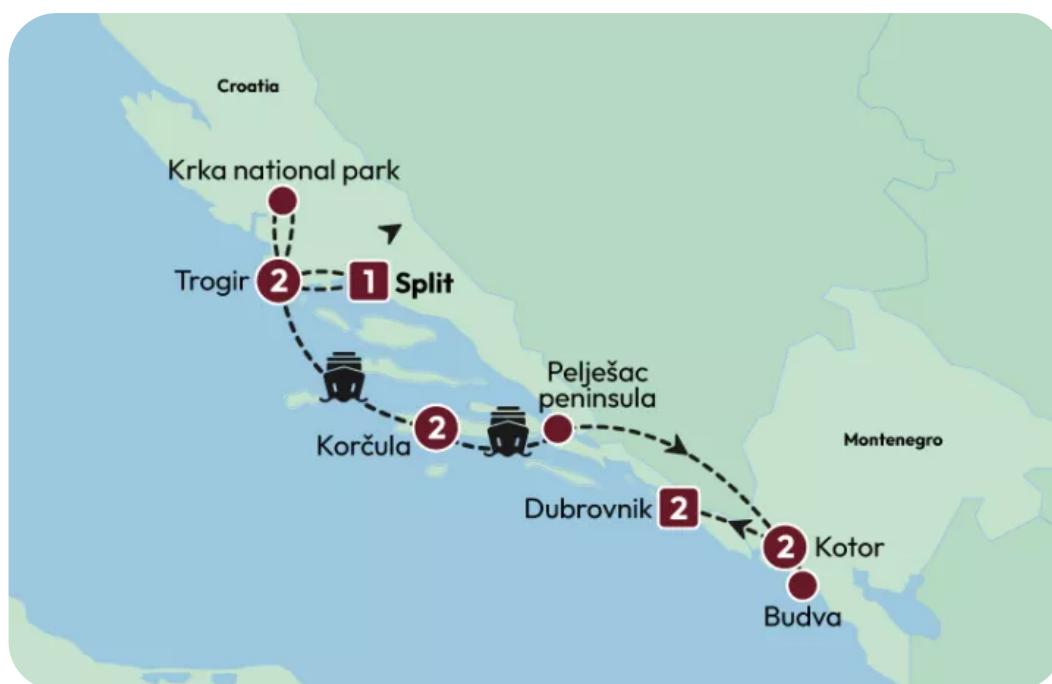




Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast 2025

Embark on a voyage through South Croatia and Montenegro, where terracotta roofs glow in the light of golden sunsets and azure waters caress the shores of tranquil islands. Whether it's sampling local sizzling seafood dishes, meandering through timeless cobblestone streets or soaking in the beauty of cascading waterfalls, this 10-day adventure will leave you with everlasting memories.



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About your tour notes

These tour notes contain everything you need to know before your tour departs – from where to meet your fellow guests and local guide to what essentials to pack for your journey. We recommend you print this document out and bring it with you on your tour. Give a copy to loved ones at home so they can follow your adventure, too.

Important: please refresh this document as close to your departure as possible to ensure you're equipped with the latest information available.

**Heritage Hotel FERMAI MGallery @
18:00**

Livanjska 5, Split, 21000

Hotel More @ 14:00

Ul. kardinala Stepinca 33, Dubrovnik,
20000

Worth noting

Considering our 27 April, 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 5 October, 19 October or 2 November 2025 departures? Please note that you'll be staying in a different hotel in Korčula. Because of this, you'll enjoy your cooking class at lunchtime on Day 5 instead of in the evening on Day 4.



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Tour highlights

- Explore Krka National Park's maze of mesmerising waterfalls and crystalline lakes with a local guide
- Uncover the fascinating tales behind Our Lady of the Rock islet in the Bay of Kotor
- Savour the distinct flavours of Croatian cuisine with a cooking class and dinner in Korčula

More inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- 9 nights in thoughtfully selected accommodation
- Luxury minicoach

Tour currencies



Included meals

Breakfast (B) is included daily.

Some of your lunches and dinners are also included, either in hotels or local restaurants. These are indicated by (L) and (D) in the itinerary.

