



CROATIA

Experience: A wonderful journey along the stunning Croatian coastline

Witness: Ancient Roman ruins, glorious walled cities and beautiful islands

Celebrate: A coastal lifestyle which has remained unchanged for centuries

Be inspired: By the warmth of the Croatian people

24 days / 23 nights

**Commencing Zagreb
19 August 2024**

**FULLY
ESCORTED**



Package Pricing

per person twin share

Lower Deck

\$12,590

AUD

Main Deck

\$12,990

AUD

Package Inclusions

- Transportation as stated
- Accommodation with breakfasts throughout
- All meals once boarding Le Cordea
- Extensive sightseeing - with wireless audio guides
- Entrance fees as applicable
- Gratuities

Not Included

- Air fares
- Beverages
- Meals other than stated
- Travel Insurance (ask for a quote)

Costs are in Australian Dollars (AUD) & may be subject to change due to currency fluctuations. Maximum number on this tour: 34 persons.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Deposit and balance of payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$2000.00 per person will be required to secure your reservation and balance due by 29 April 2024.

Cancellation fees

From date of booking to 90 days prior to departure	\$2000.00 per person
90 – 45 days prior to departure	50% of tour cost
Within 45 days of departure	100% of tour cost

Plus any charges as may be applied by hotels, operators and/or airlines, but never exceeding 100% of the tour price.

Air fares & Travel Insurance

Travel Tree will provide air fares and insurance proposals for your consideration at time of booking. Comprehensive insurance is mandatory for all participants and the Company will require proof of any insurance purchased indirectly.

Itinerary overleaf...

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24 DAYS/23 NIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS OF CROATIA - CRUISE & TOUR



Itinerary...

Monday 19 August Arrive Zagreb

On arrival, make your way to the Sheraton Hotel Zagreb for a stay of 2 nights.

Tuesday 20 August Zagreb

Morning sightseeing tour of Zagreb, visiting the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical centre, St Marks Church, City Museum and Cathedral. Remainder of day free to enjoy Zagreb's cosmopolitan lifestyle. (B)

Wednesday 21 August Zagreb to Rijeka (by road – 130kms)

Late this morning, we transfer by coach to the coastal city of Rijeka where we embark on the Le Cordea – our home for the next 13 nights. This evening, we'll enjoy a short sightseeing tour before settling in. (B/D)

Thursday 22 August Sightseeing Istria to Opatija

This morning we travel by coach to the ancient town of Pula where we visit one of the best preserved amphitheatres in the world and other Roman ruins. Lunch will be taken at a traditional family venue and will include a folkloric performance by local musicians and dancers. After lunch we proceed to Opatija to rejoin Le Cordea. Situated below a mountain and a nature park, Opatija features old Austrian villas, beaches and a magnificent seaside promenade and is one of the leading tourist destinations in Croatia.

Friday 23 August Sailing from Opatija to Krk

Leaving Opatija early morning we sail to the island of Krk, the largest island in Croatia. On arrival we'll take a wine tour to the village of Vrbnik. This quaint, almost medieval village is perched on a high cliff overlooking the sea. Upon return from our wine tour we sail for the island of Rab arriving mid-afternoon. Rab is one of the greenest islands in the Adriatic and probably one of the most magical. It is covered with pine forests and has beautiful beaches and is well known for its mild climate which differs from the mainland. The main resort, Rab town, is full of medieval buildings, built during the Venetian rule, dating back to the 13th century, the old town walls are still visible in some places. You will have free time to amble around and explore this particularly beautiful town.

Saturday 24 August Sailing from Rab to Zadar

Early this morning we set sail for the coastal port of Zadar, an ancient Roman colony and in medieval times a rival to Venice. Along the way we will have an opportunity for a swim on the island of Pag or Vir before arriving at Zadar in mid-afternoon. This evening you may wish to stroll along the Riva and visit the Sea Organ and nearby Greetings to the Sun.

Sunday 25 August Sightseeing Zadar then sail to the Kornati Islands.

This morning, we enjoy a 2 hour walking tour, including a stroll along the famous Katedrala Street. We then set sail for the Kornati Islands National Park where we'll experience magnificent views of 140 islands and islets of exceptional beauty, as well as small fishing villages and picturesque shorelines.

Monday 26 August Sail to Sibeni

Early this morning we set sail for Skradin, travelling approximately 12kms up-river, through fascinating gorges, to visit the magnificent Krka waterfalls. This afternoon, we journey to Sibeni where we stroll through the heart of the ancient town.

