

# CROATIA: Beyond the Cruise



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When most travelers hear of Croatia, they think of cruise stops in gorgeous port cities along the Dalmatian coast. While Dubrovnik and Split are beautiful beach destinations for a Mediterranean cruise, there is so much more to explore in the little country of Croatia. As a former territory of old Yugoslavia, Croatia boasts of many hidden gems within its borders. Here, you can discover the remains of Diocletian's palace, trek through the Plitvice Lakes, and experience many quaint restaurants and cafes throughout the country.

Because tourism is the number one industry in all of Croatia, the hotels and tour companies are extremely hospitable, especially to Americans. The dollar also goes very far in the nation's economy, which makes visiting for a week or two easy on the wallet. Based on my recent experience and professional expertise, here are three ways I recommend exploring Croatia beyond the cruise.

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