# Cruising the Dalmatian Coast

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## A World of Discovery



Traditional Croatian musician

This exhilarating itinerary introduces you to Croatia's familiar gems, such as Zagreb and Dubrovnik, as well as lesser-known fishing towns and unspoiled islets. You'll experience an immersive land journey during a three-night stay in Zagreb, plus discover why Croatia is a sailing haven with its gorgeous stretch of coastline, national parks and myriad islands. Get a taste of cruising life as your small vessel glides away from the crowds, pausing at various ports so you can hop off and witness centuries of visible history or sip wine in a café. Back on board, soak up more seascapes before your next port of call!

### **Inspiring Moments**

- Fall under the spell of the Dalmatian
  Coast where glistening blue waters, timeless beauty and exquisite islands await.
- Bask in unrivaled relaxation aboard a private yacht on 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.



### Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. Today, planning a trip requires a plan. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 52-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for Michigan travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us ...

**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Michigan Small Group Explorations: Our tours are limited to 12-24 Michigan travelers, allowing for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

**Safety**: Michigan Alumni Travel has been working with tour operators to make sure all of our trips are specifically curated to focus on your safety without detracting from your travel experience.

We invite you to explore the range of our collection at umalumni.com/travel.

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

NOTE: Travel is a member benefit of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Travelers, whether alumni or not, must be members. This includes all family members and friends.

The travel program is totally self-supporting and none of your membership dues or any other Association income is used to subsidize the cost of travel announcements or staff time devoted to alumni travel.

Passengers requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can, and will, be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

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### Antiquity | Architecture | Art | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zagreb, Croatia.

### Day 2 | Zagreb, Croatia

Upon arrival, transfer **3** and check in to the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel. Meet your fellow travelers during a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

### Day 3 | Zagreb

**Enrichment:** *Contemporary Croatia.* Join a local expert to gain an understanding of recent events that have shaped modern Croatia.

**Discovery:** 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 the Cathedral of Assumption and St. Mark's Church. Originally erected in the 13th century, the church's mosaic Diocletian's Palace and Riva promenade, Split

roof depicts the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slavic coats of arms, plus those of Zagreb.

### Day 4 | Zagreb

**Free Time:** Make your own discoveries in Zagreb today or join our elective excursion to Croatia's countryside. If you choose to stay in town, visit the quirky Museum of Broken Relationships or spend time sampling local honey and fruits in the local farmer's markets.

Elective | Croatian Countryside. Travel to Klanjec to visit the Antun Augustincic Museum and Gallery. See some of the artist's works and learn about his life before continuing to Kumrovec near the Sutla River. The village features an open-air museum with houses from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Conclude your excursion with lunch at a family restaurant before returning to Zagreb.

### Day 5 | Plitvice National Park | Opatija

After breakfast, depart Zagreb for Opatija. Along

### Your Individual Experience

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may prefer to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

### **Personalize Your Journey | PYJ |** Included

With our Personalize Your Journey program, AHI travelers can match a range of excursions to their interests and activity levels. From culinary tours to cycling adventures, there's bound to be an adventure perfect for you.

### Electives | At an additional cost

For some travelers, a deeper dive into the locations we visit can be the difference between a great trip and an extraordinary one. Our electives give you the option for more guided exploration.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Old town, Trogir

the way, stop for a tour of Plitvice National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Croatia's most spectacular national wonders.

**Discovery:** *Plitvice National Park.* This park is an example of Mother Nature's perfection! It features 16 crystal-clear terraced lakes linked in a series of emerald green and blue waterfalls. Wander planked walkways and trails amid a fragrant forest of beech and pine. The area is also home to nearly 160 species of birds and numerous plant species.

After lunch, continue to Opatija, embark your ship and get to know your accommodations. Later, raise a toast to your upcoming cruise at a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

### Day 6 | Krk Island | Rab Island

Delight in the first morning of sailing as you begin cruising along the Dalmatian coast, a dreamy landscape of towering limestone cliffs.

