Cruise & Walk the Adriatic Coast



Trip style:	Destination:	Walking Grade	Carbon Footprint:
Cruise & Walks	Croatia	5	973kg CO2

HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Set sail along the Adriatic Coast on this comfortable small-ship cruise exclusively for HF guests. Each day we drop anchor in a selection of Croatia's most captivating spots for shoreline strolls, countryside walks, and time to unwind between. Explore the pine-forest paths and saltwater lakes of Mljet National Park, walk atop the centuries-old walls of Ston, and through the vineyards of the Pelješac Peninsula for a local wine-tasting experience. The real showstopper though is UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik, where we start and end our trip. Enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent walled harbour city, before a final walk up Srđ Hill for sweeping views over the Old Town and coastline – a fitting grand finale to an unforgettable holiday.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- An exclusive small-ship size and feel, with a max capacity of just 28 people (2026)
- An exclusive small-ship size and feel, with a max capacity of just 32 guests (2027)
- Daily guided walks and sightseeing with expert local leaders, exclusively for HF guests
- Comfortable air-conditioned cabins, a sun deck complete with loungers, and freshly prepared meals by the on-board chef

- Croatia's ever-changing scenery from forested islands and rugged coastal paths to vineyard trails and historic towns
- Discovering Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town, including a memorable walk on the mighty city walls
- Sampling local Croatian wines as you walk the sunlit vineyards of the Pelješac Peninsula
- Plenty of downtime between walks for swim stops
- Evenings moored in charming harbour towns, with time to stroll and soak up the atmosphere

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Gatwick including baggage and transfers
- Daily small-group guided walks and sightseeing tours with expert local leaders exclusively for HF guests (max. 14 per group) (2026)
- Daily small-group guided walks and sightseeing tours with expert local leaders exclusively for HF guests (max. 16 per group) (2027)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights' touring accommodation on board Premium vessel MV Jadranska Kraljica (Adriatic Queen) (2026)
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- 7 breakfast, welcome lunch and 7 dinners including a Captain's Dinner
- All sightseeing and entrance fees (as per itinerary)
- Wine and olive oil tasting on board
- All local taxes, port fees and obligatory tips included
- All in-destination transport

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Day 1 **Dubrovnik**

Distance: 3.1 miles (5 km) (plus time on the city walls)

Ascent: Minimal (with steps on the walls)

Check in to MV Jadranska Kraljica – also known as the "Adriatic Queen" - at Gruž harbour. After a welcome lunch and introductions, set out with your guide on a walk from the port to Dubrovnik's Old Town. This afternoon's highlight is a full circuit on top of the medieval city walls, with plenty of time for photos and stories as the Old Town's rooftops and the Adriatic open up below. Enjoy free time afterwards for a gelato or a wander through the marble lanes, then return by public bus from Pile Gate for a welcome dinner on board.

Day 2 **Dubrovnik to Slano**

Distance: 3.7 - 4.3 miles (6 - 7 km)

Ascent: 280 - 300 m

Over breakfast we sail to Slano, a peaceful fishing village on the mainland. From here we head to Ston, famed for its oysters and remarkable fortifications. Walk the spectacular Walls of Ston (often called Europe's "Great Wall"), tackling plenty of steep stone steps as the route climbs and dips along the ridge line. After the walk, there's time to explore Ston and Mali Ston at your own pace—perhaps with the chance to sample local oysters—before returning to the ship for dinner.

Day 3 Slano to Mljet

Distance: 8.1 - 9.3 miles (13 - 15 km)

Ascent: Mostly flat

Sail this morning to Mljet National Park. Join your guide for an unhurried walk through pine forest, along gravel paths and wooden boardwalks beside the island's famous saltwater lakes. We also take a boat ride to St Mary Isle to visit its 12th-century Benedictine monastery. Return to the ship for a relaxed evening moored close by.

Day 4 Mljet to Lastovo

Distance: 7.5 - 8.7 miles (12 - 14 km)

Ascent: Up to 417 m (Hum)

We continue to Lastovo Nature Park for a full-day island adventure combining coastal views, historic lanes, shaded woodland and a satisfying summit. Starting at Mihovil Bay, we pass through Lastovo town before ascending to Hum (417 m) for wide-ranging views, then descend towards the coast. We finish at Jurjeva Luka, a sheltered natural harbour where the ship will be waiting. It's a perfect spot to enjoy our Captain's Dinner this evening.

Day 5 Lastovo to Vela Luka (Korčula)

Distance: 6.2 - 7.5 miles (10 - 12 km)

Ascent: 350 - 400 m

An early sail brings us to Korčula, often linked with Marco Polo. We land at Vela Luka and set off on a rewarding inland climb to Hum, enjoying wide Adriatic views before a peaceful descent through forested paths. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the town at leisure before dinner on board.

Day 6 Vela Luka (Korčula) to Trstenik (Pelješac)

Distance: 6.2 - 7.5 miles (10 - 12 km)

Ascent: Gentle, up to 200 m

Today we cruise to Trstenik on the Pelješac Peninsula for a walk that pairs sea views with vineyard tracks and quiet country lanes. We make our way towards Pijavičino for a wine tasting and light snack, then return to Trstenik where the ship awaits. After dinner, you may like to step ashore to soak up the easygoing village atmosphere.

