

CROATIA LUXURY CRUISE SOUTH: FROM SPLIT TO SPLIT

Enjoy the highlights of southern Croatia on a brand new luxury vessel. Discover the Adriatic coast and immerse yourself in the natural, cultural and historical sights of this breathtaking country. The highlights of this outstanding cruise include the extraordinary Diocletian's Palace in Split that should have been one of the ancient wonders of the world and still to this day dominates life in central Split; you must explore this fantastic city before setting sail for the lovely small fishing port of Bol and its famous 'Golden Horn Beach'. Hvar is known as a jet set destination and the beautiful town is dominated by the ancient fortress that hangs over the town. We then sail to the less visited island of Vis and the Blue Cave (subject to sea conditions) before heading to the idyllic island of Korcula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Enjoy dinner at one of the excellent restaurants on the island. The brand new vessels that sail this cruise include en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning in all cabins, small ship cruising at its finest. Your on board Croatian cruise manager and crew provide a personal experience ensuring exceptional service. All meals are prepared using local ingredients cooked and served traditionally with a modern flare. Included: Dubrovnik Walking Tour; Split Orientation Tour and Local Village Dinner; NB. This cruise is reserved for passengers of a minimum of 18 years of age.



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Day 1: Split - Stari Grad

Split, a town on Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, is known for its beaches and the fortresslike complex at its center, Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Once home to thousands, its sprawling remains include more than 200 buildings. Within its white stone walls and under its courtyards and galleries are shops, bars, cafes, cathedrals, hotels and several houses. Check-in is from 10.30am to 12.00pm (midday). Please note your cabin may not be ready until 12:30pm. Your ship will depart the harbour at 1pm sharp. Included stress free transfer from airport to the harbour on day 1 of your cruise (must be booked in advance) Enjoy a traditional 3-course lunch onboard as we depart Split Harbour at 13:00 and commence sailing towards our first destination - the quaint harbour town of Stari Grad. Situated on the northern side of the island Stari Grad literally means 'old town' and it is the oldest



town in Croatia. Stari Grad boasts an attractive network of old narrow streets and small squares around the harbour. Vineyards and olive groves surround the town and the Stari Grad Plain is an UNESCO protected worold heritage site. Tonight we will enjoy a traditional Croatian Village Dinner on the Stari Grad Plain, indulging in delicious Peka and locally produced wine.

Day 2: Hvar

This morning we'll head out to the stunning Pakleni Islands where we will stop for a refreshing swim stop and lunch onboard, we then continue to the other side of Hvar island to the famous Hvar town. The 'French Riviera' of the Adriatic.Feel the part sipping champagne and docking alongside other super yachts. Although a haven for celebrity spotters, Hvar still remains authentic to its roots, with cobbled streets, historic architecture and 7th century fort ruins overlooking the town. You can also visit the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, as well as the oldest community theatre in Europe, which dates back to 1612. Please note: The docking time in Hvar can be early evening in peak season due to port authority restrictions. However, if guests would like to arrive earlier water taxi transfers will be arranged.

Day 3: Mljet

Today we sail south-east to one of the most beautiful islands in Croatia, Mljet, which is actually a National Park and Croatia's greenest island; covered by dense Mediterranean pine forest. The National Park is famous for its two salt lakes in the north end of the island - Veliko and Malo Jezero, as well as the 12th century Benedictine monastery in the middle of Veliko. You're able to explore the stunning natural beauty of the island by cycling or walking around to where the sea meets the lake. After exploring, spend your afternoon on the top deck of the ship

watching a magical Mljet sunset with a drink in hand.

Day 4: Dubrovnik

There is nothing like waking up in the peaceful Mljet and enjoying breakfast as we cruise towards the UNESCO protected and spectacularly beautiful city of Dubrovnik. Enjoy the beautiful views along the way towards "heaven on earth" - according to the famous writer George Bernard Shaw. We will arrive into Dubrovnik in the afternoon, allowing plenty of time to be spent exploring Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik's Old Town is wonderfully captivating with its 1,940m long 15th century stone walls built to protect the city from invasion. It is highly recommended to walk around the walls to grasp the diverse nature of this city. Walk along the Stradun, the promenade inside the old city walls and meander the alleyways to discover numerous local restaurants, shops and bars. The included Dubrovnik walking tour is a great way to learn about this wonderful city.

Day 5: Korcula

After breakfast we set sail for the island of Kor ula the rumoured birthplace of Marco Polo. Enjoy lunch in the beautiful Lumbarda Bay on the eastern side of Korcula island. We will overnight in the port of Korcula Town. Explore this fortified town with its narrow streets and lookout towers and spend your afternoon understanding the islands host of legends, myths and tales. The town's stone walls were built over two centuries ago and the Old Town is built in fishbone structure that you have to see to believe.

Day 6: Makarska

Enjoy cruising along the Adriatic coast as we make our way to the Makarska Riviera. Spend the afternoon swimming at one of the beautiful beaches along the riviera, relaxing onboard or





enjoy strolling the streets of Makarska, exploring the beachfront markets. Take a walk around the tip of the riviera for a wonderful view of the Biokovo Mountain range and get up close to the statue of St Peter, watching protectively over this beautiful town. Unwind with a cocktail as you absorb the beauty of Makarska and watch the spectacular sunset over the Adriatic.

Day 7: Split

Embrace your last morning cruising the Dalmatian coast as we make our way back to Split. Enjoy your final swim stop in secluded bays just outside of Split and then take in this spectacular city as we cruise into Split harbour in the afternoon, This UNESCO World Heritage city bases the city centre in and around the stunning Diocletian's Palace, the Roman emperor Diocletian's retirement palace from 295-305 AD. Stroll through the palace basement filled with market stalls and outside experience the historical architecture of this beautiful palace that consists of 220 buildings within its boundaries and is home to 3,000 people. Split is now the second largest city in Croatia and continues to grow every year with numerous, cafe bars and traditional Dalmatian restaurants.

Day 8: Disembark in Split

Enjoy an early breakfast after which it is time to say goodbye to the crew and your fellow guests! Disembark from the ship by 9am. PLEASE NOTE: It is possible for you to leave as early as needed on Sunday morning to catch flights as the ship will be in port by Saturday night



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Esperanza has been perfectly designed for luxury small ship cruising, yet her sleek lines provide speed, stability and comfort. Holding a total of 38 passengers, Esperanza is fitted with both above and lower deck twin and double cabins all containing elegantly decorated private ensuites, air conditioning and not to mention all the latest facilities. Welcomed by friendly and hard working crew, you will soon realize the true meaning of Croatian hospitality on board Esperanza. The first person you will be introduced will probably be its warm-hearted captain and boat owner - Ranko - a person whose steady hand and long-term experience ensures that the boat reaches every new destination safely and on time. For this captain, sailing has been in the family for many years and it has never been only a profession. Sitting at 46 metres long and 8.6 metres wide, Esperanza boasts plenty of deck space to relax and socialise with your fellow travellers. Soak up the sun on the top deck sunloungers, before dipping in and out of the onboard jacuzzi as you sail through the Adriatic! The Top Deck provides both shaded and full sun areas for your comfort and enjoyment. Esperanza's Main Deck features a shaded lounge area, creating the perfect spot to sip on your morning coffee as your cruise to the next destination! Esperanza also features a swimming platform at the rear of the ship, providing easy access for guests in and out of the water at swim stops. All cabins feature a shower, toilet, basin, mirror and



hairdryer.



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