Please note that drinks will not always be included.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific dietary requirements you may have. Please ensure to make these clear to us before your tour begins so we can communicate them to our hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

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Your itinerary

Day 1

Our incredible journey will begin in Split, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed city beside the azure Adriatic. Tonight, we'll get to know one another better over a delicious welcome dinner.

Included on this day

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| ● Hotel | ● Meals |
| Heritage Hotel | Dinner |
| Fermai Split | |
| MGallery (or similar) | |

Day 2 | Trogir

Today's history-filled agenda begins with a walking tour of Split – where a local guide will take us into the white walls of Diocletian's Palace, a vast fortress filled with centuries of history. We'll also pay a visit to the Grgur Ninski Statue and the Cathedral of St Domnius, before moving on to medieval Trogir. Here, we'll be taken around the maze of marble streets and Romanesque buildings by a local guide – before going our separate ways to explore this tiny island town and indulge in some delicious local cuisine.

Included on this day

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| ● Hotel | ● Meals |
| Hotel Pasike (or similar) | Breakfast |



Day 3 | Trogir

This morning will see us seeking the crystalline lakes and energetic waterfalls of Krka National Park. We'll be shown around this mesmerising park by a local guide, before moving on to a local winery. At this quaint establishment we'll learn the history of winemaking in the region – while being treated to a tasting of selected wines. After that, we'll round off the day with some free time to relax back in Trogir.

Included on this day

● **Hotel**
Hotel Pasike (or similar)

● **Meals**
Breakfast

Day 4 | Korčula

Today we'll say goodbye to Trogir and move on to Split, where we'll catch the ferry to Korčula – an island that's reputed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. After checking into the hotel, our Tour Leader will take us on a stroll through the Old Town, before we enjoy some free time to delve deeper into the hidden treasures of this medieval island. Then: time to experience some culinary delights! We'll uncover the distinct and unique flavours of Croatian cuisine with an included cooking class – and indulge in its delicious result for dinner this evening.

Included on this day

● **Hotel**
Hotel Lume (or similar)

● **Meals**
Breakfast
Dinner

Day 5

Today you're free to explore Korčula as you wish. Lounge at a nearby beach or find a café and get better acquainted with the local cuisine. If you're in the mood for exploration, you can even hop aboard a taxi boat to the tiny island of Vrnik.

Included on this day

● **Hotel**
Hotel Lume (or similar)

● **Meals**
Breakfast

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Day 6 | Kotor (Montenegro)

After bidding farewell to Korčula, we'll set sail to the nearby Pelješac Peninsula – a hotspot for winemaking since the days of the Roman Empire. Savour the fruits of this ancient tradition with a visit to a local winery before we leave Croatia for Montenegro. Kotor Bay is a soul-stirring sight – and at the centre lies UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kotor town, seemingly untouched by time. Enjoy some free time to explore the picturesque Old Town at your leisure, before reconvening tonight for sumptuous group dinner.

Included on this day

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| ● Hotel | ● Meals |
| Hotel Cattaro (or similar) | Breakfast
Dinner |

Day 7 | Kotor

First today: a guided walking tour of Kotor. Old Kotor was built like a maze for protective purposes – and it's very easy to get lost here without some local expertise! Following that, we'll make our way to the picturesque Budva. A local guide will show us around as we soak up the town's historic beauty. After, we'll return to Kotor – where you'll be free to spend the rest of the afternoon as you please.

Included on this day

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| ● Hotel | ● Meals |
| Hotel Cattaro (or similar) | Breakfast |

Day 8 | Dubrovnik (Croatia)

Today we take to the water (passing wonderful scenery, of course). A boat will carry us to Our Lady of the Rocks: a small church on a manmade island. After hearing the fascinating legend behind the church, we'll continue along the road less travelled to the mesmerising ancient city of Dubrovnik where the remainder of the afternoon will be yours to hunt down more local fare, explore the city's cobbled streets or simply put your feet up and relax at the hotel.

