

Adriatic Discovery from Split to Dubrovnik aboard M/S Ban 2024

SPLIT - HVAR - VIS - KORČULA - MLJET - SLANO - DUBROVNIK

Ban [ship]

DAY 1: WELCOME TO SPLIT! (WD)

Your Croatia cruise experience starts in Split, the second largest Croatian city that reflects an exciting mixture of modern life and ancient history. Our representative will be awaiting your arrival at Split airport and you will be transferred to the harbour where your cruise manager will assist with your check in. Please keep in mind that our ships conveniently dock within a short walk distance from the old town core and the pedestrian area of Split which is inscribed under UNESCO World Heritage. Join us on a walking tour to learn about the nearby Diocletian`s Palace, built in 305 AD at the time of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. While strolling in the ancient cobblestoned streets and lanes of the old city you will also explore other historic landmarks that surround the famous Diocletian`s Palace. Get back on board at your own pace and we will meet again for welcome reception where your cruise manager will introduce you to the Captain and all the crew members.

Overnight in Split.

DAY 2: SPLIT - HVAR (B, L, D)

Early in the morning, while breakfast is served, we set sail for the island of Brač. Before lunch on board, you will have time to enjoy a swim stop along the beautiful Brač island. After the swim stop, we continue on our way towards the town of Hvar, on the south side of the eponymous island, the longest island in Croatia, the sunniest in all Europe (2724 hours of sunshine per year) and undeniably among the most beautiful islands in the world. Upon arrival join the guided walking tour of Hvar and learn why this amazing town is a must see on the historical map of Croatia. Your evening is free to explore this amazing holiday spot by yourself.

Note: port of call can be substituted for Stari Grad because of the limited capacity of Hvar harbour. In that case transfer to and from Hvar will be organized.

Overnight in Hvar.

DAY 3: HVAR - VIS (B, L)

Early in the morning, while breakfast is served, we set sail for the island of Vis. With lunch served on board, we will enjoy a swim stop at the Paklinski Islands. Vis is the most mysterious and the furthest of all the central Dalmatian islands. The town of Vis itself developed from the former settlements Kut and Luka, which became one entity in the 16th century when the church Gospa od Spilica was built. Serving as a military base for the Yugoslav army Vis was cut off from foreign visitors from the 1950s until 1989. Due to such isolation the island remained intact with its authenticity in nature, architecture, ecological agriculture, peace and quietness. Enjoy Vis at your own pace and find you perfect restaurant for dinner.

Overnight in Vis.

DAY 4: VIS - BLUE CAVE - KORČULA (B, L)

In the morning, before breakfast, we sail towards the islet of Bisevo and the unique natural phenomenon that is the Blue Cave. Covering an area of 6 square kilometers, Bisevo would hardly be noticed at all except for its remarkable Blue Cave (Blue Grotto). Out of some ten caves scattered around Bisevo's coast, the Blue Cave is the most outstanding. Between 11am and noon on a sunny calm day, rays of the sun passing through an underwater opening illuminate the cave with a luminous blue light while objects beneath the surface shimmer in silver and pink. After the visit to the Blue Cave*, we set sail for Korčula, stopping along the way for a swim and lunch served on board. In the afternoon we arrive to Korčula, the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. The house of Marco Polo, the vigorous medieval sword game "Moreska" and the rich

architectural heritage are only a few of many attractions of Korcula. The town offers harmony of natural beauty and human endeavour as well as the typically Mediterranean laid-back, relaxing pace of life.

Explore the town with our local guide and spend your private evening in Korcula finding your favorite restaurant for dinner.

Overnight in Korcula.

*Please kindly note that the Blue Cave is only accessible with small boats through an entrance just 1.5m high so it is unfortunately easily made inaccessible by bad weather and high waves.

DAY 5: KORCULA-MLJET / MLJET NATIONAL PARK (B, L, CD)

Our next destination is the Island of Mljet, edged by two deep bays called "lakes" after the narrow passages which are giving them access the open sea (Veliko and Malo jezero/ the Great Lake and the Small Lake). The National Park of Mljet covers the northwest part of the island with an area of 5.375 Ha. This area was proclaimed the National Park on the 11th November 1960 and represents the first institutionalized attempt to protect an original eco-system in the Adriatic. On the way to Mljet island we will make another lovely swim stop before arriving in the little town called Pomena. Our docking spot will allow a short walk distance to the National park area which you can explore for the rest of the day and before joining the Captain's dinner.

Overnight in Pomena.

DAY 6: MLJET - SLANO (B, L, T)

Early in the morning, while breakfast is served, we set sail for Slano. On our way to Slano, we will stop for another rejuvenating swim in one of many picturesque bays dotting the coast. Upon arrival in Slano, we will embark on a gastronomic adventure by visiting the town of Ston, one of the earliest urbanistically planned settlements in the whole Europe. What sets Ston apart are its 5 km long town walls, impressive by their size and monumentality. Ston area is widely known for salt production as well as for 2000 year old tradition of oysters and mussels farming.

By a local boat we will visit the neighbouring oyster farm. Tasting oysters straight from the sea accompanied with a glass of wine will be an unforgettable treat. Spend rest of the day in Slano in tranquillity and at your own pace. Your cruise manager will be on hand to assist with info about local sights and will have some suggestions for nice dinner spots.

Overnight in Slano.

DAY 7: SLANO - DUBROVNIK (B, L)

The last stop on our trip is Dubrovnik, a city that will welcome you with open arms, as it does for visitors from all parts of the world. Surrounded by its fabled medieval walls, Dubrovnik is widely known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Upon arrival we will partake in a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO protected old town, acquainting you with its most important monuments and hidden spots. After the walking tour, we leave you to explore the city on your own. Our ship will be docked at Gruz Harbour, and there are many options (taxis, buses...) to take you back to port when you are ready. As is true every day, your cruise manager will be on hand to offer some local knowledge and help you with restaurant suggestions for dinner or bars to enjoy a drink in the evening.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

DAY 8: DUBROVNIK (B)

It is time to say farewell to all your new friends, but only for a while. With your memories, photos and contacts you will keep sailing with us for some more time! Check out will be after breakfast, by 9 a.m. when we will transfer you to your hotel or Dubrovnik airport.

WD — Welcome Dinner

B — Breakfast

L — Lunch

D — Dinner

CD — Captain's Dinner

Available dates

From:18/05/2024 To:25/05/2024

From:01/06/2024 To:08/06/2024

From:15/06/2024 To:22/06/2024

From:07/09/2024 To:14/09/2024

From:21/09/2024 To:28/09/2024

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