

Spotlight on Dubrovnik

HISTORY

Known as "the queen of the Adriatic", Dubrovnik is renowned as the most flawlessly preserved medieval city in Croatia, and no other along the Adriatic coast can match the harmony of Dubrovnik's blend of medieval and renaissance architecture. With its magnificent stone walls, churches, palaces, and plazas, it is architecturally a living monument to its days as an affluent merchant state. Usually regarded as the most picturesque city on the Dalmatian coast, Dubrovnik is rich in cultural and historical monuments. Annual festivals of the arts attract many tourists to the scenic city.

A pair of walls built between the 11th and 17th centuries surrounds Dubrovnik, and has long been the pride of the city. Beyond these walls are many garden surrounded villas. The basic city plan dates from 1292, when the port was rebuilt following a fire. Lined with beautiful late Renaissance houses, Dubrovnik's main street, Stradun, runs along a valley that until 1272, was a marshy channel dividing this forest settlement from the Latin island of Ragusa. Only non-motorized vehicles are allowed inside the walls, and except for Stradun, the old city is a picturesque maze of steep and twisting narrow streets.

In 1667, an earthquake struck and most of the town was destroyed with many of its citizens perishing. What remained was quickly destroyed by fire, and the state's very existence was ultimately threatened. However, this small republic rebounded, although slowly, thanks to the enormous sacrifice and immense vitality of its citizens. Only during the Napoleonic Wars did the republic regain its prosperity, and from 1800 to 1805, Dubrovnik secured a large share of the carrying trade as the only neutral Mediterranean state. Then in 1805, the entrance of Napoleon's troops marked the beginning of the end for the Dubrovnik Republic, and Dubrovnik was effectively abolished by French authorities in 1808. Given to Austria by the 1815 Congress of Vienna, Dubrovnik was later incorporated into Yugoslavia in 1918.

During Croatia's struggle against Serbian aggression and in an attempt to regain its independence in 1991 and 1992, Dubrovnik suffered severe damage to its cultural and historic heritage. However, essential elements of its previous glory have mostly been restored, and Dubrovnik hails as one of the new secure modern democracies to emerge from the dramatic upheavals of the last decade. Today, ninety-five percent of Dubrovnik's population of 56,000 is Croatian. The city has a relatively low crime rate, and after tourism, its main industries include production of liqueurs, cheeses, silk and leatherwork.

DOCKING

The ship docks in front of old town.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation in Dubrovnik is limited to buses and taxis. Dubrovnik's buses run frequently and generally on time. However, by far the best way to get around town is by foot.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

You can easily walk to Old Town from the pier.

SHOPPING HOURS

Shopping hours vary, but shops are generally open all day, Monday through Friday, and until mid afternoon on Saturday.

BANK HOURS

Banks are generally open all day Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings.

POST OFFICE HOURS

The main post office is located at Ante Starcevic 2, a block from the Pile Gate. It is open all day, Monday through Saturday.

TELEPHONE

The best place to make a phone call in Croatia is at the post office. It is best to purchase a phone card either at the post office or at a tobacco shop or newspaper kiosk. The newer phones have a button with a flag symbol that can be pushed for instructions in English.

EMERGENCY

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DUBROVNIK

PORT & SHOPPING MAP



CAPITAL

The capital of Croatia is Zagreb, which covers 631 square km and lies between the southern slopes of the Medvednica Mountain and the Sava River.

LOCATION

Dubrovnik is located in the south-eastern tip of Croatia and together with the mountainous Peljesac Peninsula, the entire area comprises Dubrovnik-Neretva county.

SIZE

Dubrovnik is 141 sq miles in area.

POPULATION

There are approximately 49,700 people living in Dubrovnik. Approximately 4,486,825 people live in Croatia.

LANGUAGE

The official language of Dubrovnik is Croatian, a South Slavic language, with German being the most commonly spoken second language.

CURRENCY

The Croatian Kuna is the official unit of currency. Notes are available in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 denominations. Stores accept credit cards, traveler's checks and Euro.

TIME ZONE

Dubrovnik is on GMT/UTC +1. The ship may not always follow local time. Please adhere to ship's time while in port.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Dubrovnik Tourist Office is located at Cvijete Zuzoric 1/1I, 20000 Dubrovnik, Tel: 020 323 887 or 020 323 889.

SIGHTS TO VISIT WHILE SHOPPING

A. PILE GATE

This gate dates from 1537 and contains a statue of Saint Blaise, the city's patron saint, set in a niche over the Renaissance arch. According to legend, the drawbridge at the gate's entrance was lifted at dusk every evening, closing the gate and the key handed to the prince.