Included on this day

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| ● Hotel | ● Meals |
| Hotel More (or similar) | Breakfast |

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Day 9

Today's guided tour of Dubrovnik will see us strolling through the Old Town, where we'll see the likes of the Franciscan Monastery, Sponza Palace, the Cathedral of Our Lady and the Old Port. If the weather is on our side, we'll take the opportunity to climb the spectacular Mt Srđ on a cable car ride. Tonight, we'll come together for one last included dinner – and clink glasses to what an incredible nine days it has been.

Included on this day

- **Hotel**
Hotel More (or similar)
- **Meals**
Breakfast
Dinner

Day 10 | Dubrovnik

Before our journey comes to an end, there's still plenty of time to round things off with a visit to the beautiful Trsteno Arboretum. After tucking into a delicious lunch at a local oyster farm, we'll return to Dubrovnik – where we'll say our goodbyes.

Included on this day

- **Meals**
Breakfast
Lunch



Travel advice

Finances

Changing money

Cash: Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

Cash machines: ATMS are widely available.

Tipping

Tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you feel you have received exceptional service, it is recommended that you tip £1-2/€ per day for Drivers and £4- 5/€ per day for Tour Leaders.

Insurance

Before travelling with Back-Roads Touring, it is compulsory for all guests to take out comprehensive travel insurance. Please ensure your insurance covers medical expenses (including repatriation), cancellation cover, loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, money and personal liability.

We recommend you carry your insurance details with you at all times. You may be asked to provide details of your medical insurance or a payment guarantee in some countries before medical assistance can be provided.

For more information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

Passports and visas

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your tour. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain

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countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your tour's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

Please note: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure as requirements do change periodically.

We advise you to either carry a photocopy of your passport (and visa, if applicable) with you while abroad, or to ensure that you leave a copy with relatives back at home. This will enable the local embassy or high commission to arrange a replacement if the original should be lost or stolen. If you do take copies with you on your tour, please ensure that you keep these separate from your original documents.

Medication and mobility

Whilst on your tour, we want you to have the smoothest journey possible which requires x mobility conditions:

- You must be fit enough to get on and off the vehicle on a regular basis, and to walk around towns and villages or to attractions.
- You must be able to walk up and down stairs and use a shower over the bath.

Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate mobility scooter or wheelchair users as we frequently stay in traditional-style hotels and the majority do not have lifts or ground-floor rooms.

If you take medicine for certain conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems, please carry it with you at all times.

Please declare any medical conditions you may have in advance of your tour. If you are in any doubt as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

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Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness and periods of feeling down happen regardless of age. Be rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Tour Leader and Driver will do their utmost to make you smile.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call loved ones. Hearing a familiar voice whilst in an unfamiliar destination can help ground you and remind you you're not alone.
- Eat well. Nobody feels their best when they're hungry. There are plenty of nutritious culinary delights to be savoured along the road!
- Integrate with your fellow guests. The more you socialise with the group, the less likely you'll feel homesick.

Transport

We travel in premium mini-coaches equipped with comfortable seats, air conditioning and large windows for enjoying the view.

With far more flexibility than a standard-size coach, we're able to take the scenic route – winding through beautiful countryside to the heart of tiny villages and coastal towns.

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What to Pack

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads Touring tours. What you pack will depend on the countries you're visiting as well as the time of year you plan to travel.

Clothing

- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sleepwear
- Warm jacket
- Underwear
- Long-sleeved tops
- Short-sleeved tops
- Shorts/skirts
- Socks
- Smart casual evening wear
- Light jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Trousers
- Swimwear
- Walking/comfortable shoes

Other essentials

- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sleepwear
- Warm jacket
- Long-sleeved tops
- Short-sleeved tops
- Shorts/skirts
- Socks
- Light jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Trousers

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How much luggage can I bring

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here's what you can take with you on tour:



1 x suitcase



1 x small carry-on bag
(backpack or handbag)

If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

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FAQs

What happens to my luggage during the ferry trips?

Your main luggage will remain on our luxury minicoach, so you won't be required to carry it on and off the ferry. However, you are welcome to take hand luggage / handbags with you on the ferry – don't forget your camera to capture the stunning coastal views!

That's everything!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour.