

DALMATIAN COAST

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**OCT 5 – 21, 2025 | 17 DAYS | 33 MEALS
LED BY DAVID & ROSLYN CRAIG**

Dubrovnik, Croatia

The Dalmatian coast is truly one of the world's dream destinations. It is known for its long sunny days, amazing natural beauty such as the magnificent Bay of Kotor and Mljet National Park, quaint fishing villages and warm friendly people. It enjoys a long and varied history with many UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Diocletian's Palace and the walled city of Dubrovnik. And don't forget the Adriatic Sea; crystal clear waters lapping rugged coast lines with wonderful beaches.

This journey begins with a nine-day exploration by land through the countryside and towns of mysterious Albania, Montenegro, and Croatia. The journey is highlighted with the full charter of a delightful small yacht for a week-long cruise in the Adriatic, exploring the most fascinating islands and ports of call. This promises to be a truly exceptional adventure.

Savings have now been extended until April 30, 2025, so don't wait—read on for all the details and call us to secure your spot today!

Explore the full ship details and deck plan on our website.

Inclusive Features

- 7-night cruise on the ms Adriatic Blue
- 9-day / 8-night escorted tour with accommodation in first class and best available hotels as indicated or similar
- 33 meals as indicated (B - 15 breakfasts, L - 11 lunches, D - 7 dinners)
- Services of your Canadian journey leaders plus professional guides in destination
- All gratuities, surcharges, taxes and fees for included services

Air-inclusive rates also include:

- Group transfers between airports and hotels in destination
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

A word about meals: This cruise is a little different. Since most evenings are spent in delightful ports offering a wide variety of excellent local restaurants, several dinners are not included, allowing you the freedom to choose where you will dine. Your tour manager and cruise director will happily assist you in finding the best options for you.

Journey Leaders

David Craig, Chairman of Craig Travel, and **Roslyn** bring decades of travel experience as escorts and operators. David, educated at the University of Toronto and York University, lived in Australia before returning to Canada to dedicate almost fifty years to arranging global tours and cruises. Roslyn, originally from Australia, has worked in travel for over three decades. Together, they have led tours to over 100 countries across seven continents and look forward to exploring the Dalmatian Coast with you.



OCT 5, Sunday

DEPART CANADA

Group members from across Canada gather in Toronto for the overnight flights to Tirana, Albania.

OCT 6, Monday

TIRANA, ALBANIA

Welcome to Tirana, the capital of Albania. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel to enjoy dinner and a relaxing evening.
Hotel Rogner (2 nights) D

OCT 7, Tuesday

TIRANA

We begin with a panoramic city tour featuring Skanderbeg Square, the Clock Tower, the statue of Albania's national hero: Skanderbeg, and the Soviet-era Palace of Culture, followed by visits to the Mosque of Et'Hem Bey and the National History Museum, which sports a mosaic façade depicting the history of Albania. The afternoon is free to explore, shop, or just relax. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. BD

OCT 8, Wednesday

KRUJË / BUDVA, MONTENEGRO

Enjoy the rural countryside as we make our way to Krujë, where we'll visit the medieval bazaar and the impressive Krujë Castle. Admire Sveti Stefan, Montenegro's iconic island. Now a private resort, it was once a fortified village connected to the Villa Miločer's estate. Take in the pristine coastline and stroll along one of its beautiful beaches. Budva Old Town dates back 2,500 years, when it was first settled by the Illyrians. Over the centuries, it has been influenced by the Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Venetians, each leaving a mark on its unique architecture and cultural heritage. We will have dinner at the hotel.

