

Zadar, Dalmatia, Croatia

An ancient walled city jutting into the Adriatic, Zadar layers Roman columns onto Venetian streets — then ends each day with a sunset that Alfred Hitchcock once called the world's most beautiful. The Sea Organ plays it out loud.

 Docked (Gazenica terminal)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Croatian  Dalmatian coast gateway

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Gazenica cruise terminal, ~3 km from the old town; shuttle buses usually provided

Best For: Roman ruins, the Sea Organ, island day trips to Kornati and Dugi Otok

Walk to center: 15 min by shuttle or taxi; old town is compact and flat once you arrive

Don't Miss: The Sea Organ and Greeting to the Sun on the Riva at sunset

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–€25 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kornati National Park Boat Trip** — The Kornati archipelago — 89 mostly uninhabited islands — sits an hour by boat from Zadar.
- **Roman Forum & Old Town Walk** — Zadar's Roman Forum (Forum Zadar) is the largest on the eastern Adriatic coast — columns, paving stones, and a shaming post all still intact.
- **Krka National Park & Waterfalls** — The cascading travertine waterfalls of Krka National Park (Skradinski Buk) are 75 km south of Zadar.
- **Sea Organ & Greeting to the Sun** — Alfred Hitchcock called Zadar's sunset the world's most beautiful — architect Nikola Bašić built two installations to honor it.
- **Dugi Otok & Saharun Beach** — Dugi Otok ('Long Island') is 45 minutes by fast catamaran from Zadar.

BEST WALKS

- **Roman Forum to the Sea Organ** 1.5 km · 45–60 min · Easy — The essential Zadar loop.
- **Kopnena Vrata to the Old Town Market** 0.8 km · 25 min · Easy — Enter through the Land Gate, pass the Five Wells Square (Trg pet bunara) — a 16th-century cistern now surrounded by benches and locals — then follow Široka Street to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain		
Apr	63°	48°	9d		
Jun	80°	65°	6d		
Aug	85°	69°	4d		
Sep	76°	62°	9d		
Oct	68°	55°	10d		
				Apr 6:15AM–7:43PM · Jun 5:15AM–8:43PM · Aug 6:03AM–8:03PM · Sep 6:38AM–7:09PM · Oct 7:14AM–6:14PM	
				Currency: Euro (€)	

