



Discover Gorgeous Balkan with Deluxe Adriatic Cruise - 16 Days (#17310)

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Overview

Saturday Arrival

Trip Highlights

Split, Trogir, Krka, Stari Grad, Hvar, Biševo, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Shkodra/Albania, Tirana, Ohrid/North Macedonia, Kolašin / Montenegro, Kotor, Dubrovnik

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1 Split – Arrival, Saturday (WR, D)





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You will be transferred from Split airport to the port. Embarkation begins at 2pm. Get settled in your cabin before attending a Welcome reception followed by dinner this evening.

Meal: Dinner

Day 02

Day 2 Split – Trogir (Krka National Park excursion), Sunday (B, L)

In the morning join a guided tour of Split, visit the seafront promenade and Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. The historical centre of the city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Set sail 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. After disembarking in Trogir we take the bus to visit Krka National Park. You will discover the pristine nature and waterfalls of the Krka National Park, an area extremely rich with flora and fauna. Overnight in Trogir.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 03

Day 3 Trogir – Stari Grad, Monday (B, L)

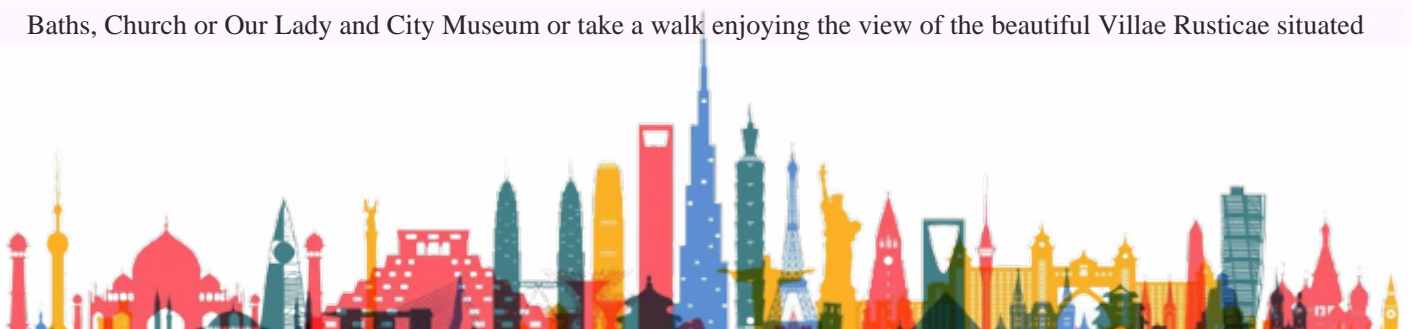
Morning guided tour of Trogir with a local tour guide. Afterwards, enjoy sailing towards Stari Grad on the Island of Hvar, swim stop and lunch on board. Stari Grad is one of the oldest towns in Europe with many friendly and affordable conobas and restaurants in the backstreets of the old town. The Stari Grad Plain and the old town centre of Stari Grad have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 2008. Your evening is free to explore Stari Grad on your own.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 04

Day 4 Stari Grad – Hvar – Vis, Tuesday (B, L)

Leaving Stari Grad in the morning towards city of Hvar. A sightseeing tour of Hvar town shows you many historical sites, such as St Stephen's Square and Cathedral, the Arsenal with the theatre built on its first floor, the first municipal theatre in Europe. Above the town is the impressive fortress Fortica offering magnificent views over the bay and Pakleni islands. Afterwards continue to Vis. The town of Vis is on the northern side of the island and was developed near the remains of ancient Issa, the first urban centre in Croatia, formed by the Greeks in 4th century B.C. Visit the remains of the Roman Baths, Church of Our Lady and City Museum or take a walk enjoying the view of the beautiful Villae Rusticae situated





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along the coast. Your evening is free in Vis.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 05

Day 5 Vis – Biševo – Korčula, Wednesday (B, L)

Leaving Vis, we will have an early morning cruise towards Biševo island to visit the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon on the islet Biševo just in front of the town of Komiža. Possibility of our visit will depend on weather conditions; however you will be notified of this on time. Afterwards, cruise towards the Korčula, and the island's main settlement, known as the birthplace of Marco Polo, one of the world's most famous explorers of all times. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route. Afternoon arrival in Korčula followed by a guided walking tour of one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. Korčula has variety of different restaurants, bars and clubs for those looking for evening entertainment. Overnight in Korčula.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 06

Day 6 Korčula – Mljet National Park – Slano (Oyster Tasting), Thursday (B, L, T, CD)

In the morning head further south to the Island of Mljet. Join the Cruise Manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park. Alternatively, you can rent bicycles, scooters, or kayaks to explore the National Park or island on your own. Lunch on board and departure for a small village called Slano on the mainland. Slano is a peaceful fishermen's village, and the starting point to Ston, situated on Pelješac peninsula, fortified small village famous for its oysters. Pelješac 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. Tonight, enjoy Captain's dinner and overnight in Slano.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 07

Day 7 Slano – Elaphiti Islands – Dubrovnik, Friday (B, L)

Early morning cruise to Elaphiti islands with swim stop on one of the secluded bays. Continue sail to Dubrovnik, and, before we moor at port, we cruise alongside the old city walls. After docking, join a guided tour at the historical centre of Dubrovnik, walk through Stradun – both a street and a square, the most famous place inside the town walls, enlisted as





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UNESCO's World Heritage site. Your guide will show you the most interesting sights of the Old Town and visit the Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. After city tour, you will be on your own to explore the city, visit City Walls, the Franciscan Monastery with Europe's second oldest pharmacy, the Rector's Palace, and the Cathedral, or take a boat ride to Lokrum Island or take the cable car to the top of the Mount Sr?. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 08

Day 8 Dubrovnik, Saturday (B,D)

After breakfast it's time to disembark. You will be transferred to your Dubrovnik hotel. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik hotel.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 09

Day 9 Dubrovnik, Sunday (B,D)

Enjoy your free time in Dubrovnik. Tonight you meet the tour guide. Dinner and overnight in Dubrovnik.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10

Day 10 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 11

Day 11 Tirana – Ohrid/North Macedonia, Tuesday (B,D)





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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 archaeological 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 12

Day 12 Ohrid Wednesday (B,D)

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.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 13

Day 13 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 woodcarving, 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 14

Day 14 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.





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Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 15

Day 15 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 St. Triphun the city's patron saint. We continue to Dubrovnik driving along the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Arrival and overnight in Dubrovnik.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 16

Day 16 Dubrovnik – departure, Sunday (B)

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

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

Arrival shared transfer from Split Airport to port and departure shared transfer from Dubrovnik hotel 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).





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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. Triphon 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

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





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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

28 Sep, 2024

First Class Hotels

AUD 6,481 P P twin share

AUD 9,630 P P single

AVAILABLE