Hotel Budva (3 nights)

BLD

OCT 9, Thursday

CETINJE / NJEGUŠI / KOTOR

Spend the day surrounded by scenic beauty as we explore the hinterland of Lovćen National Park. In Cetinje, visit King Nikola's Palace, the former residence of Montenegrin royalty. After a traditional lunch in the village of Njeguši, take a leisurely stroll through the Old Town of Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval towns, surrounded by 5 km of original walls and home to St. Tryphon's Cathedral (1166 AD). Following some free time to explore Kotor, we return to Budva for the night. BL

OCT 10, Friday

BUDVA

Relax in this seaside resort, known for its historic walled

old town and fine beaches. This morning, we will take a guided walk through the old city, followed by free time to unwind by the sea. Dinner will be at a carefully selected local restaurant. BD

OCT 11, Saturday KOTOR BAY / DUBROVNIK

This morning, embark on a scenic drive around the Bay of Kotor, heading to Perast for a visit to Our Lady of the Rocks Island. Located in the heart of the fjord, the village features baroque residences that reflect its rich history. We then travel along the Adriatic to the picturesque village of Cavtat, an artist's paradise. You'll have free time to explore before continuing to Dubrovnik, the legendary walled city and UNESCO World Heritage site. For over three centuries, the Republic of Dubrovnik controlled the Adriatic trade, with noble families and merchants constructing magnificent palaces. After a devastating earthquake in the 17th century, the city was rebuilt in pure Baroque style, with palaces, squares, churches, and patrician houses showcasing its enduring brilliance.

Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik (2 nights)

BD

OCT 12, Sunday DUBROVNIK

Today we explore the old city on foot, taking in landmarks such as the Rector's Palace, the Bell Tower Clock, the Franciscan Monastery, Orlando's Column, and Sponza Palace. Our tour includes a visit to the stunning Dominican Monastery, one of the city's most significant historic buildings. After lunch, the afternoon and evening are yours to explore further, climb the city walls, or dine at one of the many excellent local restaurants. BL

OCT 13, Monday DUBROVNIK / EMBARK

Journey through Dubrovnik's Primorje region to the Pelješac Peninsula. In Orašac, we visit the Dubelj family estate to tour their home, learn about the traditional horse-powered method of olive oil production, and sample homemade snacks. Next is the Vukas winery in Ston, where we'll be introduced to their wines. In Mali Ston, we board a small boat to cruise through the oyster beds, followed by a tasting and lunch at a local fish restaurant. On our return to Dubrovnik, we visit the picturesque Trsteno Arboretum, famously featured in *Game of Thrones*. At Gruž, we board our private yacht, relax, and settle in before joining the Captain and crew for a welcome dinner.

ms Blue Adriatic (7 nights)

BLD

OCT 14, Tuesday ELAFITI ISLANDS / MLJET

Enjoy a morning of cruising, with a relaxing stop at the Elafiti Islands for a swim. In the afternoon, explore the breathtaking Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Great and Small Lakes and visit the Islet of St. Mary, home to a 12th-century Benedictine Monastery. BL

OCT 15, Wednesday MLJET / KORČULA

Cruise the azure waters of the Adriatic en route to Korčula, a fortified town shaped like a fishbone. Legend has it that the city was founded in the 12th century BC by the Trojan hero Antenor. By the 13th century, Korčula's life was highly organized, governed by a constitution dating back to 1214, which remained in effect until French rule during the First Empire. Known as the birthplace of Marco Polo, Korčula is celebrated for its skilled stonemasons, who crafted the town's most beautiful and ambitious monument — St. Mark's Cathedral, featuring a magnificent painting by Tintoretto. Admire the scenic vineyards and beaches of Lumbarda, with visits to a local winery and a farm specializing in beekeeping and honey production. BL



Picturesque coastal town of Cavtat, Croatia



Relax in style on the sun deck of the MS Adriatic Blue



Zlatni Rat Beach, Bol, Croatia



St Anastasia Cathedral, Zadar, Croatia

OCT 16, Thursday **KORCULA / HVAR**

Relax on board as we cruise to the charming town of Hvar, with a possible stop at the Pakleni Islands (time permitting). Renowned as a historic nautical hub, Hvar boasts a mild climate and lush vegetation. Enjoy a guided tour to experience its laid-back way of life and uncover its historical heritage. Admire its Renaissance architecture and the two strongholds that frame the city: Fort Napoleon and the Venetian Fort Spagnola. Key sites include the main square, Europe's first theatre (built in 1612), the Franciscan Monastery, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Lastly, we visit a local lavender farm, where you'll learn about the versatile uses of this fragrant plant. This evening, dine ashore at one of Hvar's waterfront restaurants. **BL**

