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## The Treasures of the Adriatic: Croatia, Greece, Albania and Montenegro

7 Nights from AUD 3,503



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## Overview

Embark on a breath-taking cruise through four countries in the Adriatic Sea! Between Croatia and Montenegro via Greece and Albania, between beautiful cities and archaeological remains, wild beauty and unusual landscapes. Discover Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic, Tirana, the Albanian capital, but also Corfu in Greece, or the ancient city of Bar in Montenegro.

## Trip Highlights

DUBROVNIK - CORFU - SARANDA - VLORE - DURRËS - BAR - DUBROVNIK

## Detailed Itinerary



**Day 01**

**DAY 01: DUBROVNIK (Croatia)**

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 5:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail and have dinner on board. The rest of the evening is yours to do as you please.

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 02**

**DAY 02: DUBROVNIK**

Join us for an optional visit of Dubrovnik, which captivates tourists by its beauty and sublime views. We'll spend the afternoon cruising alongside the Albanian and Montenegrin coastline. Join us for an evening of entertainment.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03**

**DAY 03: CORFU (Greece)**

We'll spend the morning cruising to the splendid island of Corfu. According to Homer's poems, Ulysses made a final stop here before returning to Ithaca. This afternoon, we'll enjoy an optional tour of the old city. Today a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the origins of the old city date back to the 8th century BC, but what we see today is approximately 500 years old, built mostly by the Venetians. And we'll visit the Achilleion, the island's emblematic palace built by the beloved Empress Sissi. As the Achilleion is currently closed for restoration, the visit is replaced by that of the Mon Repos Palace.

Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04**

**DAY 04: CORFU - SARANDA (Albania)**

We'll cruise to Saranda in the early morning. When we arrive, join us for an optional visit to the Butrint ruins (an approx. 4-hour tour, including over 90 minutes of driving). These ancient ruins are famed for their size, beauty, and tranquility. They're in a fantastic natural setting and span 2,500 years. The top of the hill is where the acropolis once was; the views give you a good idea of the city's layout, and you can see the Vivari Channel connecting Lake Butrint to the Straits of Corfu in the



distance.

This afternoon, we'll set out on an optional tour of Gjirokastër (an approx. 5-hour tour, including 3 hours of driving). Historic Gjirokastër is one of Albania's three UNESCO sites. Described as "a rare example of a well-preserved Ottoman town," the city is dominated by Gjirokastër Fortress. Gjirokastër contains several remarkable examples of houses with turrets, which date from the 17th century, but also more elaborate examples dating from the early 19th century. The Gjirokastër Bazaar is known for handmade wood pieces, handwoven rugs, and crafts such as delicate lace items. We'll enjoy a tasting of local products at the end of our tour. Tonight's festivities will have an Albanian flair!

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 05

### DAY 05: VLORE

Join us for a full-day, optional tour of Apollonia and Berat (lunch included - approx. 10.5 hours long, including 4.5 hours of driving). Our first stop will be Berat. In 2008, the village was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as it is a rare example of a well-preserved Ottoman town. We'll then continue on to the largest archaeological site in Albania: Apollonia. Set on rolling hills among olive groves, with impressive views all around, Apollonia was founded by Greeks from Corinth and Corfu in 588 BC. While the ruins are minimal, the onsite Apollonia Museum complex is excellent to experience. We'll return on board. Join us for an evening of entertainment.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 06

### DAY 06: DURRËS

This morning, we'll visit Tirana and its Natural History Museum (optional excursion, approximately 5 hours long, including 2 hours of driving). Tirana, the capital and largest city, is the heart of Albania's cultural, economic, and governmental activity. We'll visit the National History Museum, which takes you chronologically from ancient Illyria to the post-communist era. We'll also see Skanderbeg Square, where you can get a good look at the city's oldest building, the historic Et'hem Bey Mosque.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising. Join us for an evening of dinner and dancing.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 07**

**DAY 07: BAR (Montenegro)**

We'll spend the morning on an optional visit to Stari Bar. Enjoy a guided tour of this old urban settlement in the mountains above the city of Bar. The tranquil feel of this place will make you fall in love with the whole country. Together with the stronghold towers, city gates, gun powder room, Prince's Palace, and Bishop's Palace, one can imagine the impressive town that it used to be.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising alongside Montenegrin coastline and through the Bay of Kotor. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 08**

**DAY 08: DUBROVNIK**

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - on board drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy cabin with shower in private bathroom - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance from our onboard, multilingual host/hostess - travel assistance/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## Exclusions

Transfers - drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - cancellation and baggage insurance.

## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy.



Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request).

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Ships available for this cruise - MV La Belle de l'Adriatique

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

No shore excursion on the non listed days (Rates available on request).

**Valid passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

Discover the treasures hiding in the Mediterranean:

**Corfu**, paradise in the Ionian Sea(1)

East meets West in **Albania**(1):

The captivating ancient ruins of **Butrint**

The old town in **Gjirokaštër**

**Apollonia**, the largest archaeological site in Albania, and **Berat**, the city with a thousand views

**Tirana**, the capital of Albania

The wild beauty of **Montenegro**(1):

The ancient city of **Bar** and its ruins

### **THE GGTS DIFFERENCE**

**All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar

Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail

**Free Wi-Fi** onboard

Headsets are included for excursions

Official welcome from the captain and crew

Onboard activities

Travel assistance and repatriation insurance

All port fees included





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