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Dreaming of holidaying in Croatia?

Croatia offers a captivating mix of cultural experiences, natural wonders, and Mediterranean charm, making it a perfect destination for both relaxing and adventure-filled holidays.

Design it your way and experience Croatia just like you dreamed!

## Top Destinations in Croatia

### Dubrovnik

**Known for:** The historic Old Town, medieval walls, and Game of Thrones filming locations.

#### What to do:

Walk the City Walls for panoramic views of the sea and the terracotta-roofed houses.

Visit Lovrijenac Fortress and Stradun, the main street in the Old Town.

Take a cable car up to Mount Srđ for stunning views over the city and nearby islands.

Day trip to the Elaphiti Islands for some beach time.

### Split

**Known for:** Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an ancient Roman palace complex integrated into the heart of the city.

#### What to do:

Explore Diocletian's Palace and its labyrinth of streets, cafes, and shops.

Walk along the Riva promenade by the waterfront.

Visit Marjan Hill for nature walks and scenic views over the town.

Take a ferry to nearby islands like Hvar, Brač, or Vis.





### **Hvar**

**Known for:** Nightlife, luxury yachts, and beautiful beaches.

**What to do:**

Relax at the island's famous beaches like Dubovica and Pokonji Dol.

Visit the Fortica Fortress for sweeping views of Hvar Town and nearby islets.

Explore St. Stephen's Cathedral and Square.

Enjoy the vibrant nightlife at waterfront bars and clubs.

### **Zadar**

**Known for:** Ancient Roman and Venetian ruins, the Sea Organ, and breathtaking sunsets.

**What to do:**

Hear the sounds of the Sea Organ, an architectural sound art installation.

Explore the Roman Forum and visit St. Donatus Church.

Watch the sunset from the Monument to the Sun, a solar-powered art installation.

Day trips to nearby islands like Dugi Otok or Kornati National Park.

### **Plitvice Lakes National Park**

**Known for:** UNESCO-listed park with 16 interconnected lakes and waterfalls.

**What to do:**

Walk the wooden trails that wind around the turquoise lakes and waterfalls.

Take a boat ride on the lakes.

Spend a day hiking or wildlife spotting in the lush forest surroundings.

### **Istria Peninsula**

**Known for:** Rolling hills, truffle hunting, and Venetian-style coastal towns.

**What to do:**

Visit Rovinj, a romantic seaside town with cobblestone streets and colorful buildings.

Explore the Roman amphitheater in Pula.

Enjoy the food and wine scene, especially truffles and local wines in Motovun and Grožnjan.

Swim in the clear waters of Kamenjak Nature Park.

### **Korčula**

**Known for:** Wine, olive oil, and its medieval old town, often referred to as "Little Dubrovnik."



### What to do:

Wander through Korčula Old Town, with its narrow streets and impressive architecture.

Visit Marco Polo's House, the alleged birthplace of the famous explorer.

Enjoy local wines, especially the island's signature Grk and Pošip varieties.

Swim or snorkel at Pupnatska Luka beach.



## Beaches

Zlatni Rat (Bol, Brač Island): One of Croatia's most famous beaches, known for its unique shape and clear waters.

Stiniva Beach (Vis Island): A hidden gem with dramatic cliffs surrounding a small, pebbly cove.

Saharun Beach (Dugi Otok): A picturesque sandy beach with turquoise waters, perfect for families.

Banje Beach (Dubrovnik): Located near the Old Town with beautiful views of Dubrovnik's city walls and Lokrum Island.

## Food & Drink

Seafood: Croatia's coastal regions are known for their fresh seafood, especially grilled fish, octopus, and calamari.

Peka: A traditional dish where meat (lamb, veal, or octopus) is slow-cooked under a bell-like dome with potatoes and vegetables.

Istrian Cuisine: Known for truffles, wild asparagus, and excellent wines like Malvazija and Teran.

Dalmatian Cuisine: Features dishes like pašticada (a slow-cooked beef stew), black risotto, and brudet (a fish stew).

Wine: Croatia has several wine regions. Try the Plavac Mali reds from Dalmatia or Pošip and Grk whites from Korčula.



### Best Time to Visit:

Summer (June to August): Best for beach holidays, though it's also the busiest time of the year.

Shoulder seasons (May, September, October): Fewer tourists, pleasant weather, and ideal for exploring cities and nature without crowds.