Day 7 Trstenik to Dubrovnik

Distance: 3.7 miles (6 km)

Ascent: 400 m

Sail back towards Dubrovnik, with breakfast en route and superb coastal scenery along the way. This afternoon, tackle the iconic climb to Srđ Hill (412 m) above the city – an uplifting walk combining woodland paths and expansive Adriatic views. After soaking up the panorama over the Old Town and coastline, take a cable car ride down and head back to the port of Gruž by public bus. That evening, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner on board to celebrate the end of our holiday together.

Day 8 **Dubrovnik**

Enjoy breakfast onboard before saying farewell to your crew and fellow guests.

DAILY WALK OPTIONS



Moderate walking grade 5

Some walking experience needed. Full day walks which may include some short but steep ascents and descents throughout the day, and varied terrain. Regular stops. Typically, 8-9 miles (13-15km) with around 1,300ft (400m) of ascent.

ACCOMMODATION

MV Jadranska Kraljica (Adriatic Queen)

The MV Jadranska Kraljica (also known as the Adriatic Queen) is a premium motor vessel offering an exceptional way to discover the stunning Adriatic coastline. Modern and air-conditioned cabins, each with a private en-suite bathroom, provide a relaxing retreat after a day of exploring.

The large sun deck is ideal for unwinding whilst enjoying warm Mediterranean weather and views of the Croatian coastline.

Onboard dining is a delight, with meals prepared using fresh, local ingredients and served in a welcoming and elegant dining area. The professional and attentive crew ensures every aspect of your journey is seamless, adding a personal touch to your cruising experience.

From picturesque harbours to hidden coves, a cruise aboard the MV Jadranska Kraljica promises a memorable adventure blending relaxation, comfort, and exploration.

- A total of 17 cabins on 3 decks, exclusively for HF guests.
- Lower deck cabins feature 2 port holes and are accessed via an inner entrance, whilst main deck cabins have windows and doors with windows for access via the outside deck.
- Standard pricing is based on 2 persons sharing a lower deck cabin, with an upgrade supplement for main and upper deck. Both decks offer twin & double-bedded options.
- There is a swimming platform with easy access when we drop anchor for those wishing to take a dip.
- The program includes daily breakfast and dinner and 1 lunch. Meals are freshly prepared by the on-board chef and crew.

The 3 course dinners on board are set menu, therefore it is important to inform us if you have any special dietary requirements or allergies at the time of booking so we can cater for this during your stay. You'll also find a bar on board where drinks can be purchased. A Captain's Dinner is included – a special evening hosted by the captain and your tour guide.

Other highlights on board

· Cabins with private facilities and A/C · Additional features - safe deposit box, hair dryer, cupboard & wardrobe cabinet · 7 x buffet breakfasts, welcome lunch and 7 x three course dinners · Welcome drink · Complimentary water on board · Captain's dinner · Wine & olive oil tasting · Tea or coffee served each afternoon · Daily cabin cleaning · Midweek bed linen and towel change · Free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) · Air-conditioned dining room and bar

VACCINATIONS & HEALTH

Vaccinations & health information

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel.

As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure.

Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting.

For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passport & Visa information

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice.

Passport Requirements

This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long.
We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues.

If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website.

Visa Requirements

Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling.
British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website:
https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Packing list

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It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

· Walking boots

· Waterproof jacket

· Waterproof trousers

· Insulated jacket/top

· Walking clothing

· Walking socks (plus spares)

· Sunhat

· Gloves/mitts and warm hat

· Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity)

· Headtorch

· High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30)

· Sunglasses with a dark lens

· Rucksack (15-30 litres)

· Mobile phone

· Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.)

· Passport

· Visa (if applicable)

· Copy of your travel insurance policy

· UK Global Health Insurance Card (**formerly known as EHIC**)

Recommended

· Collapsible walking poles

· Swimwear and travel towel

· Snacks

· Dry bags

· Rubbish bags

· Insect repellent

Optional extras

· Camera

· Sit mat

· Flask for hot drinks

· Durable lunch box

· Gaiters

· GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)

USEFUL INFORMATION

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a condition of booking. Therefore, if you have not already arranged insurance, it is imperative that you do so before you travel.

For more information about healthcare and its costs, please visit: https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/

Drinking Water

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Standards for drinking water vary widely around the world. In many destinations, tap water may not be safe to drink, brush your teeth with, or use for making ice. Where advised, you should drink only bottled or treated water and ensure that bottle seals are intact before use. If bottled water is unavailable, water should be boiled or filtered.

Staying well hydrated is particularly important in hot climates and during active holidays. Carry water with you and drink regularly.

If you are unsure about local water safety, check official country-specific health advice before travel, or ask your accommodation or local guides for guidance once you arrive.

Dress Code

Dress Code On Board

There is a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere on board. Casual clothing is acceptable for all meal times; jackets and ties are not required for meals. The Captain's Dinner is an opportunity to dress up should you wish.

TRIPNOTE VALIDITY

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred. In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary. The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

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