

# The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## NORTHERN CROATIA IN LUXURY

Small ship cruises along the charming Croatian coastline and islands on the lavishly designed, fully air-conditioned Deluxe Superior vessel. After embarking in Opatija we spend a glorious week cruising the islands of northern Croatia. Mali Lošinj is like a mini Venice and has very good ice cream. Cres is more mountainous than many other local islands and home to the last surviving vulture colony in the Adriatic. We also visit Kornati National Park, a collection of 89 islands surrounded by reefs and Telašćica Nature Park. Zadar is one of the highlights - A medieval walled town, and Krk is another beautiful spot. For this trip all you will need is a few T-shirts and a swimming costume to spend seven unforgettable days sailing on the northern Adriatic Sea from one island to another. Relax and let the captain and his crew (especially the chef) take care of you.



### ITINERARY

Day 1. Opatija to Krk

Departure at 13h with lunch on board. Late arrivals can join in Krk. Krk is the largest Croatian island and on route we stop to swim in the crystal clear water. Krk has diverse villages of various sizes, stunning promenades, dramatic rock faces with tiny islands and hundreds of hidden bays and beaches. There's a buzz along the waterfront of Krk Town. Enjoy the many bars or restaurants there and relax. Afternoon wine tasting in Vrbnik village with bus transfer from Krk. Overnight in Krk town.

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## Day 2. Krk to Rab

After breakfast, we cruise towards Rab island known as the "island of love". On arrival, there are the imposing stone walls and you'll see Romanesque church towers, churches, palaces, stone streets and ancient facades. Many streets and squares are like open-air galleries, as artists work outside. Do not miss and try the famous "Rapska torta" cake (the recipe is secret). If weather permits, walk up to Kamenjak hill and watch the magnificent sunset. Overnight in town of Rab.

## Day 3. Rab to Zadar

Morning cruise from Rab towards Zadar, travelling by Pag island with its unusual moon-like landscape. We stop to swim on tiny MAUN island. In Zadar there's an optional guided tour (included on Premium). The city is today the centre of the region and was the metropolis of Dalmatia region for many centuries. The rich cultural heritage is visible at every turn: The Roman forum which dates to the 1st century AD, the church of St. Donatus dating to the 9th century AD - the most famous Medieval basilica and the symbol of the city. The imposing and mighty city walls with representative Port and Land gates are from the 16th century AD, and there are numerous palaces and villas of former noble families. Great restaurants line part of the waterfront and the centre of town. Famous, contemporary creations are the Zadar Sea Organ, one of a kind in the world (listen to the sound) and "The Greeting to the Sun" light installation. Overnight in Zadar.

## Day 4. Zadar to Kornati

We visit the region of the famous National Park Kornati - rich in fish and cultural and historic remains. Historic remains of old Illyrian fortress, Roman villas, old Christian church of St. Mary and medieval fortresses and settlements add to the value of these islands. Kornati consists of 140 islands and reefs. Inlets of some islands descend steeply into the sea, a hundred meters deep in places, and dramatically razor sharp. It is truly something remarkable to see. Dinner on board. Overnight in Telašćica Bay on Dugi Otok. Possibility to walk to the white cliffs vertically falling down 90 m into the sea and rising up to 200 m over the sea as well as the salt Lake "Mir".

## Day 5. Kornati to Mali Lošinj

After breakfast and a morning swim, we cruise towards Lošinj known as "sunshine island" and abundance of pines, wild flowers and herbs. Lošinj is one of the most popular islands on the northern Adriatic waters for its hidden coves and cool Mediterranean vibe. On arrival to Mali Lošinj, enjoy walking tour followed by visit to Museum of Apoxyomenos. The museum is dedicated to the ancient bronze statue of an athlete found in the sea near the island. Walk up to the Lošinj Aromati Garden or to the smaller town of Veli Lošinj both easy to reach and explore on foot. Overnight in Mali Lošinj.

