers this evening. Share stories and learn about why each woman on your trip is excited to explore Croatia!

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DAY 2
Sunday
9/8/24

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, dinner

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Dubrovnik to the Dalmatian Coast

Island Sipan is the largest island in the Elaphite group and has been noted in the Guinness Book of World Records as having the most olive trees per capita on the globe. Be sure to sample some olive oil as you wander through the village.

Tour the Old Town

After breakfast, transfer to Dubrovnik for a half-day tour of the Old Town. Visit the Franciscan Church and Monastery, Rector's Palace, and the Cathedral with its Treasury that houses the relics of St. Blaise and St. Blaise's Church. Learn about the rich history of Dubrovnik.

Lunch

Enjoy lunch on your own.

Check-in on the Boat

After lunch, head to the boat to check in. This will be your home and your base for exploring over the next several days.

Cruise to Sipan Island

After settling into your cabin, cruise to the beautiful island of Sipan and enjoy the incredible views from the yacht along the way.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner on board the boat.

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DAY 3
Monday
9/9/24

Accommodations
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Meals Included
breakfast, lunch

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The Dalmatian Coast

Mljet is Croatia's greenest island, with its Mediterranean vegetation, clear and clean sea, gentle sandy shoreline, and a wealth of underwater sea life. The island is considered to be one of the most beautiful of the Croatian islands. It is well known for its white and red wine, olives, and goat cheese.

Morning Cruise to the Island of Mljet

This morning you will set out early to cruise to the Island of Mljet while you enjoy breakfast on board.

Mljet National Park

After breakfast, visit Mljet National Park for a three-hour hiking and biking tour. Enjoy the rich flora and fauna and take in the stunning views.

Lunch

Have lunch on board.

Cruise to Korcula Island

After lunch on board, and possible stops for swimming, cruise to the island of Korcula. Disembark and visit the Marovic family home where you will learn about how they produce olive oil by hand and will have the opportunity to sample their homemade marmalades and jams. Afterwards, you can explore Korkula and enjoy dinner on your own.

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DAY 4
Tuesday
9/10/24

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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The island of Vis is a pearl among Croatian Adriatic islands, left untouched by the development of tourism for so many years. Since the independence of Croatia, the island began opening slowly to the outside world, offering its unique traditions, history, cultural heritage, and natural beauties to the outside world. It has some of the best beaches in the country. Vis is known for its fresh seafood and local wines.

Town of Komiza Komiza is a small fisherman's town, about six miles from the town of Vis. It will inspire you with its charm, rich cultural heritage, and its excellent food and wines. Explore Komiza on your own this afternoon.

Dinner Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant with your group tonight.

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DAY 5
Wednesday
9/11/24

Accommodations
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Meals Included
breakfast, lunch

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The Dalmatian Coast

The island of Vis has some of the best beaches in the country and is known for its fresh seafood and local wines.

The Blue Cave

Visit the Blue Cave, which was formed by the waves of the sea. The sea water eroded the limestone rock which makes up the whole island of Bisevo. The cave itself is 78 feet long, 35 feet deep, and up to 49 feet high, while the entrance measures five feet high and eight feet wide. Enjoy the stunning turquoise color of the water from your rowboat.

Visit the Town of Vis

The town of Vis is in a large, protected bay on the northeast side of the island of Vis. It faces the island of Hvar and the Dalmatian mainland.

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DAY 6
Thursday
9/12/24

Accommodations
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Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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Brac is a Dalmatian island that is famous for its stone which is used not only in the Diocletian Palace in Split, but also in the White House in Washington, DC.

Brac Island

After breakfast on board and a stroll through Vis, you will sail to Brac Island and explore the charming village of Milna.

Lunch and Dinner

Enjoy lunch and dinner on the boat today.

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DAY 7
Friday
9/13/24

Accommodations
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Meals Included
breakfast, lunch

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Split is the second largest city in Croatia, and the largest city in Dalmatia. It lies on the eastern shore of the Adriatic Sea, centered on the Roman Palace of the Emperor Diocletian. Spread over a central peninsula and its surroundings, Split's greater area includes the neighboring seaside towns as well. A regional transport hub and popular tourist destination, the city is the link to numerous Adriatic islands and the Apennine peninsula.

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| Cruise to Split | After breakfast on board, cruise to Split with a possible swimming stop along the way. |
| Lunch | Have lunch on board. |
| Explore Split | After lunch, explore Split. Visit Diocletian's Palace, Split's Cathedral, Peristil Square, and Split's famous promenade called "riva." |
| Dinner | Enjoy dinner on your own tonight in Split. |

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DAY 8
Saturday
9/14/24

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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Named after the Krka River, Krka National Park lies about 10km inland in this part of Dalmatia. The park is known for its magnificent waterfalls, including the famous Skradinski Buk falls, which are one of Croatia's most famous sights. Other highlights include the small island of Visovac and Roski Slap waterfall.

Krka National Park

After breakfast, set out by bus for a half day trip to Krka National Park. Explore the beauty of the park on foot and by boat before heading back to the ship mid-afternoon.

Explore Trogir

Spend some time exploring Trogir on your own this afternoon. Take some time to enjoy the local beaches.

Farewell Dinner

Have a farewell dinner with your new AdventureWomen friends. Reminisce over all the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an incredible trip!

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DAY 9
Sunday
9/15/24

Meals Included
breakfast

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The Dalmatian Coast and Depart

Enjoy one last morning on the boat before departing Croatia.

Transfer to the Airport

Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home.

Departure Information

Depart Split, Croatia (SPU) any time today. One group transfer will be provided; private transfers are available for an additional fee.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

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Accommodation Details

Hotel Kompas

Hotel Kompas is a 4-star hotel overlooking the Adriatic. Located right next to Lapland beach, the hotel features contemporary accommodations.

Amenities: Shampoo, soap, hair dryer, air conditioning, free WiFi

M/Y Barbara

The M/Y Barbara, your chartered boat for the week, has luxury single cabins, featuring air conditioning, wifi, and fully equipped bathrooms. On board, enjoy the restaurant with their expert chef and barista, bar, terrace, and sun deck. You can take a dip in the on-board hot tub and enjoy the bar while you cruise the Dalmatian Coast.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo; electricity; laundry service for a fee; Wifi (very limited availability and signal)

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary in single rooms/cabins (cabins assigned based on registration date)
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ All ground transportation
- ▶ Entrance fees
- ▶ Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- ▶ Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip
- ▶ Laundry service on the boat
- ▶ Gratuities for local guides and drivers

Not Included:

- ▶ International airfare to and from Croatia
- ▶ Optional activities
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Items of a personal nature
- ▶ Gratuities for head guide and boat crew
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified) and non-alcoholic beverages except for water as noted above

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable. For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

At AdventureWomen, we want everyone to understand that our excursions are adventure travel vacations and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one **actively participates**, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to **experience an active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends**. Most of all, we want our trips to be **fun!**

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a

good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. **Being on time** is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!