

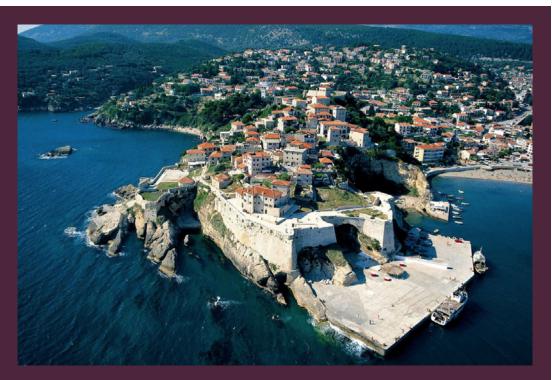
Montenegro - Split Cruising Guide



Montenegro to Kotor

Day 1 - 8nm (35 mins)

Located on a beautiful bay on the coast of Montenegro, Kotor is a city steeped in tradition and history, with remarkable scenic views. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the old city was built between the 12th and 14th centuries and is filled with medieval architecture and historic monuments. Extending over four kilometres, the city walls that have protected Kotor for centuries lead up to the fortress of Saint Ivan. Wedged between brooding mountains and a moody corner of the bay, this dramatically beautiful town is perfectly at one with its setting. Its sturdy walls – started in the 9th century and tweaked until the 18th – arch steeply up the slopes behind it. From a distance they're barely discernible from the mountain's grey hide, but at night they're spectacularly lit, reflecting in the water to give the town a golden halo. Within those walls lie labyrinthine marbled lanes where churches, shops, bars and restaurants surprise you on hidden piazzas.













Kotor to Cavtat

Day 2 - 35nm (2hrs 30 mins)

Cavtat is a small and attractive town set amongst trees. Ancient remains, Renaissance palaces and villas make up the historical nucleus of Cavtat, a town south of Dubrovnik. In ancient times it was known as Epidaurum and today is the tourist and cultural center of Konavle, the southernmost region of Croatia. Visit the house of Vlaho Bukovac, a famous artist and see his collection of paintings and artwork. It is a town of beautiful beaches and luxury hotels along with a traditional way of life and customs that welcome you. Once you have familiarized yourself with the town of Cavtat, go on an excursion to Dubrovnik, the island of Mljet or the Elaphite islands





Cavtat to Dubrovnik

Day 3 - 10nm (45 mins)

Regardless of whether you are visiting Dubrovnik for the first time or the hundredth, the sense of awe never fails to descend when you set eyes on the beauty of the old town. Indeed it's hard to imagine anyone becoming jaded by the city's marble streets, baroque buildings and the endless shimmer of the Adriatic, or failing to be inspired by a walk along the ancient city walls that have protected a civilised, sophisticated republic for centuries.

Take the revamped cable car up to Mt Srd; marvel at the Mediterranean lifestyle and the interplay of light and stone; trace the rise and fall of Dubrovnik in museums replete with art and artefacts; exhaust yourself retracing history – then plunge into the azure sea.

See the Dubrovnik locations used in the hit TV series 'Game of Thrones'. With an expert guide at your side, you'll get to know the fictional city of King's Landing while exploring Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town. Climb the city walls, picturing the bloody battles from the TV series, and visit Lovrijenac Fortress to learn about the evil exploits of King Joffrey. Follow in the footsteps of Ayra Stark and hear insider gossip galore about the popular series.





Dubrovnik to Mjlet

Day 4 - 23nm (1hr 40 mins)

Mljet is the first larger island one come upon while sailing the Croatian Adriatic from the direction from south to north. It is Croatia's greenest island with its Mediterranean vegetation, clear and clean sea, gentle sandy shoreline and a wealth of underwater sea life. The island is considered to be one of the most beautiful of the Croatian islands too. Mljet is well known for its white and red wine, olives and goat's cheese. Mljet is indeed s unspoilt island that is covered by a dense Mediterranean forest. The sea round the island is rich in fish and marine life. Mljet is also well known for it's two salted lakes - Veliko and Malo Jezero that are located at the north end of the island. On small island in the middle of Veliko Jezero lake, there is old Benedictine monastery. Veliko and Malo Jezero are favorite swimming spots for locals and visitors alike. Northern part of the island of Mljet is also one of Croatian National Parks.



Mjlet to Vis

Day 5 - 67nm (4hrs 45 mins)

Vis is probably the cleanest part of the Adriatic sea because it is the farthest island from the mainland. Middle Dalmatia islands Solta, Brac and Hvar separates and hide the Vis coasts from the mainland. In 1944 the island was declared a military zone, meaning it would be inaccessible to all foreigners until 1989. Vis isolation has retained the charm and style of life characteristic of the 1950s and which still attracts guests looking for "the Mediterranean as it once was".

Vis attractions are mainly the natural ones such as its unpolluted sea, soil and air. On the south side of the island, the open sea waves sculptured some of the most eye catching coves and beaches. One of them is Stiniva cove, one of the most frequent themes on Croatia's promotional posters. On this side of the island the largest settlements are Milna and Rukavac. However, there are also other things, besides the nature, to do and see. The first settlement on the island was Greek colony Issa, today's urban village Vis, founded in 4th century BC. Later, under Roman rule, on the peninsula Prirovo, were built spa and theater on whose ruins was built a Franciscan monastery in the 15th century. The remains of ancient buildings are visible in the monastery garden and under the sea around the peninsula can be seen the remains of a Roman port.

The museum with archaeological and ethnographic collection is located in the fortress built during the Austrian rule. There are exposed objects about life and history of Vis from antiquity to the present: ceramic pots, figurines of terracotta and metal, furniture, folk costumes, jewelry, items associated with the shipbuilding and wine. Perhaps the most valuable among them is a bronze head of the Greek goddess of hunting Artemis.







Vis to Hvar

Day 6 - 11nm (45 mins)

The next destination would be the island of Hvar. On the NW tip lies the main town and also the wonderful peninsula of Pakleni Kanal, tiny inlets dotted with fantastic stern to anchorages where a yacht can be on its own. Crystal clear blue waters surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. The main town of Hvar is a picturesque and historic town where vehicles are banned from it's streets and piazza. Hvar town is one of the highlights of any cruise in this region.

Hvar also boasts one of Croatia's best restaurants, Di Vino's is a regular in many international food and cuisine reports. It occupies a quite stunning location above the bay.







Hvar to Split

Day 7 - 21nm (1hr 30 mins)

The second-largest city in Croatia, Split (Spalato in Italian) is a great place to see Dalmatian life as it's really lived. Always buzzing, this exuberant city has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. Step inside Diocletian's Palace (a Unesco World Heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments) and you'll see dozens of bars, restaurants and shops thriving amid the atmospheric old walls where Split life has been going on for thousands of years. To top it off, Split has a unique setting. Its dramatic coastal mountains act as the perfect backdrop to the turquoise waters of the Adriatic.





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