

# Croatia

& CRUISING THE DALMATIAN COAST



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## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Experience the best of Croatia on this extraordinary 10-night adventure! After a stay in Zagreb, soak up absolute serenity aboard your first-class yacht while sailing the Dalmatian Coast, celebrated for its natural beauty and timeless charms.

The adventure begins with three nights in buzzing Zagreb, a capital city full of life and historical landmarks. Then, embark your intimately sized ship and spend seven nights cruising the Adriatic. Sailing in a small yacht is the ideal way to visit Croatia's islands and ports. Your cruise ship can reach tiny islets, ports and remote harbors that larger vessels cannot, allowing you access to some of Croatia's most spectacular destinations. By day, glide from one island to another, explore delightful towns and enjoy opportunities to swim, snorkel and sunbathe. Thoughtfully planned excursions introduce you to lauded sights and ancient ruins, local culture and natural wonders. By night, indulge in local gastronomic delights and fall asleep to the gentle rhythm of the sea. After sailing down the Dalmatian Coast, cap off the adventure with a visit to medieval Dubrovnik!

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries! Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

All the best,

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### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Plitvice Lakes National Park
2. Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian
3. Old City of Dubrovnik
4. Historic City of Trogir
5. Cathedral of St James, Šibenik
6. Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries: Stato da Terra — Western Stato da Mar, Zadar



Palace of Diocletian



# A World of Discovery



This exhilarating itinerary introduces you to Croatia's familiar gems, such as Zagreb and Dubrovnik, as well as lesser-known fishing towns and unspoiled islets. After three nights in electric Zagreb, get a taste of cruising life aboard your intimate ship. Glide away from the crowds, pausing at various ports where you can hop off and witness centuries of visible history or sip wine in a café. Back on board, soak up more seascapes before your next port of call!

Top: Plitvice Lakes National Park

Cover: Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

Mail panel: Walled city of Dubrovnik

## Inspiring Moments



- Fall under the spell of the **Dalmatian Coast**, host to glistening blue waters, timeless beauty and alluring islands.
- Relax aboard a private yacht during a glorious **seven-night Adriatic cruise**.
- Stroll through the unique landscape of **Plitvice Lakes National Park**.
- Embrace the natural grandeur and well-preserved history of Adriatic island gems: **Rab, Hvar and Korčula**.
- Stand amid the magnificent Roman ruins of **Diocletian's Palace in Split**.
- Witness **Trogir's** Romanesque, baroque and Renaissance-style architecture.
- Explore a rich abundance of history and culture in beautiful **Dubrovnik**.
- Uncover the energetic **Croatian capital of Zagreb**.
- Experience six **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.



Waterfront, Split

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zagreb, Croatia. 🚗

### Day 2 | Zagreb, Croatia

Upon arrival, transfer 🔄 and check in to your hotel. Gather tonight for a convivial Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 3 | Zagreb

**Enrichment: Contemporary Croatia.**

**Zagreb Panoramic Tour.** Zagreb weaves European elegance with a vivacious Balkan spirit. After a panoramic tour of the lower town, drive to Mirogoj Cemetery, designed by architect Hermann Bollé. Tour the cemetery, then return to Zagreb's beautifully preserved upper town, home to more treasures by Bollé, including the fantastic St. Mark's Church.

### Day 4 | Zagreb

**Free Time:** Make your own discoveries in Zagreb today or join our elective excursion.

🗺️ **Elective | Croatian Countryside.** Visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery in Klanjec before continuing to Kumrovec. The village features an open-air museum with houses from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Slow down and enjoy lunch during your outing.

### Day 5 | Zagreb | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Opatija

After breakfast, depart Zagreb for Opatija. En route, visit Plitvice Lakes National Park.

**Plitvice Lakes National Park.** This park features 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked by a series of waterfalls. Wander planked

walkways and trails amid a fragrant forest.

The area is also home to nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species.

Continue to Opatija and board your ship. Later, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### Day 6 | Krk Island | Rab Island

Begin cruising along the Dalmatian Coast, a landscape of limestone cliffs. While sailing to Krk and Rab islands, soak up the nautical paradise, breathe in the salty air and revel in the beauty of far-off islands perched on the horizon.

**Krk and Rab Islands.** Visit Krk Island, which lies in the middle of Kvarner Bay. Enjoy lunch on board while docked in this charming port. Next, uncover the marvels of Rab Island, from medieval walls to ancient stone lanes and bell towers. Spy local artists and taste Rapska torta, or Rab cake. Legend claims that the cake was first served in 1177 to Pope Alexander III.

### Day 7 | Zadar

Enjoy cruising to the pretty town of Zadar. If

*Cathedral of St. James, Šibenik*





Ban Jelačić Square, Zagreb

luck is on your side, you may see dolphins!

**Zadar.** This university town is home to an impressive Roman Forum and the Church of St. Donatus. Walk along the waterfront promenade to see modern attractions, including the sea organ. Listen to the melody of this musical art installation, which is fueled by the ebb and flow of the currents. During your outing, sample some unique Maraschino cherry liquor and other locally made sweets. The first recipes of the Maraschino liquor emerged from Zadar during the 16th century.

### Day 8 | Šibenik

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Sail to Šibenik this morning. Šibenik is a proud city that welcomes visitors with lovely alleys, squares and striking buildings.

**🌐PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:**

- **Cultural Šibenik.** Visit the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of St. James, one of Europe's most significant monumental churches. Enjoy a wine, cheese and prosciutto tasting!

Korčula



- **Krka National Park.** Delight in the waterfalls, walking paths and more of this top-rated park. The park features seven waterfalls. (Active)

### Day 9 | Trogir | Split

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Pull up anchor and cruise to Trogir.

**Trogir.** Fall under the spell of Trogir, a well-preserved Romanesque-Gothic town. See the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the intricate Cipiko Palace and the Fortress Kamerlengo, built in the 15th century. Plus, admire the Benedictine Monastery, founded by St. Ivan of Trogir.

**Split.** Behold Split's many riches, including a walk through the courtyards and chambers of Diocletian's Palace. See the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle

### Day 10 | Hvar Island | Korčula

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**Hvar Island.** Uncover the sights of sunny Hvar, including its Renaissance cathedral, a community theater and a convent dedicated to

Sea organ, Zadar



## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.
- Cruise for **7 nights** aboard the first-class MV Infinity.




### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land | Cruise Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance plan** covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
-  **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** A choice of excursions in selected locales.
-  **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Hvar's storied agave lace tradition. Croatian lacemaking is on the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Continue your sailing journey to Korčula.

**Korčula.** The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Pelješac Channel and brims with natural beauty. Join a guide for a walk through the old town, filled with enduring architecture.



### Day 11 | Dubrovnik

**Enchanting Dubrovnik.** Discover this history-steeped city, including the Pile Gate, Europe's oldest working pharmacy and the Franciscan Monastery's cloister. See the Sponza Palace and a baroque cathedral with collections of art and religious relics.



Gather for a celebratory Farewell Reception.


**Free Time:** Perhaps stroll along the Stradun. Cap off the day with a Farewell Dinner.


### Day 12 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

 PYJ experiences are included.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3-5 miles
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved terrain and/or uneven and slippery surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Bell towers of Rab Island



## Accommodations



### Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Zagreb



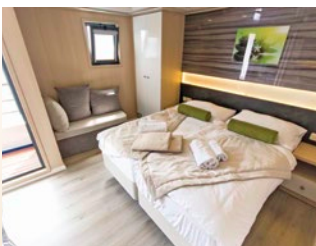
Built in 1925 as a stylish art nouveau sanctuary for passengers of the grand Orient Express, the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel upholds its reputation for impeccable service and sumptuous decor. Enjoy the hotel's romantic Old World charm and classic style and appreciate your tastefully decorated guest room, featuring a luxurious marble bathroom. Dine on fine Mediterranean cuisine at the hotel's celebrated Zinfandel Restaurant. The property also features a health club, spa and gift shop. Wi-fi is complimentary.



## MV Infinity



Sail the Adriatic on the MV Infinity! Your sleek yacht features state-of-the-art amenities, beautifully appointed furnishings and warm Mediterranean colors. With just 19 cabins, guests are guaranteed an intimate setting and personalized service. Take advantage of expansive gathering spaces, inviting social areas and quiet nooks. Play in the water using complimentary sports equipment or just relax in the hot tub. Fuel your adventures with wholesome breakfasts and three-course lunch menus. Cabins are fully air-conditioned with en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi is complimentary (may be limited).



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## Program Dates

### Travel dates †

**September 3-14, 2024**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

### Tour dates\*

**September 4-14, 2024**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Price*
D-Lower	\$6,045	<b>\$5,795</b>
C-Lower	\$6,245	<b>\$5,995</b>
B-Main	\$7,145	<b>\$6,895</b>
A-Upper	\$8,045	<b>\$7,795</b>

A category features a private balcony and large window. B category features a large window. Categories C and D feature a porthole.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.  
VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).  
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**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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Walls of Dubrovnik



Trogir

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- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays



St. Mark's Church, Zagreb

## AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

**Travel Consultants** stand ready to answer your questions as they guide you through the reservation process.

**Passenger Service Representative** offers personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

### *Once you arrive:*

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** offer fascinating insights and share their passion for their country with you.

**Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Lacemaking, Hvar



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