

PRINT VERSION

Dalmatia Immersion

Eight days of swimming, stone villages and long lunches on Croatia's Adriatic. For swimmers, and for the people who love travelling with them.

8 days September 2027	**Small group** 12 guests	**2 bases** Cavtat and Hvar	**All paces** Swimmers and non-swimmers

The tour

Since 2017 we've been taking small groups to the Amalfi Coast. Now we're bringing the same approach to the stunning Dalmatian region of Croatia, in the warm, calm waters of early autumn, when the Adriatic Sea is at its best and the crowds have thinned.

This is not a swim-training camp, it's a fully immersive experience for swimmers and their travel companions. Confident swimmers get longer, more adventurous routes. Everyone else gets the same boats, beaches, meals and stories, with a coastal walk or an easy paddle in place of the long swim. Nobody is left on the shore wondering what they missed.

Culture
Walled cities, island towns and the local people who know them

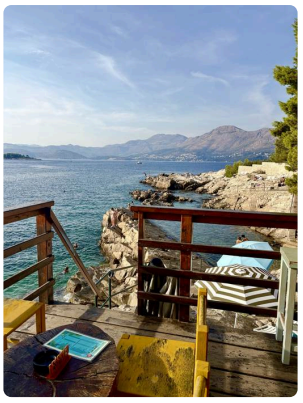
Cuisine
Family-run konobas, delicious fresh seafood, harbour-side lunches and a farewell dinner within the walls of an old palace

Architecture
Venetian loggias, Renaissance stonework and centuries of seafaring history

The sea
Sea caves, hidden coves and swims for all capabilities

Cavtat, Dubrovnik & Elephiti Islands

September 15–18 · 3 nights · our base, Cavtat, is a charming, walkable harbour town south of Dubrovnik


Day 1 · Sep 15

Arrive and settle in

We meet you at Dubrovnik Airport and transfer you to our villa in Cavtat. Once you've unpacked, the group gathers for a relaxed reconnaissance swim and walk to find our bearings, followed by afternoon drinks at the villa. In the evening we share a welcome dinner at a traditional konoba.

Recce swim · Recce walk · Welcome dinner

Day 2 · Sep 16

Island-hopping by boat

After breakfast we head out on a private boat to explore the nearby Elephiti Islands. We drop anchor in crystal-clear water for one sublime swim after another, slip into sea caves and wander historic island villages. Lunch is at a picturesque waterside restaurant. After a full day on the water you are free to take the evening at your own pace with no set agenda.

Multiple swim stops · Sea caves · Historic island villages · Waterside lunch

Day 3 · Sep 17

Dubrovnik's old town

Swimmers start with an early swim along the peninsula while others have the option of a walk on the coastal path. Mid-morning we head to Dubrovnik, where a local guide leads us through the old town's marble-paved lanes, sharing its history and putting what we see into context. Then the day is yours. Wander, shop, linger over a coffee, and head back to Cavtat on the return ferry at the time you prefer.

Early swim · Guided walking tour · Free time

Hvar & the Pakleni Islands

September 18–22 · 4 nights · Hvar, Croatia's premier island destination, is an exquisite blend of

crystal-clear water, historic stone villages and sophisticated Mediterranean living






Day 4 Sep 18

Ferry to Hvar

An early transfer takes us to the ferry, and we cross to Hvar. After checking in, we swim (with a longer option for stronger swimmers) and take a guided stroll through the old town. Tonight is open so you are free to discover endless dining options along the harbour or tucked away in the cobbled lanes of Hvar Old Town.

Arrival swim · Old town tour

Day 5 Sep 19

The Pakleni Islands

A full day on the water exploring the pine-fringed Pakleni Islands, with swim after swim in clear, sheltered bays. Lunch, included in your tour, is at one of our favourite spots on the islands. The evening is free to rest or explore.

All-day swimming · Island beaches · Delicious lunch

Day 6 Sep 20

Stari Grad and ancient Greek ruins

After an early swim, we cross to the other side of the island to Stari Grad, the oldest town in Croatia, founded in 384 BC as the Greek colony of Pharos. We explore its ancient Greek ruins and wander narrow stone lanes, pastel-coloured Venetian Renaissance buildings and old squares. It's a relaxed day with a loose itinerary. We return to our base for a late-afternoon swim, and the evening is free to explore.

Early and late swims · Ancient Greek ruins · Evening free

Day 7 Sep 21

Big swim day

A picturesque walk to the other side of the old town takes us to one of Hvar's loveliest beaches. Swimmers can choose from swims of various lengths, up to an 8 km crossing from Hvar town to Robertson's Beach. Everyone else strolls the coast at their own pace and is free to enjoy this coveted beach for the day, swimming, relaxing and indulging in lunch. In the late afternoon we head back at leisure to freshen up and recover before our farewell dinner at a charming restaurant inside the old palace, in the heart of the old town.

Swims up to 8 km · Long walks, coveted beaches · Farewell dinner

Day 8 Sep 22

One last morning

Take a final early swim or walk before check-out. The tour ends in Hvar. From here, depending on your plans, you can take a ferry to either Split or Dubrovnik for onward travel, or continue to another island and stay longer in the region. We are happy to advise you on options, assist with ferry bookings and help you plan an extension, so you can create the trip of a lifetime.

Good to know

- Small group of 12 guests, with local guides and boat crews throughout
- Swim routes are tailored to ability, with a boat alongside for longer open-water swims
- Walking options run alongside the swimming, so partners and friends are always included

A note on accommodation

Where you stay matters as much as where you swim, so we choose every base with care. In Cavtat, our villa is set in a prime position with breathtaking views, and has multiple spaces for the group to come together, share a drink and swap stories of the day.

In Hvar, we have selected an elegant boutique hotel in a secluded setting with its own private beach, yet only an easy walk from Hvar Old Town, with its chic boutiques, bars, restaurants and stunning architecture.

What’s included & accommodation

Cavtat, Dubrovnik & Elephiti Islands

- Transfers from Dubrovnik Airport to Cavtat
- Three nights in our private villa in Cavtat, with a private ensuite for every room
- Welcome dinner on the first night
- Private boat tour of the Elephiti Islands
- Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik Old Town with a local guide
- Return local ferry to Dubrovnik Old Town

Hvar & the Pakleni Islands

- Transfer to the port and ferry crossing to Hvar
- Four nights at a boutique hotel with its own private beach
- Private boat tour of the Pakleni Islands, including lunch
- Farewell dinner on the final night

Swimming

- Water safety, swim guidance and expert route selection by open water and swim technique specialists

Onward travel

- Assistance with your onward travel plans

Price & booking

$4,550

per person, based on twin or double share

- Single room supplement: $1,100
- Deposit: $500 per person to secure your place
- Balance due by 30 July 2027
- Monthly payment plan available

Join us in Croatia

Places are limited to 12 guests. Get in touch to register your interest and secure your place.

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Itinerary is a guide and may change with weather, sea conditions and local availability.