



Discover Gorgeous Balkan with Deluxe Adriatic Cruise - 14 Days (#17312)

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Overview

Sunday Arrival

Trip Highlights

Dubrovnik, Budva / Montenegro, Shkodra / Albania, Tirana, Ohrid / North Macedonia, Skopje, Kolašin / Montenegro, Dubrovnik, Korčula, Hvar, Trogir, Split

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1 Dubrovnik – Arrival, Sunday (D)





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Upon arrival at Dubrovnik Airport, transfer to hotel. Meet the tour guide, dinner and overnight.

Meal: Dinner

Day 02

Day 2 Dubrovnik – Budva/Montenegro – Shkodra/Albania – Tirana, Monday (B,D)

Morning sightseeing tour of Dubrovnik, included in the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage. You will visit Franciscan Monastery with Europe's third oldest pharmacy, the Rector's Palace and the Cathedral. Departure for Tirana; we drive inland via Budva, crossing the Albanian border at Shkodra, once the capital of the Illyrian Kingdom (3rd century B.C.). Dinner and overnight in Tirana.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 03

Day 3 Tirana – Ohrid/North Macedonia, Tuesday (B,D)

Morning sightseeing tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania, including Skender Bey Square, the Mosque of Ethem Bey and a visit to the National Museum representing the flow of Albanian history and housing the finds from archeological sites across the country. Afternoon departure for Ohrid, driving via Elbasan and crossing the North Macedonian border at Cafasan. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 04

Day 4 Ohrid, Wednesday

Full day in the lakeside resort of Ohrid, classified as UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage site. Through the activity of St. Clement and St. Naum of Ohrid, the first pan-Slavic University in Europe, the famous "Ohrid Literary School" was founded here. Morning sightseeing tour includes the church of St. Sofia (11th century), the most eminent mediaeval monument in North Macedonia with magnificent Byzantine fresco paintings and St. Clement Church with its icon of Annunciation. In the afternoon a short drive to visit St. Naum

Monastery built on the shores of Ohrid Lake in 900 A.D. and dedicated to the Slavic missionary and educator St. Naum of Ohrid. Dinner in a local restaurant. Return to hotel for overnight.





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Day 05

Day 5 Ohrid – Skopje, Thursday (B,D)

Morning departure for Skopje. Sightseeing tour of Skopje, including the Kale Fortress, the Church of the Holy Savior with its iconostas, one of the finest samples of traditional walnut wood carving, Old Bazaar and Stone Bridge. We drive to the slopes of the Vodno Mountain where we visit the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon with its 12th century iconostas and frescoes ranking among the highest achievements of Byzantine art of this period. Dinner and overnight in Skopje.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 06

Day 6 Skopje – Kolašin/Montenegro, Friday (B,D)

Morning departure for Kolašin, driving via Pe? and Berane and along the impressive Mora?a River Canyon. Afternoon arrival at Kolašin, spreading on the left bank of the river Tara, situated at the altitude of 954 m. The whole area is surrounded by the thick pine forest of the Bjelasica Mountain and is a popular skiing and air spa resort. Dinner and overnight in Kolašin.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 07

Day 7 Kolašin – Cetinje – Kotor – Dubrovnik, Saturday (B.WR, D)

Morning departure for Cetinje where we visit King Nikola’s Museum, once the residence of the Montenegrin King Nikola I Petrovi?. Continuation to Kotor, classified as UNESCO’s World Cultural Heritage site, where we visit its Romanesque Cathedral dedicated to Saint Tryphon the city’s patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Upon arrival to Dubrovnik, embarkation with a Welcome Reception followed by a dinner that evening. Overnight onboard in Dubrovnik.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 08

Day 8 Dubrovnik – Elaphiti Islands – Slano (Oyster Tasting), Sunday (B, L, T, CD)

Start the day with a walking tour of Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of Adriatic”. Walk through Stradun – both a street and a square, the most famous place inside the town walls, enlisted as UNESCO’s World Heritage site, where your guide will show you





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the most interesting sights of Dubrovnik and visit the Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. After returning to ship enjoy the magic scenery as the ship cruises around Dubrovnik city walls to continue to one of the Elaphiti islands for a swim stop. Afternoon arrival in Slano, a peaceful fishermen's village and our starting point to Ston, situated on Peljesac peninsula and once fortified small village famous for its oysters. Peljesac peninsula is known as one of the best wine-producing regions in Croatia. After exploring the town, we leave to a small nearby village to enjoy the authentic local oyster tasting. Overnight and Captains Dinner on board in Slano.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 09

Day 9 Slano – Mljet National Park – Korčula, Monday (B, L)

In the morning we head north to the Island of Mljet. Join the Cruise Manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park. Continue our cruise towards the Korčula island, best known as a birthplace of Marco Polo. Afternoon arrival in Korčula followed by a guided walking tour of this enchanting town surrounded by walls, which is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. Overnight in Korčula where you can enjoy a gourmet experience at the multiple restaurants and bars.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 10

