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CROATIA LUXURY CRUISE: FROM SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK

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 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. NB. This cruise is reserved for passengers of a minimum of 18 years of age.



ITINERARY

Day 1 - SPLIT - MILNA

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 3 course lunch onboard as we depart Split Harbour at 1pm and

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commence sailing towards our first destination - the island of Brač. The largest of the Dalmatian islands, we will moor up in the waterside town of Milna. The island of Brač is famous for its native Mediterranean pine trees, relaxing atmosphere, and beautiful secluded bays. You'll spend your afternoon swimming and relaxing in the stunning areas surrounding Milna, with the evening reserved to experience a local restaurant or waterside cafe.

Day 2 - HVAR

Enjoy breakfast overlooking the stunning Adriatic as we cruise towards Hvar island. Relax in the Croatian sunshine or take a dip into the refreshing Adriatic as we pass by the Golden Horn near the beautiful city of Bol on the Southern side of the Island, before lunch is served onboard. After lunch we continue onto Hvar, the 'French Riviera' of the Adriatic. Feel the part sipping champagne and docking alongside other super yachts and possibly sighting a celebrity. Hvar still remains authentic to its roots though with cobbled streets and historic architecture, with the 7th century fort ruins overlooking the town, a must-see for breath taking views. 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 - VIS

Early this morning, and subject to weather conditions (which are normally excellent), we will make our way to the island of Vis, one of the most outer-lying islands on the Dalmatian coast. Vis has been used over the centuries as a strategic military port and saw action by the Allied military through WWII against Italy and

Germany. The island has only recently opened to commercial tourism and still retains a lot of charm. Today the island is an idyllic destination, most famous for its stunning Blue Cave, an island cave system accessible only by boat. The blue turquoise water and refracted light entering the cave make for amazing photo opportunities. If by chance the weather and wind isn't suitable to visit Vis, an alternative stop will be made on the itinerary. The captain reserves the right to amend the itinerary, as his number one priority is always safety.

Day 4 - VELA LUKA

We set sail from Vis and head to the western side of Korčula Island to the port of Vela Luka. The name Vela Luka translates to 'big harbour' and the town lies in a deep sheltered bay, lined with small coves. The town dates back to prehistoric times and archaeological artefacts can be found at the town's cultural centre. Vela Luka has a strong agricultural background, particularly in olive growing, from which its olive oil is widely used and recommended by locals. There are a handful of restaurants and shops dotted along this quiet harbour and the town becomes increasingly popular in the summer months.

Day 5 - KORČULA

Relax with breakfast onboard as we set sail around Korčula Island towards the town of Korčula. The town of Korčula, said to be the home of Marco Polo, was mostly built in the 15th century, and has a fascinating fish-bone structure. The island's local population were originally famous for their decorative stone carving work, which to this day still adorn the city's facades. Korčula is also known as a gastronomic destination with many great restaurants wrapped around the city walls facing the waterfront. We will overnight in Korčula Town and enjoy a traditional Croatian dinner in the village of Zrnovo, one

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of the oldest settlements on the island.

Day 6 - MLJET

This morning we sail south-east to one of the most beautiful islands in Croatia, Mljet. This island is actually a National Park and is classified as Croatia's greenest island due to the dense covering of 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 can explore this pristine island by kayaking, 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 cold drink in hand.

Day 7 - DUBROVNIK

There is nothing quite like waking up in peaceful Mljet and enjoying breakfast onboard your ship as we cruise towards the UNESCO protected and spectacularly beautiful city of Dubrovnik. Enjoy the stunning views along the way to "heaven on earth" - according to the famous writer, George Bernard Shaw. We will arrive into Dubrovnik in the afternoon, allowing plenty of time for you to explore Dubrovnik's Old Town. The city is wonderfully captivating, with its stone walls and historic charm. It is highly recommended to walk around the 1,940m long, 15th century 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 8 - DUBROVNIK

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. NOTE: It is possible for you to leave as early as needed on the last morning to catch flights as the ship will be in port by the previous night

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YOUR SHIP: ESPERANZA

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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 ensembles, 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



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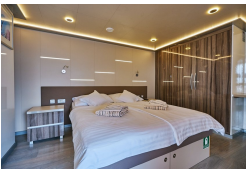
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Above Deck - From



Above deck Cabins



Lower Deck - From

Lower Deck cabins - From

Lower deck cabins

Above Deck - From

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Lower Deck cabins

Lower Deck cabins -

Main deck cabins

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PRICING

01-Sep-2024 to 08-Sep-2024

Lower deck cabins £2609 GBP pp

Main deck cabins £2919 GBP pp

08-Sep-2024 to 15-Sep-2024

Above deck Cabins £2439 GBP pp

Lower Deck cabins £2129 GBP pp

22-Sep-2024 to 29-Sep-2024

Lower deck cabins £2609 GBP pp

Main deck cabins £2919 GBP pp

29-Sep-2024 to 06-Oct-2024

Lower Deck cabins - £1629 GBP pp

Above deck Cabins £1939 GBP pp

06-Oct-2024 to 13-Oct-2024

Above deck Cabins £1719 GBP pp

Lower Deck cabins £1409 GBP pp

20-Apr-2025 to 27-Apr-2025

Lower Deck cabins - From £1569 GBP pp

Above deck Cabins - From £1879 GBP pp

20-Apr-2025 to 27-Apr-2025

Lower Deck - From £1569 GBP pp

Above Deck - From £1879 GBP pp

27-Apr-2025 to 04-May-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2309 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £1989 GBP pp

04-May-2025 to 11-May-2025

Lower Deck - From £1519 GBP pp

Above Deck - From £1829 GBP pp

11-May-2025 to 18-May-2025

Lower Deck cabins - From £1759 GBP pp

Above deck Cabins - From £2079 GBP pp

18-May-2025 to 25-May-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2439 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £2129 GBP pp

25-May-2025 to 01-Jun-2025

Lower Deck - From £2199 GBP pp

Above Deck - From £2509 GBP pp

01-Jun-2025 to 08-Jun-2025

Lower Deck cabins - From £2199 GBP pp

Above deck Cabins - From £2509 GBP pp

08-Jun-2025 to 15-Jun-2025

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Above deck Cabins - From £2509 GBP pp

27-Jul-2025 to 03-Aug-2025

Lower Deck - From £2199 GBP pp

Above Deck - From £2509 GBP pp

27-Jul-2025 to 03-Aug-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2879 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £2559 GBP pp

03-Aug-2025 to 10-Aug-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2509 GBP pp

Lower Deck cabins - From £2199 GBP pp

10-Aug-2025 to 17-Aug-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2879 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £2559 GBP pp

17-Aug-2025 to 24-Aug-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £3039 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £2719 GBP pp

24-Aug-2025 to 31-Aug-2025

Lower Deck - From £2279 GBP pp

Above Deck - From £2589 GBP pp

05-Oct-2025 to 12-Oct-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2429 GBP pp

Lower Deck - From £2119 GBP pp

05-Oct-2025 to 12-Oct-2025

Above deck Cabins - From £2239 GBP pp

Lower Deck cabins - From £1929 GBP pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Local Visitors Tax 30 EUR pp