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## Destination Details – Cruising Croatia



**Top Cruises Lines and Itineraries for visiting Croatia**

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## Premium & Luxury Cruise Lines

These offer **smaller ships and more destination-focused itineraries**, often spending longer in port.

- **Viking Ocean Cruises** – Cultural itineraries visiting Dubrovnik, Split, and smaller Adriatic ports.
- **Azamara** – Known for longer port stays and overnight visits.
- **Silversea Cruises** – Ultra-luxury ships with Adriatic sailings.
- **Seabourn Cruise Line** – Boutique ships and luxury Mediterranean routes.
- **Ponant** – Luxury small-ship itineraries along the Dalmatian coast.

### Best for:

- Couples and mature travelers
  - Cultural immersion and smaller ports
  - Higher-end experience
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## Small-Ship Adriatic Specialists

These cruises focus **almost entirely on Croatia** and its islands.

- **Sail Croatia** – Small luxury yachts sailing between Dubrovnik and Split.
- **Katarina Line** – Boutique yacht-style cruising along the Dalmatian coast.
- **CroisiEurope** – Small ships exploring Adriatic ports like Korčula and Trogir.

### Best for:

- Exploring **Croatia's islands** (Hvar, Korčula, Vis)
- Yacht-style cruising with fewer than 40–200 passengers

- More time in small towns and swim stops
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### ✓ Most popular Croatian cruise ports

- **Dubrovnik**
- **Split**
- **Zadar**
- **Hvar**
- **Korčula**

Croatia has **1,000+ islands**, making it one of Europe's best destinations for small-ship cruising and island hopping.

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### ✓ Quick recommendation (based on cruise style)

#### If you want...

#### Best cruise lines

Big ship with entertainment      Royal Caribbean, MSC, Norwegian

Premium adult-focused cruise      Viking, Azamara

Ultra-luxury      Silversea, Seabourn, Ponant

Island-hopping Croatia only      Sail Croatia, Katarina Line

## Best months for Croatia cruises:

- **May–June** – fewer crowds, great weather
- **September–October** – warm water, beautiful sunsets

## Most Popular Viking Cruises Visiting Croatia

### 1. [Venice, the Adriatic & Greece \(Most Popular\)](#)

**Route:**

Venice → Split → Dubrovnik → Kotor → Corfu → Katakolon → Athens

**Length:** ~8 days

**Why it's popular**

- Classic **Adriatic-to-Greece route**
- Includes Croatia's two most famous ports
- Shorter itinerary that's easy to combine with land travel

This sailing frequently stops in Split, home to **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO site in Croatia's historic Dalmatian region.

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## 2. [Iconic Adriatic Antiquities](#)

**Route:**

Venice → Split → Dubrovnik → Kotor → Corfu → Olympia → Athens → Sicily → Naples → Rome

**Length:** ~15 days

**Why travelers love it**

- One of Viking's **most complete Adriatic itineraries**
- Combines Croatia with **Italy, Greece, and Turkey**
- Excellent for history lovers

Example sailings include stops in Split and Dubrovnik before continuing through the Mediterranean.

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## 3. [Mediterranean Odyssey](#)

**Route:**

Barcelona → Marseille → Monte Carlo → Rome → Naples → Split → Venice

**Length:** ~13 days

**Why it's popular**

- Combines **Western Mediterranean and Adriatic**

- Includes Croatia's Dalmatian coast
  - Great for first-time Mediterranean cruisers
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#### 4. [Adriatic & Mediterranean Sojourn](#)

**Route:**

Athens → Dubrovnik → Split → Venice → Italy → France → Spain

**Length:** ~22 days

**Why travelers book it**

- A **longer immersive itinerary**
  - Ideal for travelers wanting a **slow-paced Mediterranean exploration**
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#### 5. [Ancient Adriatic Treasures](#)

**Route:**

Venice → Split → Dubrovnik → Kotor → Ionian Sea → Greece

**Length:** ~10–12 days

**Why it's popular**

- Focuses specifically on the **Adriatic region**
  - Great mix of Croatia, Montenegro, and Greece
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#### **Croatia Ports Most Often Visited on Viking Cruises**

These Croatian ports appear on most Viking itineraries:

- Dubrovnik – medieval walled city and UNESCO site
  - Split – home to the 1,700-year-old Diocletian's Palace
  - Zadar – Roman ruins and seaside promenades
  - Šibenik – gateway to Krka National Park
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### 💡 Why Viking cruises in Croatia are so popular

- Smaller ships (~998 guests) with **all-balcony cabins**
  - Destination-focused itineraries with cultural excursions
  - Ports that are **close together**, meaning less time at sea
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### ✅ If you want the single best Viking Croatia cruise:

Most travel experts recommend **Venice → Dubrovnik → Athens** because it combines the **Dalmatian Coast, Montenegro fjords, and Greek Isles in one itinerary.**

## Top Azamara Croatia Cruises

### 1. [Croatia Intensive Cruise \(Zadar, Split & Dubrovnik\)](#)

**Ship:** Azamara Onward

**Length:** ~9 nights

**Typical route:**

Venice → Zadar → Šibenik → Split → Dubrovnik → Kotor → Athens

### ★ Why it's popular

- Visits multiple Croatian ports rather than just one or two
- Often includes **late-night stays in Dubrovnik and Split**
- Excellent mix of history and coastal scenery

This itinerary typically runs about **9 nights and focuses heavily on Croatia's Dalmatian coast.**

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### 2. [Croatia Intensive: Dubrovnik, Split & Zadar](#)

**Ship:** Azamara Onward

**Length:** ~8 nights

**Typical route:**

Venice → Dubrovnik → Split → Zadar → Kotor → Athens

### ★ Highlights

- Focus on the three most famous Croatian destinations
- Easy itinerary length for first-time Adriatic cruisers

These sailings typically run about **8 nights and emphasize Croatia's historic coastal cities.**

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### 3. [Italy, Greece & Turkey Cruise: Rome, Venice & Athens](#)

**Ship:** Azamara Journey

**Length:** ~21 nights

#### **Typical route:**

Barcelona → Florence → Rome → Kotor → Dubrovnik → Zadar → Corfu → Heraklion → Rhodes → Athens

### ★ Highlights

- Combines Italy, Croatia, Turkey and Greece
- A strong balance of scenic sailing and historic towns

This itinerary generally runs **around 21 nights.**

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### 4. [Italy, Montenegro & Croatia](#)

**Ship:** Azamara Journey

**Length:** ~10 nights

#### **Typical route:**

Barcelona → Florence → Rome → Sorrento → Silicy → Kotor → Dubrovnik → Zadar → Venice

### ★ Highlights

- Includes **Spain, Italy and Croatia**

Typical sailing length: **10 nights.**

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## Why Azamara Is Excellent for Croatia

Azamara cruises are especially well suited for the Adriatic because:

- **Smaller ships access historic ports** easily
- Frequent **overnight stays** in cities like Dubrovnik
- Destination-focused experiences like **AzAmazing Evenings events**
- More **immersive shore excursions and cultural experiences**


Many Croatia itineraries also combine **Italy, Montenegro, and Greece**, creating a rich Adriatic exploration.

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### **Most iconic Croatia ports on Azamara cruises**

- Dubrovnik – medieval walled city
- Split – Diocletian’s Palace
- Zadar – Roman ruins and Sea Organ
- Šibenik – gateway to Krka waterfalls

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 **Travel tip:** The best months for Azamara Croatia cruises are **May–June and September**, when temperatures are comfortable and ports are less crowded.