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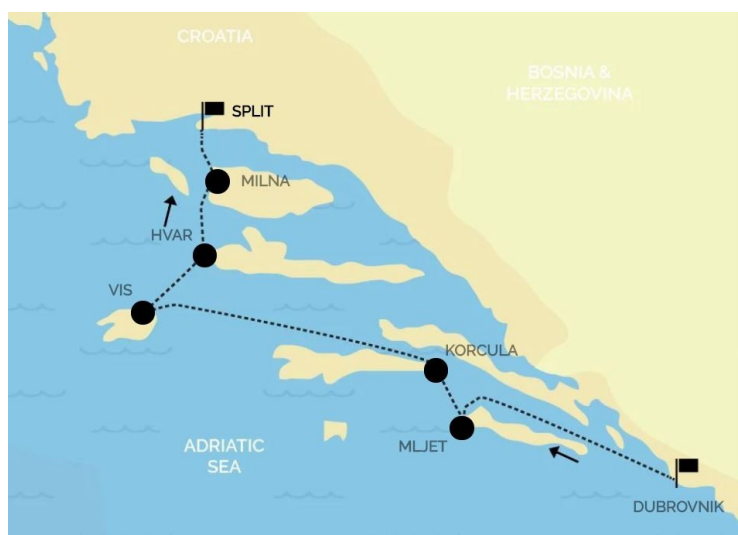
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CROATIA LUXURY CRUISE: FROM DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT

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 Dubrovnik, the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', 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 and 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.



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Day 1 - DUBROVNIK

Check-in at Dubrovnik's Port of Gruz from 11:00, before your welcome reception at 12pm, where you'll get to join your fellow travellers for champagne and canapes before lunch is served onboard. Your ship will remain in Dubrovnik for the first night of your cruise, giving you time to explore this unique city. Enjoy the beautiful views in Croatia's "heaven on earth" - according to the famous writer George Bernard Shaw. Dubrovnik's Old Town is wonderfully captivating, with its 1,940m long 15th century stone walls built to protect the city from invasion. We highly recommend walking around the 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

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Walking Tour is a great way to learn about this wonderful city. Special Elegance inclusion. Included stress free transfer from the airport to the harbour. Overnight in Dubrovnik Gruz Port.

Day 2 - MIJET

Today we sail north-west to one of the most beautiful islands in Croatia, Mljet, which is actually a National Park. The island is classed as Croatia's greenest due to its 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. Those that wish to explore this pristine island can do so 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 3 - KORČULA

Relax as we set sail for the island of Korčula, and enjoy lunch onboard in the beautiful Lumbarda Bay. The town of Korčula, said to be the home of Marco Polo, was mostly built in the 15th century and features an impressive fish bone structure. The island's local population were once 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 overlooking the waterfront. We will overnight in Korčula Town and enjoy a traditional Croatian dinner in the village of Zrnovo, one of the oldest settlements on the island.

Day 4 - VIS

Early this morning and subject to weather conditions (which are normally excellent), we will make our way across 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. It has only recently opened to commercial tourism and the island still retains a lot of charm. Please note: 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 5 - HVAR

Enjoy breakfast onboard overlooking the stunning Adriatic as we cruise towards Hvar island. Relax in the Croatian sunshine or take a dip in the refreshing Adriatic at our mid-morning swim stop before lunch is served onboard. After lunch, we continue on to Hvar, the 'French Riviera' of the Adriatic. Feel the part sipping champagne and docking alongside other super yachts in Hvar Town. Although renowned for its celebrity spotting, Hvar still remains authentic to its roots, with its cobbled streets, historic architecture and 7th century fort ruins overlooking the town. 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 6 - MILNA

Enjoy a relaxing cruise this morning as we sailing towards to our final island destination - the island of Brač. Brač is the largest of the Dalmatian islands, and 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

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secluded bays. You'll spend your afternoon swimming and relaxing in the stunning areas surrounding Milna, with the evening reserved for authentic food wine and entertainment at the on board Captains Dinner !

Day 7 - SPLIT

Embrace your last morning cruising the Dalmatian coast as we make our way back to Split. Enjoy your final swim stop in a secluded bay just outside of Split, before taking in this spectacular city as we cruise into Split harbour in the afternoon, The UNESCO World Heritage city of Split bases the Old Town in and around the stunning Diocletian's Palace; a Roman emperor's' retirement palace from 295-305 AD. Stroll through the palace basement filled with market stalls and experience the historical architecture of this beautiful palace, consisting of 220 buildings within its boundaries and being home to 3,000 people. Split is now the second largest city in Croatia and continues to grow every year with numerous, cafe bars and traditional Dalmatian restaurants opening.

Day 8 - SPLIT

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 Sunday morning to catch flights as the ship will be in port by Saturday night



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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

hairdryer.

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

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