B. ONOFRIO FOUNTAIN

This fountain is one of Dubrovnik's most famous landmarks and was built in 1438. It was built as a water supply system and was originally adorned with sculptures, but was heavily damaged in the earthquake of 1667. Only 16 carved masks remain with water jets gushing from their mouth into a drainage pool.

C. FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

The Franciscan Monastery is located at Placa 2, next to St. Saviour Church. The only remaining portion of this richly decorated church, which was destroyed in the earthquake of 1667, is the portal. Inside you will find the third-oldest functioning pharmacy in Europe. It has been in business since 1391.

D. CLOCK TOWER

This structure dominates the square and was first built in 1444. It has been restored several times, recently in 1929, and is noted for the two bronze figures in the bell tower that ring out the hours.

E. SPONZA PALACE

This superb structure, with a mixture of Renaissance and Gothic styles, was built in the 16th century and has served as a Customs house, a minting house, a State treasury and a bank. It now houses the State Archives with a priceless collection of manuscripts dating back nearly a thousand years.

F. RECTOR'S PALACE

This 15th century structure is also a mixture of Gothic and Renaissance styles and is now used for concerts during the Summer Festival. It was built for the rector who governed Dubrovnik and contains the Rector's office, his private chambers, public halls and administrative offices. It now houses a museum, displaying portraits, coat of arms, coins and figures in ceremonial dress.

G. 15TH CENTURY SYNAGOGUE

This structure is the oldest Sephardic and the second-oldest synagogue in Europe.

Locations found on inside map

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The First Necktie

Located at Pred Dvorom 2, old city of Dubrovnik

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CROATA

Located at Pred Dvorom 2 (Stari grad), 20 000 Dubrovnik

The First Necktie; Did you know that the necktie originated from the Croats? According to folk tradition, girlfriends and wives who often had to see their Croatian young men and husbands off to war gave their chosen partners a kerchief as a sign of love and mutual fidelity. These kerchiefs were the predecessors of the modern necktie. The world recognized the cravat in the first half of the 17th century during the Thirty Years' War. When the legendary Croatian light cavalry arrived outside Paris, the soldiers had beautiful kerchiefs of silk and cotton tied on their chests. This fluttering ornament conquered the court of Louis XIV. The kerchief was worn "a la Croate" (in the Croatian manner) and this expression rapidly became the root of the new French word "cravate". The cravat, from its Croatian origins, continued to develop through history and was perfected thanks to contributions from other nations: the French, English, Americans, Italians and others. Therefore, cravat is not only Croatian but also world heritage.

- Croatian tradition of manufacturing neckties has been passed from generation to generation.
- Croata neckties are made from top-quality silk in various weaves. Their designs are classic and modern and feature Croatian motifs including dalmatians and other cultural heritage designs.
- Croata carries neckties, scarves, shawls, vests, accessories and many formalwear items.
- Items are beautifully packaged and make wonderful gifts and souvenirs to take home from Croatia.

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DUBROVNIK SOUVENIR CENTER

Located at Hvarska 36

- **T-Shirts:** Heat transfers, embroidered ladies' rhinestone transfers
- **Caps:** Embroidered ladies', men's and kids' selections
- **Steins:** An assortment of glass and ceramic items
- **Gifts and Souvenirs:** Fridge magnets, key chains, pins, souvenir glasses, porcelain plates, mugs, ashtrays, calendars, books, stickers, spoons and more

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CANDLE KINGDOM

Located at Main Street (Stradun) in the Historical Part of Dubrovnik

- Handmade carved candles, souvenirs, gifts and crystal art
- Authentic craft workshop of the medieval times
- Candles are handmade right in front of you at the shop; Watch how a piece of wax is transformed into a beautiful candle.
- Over 300 different types of candles

Receive a special storage box with your candle purchase.

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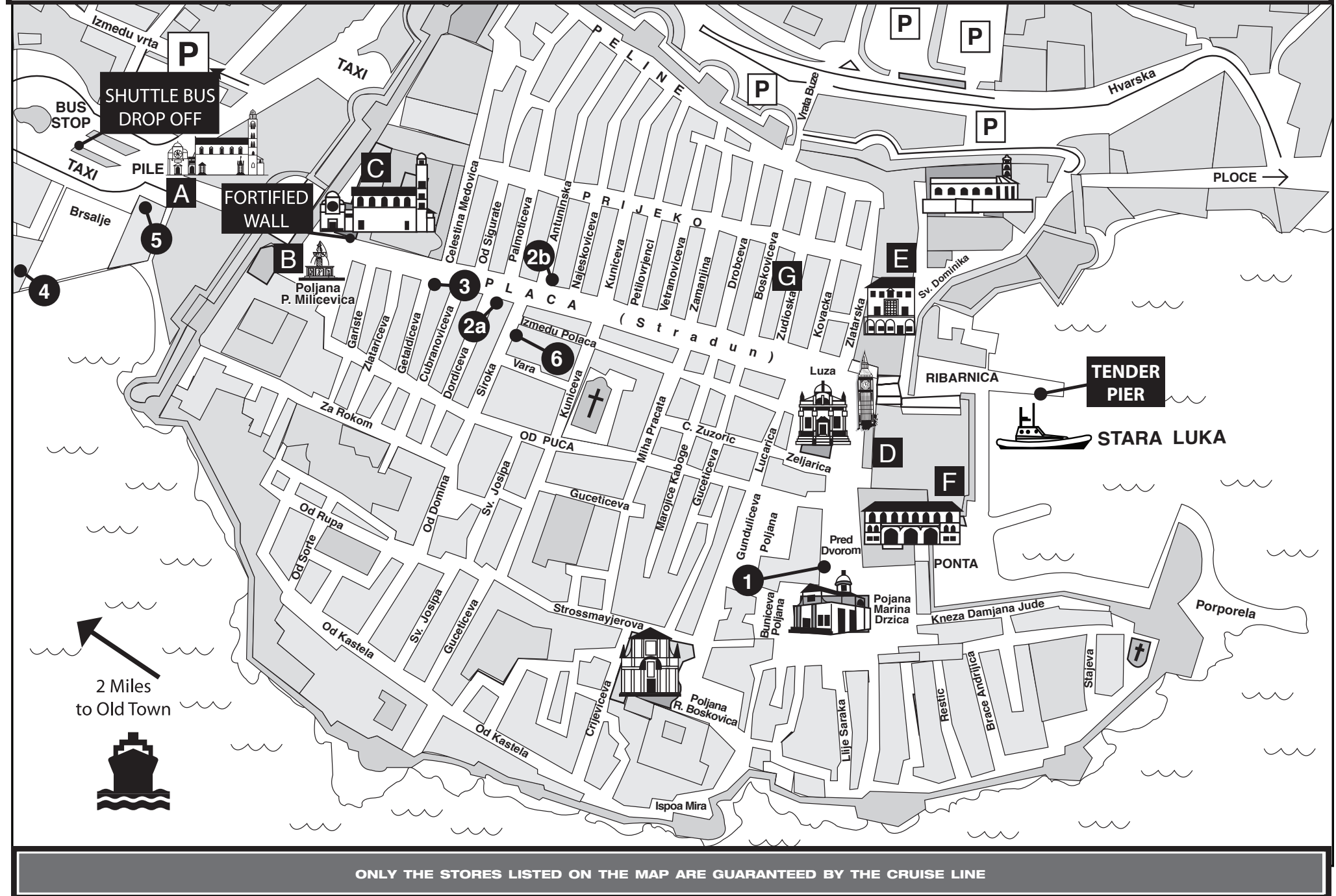
NAUTIKA RESTAURANT

Dubrovnik's Finest Restaurant

Located Next to the Shuttle Bus Drop Off at Pile

- World-class cuisine in an unparalleled setting; Views of Lavrijenac and Bokar fortresses
- **Special Offer:** Mediterranean lunch served on the terrace by the sea
- Nautika was honored to host the Holy Father, John Paul II in 2003
- **Prize Draw Game:** Bring your receipt back onboard and join the game!

SHOPPING IN DUBROVNIK



ONLY THE STORES LISTED ON THE MAP ARE GUARANTEED BY THE CRUISE LINE

DINING IN DUBROVNIK

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DUBRAVKA RESTAURANT, CAFÉ AND SOUVENIR SHOP

Tradition of Service Since 1836

Located Next to the Shuttle Bus Drop Off at Pile

- Offering breakfast and light lunch
- **Terrace by the Sea:** Views of Lovrijenac, Minceta and Bokar fortresses
- Souvenir shop with authentic souvenirs and gifts; Perfect spot for ice cream and cold refreshing drinks
- Prize Draw Game: Bring your receipt back onboard and join the game!

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PROTO FISH RESTAURANT

Established in 1886

Located in the Center of the Old Town; 6th Street on the Right from the Pile Gate

- Elevated Dalmatian cuisine based on fish specialties prepared according to the old recipes of Dubrovnik fishermen
- **Special Offer:** Light Lunch
- Among its former guests, the restaurant boasts Edward VIII, King of England, and Mrs. Simpson
- **Prize Draw Game:** Bring your receipt back onboard and join the game!