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Cruise the Islands of the Dalmatian Coast



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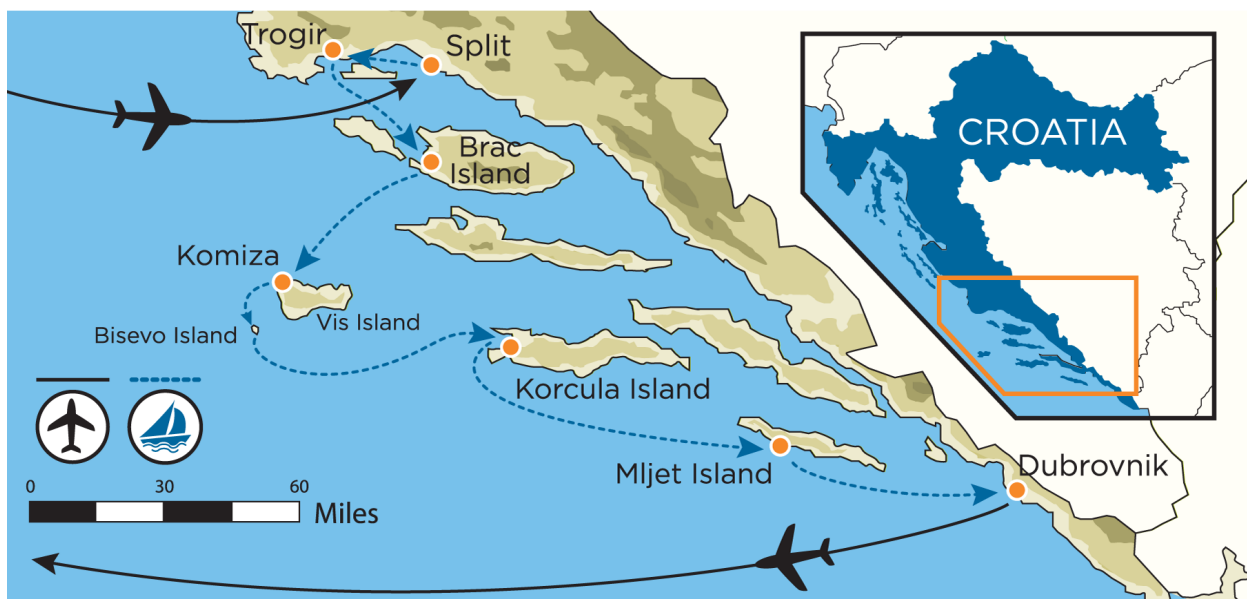
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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ 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 visit the Diocletian Palace, walk Split's famous promenade, cruise to Trogir
- Day 3 hike in Krka National Park, cruise to Brac Island
- Day 4 explore Milna town, cruise to Vis Island, explore Komiza
- Day 5 visit the Blue Cave, cruise to Korcula Island, tour the town
- Day 6 explore Korcula, cruise to Mljet
- Day 7 hike in Mljet National Park and bike on Mljet Island, cruise to Dubrovnik
- Day 8 see the sights of Dubrovnik, free afternoon to explore, farewell dinner
- Day 9 depart Croatia

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Moderate

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$7,995

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DAY 1
Saturday
8/31/24

Arrive Split, Croatia

Experience the joy of island hopping between the many colorful islands of Croatia, then dropping anchor to explore Croatia's incredible historical sites, as you tour the Dalmatian Coast on a private boat chartered exclusively for AdventureWomen! Wake every day surrounded by the intoxicating blue of the Adriatic Sea, enjoy busy days seeing the sights, then fall asleep to the lapping waves and ping of halyards against the mast.

During your adventure, you'll get to know your expert Croatian guide, who will help you discover the history and beauty of the coastline throughout the week. You are also accompanied by an AdventureWomen Ambassador, committed to helping make your experience a fun and personally rewarding adventure, and cheering you on as you reach beyond your comfort zone to take on new challenges in your own unique way!

Arrival Information

Arrive in Split, Croatia (SPU) 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!

Accommodations
Cornaro Hotel

Meals Included
dinner

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DAY 2
Sunday
9/1/24

Split to the Dalmatian Coast

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.

Explore Split After breakfast, explore Split. Visit Diocletian's Palace, Split's Cathedral, Peristil Square, and Split's famous promenade called "The Riva."

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 Trogir Explore the picturesque medieval stone town of Trogir, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Trogir is a treasure trove for lovers of art, Renaissance and Baroque buildings, and Romanesque churches.

Dinner Enjoy dinner on board the boat.

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, dinner

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DAY 3
Monday
9/2/24

The Dalmatian Coast

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, hike through the beautiful Krka National Park.

Cruise to Brac Island

After exploring Krka, board the boat in time for lunch and cruise to Brac Island.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner on your own in Milna.

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch

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DAY 4
Tuesday
9/3/24

The Dalmatian Coast

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.

Brac Island

After breakfast on board, go for a morning stroll in the town of Milna. Enjoy lunch on board today.

Cruise to Vis Island

Stopping for swimming opportunities, cruise to the island of Vis. Disembark and explore the town of Komiza, a small fisherman's town. It will inspire you with its charm, rich cultural heritage, and its excellent food and wines.


Visit a wine cellar, taste several wines, and then enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

Accommodations
M/Y Barbara

Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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DAY 5
Wednesday
9/4/24

The Dalmatian Coast

Korcula Island is located on a small headland, and has Venetian architecture, defensive walls, and attractive pantiled roofs Korcula evoking memories of Dubrovnik. The town is small but well preserved, with the layout and structure dating back to the latter half of the 13th century. One of Korcula's claims to fame is that it was allegedly the birthplace of Marco Polo.

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.

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.

Accommodations
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Meals Included
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DAY 6
Thursday
9/5/24

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.

Town of Korcula

After breakfast, explore Korcula. Enjoy a guided tour of the City Museum and St. Mark's Cathedral.

Cruise to Mljet Island

Return for an early lunch on board, and then cruise to the beautiful island of Mljet with possible stops for swimming and paddle boarding along the way.

Dinner

Enjoy dinner on the boat this evening.

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dinner

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DAY 7
Friday
9/6/24

The Dalmatian Coast

Island Mljet stretches over 100 square kilometers. Thanks to its thick pine forest, karstic caves, two picturesque lakes connected with the sea, gravelly and sandy beaches, and fishing areas abundant with fish and lobster, the west part of the island has been made a National Park.

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.

Cruise to Dubrovnik

After lunch on board, cruise to Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

Dinner

Enjoy dinner on your own tonight in Dubrovnik.

Accommodations
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DAY 8
Saturday
9/7/24

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Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic” on the Dalmatian coast, became an important Mediterranean Sea power starting in the 13th century. Although severely damaged by an earthquake in 1667, Dubrovnik managed to preserve its beautiful Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque churches, monasteries, palaces, and fountains. It is now recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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.

Free Afternoon

Transfer back to the port for lunch on board. The afternoon is free for possible kayaking or sightseeing.

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!

Accommodations
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Meals Included
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dinner

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DAY 9
Sunday
9/8/24

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 Dubrovnik, Croatia (DBV) 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.

Meals Included
breakfast

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Accommodation Details

Cornaro Hotel

A seamless fusion of traditional and modern, affiliated with a passion for complete professional service, the Cornaro creates an experience that is truly exquisite. The hotel also boasts an excellent central location, ancient history surroundings, and interior elegance.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; electricity, 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!**

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!

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a