Italy & Croatia's Dalmatian Coast

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

Time Zone: Italy and Croatia are 7 hours ahead of the Central Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

City / Port	Apr / May	June	October
Rome	85°F/72°F	87°F/75°F	72°F/53°F
Sorrento	86°F/71°F	87°F/74°F	78°F/56°F
Kotor	81°F/68°F	83°F/70°F	72°F/50°F
Dubrovnik	84°F/75°F	87°F/76°F	71°F/60°F
Venice	84°F/73°F	83°F/70°F	65°F/50°F

Accommodations: Hotel accommodations have been carefully selected and inspected to meet and maintain the standards of comfort, cleanliness, and customer service that we require, and you deserve. Please note air conditioning is not a standard feature in European hotels and restaurants. Those that offer air conditioning may not produce the amount of cool air that you are accustomed to at home. Additionally, room size, amenities, and configurations will vary from the United States. The hotels do not provide king-size beds. Queen-size beds consist of two single beds pushed together. Some hotels may have coffee makers, hair dryers, irons, and ironing boards available.

Windstar Accommodations: The iconic Wind Surf sailing ship carries 342 guests. All staterooms feature air conditioning, a queen size bed (which can be separated into two beds), TV, safe, L'Occitane bath amenities, hair dryer, robe and slippers, mini bar/refrigerator, fresh fruit, Wi-Fi (plans available for purchase), vanity with magnifying mirror and chair. The vessel features a spa, pool, fitness area, Star Boutique, Yacht Club Café & Library, Veranda/Candles Restaurant, Amphora Restaurant, Lounge, Compass Rose Bar, Terrace Bar, and has a Medical Facility. Activities include cooking demonstrations, complimentary movies on demand, navigation lessons, port talks, Signature Sail Away event, live music, crew show, and more.

Packing Advice: We suggest clothes that are light, cool, and made of natural fabrics. Light sweaters or long sleeves may be appropriate in air conditioning. Aboard ship, dress code during the day is casual including jeans, sundresses, and Bermuda/walking shorts. In the evening the dress code is country club-type clothing. For men – nice slacks or dress jeans, polo shirts, button down shirts. Ties are not needed. Sports coats are optional. For women – nice pants, skirts, casual dresses, or dress jeans are appropriate. Blazers are optional. Please note clothing irons are strictly prohibited onboard Windstar.

Laundry Aboard Ship: Laundry service is provided on board at a nominal charge. Dry cleaning is not available. Laundry Service Packages must be added by the first of the cruise and will be priced by the total number of cruise days.

Beverage Packages Onboard: Non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary including specialty coffee drinks. Beverage packages are available for purchase starting at \$55 per person per day. Bundles are also available that include unlimited beverages, gratuities, and Wi-Fi.

Shore Excursions: Activity levels of shore excursions range from easy to strenuous and are labeled accordingly. While the Wind Surf docks at many ports, there are certain ports that require the ship to anchor offshore. In these cases,



guests must be ferried or tendered into port. Port positioning and tender operation schedules can be changed for many reasons including weather, safety, and direction from port authorities.

Currency: The unit of currency in Italy and Croatia is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. A helpful website for referencing current rates is <u>www.oanda.com</u>. Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in Europe.

Electrical Current: The electric current in Italy is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required to plug your device into an electrical socket. However, a voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



Windstar ships use 110/220 V outlets. A converter is needed using the Europlug with two round pins.

Gratuities Aboard Ship: A Hotel Service Charge of \$16 per passenger per day is automatically added to each guest's onboard account, which covers wait staff, beverage servers, room stewards, galley, and laundry staff. If the ship staff exceeds or fails to meet your expectations, you are free to adjust this amount at the end of the cruise. In addition, an 18% Beverage Service Charge is automatically added to bar charges and dining room wine purchases. These charges are paid entirely to Windstar crew members.

Internet Aboard Ship: The internet service onboard is operated through satellites. Internet at sea can be slow, and at times, disruptive. The connection is also influenced by weather and movement by the ship. Windstar offers several plans: As of June 2024, the Email Plan costs \$60, gives you 200 MB of data, and is recommended for people who will be checking email and doing very limited browsing. The Surfing Plan costs \$120, gives you 500 MB of data to use for browsing. The Ultimate Plan is unlimited internet at a cost of \$245 for a 7-day cruise. Guests can purchase Internet Usage Plans in advance or on board at reception. Please note: All packages only allow for one device at a time to be connected to the internet.

Smoking Policy Aboard Ship: Smoking or vaping is not permitted in staterooms, or public spaces. Smoking and vaping are permitted on the outside decks in designated smoking areas only.