**Discovery:** *Krk and Rab Islands.* First, enjoy a visit to Krk Island, which lies in the middle of Kvarner Bay. Continue to Rab for a tour of the island's many marvels, from medieval walls and



Roman forum and Church of St. Donatus, Zadar

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. The main ingredient is almonds, but the rest of the recipe is a secret!

### Day 7 | Zadar

Take your coffee and book up on deck and enjoy a delightful morning of cruising.

**Discovery:** Zadar. This storied university town features the impressive Roman Forum and the Church of St. Donatus. Witness the city's modern attractions at its waterfront promenade, including the Sea Organ, a musical art installation. Listen to its sweet melody, fueled by the ebb and flow of the sea's currents. Nearby is the Monument to the Sun, which celebrates Zadar's incredible sunsets.

### Day 8 | Šibenik

Pull up anchor this morning and enjoy a scenic cruise to Šibenik. After lunch on board, disembark to begin exploring.



Stone sculptures, Rab Island



Plitvice National Park

### **UNESCO World Heritage**

- 1. Plitvice Lakes National Park
- 2. Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian
- 3. Old City of Dubrovnik
- 4. Historic City of Trogir
- 5. Cathedral of St James in Šibenik
- Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries: Stato da Terra – Western Stato da Mar (Zadar)

### PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

Cultural Šibenik. Uncover the city's storied architecture at the Cathedral of St. James, one of Europe's most significant monumental churches.
 Krka National Park. Delight in the waterfalls,

•*Krka National Park.* Delight in the waterialis, walking paths and more of this top-rated park.

Set by the Krka River, the park features seven waterfalls, including the Skradinski Buk. (Active)

### Day 9 | Trogir | Split

**Discovery:** *Trogir.* Fall under the spell of Trogir, a well-preserved Romanesque-Gothic town. See the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the intricate Cipiko Palace and the Fortress Kamerlengo, built in the 15th-century. Plus, admire the Benedictine Monastery, founded by St. Ivan of Trogir.

**Discovery:** *Split.* Split surprises visitors with its wealth of treasures! Roam the courtyards and chambers of Diocletian's Palace. See the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, the Golden Gate and the Peristyle. Cap off your walking excursion at a bustling fish market.

The remainder of the evening is at leisure in Split.

### Day 10 | Hvar | Korčula

Your day begins with a morning cruise to Hvar.



Old town, Korcula



Old town, Zagreb

Watch as picturesque islands, hidden coves and azure sea unfold before you. If luck is on your side, you may see dolphins or other marine life.

**Discovery:** *Hvar Island.* Sunny Hvar is lauded for its lavender plantations, olive groves and idyllic beaches. Uncover the town's highlights, including the Renaissance cathedral and a timeworn theater. Walk up to the 16th-century Španjola Fortress for views of the town, Pakleni islands and turquoise waters stretching beyond.

**Discovery:** *Korčula.* The spectacular "Emerald Isle" juts into the Peljesac Channel and brims with natural beauty. Discover Korčula's stunning old town, enduring architecture and cobbled lanes with a guide. The island is rumored to be the birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo!

### Day 11 | Dubrovnik

**Discovery:** Enchanting Dubrovnik. Encounter the endless wonders of this history-steeped city by the sea. Witness the Pile Gate, Europe's oldest working pharmacy and the Franciscan Monastery's cloister. Pass through the columns of medieval Sponza Palace and view a baroque cathedral filled with art and religious relics. You may wish to walk the city walls for epic vistas.





**Free Time:** Your final afternoon is at leisure. Raise a toast to your adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship.

### Day 12 | In Transit

Transfer  $\Im$  to the airport for the return flight  $\clubsuit$  to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Strights and Stransfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

### **Note About Activity Levels**

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website for more specific details.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

### Accommodations

Built in 1925 as a stylish art nouveau sanctuary for passengers of the grand Orient Express, the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel upholds its reputation for impeccable service and sumptuous decor. Enjoy the hotel's romantic Old World charm and classic style and appreciate your tastefully decorated guest room, featuring a luxurious marble bathroom. Dine on fine Mediterranean cuisine at the hotel's celebrated Zinfandel Restaurant. The property also features a health club, spa and gift shop. Wi-fi is complimentary.

