

7-Day Dalmatian Coast Itinerary: Split, Hvar & Dubrovnik

The Dalmatian Coast just cracked the top five most-visited destinations for 2026, and it's easy to see why — a string of Roman ruins, lavender-scented islands, and a walled medieval city, all connected by fast catamarans and a two-lane coastal highway. This loop hits Split, Hvar, and Dubrovnik without rushing any of them.

DURATION	BEST TIME TO GO	FROM
7 Days	Late May – June & September warm sea, thinner crowds	\$1,300 USD / person for 2 people

Day 1

Arrive in Split

Diocletian's Palace Walking Tour

1.5 hours • \$16 USD / person

A local guide walks you through the Peristyle, the Cathedral of St. Domnius, and the Roman substructure cellars — the UNESCO-listed core of the whole Old Town.

Spliticious spliticious.com • +385 91 912 0225

Marjan Hill Free Time

~2–3 hours, self-guided • Free

Walk or rent a bike up the pine-covered peninsula above town for panoramic views over the harbor and the islands beyond.

Dinner in Split

Est. \$25–\$40 USD / person

On your own — plenty of choices in and around the palace walls.

Overnight — Marmont Heritage Hotel

From \$210–\$260 USD / night, for 2 people

Second night at the same hotel — no need to pack up.

Marmont Heritage Hotel • marmont.hotelinsplit.com

Day 3

Blue Cave, Vis & Hvar Speedboat Tour

Trade the cobblestones for open water on a full-day island-hopping run to Croatia's most photographed sea cave.

5-Islands Speedboat Tour: Blue Cave, Vis & Hvar

~10 hours • From \$131 USD / person (Blue Cave entry ~\$26 extra, cash on-site)

A speedboat day trip with an English-speaking crew, snorkeling gear, and stops at Stiniva Cove, Budikovac Lagoon, Hvar Town, and the Blue Cave itself, where sunlight through an underwater opening turns the water electric blue.

Salty Experience • salty-experience.com

Dinner in Split

Est. \$25–\$40 USD / person

On your own after a long day on the water.

Overnight — Marmont Heritage Hotel

From \$210–\$260 USD / night, for 2 people

Third and final night at the same hotel.

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Day 4

Ferry to Hvar

Catch the morning catamaran across to Hvar, Croatia's glossiest island, all lavender fields and 13th-century stone.

Catamaran — Split to Hvar Town

~1 hour · From \$16–\$20 USD / person, one-way

Fast catamaran service along the coast — book a morning departure to arrive with the whole afternoon still ahead of you.

Krilo (Kapetan Luka) krilo.hr · +385 21 645 476

Fortica Španjola Fortress & Old Town

~2 hours, self-guided · ~\$8 USD entry

Climb above town for sunset views over the harbor and the Pakleni Islands, then wander the stone lanes below.

Dinner in Hvar Town

Est. \$30–\$50 USD / person

On your own — harbor-front restaurants make the most of the setting.

Check-In — Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel

From \$280–\$340 USD / night, for 2 people

A waterfront spa hotel a few steps from the harbor, with a rooftop pool and views straight across to the Pakleni Islands.

Hotel Adriana, Suncani Hvar suncanihvar.com · +385 21 750 555

Day 5

Hvar & the Pakleni Islands

Slow to island time with a short hop across to the pine-covered Pakleni Islands, Hvar's quiet backyard archipelago.

Pakleni Islands Water Taxi

~15 min crossing · From \$55 USD round-trip (up to 5 people)

A quick water-taxi hop to secluded coves like Palmižana or Stipanska — clear water, pine shade, and a lot fewer people than Hvar's town beaches.

Taxi Boat Hvar taxiboathvar.net · +385 97 667 1447

Lunch on the Pakleni Islands

Est. \$20–\$35 USD / person

On your own — a handful of beach taverns serve grilled fish right on the water.

Overnight — Adriana Hvar Spa Hotel

From \$280–\$340 USD / night, for 2 people

Second night at the same hotel.

Hotel Adriana, Suncani Hvar · suncanihvar.com

Day 6

On to Dubrovnik

Head south along the coast to the walled city that put Dalmatia on every traveler's list.

Catamaran — Hvar to Split

~1 hour · From \$16–\$20 USD / person, one-way

Same fast catamaran service, back to the mainland.

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Coastal Bus — Split to Dubrovnik

~3 hours · From \$22–\$28 USD / person

A coach along the coastal highway, briefly crossing into Bosnia and Herzegovina at Neum — keep your passport handy.

Arriva Croatia · arriva.com.hr

Dubrovnik City Walls Walk

1.5–2 hours · \$43 USD / person

The full 2-kilometer circuit of the Old Town walls, with views down into the terracotta rooftops and out over the Adriatic. Go late afternoon to dodge the midday heat and cruise-ship crowds.

Walls of Dubrovnik (official ticketing) · wallsofdubrovnik.com

Check-In — Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik

From \$480–\$650 USD / night, for 2 people

A 5-star cliff-top hotel with its own private beach cove, about 1.4 km from the Old Town — a splurge night to close out the trip.

Hotel Bellevue Dubrovnik adriaticluxuryhotels.com · +385 20 300 300

Day 7

Dubrovnik & Departure

One last morning inside the walls before the flight home.

Free Morning — Old Town & Cable Car

Self-guided · Cable car \$30 USD / person round-trip (optional)

Wander the Stradun one last time, or ride the cable car up to Mount Srd for a last panoramic view of the walls and the sea before you go.

Farewell Lunch

Est. \$30–\$50 USD / person

On your own — save room for one last plate of black risotto.

Private Transfer — Old Town to Dubrovnik Airport

~30 min · \$48 USD one-way per vehicle

Build in buffer time before an international flight — airport security lines can be long in peak season.

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