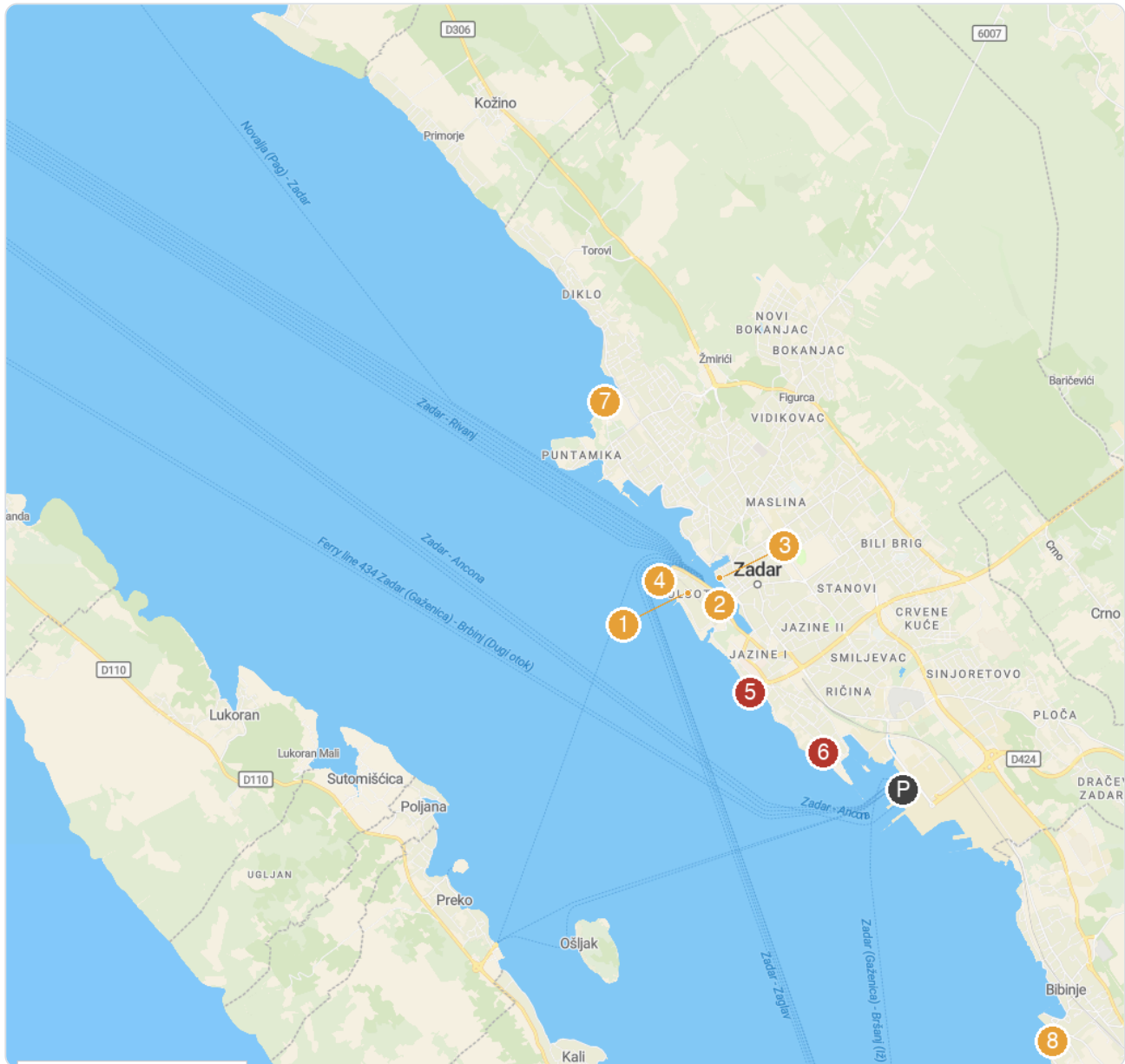
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle vs. taxi: The ship shuttle is convenient but fills up fast. For a solo or couple arrival, a taxi from Gazenica is only €6–8 and faster than waiting for the shuttle queue.
- Euro is king: Croatia joined the Eurozone in 2023. You'll pay in euros everywhere; ATMs are plentiful in the old town near Narodni Trg.
- Time the Riva: If your ship is in port for evening hours, the Sea Organ and Greeting to the Sun are at their best after sunset — the light show starts automatically.
- Maraschino liqueur: Zadar is the birthplace of Luxardo Maraschino. Pick up a bottle at the market or a dedicated shop — it's a legitimate local souvenir.
- Book island excursions early: Kornati and Dugi Otok tours sell out on busy port days. Book through your ship or a local operator before arriving.
- Summer heat: Zadar's old town has limited shade. Bring water and sunscreen; the narrow streets between Forum and the Riva heat up fast from June through August.

Zadar, 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 Church of St. Donatus | Iconic circular pre-Romanesque church, Zadar's most famous monument. | 2 Museum of Ancient Glass | Showcases exquisite ancient Roman glass artifacts and craftsmanship. |
| 3 Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus | A modern Catholic parish church for worship and community. | 4 Sea Organ | Unique architectural sound art played by the Adriatic Sea waves. |
| 5 Kolovare Beach | Popular city beach with amenities, close to Zadar's old town. | 6 Plaža Podbrig | A local pebble beach in the Podbrig residential area. |
| 7 Borik Beach | Family-friendly pebble and sand beach with resort amenities. | 8 Plaža Punta Rožica | A scenic pebble beach known for clear waters and views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |