

Brač Island, Dalmatia, Croatia

Croatia's largest Dalmatian island delivers the Adriatic at its most authentic — limestone villages, the iconic shape-shifting Zlatni Rat beach, and stonemasonry traditions unchanged for centuries. Cruise calls here are small-ship affairs, tendering into intimate harbors far from the crowds of Dubrovnik.

Tender port (anchor & tender to shore)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Croatian

Best months: May–Jun, Sep

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor-and-tender at Pučišća, Bol, or Sumartin; no large cruise pier on the island

Best For: Zlatni Rat beach, stonemasonry heritage, Vidova Gora views, Dalmatian food and wine

Walk to center: Tender drops you in the village center; all main attractions within 5–30 min walk

Don't Miss: Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn) beach near Bol and the Pučišća Stonemasonry School

Getting around: **Taxi** €15–€30 (Supetar town); €65–€85 (Supetar to Bol) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn) Beach** — The most famous beach in Croatia — a long pebble tongue that juts into the sea and shifts direction with the wind.
- Vidova Gora Summit** — At 778 m, Vidova Gora is the highest peak of any Adriatic island.
- Pučišća Stonemasonry School** — Pučišća is built entirely from the island's prized white limestone and hosts a working stonemasonry school where students still learn traditional...
- Blaca Hermitage** — A remote 16th-century monastery and hermitage built into a cliff face in a desert canyon.
- Škrip Village & Olive Oil Museum** — Škrip is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement on the island, with an Illyrian-era fort, Roman mausoleum, and a small museum tracing olive oil...

BEST WALKS

- Bol Waterfront to Zlatni Rat** 2 km one-way · ~25 min · Easy paved promenade — From Bol's ferry/tender pier, follow the seafront promenade west through pine shade.
- Pučišća Harbour & Old Town** 1 km loop · ~30 min · Easy stone lanes — From the tender quay, stroll the U-shaped Pučišća bay, lined with stone houses and fishing boats.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	49°	8d
Jun		79°	62°	6d
Aug		84°	66°	5d
Sep		77°	60°	7d
Oct		70°	54°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:11AM–7:36PM · Jun 5:12AM–8:35PM · Aug 5:59AM–7:55PM · Sep 6:33AM–7:03PM · Oct 7:07AM–6:10PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Zagreb). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. Brač is a tender-only port. Pick up your tender ticket early — afternoon queues can be long if excursions all return at the same time.
- Euros accepted everywhere. Croatia adopted the Euro in January 2023. Cards work in most restaurants and shops; carry a little cash for markets and smaller kiosks.
- Bring water shoes for Zlatni Rat. The beach is smooth pebbles, not sand — water shoes make it significantly more comfortable for both walking and swimming entry.
- Rent a car to see the island. Buses run infrequently and don't cover all villages. A rental car (book ahead in summer) is the most flexible way to reach Škrip, Blaca, or Vidova Gora in one shore day.
- Bora wind can cancel tenders. The strong northeast bora can kick up quickly and make tendering unsafe. If weather looks unsettled, prioritize your most-wanted activity first thing in the morning.
- Try Plavac Mali wine. This powerful, tannic red grape grown on Brač and Hvar's south-facing slopes is one of Croatia's best and rarely exported — a glass at a Bol konoba is a genuine local experience.

Brač Island, Dalmatia, Croatia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Zlatni Rat Beach | Croatia's most photographed beach, a shifting V-shaped pebble spit that changes with the wind and current. | 2 Dominican Monastery Bol | A 15th-century monastery on the Glavica peninsula holding a Tintoretto altarpiece and Adriatic shipwreck artifacts. |
| 3 Vidova Gora | The highest peak on any Adriatic island, with sweeping views over Bol, Zlatni Rat, and Hvar. | 4 Blaca Hermitage | A remarkable 16th-century monastery built into a cliffside, once home to secluded Glagolitic priests. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |