

DUBROVNIK CROATIA

CRUISE PORT GUIDE

OLD TOWN • CITY WALLS • CABLE CAR • LOKRUM • BEACHES • GAME OF THRONES • LOCAL FOOD

PORT AT A GLANCE

Cruise ships may berth at Gruž (main cruise port) or use tenders to the Old Town. Confirm your landing location with your cruise line.

Walking from the port to Old Town is a long distance and exposed to sun. Most visitors use public transport, taxi/rideshare or organised excursions.

Public buses (Libertas), taxis and rideshare are available. Check current prices and timetables.

The Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe.

Currency: Euro (€). Cards are widely accepted.

Check your ship's arrival details, tender information (if applicable) and all aboard time.

PLANNING OVERVIEW — NOT FOR NAVIGATION



Mount Srđ (Cable Car)

- Panoramic views over Dubrovnik
- Transfer from Old Town or Gruž
- Check Dubrovnik Cable Car for prices and timetable

Lokrum Island

- Separate island
- Boat from Old Port
- Nature, beaches, monastery ruins
- Boats are seasonal and weather dependent – check timetable with Lokrum operator

Gruž Cruise Port

- Main cruise port
- Public bus, taxi or organised transfer to Old Town
- Check Libertas for current timetables and prices

Old Town City Walls & Rector's Palace

- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Walk the city walls
- Visit Rector's Palace
- Explore historic streets, squares, shops and restaurants

Fort Lovrijenac

- Dramatic fortress just outside the walls
- Stunning views
- Popular filming location (Game of Thrones)

GETTING AROUND

PUBLIC BUS (LIBERTAS)

- Frequent services between Gruž port and Old Town.
- Check current routes, prices and timetables at libertasdubrovnik.hr

TAXI / RIDESHARE

- Taxis available at the port and around the city.
- Rideshare apps operate in Dubrovnik.
- Agree fare or check app before travelling.

WALKING

- Walking from Gruž to Old Town is long and exposed to sun. Not recommended for most visitors.
- Use public transport, taxi or an organised excursion.

CABLE CAR (MOUNT SRĐ)

- Uphill station is in the city, not at the cruise port.
- Take a bus or taxi to the base.
- Check Dubrovnik Cable Car for current prices and timetable.

BOAT TO LOKRUM

- Departs from the Old Port.
- Seasonal and weather dependent.
- Check Lokrum Island operator for current timetable and prices.

1 OLD TOWN (STARI GRAD)



- UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Wander historic stone lanes.
- Visit churches, palaces and charming squares.
- Shop, dine and explore at your own pace.
- Incredibly atmospheric any time of day.

2 CITY WALLS



- Iconic medieval walls surrounding the Old Town.
- Stunning views of the city, Adriatic Sea and nearby islands.
- Around 2 km in length with forts and towers.
- Lots of stairs and uneven surfaces.
- Go early to avoid the heat and crowds.

3 CABLE CAR (MOUNT SRĐ)



- Ride to the top of Mount Srđ for breathtaking panoramic views.
- Base station is in the city (not at the cruise port).
- Take a bus or taxi to reach the base.
- Check Dubrovnik Cable Car for current prices and timetable.
- Operates seasonally; can close due to wind or lightning.

4 FORT LOVRIJENAC



- Dramatic 11th-century fortress just outside the city walls.
- Famous Game of Thrones filming location (King's Landing).
- Amazing views of the Old Town and coastline.
- A short, scenic walk from the Old Town (around 10–15 minutes).

5 LOKRUM ISLAND



- Beautiful island escape just off the coast.
- Short boat ride from the Old Port (seasonal).
- Nature trails, beaches, monastery ruins and peacocks.
- Great option for a relaxing half-day visit.
- Check timetable and prices with Lokrum operator.

6 RECTOR'S PALACE



- Former seat of the Dubrovnik Republic (14th–18th century).
- Now houses the Cultural History Museum.
- Stunning Gothic-Renaissance architecture and arcaded courtyard.
- Located in the heart of the Old Town.
- Check current opening hours and ticket information.

7 BEACHES



- Banje Beach – closest to Old Town, with great views.
- Several local beaches and seaside spots around the bay.
- Perfect for a swim, sun and relaxation.
- Food and drinks are available at beach clubs and cafés.

8 LOCAL FOOD & DRINK



- Fresh seafood (octopus, calamari, fish and mussels).
- Try crni rižot (black risotto), often made with squid ink.
- Local meats, cheeses and Mediterranean flavors.
- Croatian wines (like Plavac Mali).
- Plenty of cafés, wine bars and waterfront dining options.

WHAT TO BRING

- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Lightweight, breathable clothing.
- Hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.
- Refillable water bottle.
- Small backpack or crossbody bag.
- Euro (€) – small cash is helpful.
- Camera or phone for photos.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A stunning, walkable medieval city.
- Steep stairs, hills and uneven stone streets.
- Crowded at peak times, especially when multiple ships are in port.
- Hot and sunny in summer. (Bring water!).
- Buses, taxis and boats are easy to use.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Cruise ships may berth at Gruž or use tenders – confirm your landing location with your cruise line.
- Services, prices and timetables can change.
- Check Libertas (buses), Dubrovnik Cable Car and the Lokrum operator for current information.
- Boats to Lokrum are seasonal and weather dependent.

PERFECT FOR

- History and culture lovers.
- First-time visitors to Dubrovnik.
- Game of Thrones fans.
- Foodies and wine lovers.
- Scenic views and photography.
- Active travelers (walks, hikes, views).
- Relaxing (boats, beaches, boat trips).
- Romantic trips (sunsets, boats, cocktails).

Reviewed 25 October 2026 - Confirm current services and your ship's all-aboard time.