

Croatia – Dubrovnik, Split & Hvar

A coastal trip through Dubrovnik, Split and Hvar with walled towns, islands and clear water. No long drives – mostly ferries and walking, with lots of time for cafés and sea views.

Day 1 – Arrive in Dubrovnik

- Check into accommodation just outside the Old Town (quieter but still close).
- Short evening walk to see the city walls from the outside and the harbour.
- Dinner at a simple konoba (tavern-style restaurant).

Day 2 – Old Town & City Walls

- Walk the city walls early before it gets busy.
- Coffee in a quiet square and some unstructured wandering.
- Afternoon break at the hotel to avoid the hottest / busiest hours.
- Evening in the Old Town for dinner and night views.

Day 3 – Lokrum or Cable Car

- Half-day trip to Lokrum Island for shaded walks and sea views, or cable car up Mount Srđ.
- Free afternoon to revisit favourite corners of the Old Town.
- Pack for travel to Split the next day.

Day 4 – Travel to Split

- Morning ferry or bus up the coast to Split.
- Check into a hotel or apartment near Diocletian's Palace.
- Explore the palace area – tiny alleys, courtyards and cafés.
- Sunset along the Riva waterfront.

Day 5 – Split & Nearby Beaches

- Optional visit to Marjan Hill for views.
- Time at a local beach if the weather is warm.
- Afternoon gelato and people-watching on the Riva.
- Second night in Split.

Day 6 – Ferry to Hvar

- Morning catamaran to Hvar Town.
- Check into a hotel within walking distance of the centre.
- Explore the harbour, main square and back streets.
- Dinner overlooking the water.

Day 7 – Hvar Boat or Beach Day

- Hire a small boat with a skipper or join a gentle group trip to the Pakleni Islands.
- Lunch on one of the quieter islands.
- Afternoon swimming and reading at a beach club or quiet bay.
- Evening walk through Hvar Town with night-time harbour views.

Day 8 – Free Day on Hvar

- Sleep in, have a slow breakfast.
- Wander backstreets for photos and small shops.
- Last swim or just sit with a drink and look at the water.
- Pack and enjoy a final seaside dinner.

Day 9 – Departure

- Morning ferry back to Split and onward travel home.

Why this trip fits your answers

- You wanted somewhere that feels different but still easy and safe.
- The combination of old towns and islands gives you both history and relaxed beach time.
- Most movement is by ferry rather than long drives.
- You get strong 'wow' views without needing extreme hiking.
- This trip stays very flexible – plenty of space to follow how you feel on the day.