Tuesday 27 August Trogir and Solta

This morning, we set sail for Trogir, known as a "city museum" and listed in UNESCO's world heritage list. We take a 1 hour walking tour to breathe in the feeling of antiquity which abounds in this lovely town. After lunch, we set sail for the island of Solta with a stop for swimming along the way. Upon arrival there is free time for you to explore this unique port located in a cradle between pine forests and olive groves.

Wednesday 28 August Solta to Omis

After breakfast this morning we sail towards the Dalmatian coastal town of Omis situated in the mouth of the Cetina River and surrounded by massive gorges. In the past Omis was notorious because of the pirates of Omis whose ships were a centuries-long symbol of retaliation, courage and strength. After dinner this evening we'll be serenaded by a group of local musicians.

Thursday 29 August Omis to Pucisca

After breakfast this morning we take a local boat ride through the Cetina river canyon to Radman's mills. Upon return to Omis we sail for Pucisca on the island of Brač. Pucisca is famous for its white stone - used for centuries in palaces and cathedrals and, most notably, the USA's White House. We will have an opportunity for a swim before visiting a masonry school, one of the few remaining such schools in Europe.

Friday 30 August

Sail to Hvar

After breakfast, we set sail to Bol where we visit Zlatni Rat (one of the most beautiful beaches on the Adriatic coast). There will be an opportunity to explore Bol, or to take the mini train to the famous beach for a swim. After lunch, we cruise to Hvar Island. The harbour is small and extremely busy so, this afternoon, we anchor just outside the entrance then transfer by local boat to undertake a short stroll along Hvar's waterfront promenade and through the Old Town's historic medieval and Renaissance heart. This evening, we dine ashore at Restaurant Don Quijote and with free time prior to being transferred back to our vessel at 10pm.

Saturday 31 August

Sail to Vis

Early this morning, we depart for the island of Vis. During WWII, Vis was Tito's headquarters, regularly visited by Churchill's intelligence officers who assisted with his fight against the German invaders. Later this morning we visit the cave from which Tito directed his forces, the British wartime airport and a local winery.

Sunday 01 September

Vis to Korcula

This morning, we set sail for the island of Korcula, reputed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. Korcula town, another ancient walled city, contains a wealth of artistic masterworks including paintings by Tintoretto. This afternoon we take a short guided walking tour after which we have free time to enjoy this unique town. This evening we will be serenaded at dinner by local acapelo musicians.

Monday 02 September

Sail to Dubrovnik

This morning we head towards the Peljesac peninsula and the small town of Trstenik where we'll have a wine tasting at the Grgic winery, made famous by Mike Grgic of Napa Valley fame. After which we depart for a quiet bay in the Elafiti islands where we enjoy a relaxing swim before sailing into Dubrovnik – the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight, entirely surrounded by massive grey walls, interspersed with 4 gates, 3 forts, 5 bastions and 14 towers. Our ship will take us on a panoramic view of these majestic walls before heading for port. This evening we join the skipper and crew for a special farewell dinner on board.

Tuesday 03 September

Disembark at Dubrovnik

After breakfast we bid farewell to our boat and crew and join our coach and guide for a tour to a viewpoint overlooking the old city and visit the resort town of Cavtat prior to transfer to Hotel Grand Park for a 3 night stay. (B) Later this afternoon our coach will then take us to Pile Gate where we will start our walking tour along the famous Stradun visiting Dubrovnik's highlights such as the Franciscan Monastery with one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe, the Rector's Palace and the Cathedral.

Wednesday 04 September Dubrovnik

Free day to enjoy the sights of Dubrovnik. (B)

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Friday 06 September Dubrovnik to Split

After breakfast we depart Dubrovnik and travel by coach along the scenic Adriatic highway to Split – Croatia's second largest city - with en route stop at Makarska. Accommodation at the Park Hotel for a 2 night stay (B).

Saturday 07 September Split

This morning we join a sightseeing tour of Split featuring the Diocletian Palace [a World Heritage Site], Jupiter's Temple, the Cathedral and the famous Split markets. (B)

Sunday 08 September Split to Plitvice

Depart Split by coach for Plitvice Lakes travelling the inland route through scenic rural countryside. Accommodation is at the Hotel Jezero for 2 nights (B)

Monday 09 September Plitvice Lakes

Today we enjoy a walking tour of the Plitvice Lakes National Park. These UNESCO World Heritage Lakes are a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. They comprise 16 lakes each of which is at a different level and joined by a series of cascading waterfalls. (B)

Tuesday 10 September Plitvice to Zagreb

Depart Plitvice for Zagreb, 1 night stay at Sheraton Zagreb. (B)

Wednesday 11 September Zagreb

Free day to enjoy Zagreb before transfer to Zagreb Airport for departure. (B)

Note; Itinerary subject to change due to weather conditions.