Day 10 Korčula – Biševo – Vis, Tuesday (B, L)

Early in the morning we sail to small island Biševo to visit the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon. Possibility of our visit will depend on weather conditions, however you will be notified of this on time. Cruise towards the island of Vis once a strategic naval Yugoslav base and restricted to the public. Due to this isolation, Vis has a special charm – “the Mediterranean as it once was” making it interesting to visit. Taste some exquisite wine sorts in one of the Vis traditional wineries. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman thermal place, City Museum or simply take a walk to enjoy the views. Overnight in the port of Vis.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11

Day 11 Vis – Hvar – Stari Grad, Wednesday (B, L)





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In the morning head further towards Hvar, the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, with a swim stop and lunch on board. Afternoon arrival in Hvar town followed by a tour of the town - visit the many historical sights of the town, such as St Stephen's Square, the largest piazza in Dalmatia and the main town square, see St Stephen's Cathedral, the first public theatre in Europe, renaissance-style loggia and its clock tower, the Franciscan monastery. Above Hvar Town is the impressive fortress Fortica / Spanjola offering magnificent views over the bay and Pakleni islands. After the tour set sail towards Stari Grad on the island of Hvar, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Overnight in Stari Grad.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 12

Day 12 Stari Grad – Trogir (Krka National Park excursion), Thursday (B, L)

Early morning departure to the old Dalmatian town Trogir. Trogir is sometimes referred to as “miniature Venice” or a “mini-Dubrovnik” because of its ancient walls, or a “floating museum town” - as it has a masterful architecture including some stunning Venetian palaces. Afterwards, you will discover the beauty of the Krka National Park and the small access port of Skradin where the flora and fauna are exceptional. Overnight in Trogir.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 13

Day 13 Trogir – Split, Friday (B, L)

In the morning join tour of Trogir with a local tour guide. Set sail to Split with a stop along the way to swim and relax, if weather permits, with lunch on board. In the late afternoon we arrive at Split to spend the night. Arriving in Split, join a guided tour of the city, visit the seafront promenade and Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. The historical center of the city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your evening is free in Split.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 14

Day 14 Split – Departure, Saturday (B)

After breakfast it's time to disembark. You will be transferred to Split airport for your flight home.

Meal: Breakfast





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Inclusions

Arrival shared transfer from Dubrovnik Airport to hotel and departure shared transfer from Dubrovnik port to Dubrovnik Airport on the first and the last days of the tour

First class hotels including accommodation on half board basis

Service charges and hotel taxes

Luggage handling (1 pc per person)

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach

Professional English-Speaking Tour Director throughout

Licensed Local Guides

Complimentary whispers with sightseeing tours

7 nights cruise from Split to Dubrovnik

Supreme category ship in a cabin with private facilities, A/C & TV

Daily buffet breakfast

6 lunches (3 course meal and salad bar)

Welcome dinner and Captain's dinner with live music during cruise

Water dispenser during cruise

Complimentary coffee, tea, and fresh fruits available daily during cruise

Professional English-speaking Cruise Manager throughout

Whisper technology

Daily cabin servicing, fresh bed linen and towels midweek during cruise

Luggage handling

One beach towel per person per week

Complimentary Wi-Fi on board

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

Professional English-speaking guide for sightseeing tours of Dubrovnik, Tirana, Ohrid, Skopje, Kotor

Entrance fees to Diocletian's Palace, Franciscan Monastery and Rector's Palace in Dubrovnik; National Museum in Tirana;

St. Sofia, St. Clement and St. Naum in Ohrid; Church of Holy Savior and Monastery of St. Panteleimon in Skopje;

Residence of King Nikola I Petrović in Cetinje; St. Triphun Cathedral in Kotor.

City tours of Split, Trogir, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik

Guided tour and entrance to Krka National Park and Mljet National Park

Oyster tasting in Ston





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Exclusions

Drinks, extra meals

Port tax AUD 145 per person (to be paid by on board)

All other entrance fees not mentioned in the inclusions

Note

HOTELS USED OR SIMILAR

DUBROVNIK: Adria 4* or similar

TIRANA: Sky Tower 4* or similar

OHRID: Metropol 4* or similar

SKOPJE: Next Door Park 4* or similar

KOLAŠIN: Bianca 4* or similar

SUPPLEMENTS (OPTIONAL):

Additional beach towel AUD 17 per person on request

Entrance to Blue Cave to be paid on the spot

Private car transfers available on request (Vehicle transfers are not available in the pedestrian areas).

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B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner, WR-Welcome Reception, CD-Captain's dinner, T-Tasting

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (LOWER DECK CABIN ON SUPREME BOAT)

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed Departure





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08 Sep, 2024

First Class Hotels
AUD 6,964 P P twin share
AUD 10,000 P P single
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06 Oct, 2024

First Class Hotels
AUD 6,250 P P twin share
AUD 9,286 P P single
AVAILABLE

