

Croatia & Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

Inspiring Moments

- ► Fall under the spell of the **Dalmatian Coast** where glistening blue waters, timeless beauty and alluring islands await.
- ► Bask in unrivaled relaxation 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.



Plitvice Lakes National Park

Discover the bounty of Croatia on this incredible 10-night journey, including a seven-night Adriatic cruise! Witness the historic sights and buildings of cosmopolitan Zagreb. Then visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, a marvel of nature. Board your first-class ship and sail the Dalmatian coast to enchanting islands and timeless ports of call. Walk along cobblestones brimming with maritime legends and see landscapes that stir your soul. Plus, choose between touring the Cathedral of St. James or Krka National Park in Šibenik. Your adventure concludes in legendary Dubrovnik, one of the world's best-preserved medieval towns!

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zagreb, Croatia.

Day 2 | Zagreb, Croatia

Upon arrival, transfer **3** to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel. Join us for a 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 wonderful Austro-Hungarian architecture and more treasures by Bollé, including St. Mark's Church. The church's mosaic roof depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms, plus those of Zagreb.

Free Time: Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Day 4 | Zagreb

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

Elective | *Croatian Countryside*. Travel to Klanjec to visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery. See some of the famous artist's works and learn about his life before continuing to Kumrovec. Recognized as the birthplace of Tito, the village features an open-air museum with well-preserved houses from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Slow down for lunch at a family restaurant.

Day 5 | Zagreb | Plitvice Lakes National Park | Opatija

After breakfast, transfer to Opatija, stopping to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park along the way.

Plitvice Lakes National Park. Thrill to Croatia's natural sensation. Boasting 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes



linked in a series of emerald green and blue waterfalls, this park is a vision of beauty. The area features a network of boardwalk trails, nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species.

Following a lunch of regional dishes, continue to Opatija and board the ship. Later, join the group and captain for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 6 | Krk Island | Rab Island

Krk and Rab Islands. Visit Krk Island, Croatia's largest island. Continue to Rab for a tour of the island's many marvels, from medieval walls and ancient stone lanes to bell towers and pretty squares. Spy local artists painting in outdoor settings and taste *Rapska torta*, or Rab cake. Legend claims that the cake was first served in 1177 to Pope Alexander III.

Day 7 | Zadar

After breakfast, enjoy a morning of sailing to Zadar. **Zadar.** This storied university town features the impressive Roman Forum and the St Donat church. Witness Zadar's modern attractions at its waterfront promenade, including the Sea Organ, a musical art installation. Nearby is the Monument to the Sun, which celebrates the area's incredible sunsets. Taste Maraschino cherry liquor and locally made sweets during today's outing.

Day 8 | **Šibenik**

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:

- Cultural Šibenik. Uncover the architecture of Šibenik while visiting the lauded Cathedral of St. James.
- •Krka National Park. Explore waterfalls, walking paths and more on a journey to this spectacular park. (Active)

Day 9 | **Trogir | Split**

Begin the day with a scenic cruise to Trogir.

Trogir. Fall under the spell of Trogir, one of Europe's best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic towns. See the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the intricate Cipiko Palace and the 15th-century Fortress Kamerlengo. Plus, admire the 11th-century Benedictine Monastery.

Split. Behold the riches of Split! Roam the courtyards and chambers of Diocletian's Palace. See the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle.



Day 10 | Hvar | Korčula

Hvar Island. Enjoy sunny Hvar, home to a Renaissance cathedral and an ancient community theater. Visit a Benedictine convent that is dedicated to the island's storied tradition of agave lace.

Korčula. The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Pelješac Channel and brims with natural beauty. Discover Korčula's stunning old town, cobbled lanes and enduring architecture with a guide.

Day 11 | **Dubrovnik**

Enchanting Dubrovnik. Encounter the majestic Pile Gate and witness Europe's oldest working pharmacy. See the Franciscan Monastery's cloister, pass by the columns of medieval Sponza Palace and view a baroque cathedral with its vast collections of art and religious relics. After, you may wish to walk along the city's ancient walls to see epic vistas.

Free Time: Your final afternoon is at leisure.

Gather for a celebratory Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 12 | In Transit

Transfer **3** to the airport for the return flight **4** to your gateway city.

Included Features

NO SINGLE

SUPPLEMENT

for Solo Travelers

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 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.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- 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.



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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.