

Croatia

Croatia is the new Mediterranean paradise. Yachts glide up the coast and no Mediterranean cruise is complete without a stop in [Dubrovnik](#). From the Istrian coast in the north, through more than 1,185 islands, rocks and reefs to the Dalmatian coast in the south, you will find a land steeped in history. Croatia, touched by the Romans and Greeks, with Renaissance and baroque towns, medieval monasteries and gothic churches, is a feast for the history buff. Beautiful, deep translucent waters are perfect for sailing, and those same waters offer up the most amazing wine and deliciously fresh seafood in the Adriatic. Be charmed by some of the friendliest and most welcoming people in these islands, which make's for a truly memorable charter.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Croatia : 7 days

DAY 1: {ROVINJ/ISLAND OF SANTA CATERINA}

Spend your first day in Venice or Trieste. Depart and head for Rovinj. This charming town has a distinctive Italian feel to it; it's fairly laidback but still funky. Anchor overnight in the protection of the Island of Santa Caterina and take a swim in the clearest, deepest water imaginable.



DAY 2: {PULA/OPATIJA}

Head south to Pula, famous for its Roman amphitheater that dates back to the 1st century AD. Guests can go ashore for a tour of this monument, still almost fully intact. After leaving the Istrian Peninsula, head northeast to Opatija in the Kvarner region, often referred to as the Nice of the Adriatic. Croatia's oldest seaside resort is famous for its glamorous turn-of-the-century hotels surrounded by lavish parks and landscaping.



DAY 3: {KORNATI ISLANDS}

Leaving the Kvarner Peninsula, head south past the charming islands of Cres, Krk, and Rab. Anchor for lunch around any of the islands and take the tender ashore for the famous cheese made on the island of Pag. This is a good place to break out the water toys as the area is a wonderful spot for snorkeling, diving and general watersports. Head into the national park of the Kornati islands, the largest archipelago in the Mediterranean with its 140 islands, islets and reefs. The taverns ashore offer lobster and local fish specialties of the region.



DAY 4: {SKRADIN/SPLIT}

Head towards Skradin. Travel up the karst river gorge framed by spectacular cliffs and visits the Krka Falls. For the evening, head south to Split, which is the region's cultural and tourist center. Seventeen hundred years ago, Split was marked on the map of the Roman Empire when the Emperor Diocletian chose to have his residential palace erected there. It's the busiest city on the Croatian Adriatic coast and has something for all tastes.

DAY 5: {HVAR/VIS}

A visit to the Renaissance island of Hvar is inevitable; however, bear in mind that it is incredibly busy as it's Croatia's version of St. Tropez. The island has one of the oldest theaters in Europe and the views from the castle overlooking the bay are spectacular. At night the place comes alive with great bars and restaurants; younger guests can dance the night away at clubs where the music is good enough to rival any Ibiza club. For those who may want a more relaxed pace, head to the island of Vis, which is great for watersports, diving or winding down.



DAY 6: {BISEVO/KORCULA}

A visit to the Blue Cave on the small island of Bisevo is a must. For the evening, head to Korcula, the birthplace of Marco Polo in 1254. Just a short walk from the marina is one of the most remarkably preserved towns in this area. As you walk through the cobbled streets with tiny little courtyards housing excellent restaurants, you can almost feel yourself stepping back in time. In the evening go to see the famous Moreska sword dance or to sip a martini in the bar that overlooks the bay in the city's ramparts.

DAY 7: {DUBROVNIK/CAVTAT}

Head to Dubrovnik; which is dubbed the pearl of the Adriatic. A walk around the old walls provides spectacular views of the coast and the city and the main town has superb souvenir shopping, excellent restaurants, a great jazz bar and a very convivial atmosphere. An alternative to the bustle of Dubrovnik, just a little farther south, is the small port of Cavtat, a pretty town with unassuming but excellent restaurants and bars. There are wonderful swimming areas, and an exploratory tender ride around the various coves and inlets will probably find you a spot all to yourself.

