

Golden Island cruise Croatia

Explore Croatian largest island by cruising, walking and cycling.



Croatia has more than 1185 islands, islets and rocks and the largest among them is located in the northern part of the Adriatic Sea in the Kvarner Gulf. It is long since known as the Golden island with abundance of water, bigger and smaller villages and gorgeous bays. Stay fit and learn about Croatian history related to Romans, Venetians and the Frankopans, a Croatian noble family.

The boarding on the ship is intended to take place in one of the most renowned tourist places in Croatia and on the Adriatic Sea - Opatija - often referred to as the Lady of the camellias. You will spend the night here and have the

opportunity to take a stroll on the famous 12 kilometres long promenade along the sea known also as "lungo mare".

Not too exhausting walking and cycling tours, crystal clear sea, old stone walls which retell stories and Croatian dishes - all this will only in a week recharge your batteries and motivate you to choose one of our numerous programmes and come back next year.

Special note:

- 7 days cruising with vintage sailing ships, combined with walking and cycling
- experienced guides
- sightseeing of the Old town in Krk and St.Lucy (Sv.Lucija) church in Baska, where the oldest written evidence of Croatian language in old Croatian glagolic script has been discovered
- wine tasting of the famous golden coloured white wine from the island of Krk - Zlahtina
- Explore Opatija - the Perl of the Adriatic sea and its surroundings. Experience one of our renowned wellness hotels and rest here before or after the cruising.

Journey details:

Duration	8 Days/7 Nights
Location	Croatia
Season	May, June, September, October
Trip Type	Fully Guided
Nearest City	Opatija
Physical Condition Required	Good
Destination(s)	• Croatia
Minimum Age Limit	30
Sports/Adventures covered	Cultural Exploration, Hiking, Cycling, Sightseeing, Boat Travel, Swimming, Wine Tasting, Photography
Guest Capacity	24
Accommodations	Seven nights lodging in private bath, twin-bedded, double occupancy cabins on motor sailor
Dining	Seven breakfasts, seven lunches, and one olive oil tasting as well as one wine tasting are included.
On request	Available with full board at additional cost, transfer from hotel to boat (see extras)
Website	www.katarina-line.com

Cruising programme

Day 1 Saturday: Opatija - island of Krk



Check in at 12:00, departure from Opatija harbor, Saturday at 13:00. We will introduce you to the crew of the ship and our experienced tourist guide, who will accompany you on your voyage. During a light lunch and the sailing to the largest island in Croatia, you will get to know our cruising programme. Overnight in port Omisalj. A short stroll to a small village and free time. Take the opportunity to join a dinner as a group on the ship on your first night here.

Day 2 Sunday: Omisalj - Krk



After breakfast we sail to the Malinska village and you can cycle along the coast until lunch. We continue our sailing to the Glavotok where you have free time to swim or visit the church which exhibits paintings of master G. di Santa Croce. We continue our cruise. Overnight in the town of Krk. After sightseeing with our guide of the old town of Krk where the castle of the old noble family the Frankopans is located, you will have free time to taste the duke's cake of Krk and other delicacies of local restaurants.

Day 3 Monday: Krk - Punat



After breakfast a short sail to the nearby bay where hidden attractions can be discovered. After our arrival in the Punat harbour a small boat will take you to the island of Kosljun. In roman times a villa was located here and in the 15th century the Frankopans gave the permission to the Franciscan order to establish their dwelling here. Sightseeing of the church, etymological museum and the island. Lunch is served on the ship. We will use this late afternoon to stroll to the restaurant Kanajt in the vicinity of a lovely yacht harbor and enjoy in tasting of our smoked ham (prsut, prosciutto) and cheese served on a plate as well as

in homemade olive oil. Punat is surrounded by olive trees and has a small modern mill for production of the olive oil. We will spend the night in Punat.

Day 4 Tuesday: Punat - Baska



After lunch we start for the Stara Baska village, make short stops for swimming and enjoy in bathing and have lunch on the ship. We continue sailing to Baska. We will cycle to the nearby small village of Jurandvor where a small St Lucy church is situated. In this church the oldest written evidence that the Croats inhabited the island already during the kingdom of Croatian king Zvonimir was found, known as the Bascanska ploca –a stone tablet written in glagolitic script in Croatian language from the 12th century. On the way back possible visit of aquarium with typical fish sorts from Adriatic sea. Overnight in Baska.

Day 5 Wednesday Baska - Vrbnik



First breakfast and afterwards you can spend your time until lunch on the 2 kilometres long beach or in the old town and visit the Alley of Glagolitic alphabet carved in stone. We continue our cruising to the Vrbnik harbour. Join a walking tour and in addition wine tasting. Here you can try out three sorts of fruit brandy (rakia or rakija), watch a film about production of world-wide famous white wine - Zlahtina, and taste our local specialty home made pasta and three glasses of wine (white, red and dessert). Possibility to buy souvenirs and a group photo. Overnight in Vrnik.

Day 6 Thursday: Vrbnik - Crikvenica



After breakfast we cruise towards Silo and cycle to a small cave Biserujka, length cc. 110 meters, constant average temperature 13 Celsius. On our return we give you the opportunity to try out the healing therapeutic mud. Lunch is served on the ship. We continue sailing to the second Riviera in the Kvarner Gulf - the Riviera of Crikvenica. In the free time you can take a stroll to Selce (2 kilometers) along the coast or eat ice-cream in one of the coffee bars in the center of Crikvenica. You can also choose a dinner at the Sabbia restaurant and enjoy a night swimming.

Day 7 Friday: Crikvenica - Opatija



During breakfast cruise to Novi Vinodolski. We cycle over asphalted road up a gentle ascent through Vinodol valley to medieval places Bribir (5 km) and Grizane (10 km). From Grizane we descend to Tribalj (15 km) where we can turn to the right and drive to Drivenik (18 km). From Drivenik we cycle back to Tribalj, turn right to Crikvenica (28 km). In Crikvenica we turn left for Selce (31 km). Late lunch on the boat or possibility to take lunch package (to be ordered in advance). On our return voyage to Opatija, we pass beneath the bridge of the Krk island. Take the opportunity and book a walking tour with our guide

through the centre of Opatija and along the part of coast promenade. For a farewell we offer you captain's dinner.

Day 8, Saturday: Opatija



After breakfast you will say goodbye to your new friends and to the crew. We recommend you to stay in one of Opatija's hotels and take a trip to Istra or the National park Plitvice.

See you soon on one of our cruises from Split or Dubrovnik!

Extras:

- Visitor's tax and port fees cost 16 eur per person/week
- Drink supplement (ask for a supplement when booking)
- English breakfast (ask for a supplement when booking)
- Walking tour Opatija
- Captain's dinner
- Transfer from airport to the ship or parking place
- Wellness in hotels on the Opatija Riviera.