

Hidden Gems of the Croatian Riviera



Tour Name: Hidden Gems of the Croatian Riviera

Days: 8

Day 1 Sat, 02 May 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 07:00 PM.

Docked: 08:00 - 18:00

Day 2 Sun, 03 May Dubrovnik, Croatia

Dubrovnik's 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.

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Walking tour of Dubrovnik (extra expense - \$85 per person, 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 your discovery. 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: 3.5 hours

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Dalmatian family experience (extra expense - \$119 per person, must be pre-booked)

Travel by motorcoach to Cilipi, a quaint village near Dubrovnik. Our experience will begin with a brief stroll through the village alongside our hosts, allowing us to meet the residents and gain insight into their everyday lives. You'll also savor authentic, home-cooked Croatian dishes as we partake in a meal that reflects the daily culinary traditions of our host family.

Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 18:00

Day 3 Mon, 04 May Trogir, Croatia

Discover Trogir, a charming coastal town where history meets beauty. Stroll through its UNESCO-listed old town, brimming with well-preserved medieval architecture, vibrant markets, and serene waterfront views. Explore the stunning Cathedral of St. Lawrence, wander cobbled streets, and indulge in delightful local cuisine, all while soaking in the Mediterranean atmosphere. Today choose between our Included Excursion, EmeraldACTIVE or DiscoverMORE option.

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 Duje, 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

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

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Guided tour of Trogir (extra expense - \$79 per person)

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

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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)

Day 4 Tue, 05 May Trogir, Croatia - Zadar, Croatia

In the morning, get ready to set sail from Trogir 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 - \$129 per person)

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: 4.5 hours

Docked: 14:00 - 22:00

Day 5 Wed, 06 May 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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Wine Roads to Motovun & Groznjan (extra expense - \$149 per person)

Venture into the heart of Istria on a captivating full-day excursion that blends medieval charm, scenic landscapes, and the region's finest flavors. Travel through lush hills to Motovun, a fortified hilltop town famed for its truffles and historic ambiance. Explore its cobblestone streets and ancient walls before heading to Groznjan, an artists' haven brimming with creative spirit. After time to wander its galleries and stone alleys, unwind with a curated wine tasting featuring local varietals and regional delicacies. This immersive experience showcases the very best of Istrian culture, history, and cuisine.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 7.5 hours

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Hiking to Kamacnik Spink (extra expense - \$115 per person)

Board your motor coach for a scenic one-hour journey to Gorski Kotar, specifically the Vrbovsko area, where your hiking adventure begins in the breathtaking Kamacnik Canyon. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds you, walking alongside the creek

and crossing sturdy wooden bridges that elegantly arch over the small rapids or stretch over the water's edge. The trail leads you through a lush valley, creating a truly enchanting scene.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 19:00

Day 6 Thu, 07 May 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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Postojna cave and Predjama Castle with Home Hosted Experience (extra expense - \$189 per person)

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: Easy, Duration: 8 hours

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Slovenia's alluring Lipica Stud (extra expense - \$135 per person)

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the prestigious Lipica Stud Farm, renowned for its rich equestrian heritage and majestic Lipizzaner horses. Immerse yourself in the splendour of the stud farm with a guided walking tour, where you'll discover the elegant stables and lush pastures that have bred these noble creatures for centuries. Enjoy the added charm of a horse carriage ride through the picturesque surroundings.

Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 5 hours

Offshore: 08:00 - 23:00

Day 7 Fri, 08 May Venice, Italy

Venice is an enchanting city that exudes an atmosphere not found anywhere else in the world. Established in the 5th century, the city stretches across 118 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic. Admire the grandeur of the canals and see St Marks Basilica.

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Walking tour of Venice with Doge's Palace (extra expense - \$139 per person)

Depart from the pier and take a scenic 20-minute ride in a private motorboat to the Saint Mark's district, navigating along the stunning Canale della Giudecca. Marvel at the impressive Marciana Library, the towering belltower and the clocktower. Adjacent to the cathedral stands the magnificent Doges' Palace with its exquisite façade and intricate loggias. Next, you'll see the iconic Ponte dei Sospiri, or Bridge of Sighs, which connects the palace to the former ducal prison, steeped in legend and history.

Activity Level: Strenuous, Duration: 4.5 hours

Docked: 09:00 - overnight

Day 8 Sat, 09 May Venice, Italy

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.

Please book your flight to depart out of Venice after 11:00 AM.

Docked: 09:00 (day prior)

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