OCT 17, Friday **HVAR / SPLIT / TROGIR**

In the morning, we visit Bol, famed for Zlatni Rat, a stunning beach often regarded as one of the most beautiful in Europe. Enjoy lunch as we cruise to the historic city of Split, centred around Diocletian's Palace, a magnificent structure built in 295 A.D. by Emperor Diocletian, which later gave rise to the city itself. Our walking tour includes visits to the underground cellars, the Mausoleum, and Jupiter's Temple. Later, we travel by coach to Trogir, a nearby medieval city that has preserved its traditional character and offers a variety of restaurants within a short distance of the port. **BL**

OCT 18, Saturday **TROGIR / KRKA NP / SIBENIK**

From Trogir, we travel to Krka National Park, renowned for its waterfalls, including the magnificent Skradinski Buk, which cascades over 17 steps across nearly a kilometre. After lunch, we enjoy a walking tour of Šibenik, the gateway to the Kornati Islands. Explore the 15th-century Cathedral of St. James, adorned with 71 sculpted faces, the 14th-century Prince's Palace showcasing exhibits from prehistory to modern times, and St. Michael's Fortress, featuring an open-air theatre with stunning bay views. **BL**

OCT 19, Sunday **SIBENIK / ZADAR**

This morning, cruise along the stunning Adriatic coast to Zadar, a historic city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast. Renowned for its Roman and Venetian heritage, Zadar's peninsular Old Town features impressive city walls with Venetian gates. Around the Roman-era Forum, discover the 11th-century St. Mary's Convent, home to religious art from the 8th century, the grand 12th-century St. Anastasia's Cathedral, and the distinctive 9th-century pre-Romanesque Church of St. Donatus. **BL**

OCT 20, Monday **DISEMBARK / PLITVICE NP / ZAGREB**

Disembark for a full day of exploration through the heart of Croatia, starting with Plitvice National Park. Covering nearly 30,000 hectares, Croatia's largest national park is home to breathtaking lakes, waterfalls, and wildlife-filled forests. Later, we head to Zagreb, the capital, renowned for its 18th- and 19th-century Austro-Hungarian architecture. At the heart of the city, Upper Town features the Gothic, twin-spired Zagreb Cathedral and the 13th-century St. Mark's Church, known for its colourful tiled roof. Nearby, the pedestrian-friendly Tkalčićeva Street is lined with quaint outdoor cafés. This evening, join us for a Farewell Dinner at our hotel. **Canopy by Hilton** (1 night) **BLD**

OCT 21, Tuesday **ZAGREB / CANADA**

Time permitting, we will take a panoramic tour of Zagreb before heading to the airport for our flights to Canada. **B**

CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: The ship does not have an elevator. Please see deck plan for more information. This journey includes many walking excursions with stairs and uneven surfaces. Members must be physically fit and able walkers to fully enjoy this itinerary.



**SAVINGS NOW EXTENDED! Book by
April 30, 2025 & save \$200 per person**

**Tour/Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Category/Deck	Per Person
Lower Deck (<i>includes cabin 6 from Main Deck</i>)	\$7,095
Main Deck (<i>excludes cabin 6</i>)	\$7,345
Upper Deck	\$7,545
Sun Deck	\$7,545
Single Supplement for Main Deck Cabin	\$2,645

Estimated Air Add-Ons Per Person

Toronto	\$2,245
Ottawa / Montreal	\$2,395
Halifax / Winnipeg.....	\$2,595
Regina / Saskatoon / Victoria	\$2,745
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$2,675

*Land/Cruise price is based on sharing chosen category and excludes all flights and arrival/departure transfers in destination and in Canada. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan on our website for more information. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Cabin 6 on the Main Deck is classified and priced the same as Lower Deck cabins.

Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for more details.

Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective December 2024 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Tour/Cruise prices are per person, based on sharing accommodations and a minimum of 20 participants travelling. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 20 group members.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact us to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

1st Deposit is \$1,500 per person due at booking
2nd Deposit is \$2,500 per person due March 5, 2025
Final payment is due on June 4, 2025

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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