## Day 6. Mali Lošinj to Cres

We leave for Cres island after our morning swim. Possible swim stop on island Susak, if weather permits. This unspoiled island

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is long and narrow island with olive groves, vineyards, forests of oak, beech and along with some remarkable stone walls. Cres and Mali Lošinj were once one island before the Romans dug a narrow channel to separate them. Optional dinner in village Loznati (with transfer from Cres) where you can try the best traditional lamb specialties this island has to offer. Spend the night in the harbour of this typical medieval town Cres with hidden squares and courtyards.

### Day 7. Cres to Opatija

After breakfast, we leave for Opatija. The famous Opatija Riviera is best seen from the sea. We arrive in late afternoon. Stroll the longest lungomare (seaside promenade) in Croatia or stop in Volosko, a traditional fishing village. On your last night, enjoy captain`s dinner with live entertainment on board. This would be a great time to swap contact details with your new friends and plan your return.

### Day 8. Opatija

Disembark after breakfast.

\* Legend: B - breakfast; L - lunch; D - dinner; T - tasting

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## YOUR SHIP: AVE MARIA

**YOUR SHIP:** Ave Maria

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

The MV Ave Maria, a sister ship of MV Infinity, is a new deluxe superior vessel that made her maiden voyage in 2018. With the latest technology, comfort, and trends in small ship construction, Ave Maria offers the best possible Croatia cruise experience. She has a maximum capacity of 38 passengers in 19 twin or double cabins, guaranteeing an intimate setting for all guests. Modern cabins, fully equipped with air conditioning, safe deposit box, fire alarm, emergency lights and audio system for announcements by the captain or Tour Director. In addition each cabin has life jackets, desk and chair, wardrobe, night stand, small sofa and a porthole or window. Bathrooms are equipped with toilet, shower, wash basin and hair dryer. All cabins have inside passage access to the bar and restaurant area. The spacious fully air-conditioned main deck dining has a bar area with LCD TV and a corner buffet breakfast table and there is a lounge area on the rear of the upper deck. The kitchen is built to the latest HACCP standards. The large sundeck has a total surface of 250 m<sup>2</sup> (2690 sq ft) with partial sun-shade cover of 70 m<sup>2</sup> (753 sq ft) and comfortable deck-beds for all passengers and easy access to Jacuzzi tub. The vessel has a rear platform with mini pool with ladders for easy access into

the water and offers two outdoor showers and two deck lavatories. CABIN SPECIFICATION: Size: 15 - 17 m<sup>2</sup> / 161 - 183 sq ft Total 19 cabins: · 11 cabins on upper deck each with private balcony (VIP cabins) · 8 lower deck cabins with inner communication to restaurant and portholes All twin bedded cabins have the possibility to be put together as a



double bed

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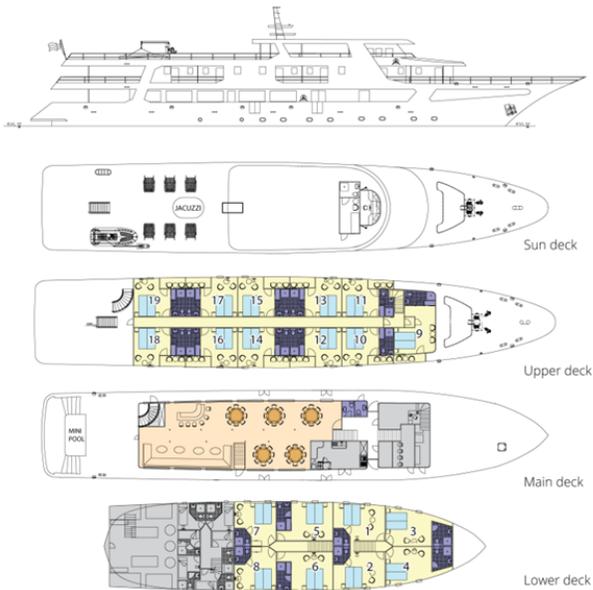
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