

CROATIA TOUR & MED CRUISE



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Croatia Escorted Tour with MSC Med Cruise

Duration: 18 days

Departs: select dates in 2023

Stay: 10 nights hotels, 7 nights cruise cabin

Travel style: Escorted tour with cruise

Booking code: CRGMED18M

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18 Days Croatia Tour with Mediterranean Cruise

About the holiday

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Croatia, the Adriatic Coast and Slovenia. Then combine it with the wonders of a Mediterranean cruise through Italy, Malta, Spain and France.

The European adventure starts in the historic seaside town of Opatija to embark on a 9-night escorted tour. Discover Split's spectacularly preserved Roman palace, walk along Dubrovnik's historic city walls and drink in the beauty of Krka National Park with its famous Skradinski Buk Falls. Explore Zagreb, flourishing Ljubljana and the beautiful resort city of Bled, before it's time to travel by train from Venice to the port city of Civitavecchia for the next exciting leg of this journey - a stunning MSC cruise.

MSC is renowned for their magnificent Mediterranean cruises and with this voyage you'll have the privilege of boarding one of their newer ships, MSC Grandiosa. Launched in 2019, this grand vessel is equipped with the latest environmental technology to increase energy efficiency and make cruising more environmentally sound. That doesn't mean they've scrimped on creature comforts. Staterooms and public spaces have been reimaged to exceed expectations and the cutting-edge technology has flowed over to enhance onboard experiences.

Travel dates

Departs from Opatija for the lowest prices:

2023 - 3, 10, 17, 24 February and 3, 10, 17, 21 March

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times of the year.

Special Early Bird options apply to this package!

Call our office on 1300 168 910 for current rates & travel deals.

Tour & Cruise Package Includes:

Accommodation

- 9 nights in first class hotels on tour
- 1 night pre-cruise in a Civitavecchia hotel
- 7 nights aboard MSC Grandiosa in a selection of cabins

Meals

- 16 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners

Escorted tour (days 1-10)

- Services of your English-speaking tour manager
- Services of local guides in Split, Dubrovnik & Zagreb
- Sightseeing as per itinerary in modern air-conditioned coach
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Hotel taxes, fees, service charges & portorage

Train

- One-way economy seat train from Venice to Civitavecchia

Cruise (days 11-18)

- MSC Mediterranean Cruise, round trip from Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy
- Choice of cabin aboard MSC Grandiosa
- All included dining & non-chargeable entertainment on board

Package excludes:

International flights - please contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport, railway station and cruise transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & shore excursions

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides, representatives, drivers & on board the cruise

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Subject to confirmation by tour company, hotels, cruise line & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

Want to add flights or see more of Europe?

Ask us about swapping the 6-hour train from Venice for a direct flight

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Top Experiences:

- Explore seaside Opatija, with its rich history and picturesque surroundings
- In Zadar, one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic, view the 16th century Venetian defensive walls
- Walk the cobbled streets of Split and marvel at the impressive Diocletian's Palace, a precious example of Roman architecture
- Tour magnificent Dubrovnik, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and visit Franciscan monastery with world's third oldest functioning pharmacy
- Experience a traditional Dalmatian welcome ceremony and savour local delicacies at a family-run Ethno Village
- Relax in the green oasis of Krka National Park, while admiring the travertine Karst waterfalls
- See the Upper and Lower Towns in the two-tiered Croatian capital city of Zagreb
- Visit Bled Castle, a beautiful medieval fortress, perched atop a steep cliff above the picturesque lake
- Experience cruising aboard one of the most environmentally-sound ships at sea
- MSC has developed an energy-efficient role model for modern cruising
- Discover the colourful history and natural wonders of Sicily, Malta, Italy, Spain and France

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Friday - Join the tour in Opatija

Make your way to the seaside town of Opatija. A gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the town on your own. Perhaps take a stroll along the "Lungo Mare" seafront and admire the beautiful views of the Gulf, sheltered by soaring mountains. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM, followed by a light dinner. We recommend that you select flights that arrive no later than 3 PM

Overnight: Opatija

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2, Saturday - Full Day in Opatija

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the seaside town of Opatija, with its rich history, picturesque surroundings and gorgeous beaches, once a gathering spot for the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to the Istrian Peninsula that begins in Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Afterwards, the tour continues to the resort town of Rovinj. Tonight, return to Opatija* and explore the charming town with its wealth of fine seafood restaurants
**For Dec 22 departure, a Christmas dinner will be included at the hotel.*

Optional: Full Day Istrian Peninsula (AM)

Overnight: Opatija

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3, Sunday - Zadar City Tour en Route to Split

Depart today for a long drive along the dramatic Adriatic coast to Split. En route stop at the historic old town of Zadar; highlighted by ruins of a Roman forum, medieval churches, cosmopolitan cafes and museums. This city is a wonderful combination of beautiful Roman architecture, Habsburg elegance, and a picture-perfect seafront. View the Cathedral and St. Donat Church before driving to the UNESCO protected seaside town of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Upon arrival, in the early evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade

Overnight: Split

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday - Explore Split, Travel to Dubrovnik

Walk along the cobbled streets of the Old Town featuring the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the astonishing 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace is the largest and best-preserved Roman palace in the world, built for the Emperor Diocletian, representing a precious example of Roman architecture. See the remains of the Roman Peristyle, the unusual Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter, with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. Spend time discovering the town independently before continuing along the coast to the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik where you will have the opportunity to see the amazing views of this city known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Tonight, dinner is at your hotel

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Tuesday - Dubrovnik City Tour

Enjoy the many delights of Dubrovnik today. The city's splendid medieval ramparts are considered to be one of the most grandiose fortification monuments in Europe, and its magnificent Old Town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" highlights the city's treasures within the 800-year-old walls including the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and the monumental Sponza Palace, preserved with its original beauty.

Under the City Bell Tower on Luza Square stands Orlando's Tower, dedicated to the knight that saved the city in the 9th century. Continue to the Dominican Monastery, whose museum is a major treasury of culture and visit the Franciscan Monastery with exhibits from the world's third oldest functioning pharmacy. The rest of the day is yours to wander the never-ending lanes of the Old Town or take a walk along the city walls. Tonight, perhaps attend the *optional* Traditional Croatian Dinner. Take a short drive from Dubrovnik through the Croatian countryside to a lovely homestead, where you will be welcomed with tasty samplings such as local cheese and Dalmatian prosciutto. Take in the lush surroundings while savouring a traditional meal consisting of time-honoured dishes, carefully prepared with fresh ingredients from the farm

Optional: Traditional Croatian Dinner (PM)

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Wednesday - Full Day in Dubrovnik

A full day at leisure to explore Dubrovnik independently. Perhaps visit the Maritime Museum in St. John's Castle, linger in the historic Old City, or, people-watch at a charming cafe. Alternatively, join the *optional* full day tour to Montenegro, the "Jewel of the Mediterranean" nestled on the gorgeous Adriatic coast. Drive towards the stunning Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe. On to the charming coastal town of Perast where a short boat ride takes you to the 15th century "Our Lady of the Rocks" Church perched on an islet in the bay. Once there, visit the Roman Catholic Church whose interior is decorated with 68 paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous 17th century painter from Perast. Proceed to the charming city of Kotor for a guided walking tour. View the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, Maritime Museum, numerous Palaces and Old Square and get to feel the atmosphere of this unique medieval town.* Leisure time to walk the winding cobblestone lanes of the Old City before returning along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik. Tonight, enjoy a walk along Dubrovnik's cobbled streets; see the glowing buildings and the fortifications accented against the night sky

**Due to the new EU regulations, expect significant delays during border crossings between Croatia and Montenegro.*

Optional: Full Day Montenegro Tour (AM)

Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Thursday - Pakovo Selo, Krka National Park, Vodice

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive north to the quaint Dalmatian village of Pakovo Selo. After a light lunch, continue towards the breathtaking Krka National Park. Admire the lake and waterways at one of Croatia's most famous sights, including Skradinski Buk Falls. Arrive this evening in Vodice, a city on the Adriatic coast of Croatia known as a gateway to the Kornati Islands. Dinner tonight is at your hotel

Overnight: Vodice

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Friday - Travel to Zagreb, and Arrive in Bled

After an early breakfast, travel inland through wooded mountains and lush vegetation to Zagreb, capital of Croatia. Upon arrival, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Zagreb. View Ban Josip Jelacic square and the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Continue to the medieval section of the Upper Town with its Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's church and the Pope's tower. In the afternoon, depart for the lovely city of Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps. Bled, with its rich natural beauty ranks among the world's most beautiful alpine resorts and is also renowned for its mild, healing climate and its thermal lake waters. With its emerald-green lake, picture-postcard church on an islet, a medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff and some of the highest peaks of the Julian Alps, Bled is Slovenia's most popular resort. Tonight, an *optional* dinner at a charming and popular country inn in the tiny medieval town of Radovljica, highlighted by a selection of traditional Slovenian dishes and wine

Optional: Tour of Radovljica with dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bled

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Saturday - Resort City of Bled

Surrounded by high peaks, Bled has enticed travellers since the mid-19th century for its pure air, magnificent scenery and healing thermal springs. Today, Bled is a sparkling all-seasons resort with delightful hotels, villas, and restaurants nestled on the lakefront. A tour through this charming town continues along the shores of the lake before ascending to imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff with soaring views. Spend the rest of the day exploring this stunning city on your own. Perhaps join the *optional* tour to the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana. View the most significant sights of the old city centre, with its unique mixture of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture. Stop at the picturesque open-air market, Three Bridges Square, the Town Hall, and Robba Fountain, one of the city's best-known Baroque monuments. Bid goodbye to your Tour Manager at dinner

Optional: Ljubljana City tour (PM)

Overnight: Bled

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Sunday - Depart Italy

Transfer to the Venice airport to catch your train to Civitavecchia, Italy. Upon arrival overnight at you pre-cruise hotel. The train trip is scenic and takes 6 hours. Alternatively, you can fly from Venice to Rome for an extra \$225 per person (prices are subject to confirmation).

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, - Mediterranean Cruise Departs Rome

Please catch a taxi to Civitavecchia cruise ship terminal and check in for your amazing MSC cruise of the Mediterranean.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
DAY 11	Civitavecchia, Italy		5:00PM
DAY 12	Palermo, Sicily	9:00AM	4:00PM
DAY 13	Valletta, Malta	9:00AM	5:00PM
DAY 14	At Sea		
DAY 15	Barcelona, Spain	9:00AM	6:00PM
DAY 16	Marseille, France	9:00AM	5:00PM
DAY 17	Genoa, Italy	8:00AM	5:00PM
DAY 18	Civitavecchia, Italy	7:00AM	

DAY 18 - Depart Italy

Your cruise ship arrives back in Civitavecchia (the port of Rome), please catch a taxi to the airport if you have a departure flight today.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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