# 10 Day Sample Itinerary of Croatia

## Day 1



Arrive in Dubrovnik  
Morning: Arrive in Dubrovnik, often referred to as the "Pearl of the Adriatic."  
Afternoon: Check into your hotel and begin exploring the Old Town.  
Walk the City Walls for panoramic views of the city, coastline, and Lokrum Island.  
Visit Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace.  
Evening: Enjoy a sunset dinner at a restaurant overlooking the Adriatic Sea, such as Restaurant 360° or Panorama.

## Day 2



Dubrovnik – Day Trip to Lokrum Island  
Morning: Take a short boat ride to Lokrum Island.  
Explore the Botanical Gardens, Benedictine Monastery, and hike to the Fort Royal Castle for great views.  
Swim or relax at the small beaches around the island.  
Afternoon: Return to Dubrovnik and visit the Franciscan Monastery and its beautiful pharmacy.  
Evening: Stroll along Stradun, the main street, and explore Dubrovnik's vibrant nightlife or enjoy some gelato.

## Day 3



Dubrovnik to Korčula  
Morning: Take a ferry from Dubrovnik to the island of Korčula (2–3 hours).  
Afternoon: Arrive in Korčula Town, known as "Little Dubrovnik."  
Explore the medieval old town, believed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo.  
Visit St. Mark's Cathedral and the Marco Polo Museum.  
Evening: Enjoy dinner at a seaside restaurant and sample Pošip and Grk wines, which are local to the island.

## Day 4



Explore Korčula Island  
Morning: Rent a bike or car and explore the island's vineyards and olive groves.  
Visit Lumbarda, known for its white wine, Grk.  
Swim or relax at Pupnatska Luka, one of the most beautiful beaches on the island.  
Afternoon: Visit the small fishing villages like Vela Luka.  
Evening: Return to Korčula Town for a relaxing evening or enjoy a quiet dinner in a rural konoba (traditional tavern).

## Day 5



SKorčula to Hvar  
Morning: Take the ferry from Korčula to Hvar Island (about 1.5–2 hours).  
Afternoon: Arrive in Hvar Town, famous for its lively atmosphere, historic architecture, and luxury yachts.  
Visit St. Stephen's Cathedral and climb up to the Fortica Fortress for breathtaking views of the town and the Pakleni Islands.  
Evening: Explore the vibrant nightlife or enjoy a more laid-back evening at a restaurant with sea views.

## Day 6



Hvar – Pakleni Islands  
Morning: Rent a boat or join a boat tour to explore the Pakleni Islands, a group of small, unspoiled islands with hidden coves and beaches.  
Spend time swimming and sunbathing in crystal-clear waters.  
Afternoon: Return to Hvar and visit the Franciscan Monastery or take a walk through the lavender fields that Hvar is famous for.  
Evening: Dine at one of Hvar's trendy restaurants like Divino or Giaxa.

## Day 7



Hvar to Split  
Morning: Take a ferry from Hvar to Split (about 1 hour).  
Afternoon: Arrive in Split and check into your hotel.  
Explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian's Palace, a vast Roman palace that forms the heart of the city.  
Visit Peristyle Square, Saint Domnius Cathedral, and Diocletian's Cellars.  
Evening: Stroll along the Riva Promenade, and enjoy a seafood dinner by the sea.

## Day 8



Day Trip to Krka National Park  
Morning: Take a day trip to Krka National Park (1-hour drive from Split).  
Explore the park's stunning waterfalls, especially Skradinski Buk, and take a swim in the clear waters.  
Visit the charming town of Skradin, where the Krka River meets the sea.  
Afternoon: Spend more time in the park or visit the nearby Roški Slap waterfall.  
Evening: Return to Split and enjoy a relaxing evening at a local konoba or restaurant.

## Day 9



Split to Zadar (Stop in Trogir)  
Morning: Drive or take a bus to Trogir (30 minutes), a small medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage site.  
Explore Kamerlengo Castle, Trogir Cathedral, and the old town.  
Afternoon: Continue to Zadar (1.5 hours).  
Walk along Zadar's historic streets and visit the Roman Forum and St. Donatus Church.  
Visit the Sea Organ, an architectural sound installation that produces music from the waves.  
Evening: Watch the sunset from Greeting to the Sun, a solar-powered art installation.

## Day 10



Explore Zadar & Departure  
Morning: Visit Zadar's Archaeological Museum or spend some time relaxing by the coast.  
Take a short trip to Nin, a picturesque town known for its saltworks and beautiful beaches.  
Afternoon: Depending on your flight time, enjoy a final stroll along the waterfront or relax at a café before heading to Zadar Airport for your flight home.