### O Tripadvisor



Esplanade Zagreb Hotel | Zagreb

### **MV** Infinity



Sail the Adriatic aboard the MV Infinity, one of the deluxe cruise ships of the family-owned Katarina Line. As you step aboard your sleek yacht, notice the ship's state-of-the-art amenities and beautifully appointed furnishings accented with warm Mediterranean colors. With just 19 cabins, guests are guaranteed an intimate setting and personalized service from the friendly, experienced staff. Whether cruising or at anchor, take advantage of the ship's



expansive gathering spaces and inviting social areas. Daydream in a quiet nook, explore the underwater world using complimentary sports equipment and spend evenings under the stars in the hot tub. Each morning, fuel your adventures with wholesome breakfasts and dig into three-course lunch menus, including a cheese and salad bar. Mouthwatering dishes feature traditional Croatian gastronomy crafted with fresh, local ingredients. Along the way, enjoy thoughtful inclusions, including a Captain's Dinner and welcome cocktail. Cabins are fully air-conditioned with en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi is complimentary (may be limited).

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Land   Cruise Program					
Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*		
D-Lower	\$5,245	\$250	\$4,995		
C-Lower	\$5,445	\$250	\$5,195		
B-Main	\$6,045	\$250	\$5,795		
A-Upper	\$6,745	\$250	\$6,495		

A category features a private balcony and large window. B category features a large window.

Categories C and D feature a porthole.

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT and Port Tax supplement is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and

do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

### Let us arrange your flights

### AHI FlexAir 🛟 🕽

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ► **Price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates
- Flexibility to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- ► Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays



### TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

### To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:



- Included AHI Travel Assurance plan covers travel- and health-related contingencies; available for U.S. residents only
- Increased booking **flexibility** and relaxed cancellation penalties
- Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey
- Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols
- A global network of partners rigorously following enhanced procedures and protocols
- Rigorous sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups
- Hand sanitizer available for guest use

Left: Medieval walls of Dubrovnik

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### Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **3 nights** in Zagreb, Croatia, at the deluxe Esplanade Zagreb Hotel.
- Cruise for **7 nights** aboard the deluxe 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.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- AHI Travel Assurance plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
  - -Get to know Zagreb on a panoramic tour.
  - -Wander the trails of Plitvice National Park.
  - Spend time enjoying Rab and Krk islands.
  - -See Zadar's Roman Forum and waterfront.
  - -Marvel at timeless architecture in Trogir.
  - Roam through Split's Diocletian's Palace.
  - Explore Korčula, the "Emerald Isle."
  - -See Hvar's ancient cathedral and other sites.
  - Uncover enchanting Dubrovnik.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- SElectives and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- SAHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
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- Tipping of guides and drivers.
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Substructures of Diocletian's Palace, Split

### AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### Before you go:

**Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

### Passenger Service Representative

After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

### Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. Our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

**Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

**Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

**Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our engaging local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



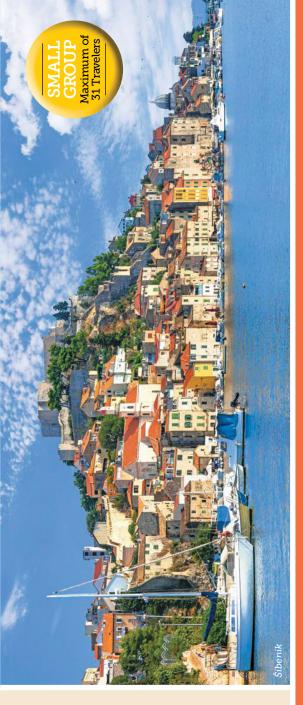
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