Captivating Croatia

October 14–27, 2020
14 Days/13 Nights
From $4,799
per person, double occupancy
Croatia is often referred to as the land of a thousand islands. Located on the east bank of the Adriatic Sea across from Italy, many say that a trip to Croatia is to experience “the Mediterranean as it once was.”

**INCLUSIONS:**
- 8-Day private yacht cruise of Croatia’s Adriatic Coast
- 6-Day land adventure of Croatia
- 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- All sightseeing as noted
- All hotel taxes and service charges including porterage of one piece of luggage
- Airport to hotel and hotel to ship transfers

**NOT INCLUDED:**
- Gratuities to Insight Vacations tour director, ship staff, or local guides
- Some meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Airline arrangements

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**Wednesday, October 14 …………………… Split – Board Our Elegant Yacht**
After our arrival in Split, we will meet our Local Host who will accompany us to Split Harbor where our private mega yacht awaits. After being welcomed onboard by our Cruise Manager, you are at your leisure to wander around Split or to relax. This evening, enjoy a cocktail and dinner with wine.

*Cruise: MV Katarina or similar (7 Nights) • Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine*

**Thursday, October 15 ……………………. Cruise to Korcula**
Early this morning, our yacht departs from Split and cruises along the picturesque coast. From the comfort of your cabin window or the breakfast table upstairs, enjoy views of sun-dappled islands during our leisurely start to the day. We will stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays before arriving in Korcula, on the island of the same name.

The locals claim the celebrated globetrotter, Marco Polo was born here. You can make up your own mind during a walk with a Local Expert through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas, all framed by honey-colored fortifications. For the afternoon you are at leisure to indulge your taste buds in the evening at one of Korcula’s many appealing restaurants and bars.

*Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch*

**Friday, October 16 …………………….. Mljet and Dubrovnik**
Voyage south to the Island of Mljet and join our Cruise Manager for a stroll to Veliko Jezero, the Big Lake of Mljet National Park. A gentle ferry ride brings us to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary, which rises out of the saline waters on its own small island. After time to explore, we’ll return to our cruise ship for lunch and then set sail for the mighty bastions of Dubrovnik.

As the receding sun casts autumnal hues across the endless sky, we’ll drift alongside the monumental city walls and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served on deck.

*Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**Saturday, October 17 …………………… Dubrovnik, a ‘Paradise on Earth’**
This morning we transfer to the medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, where the footsteps of endless travelers have buffed the marbled streets and squares to a smooth patina. After the guided walking exploration, take the cable car to Srd Mountain for scenic views over the famous fortifications and Elaphiti Islands. You have a free afternoon in the Pearl of the Adriatic – explore at your own pace, shop in the markets or stroll along the ancient ramparts.

*Meal: Buffet Breakfast*
Sunday, October 18 .................................................. The Peljesac Peninsula
We start off our day cruising past the beautiful Elaphiti Islands, a summer playground for Dubrovnik’s aristocracy during the 16th century. We continue to the Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its excellent wines, where we will have the chance to take a dip in the beautiful blue waters. After mooring at a small port on the peninsula, we transfer to the village of Kuna for a visit to the local church and monastery, followed by a visit to a nearby farm. We’ll have a chance to meet the locals and treat our taste buds to a typical village feast with a Farm-to-Table dinner of Croatian delicacies, freshly made with their own produce. Late in the evening, return to your ship.
*Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Monday, October 19 .............................................. A Venetian Dream on Hvar
In the morning we’ll drop anchor at the small island of Šćedro, with quiet coves and pristine beauty offering the most irresistible backdrop for lunch. After lunch, we cruise west for a chance to swim in the crystal-clear waters of the emerald Pakleni Islands. After we disembark at Hvar—the island of sunshine, lavender, sage and wine. We’ll follow the gorgeous white stone, laid down by the Venetians to the town’s magnificent main square—considered one of the country’s most beautiful—with our Local Expert. Lined with chic cafes, it unfurls onto the yacht-filled harbor, with the photogenic Renaissance cathedral forming a stunning backdrop. Spend some time exploring the secluded beaches and tiny seafood restaurants or visit the crowning fortress for superb views over the town and island-studded bay.
*Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Tuesday, October 20 ........................................... Bol’s Famous Beach on the Island of Brac
We set sail for Bol in the morning, the oldest town on the island of Brac and one of Croatia’s most famous seaside resorts. Walk along the promenade and swim at the picture-perfect Zlatni Rat, or Golden Cape, a shifting triangle of sandy beaches, protruding into the cobalt waters of the Adriatic. At a local winery, relax with some appetizers and taste some of the revered wines of the island. The evening is reserved for the Captain’s Celebration Dinner with live entertainment.
*Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wednesday, October 21 ........................................ Split
After arriving in Split and saying goodbye to our yacht Katrina and crew, we’ll drop our luggage off at our hotel. Nestled between mountains and sea, Split beautifully blends antiquity with modernity. Its vibrant streets are filled with locals going about their daily lives. With the turquoise Adriatic as a backdrop, Split encapsulates modern Croatian life. This morning we will tour the Ivan Mestrovic Gallery. With his art in major European museums, Mestovic’s work has often been compared to Michelangelo and Rodin. After, we will tour the Archeology Museum of Split—the oldest museum in Croatia which includes archeological artifacts for the prehistoric, Greek, Roman, early Christian and medieval ages.

The afternoon is free. Tonight we will enjoy a special Konoba Dinner—an authentic Dalmatian cuisine experience. Friendly staff will serve a variety of seafood or meat, accompanied by good local wine and Dalmatian musicians.

*Hotel: Radisson Blu (2 Nights) • Meals: Buffet Breakfast, Dinner*

Thursday, October 22 ........................................ Split
This morning we will join our Local Expert for a stroll through the ancient walkways of Diocletian’s Palace, which now forms the historic center of Split. We will walk through labyrinthine streets to see St. Duje’s, originally Diocletian’s Mausoleum, and the Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate and continue our venture underground, to explore the Cellars. Dinner is on your own tonight.

*Meal: Buffet Breakfast*

Friday, October 23 ............................................. Split to Zadar
After breakfast we will relax and take in the views as we travel North along the Dalmatian Coast to the small fishing village of Zadar where we are at leisure for the evening. Why not stroll along the beautiful beaches and admire the crystal-clear waters?

*Hotel: Falkensteiner Club Funimation Borik Hotel (2 Nights) • Meal: Breakfast*

Saturday, October 24 ....................................... Petracane and Zadar
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and the chance to make the most of the hotel’s incredible facilities during our morning at leisure or explore some of Zadar on your own. You might want to experience the sounds of the surrounding ocean then and visit the Sea Organ—no song is ever the same as the water is always changing. This incredible structure is built to look like steps leading into the water, however the engineering funnels air and the gentle, lapping water into chambers beneath the steps, creating chime-like notes to be produced. In the afternoon we will tour St. Donatus Church, Anastasia’s Cathedral, the Roman Forum and the Archaeological Museum with our Local Expert. In the evening enjoy a tasty meal accompanied with wine.

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*
Sunday, October 25 .................................. Zadar – Plitvice – Zagreb
Today we will head inland to Zagreb. On the way, we’ll visit one of Europe’s great natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Plitvice Lakes National Park, a scenic wonderland of 16 interconnected lakes, flanked by waterfalls and primeval forest. We will travel by boat and on foot and follow our Local Expert through the blue-green beauty and across zig-zagging timber footbridges. We will visit Korana Canyon to see the 70-metre-high falls and enjoy panoramic vistas of the park. Afterward we will arrive in Croatia’s alluring capital city, which blends theatre, art, ancient history and trendy cafes with an abundance of outdoor splendors, including Jarun Lake and Mount Medvednica.

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel Zagreb (2 Nights) • Meal: Breakfast

Monday, October 26 ...................................... Zagreb
After enjoying breakfast at our iconic Zagreb hotel, we will join our Local Expert for an orientation of the city’s highlights. All will appreciate the grandeur, green spaces and historic squares of lower town, before embarking on a dazzling funicular ride to the medieval upper town with its network of alleyways and vibrant cafes. We will visit the local market, witness the stone gate which is said to possess magical powers and see the colorful Church of St. Mark and Lotrščak Tower. This evening we will say Goodbye to Croatia and enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Tuesday, October 27 ..................................... Flight Home

Dubrovnik
Located at the southern tip of Croatia and along the rugged Adriatic Coast, Dubrovnik is a step back in time. This old walled city and UNESCO World Heritage site is a captivating site of an array of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture that lie along narrow cobbled streets. This marble and terracotta city exudes old-world sophistication that enchants with its lively culture.

View from Fort Lovrijenac to Dubrovnik Old Town

Beautiful Coast
Croatia country possesses over 1,100 miles of shore to discover with sapphire waters sprinkled with picturesque islands. The ancient ports that lie along rugged shores or sandy beaches that brush its pristine waters are captivating with a relaxing atmosphere that rivals the world’s top resorts.

Art Pavilion and Fountain in Zagreb

Zagreb
It is more than simply the capital of Croatia; it is a vibrant city brimming with culture. The city center is separated into the upper and lower sections connected by a funicular (cable car). Both possess an interesting blend of Austro-Hungarian and modern architecture. Zagreb boasts bustling shopping streets with everything from the most expensive to bargain hunter’s shops. Charming cafés, parks, museums and historic treasures are dotted throughout this dynamic city.

Plitvice Lakes National Park
The setting is something out of a fairy tale—the unimaginable beauty of 16 terraced lakes with countless waterfalls spilling from lake to lake. This natural wonder was created by waters naturally carving out the limestone rock over thousands of years creating dams. Visitors can walk along the winding path that brings them up close to the water and in the midst of the breathtaking scenery.

Roman History
Croatia was once part of Dalmatia, an ancient Roman province. They ruled here 11 B.C. to about the 5th century A.D. During this period a network of roads was built giving way to easy access for trade between the Aegean and Black seas and the Danube. The most spectacular Roman structure today is Diocletian’s Palace in Split. This was where Emperor Diocletian retired and is said to be the most impressive Roman remnant in Eastern Europe.