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SHORES OF THE ADRIATIC - ITALY, CROATIA AND SLOVENIA LUXURY CRUISE

PONANT unveils an idyllic 9-day itinerary in the heart of the Adriatic, along the Italian, Croatian and Slovenian coastlines, featuring age-old vestiges slumbering beneath a golden sun, bustling towns fixed on the crystal-clear horizon and preserved nature, the cradle of a delicious way of life. Throughout your journey, you will benefit from an excursion included per person per port of call, to choose from a selection offered by PONANT. During this cruise, discover Urbino, birthplace of Raphael and a Renaissance pearl that is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, from Ancona ; admire Split, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its Diocletian's Palace; or explore the island of Hvar in a Volkswagen Beetle. The diversity of experiences on offer promises you intense and varied moments (to discover the full range of excursions, go to the itinerary tab). From Venice the Serenissima , you will sail along Italian shores to Ancona , a charming city acting as the gateway to the region of Le Marche, before reaching Apulia and the town of Vieste. Perched on its limestone outcrop, it sketches out a rich history with multiple influences, between its bright whitewashed houses. You will sail towards the east, along the water. From the millennial cities of Dubrovnik and Split , both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to the idyllic island of Hvar and its sparkling coves, discover the indescribable gentle way of life of the Croatian coastlines. In the north, here is Rovinj. The discreet pearl of Istria reveals its bell tower standing above the turquoise waters of the Adriatic, sealing the eternal union between the sea and the old stones in this region. Discover Piran , the last port of call on your journey, a flamboyant little Slovenian seaside resort that was under Venetian influence for more than five centuries, before you

return to the City of



the Doges.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Venice

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Day 2 - Ancona

Situated on the promontory of Monte Conero, Ancona, the capital of the Marche region, offers visitors all the charm of a typical Italian historical city. Founded by the Greeks in 390 BC and conquered by Julius Caesar in 49 BC, Ancona has a long history that was very much shaped by its harbour, a hub attracting different populations and cultures. When your ship calls here, take the time to discover the city's many buildings, such as the cathedral dedicated to Judas Cyriacus and its façade made of white and pink marble, the Arch of Trajan, which is considered to be the port's main embellishment, or the 15th century mansion where the painter Raphael was born and raised.

Day 3 - Vieste

You will be captivated by the charm of Vieste, the "pearl of the Gargano region", in the heart of Puglia in Italy. This old fishing village clinging to chalk cliffs has unique views over the Adriatic Sea. Its archaeological treasures and its historic centre will delight history enthusiasts, while nature lovers will be able to admire the crystal clear waters of the surrounding coves and beaches, as well as its famous limestone monolith called the Pizzomunno. The village's paved alleys and small squares come alive all day long, making Vieste the ultimate in romantic destinations.

Day 4 - Dubrovnik

Emblem of the Dalmatian coast, Dubrovnik is magnificently positioned on a rocky spur. History is sovereign here, in this ancient city, now a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. You will perhaps be surprised by the proportions of La Placa, the central drag through the city. The sheer width of it can be explained by the fact that it straddles a former lagoon. The elegant houses along La Placa are built in the legendary travertine stone. At Pile gate, you will be greeted by the statue of the patron saint of Dubrovnik, and you can admire the coastline as you walk along the ramparts. But what's inside Fort Saint John, adjoining the outer walls? A maritime museum and an aquarium featuring rare fish from the Adriatic.

Day 5 - Split

On the Dalmatian coast, the town of Split offers cultural visits in a seaside atmosphere. Close to the seafront shaded by palm trees, the historical centre listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, boasts a unique building: the Diocletian's Palace. Here you will explore its galleries, courtyards with carved columns, as well as a former mausoleum converted into a church, namely Saint Domnus Cathedral. If you get peckish, stop off at a terrace in the Pjaca, the main square in the old town, where you can try a palacinka, a kind of pancake topped with melted cheese.

Day 6 - Hvar



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Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its traditions that have not changed since Antiquity. The country's oldest town, Stari Grad, is here on this Dalmatian Island. The town nestles by a cove on the north-west coast, surrounded by dry stone wall structures on the Stari Grad plains. These have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because they were built in the time of the Ancient Greeks. From these parcels of land come wines and olive oil manufactured manually. In the upper part of town, it is possible to discover hams and cheeses made by local producers.

you to Saint George's church, built on a hillock overlooking the shoreline. After admiring the view, don't miss a good look at the nave, and its rich decorations of frescoes and panelling. You will also see that the tower built behind the church reproduces the famous bell-tower of Saint Mark's square. During your peregrinations, make sure you try a borek, a sort of pastry which can be sweet or savoury, filled with meat or fruit.

Day 7 - Rovinj

Rovinj is located in Istria, a region bordering Slovenia. This becomes apparent as you walk through its old cobblestoned town. There are many monuments of Venetian influence here. If you study the Balbi arch, you will see the winged lion, symbol of Venice. The bell-tower erected beside Saint Euphemia Cathedral was designed like the bell of Saint Mark in Venice. From the top of the tower, you can scan the entire historical district. To absorb its quaint atmosphere, take a walk in the ochre and sepia-coloured streets leading to bustling squares and terraces shaded by canvas awnings.

Day 9 - Venice

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Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

Day 8 - Piran

On the Slovenian coast, the picturesque town of Piran stands on a tongue of land bathed by the Adriatic. Its old town, girded by fortifications, provides a medieval atmosphere embossed with Venetian nuances. From Tartini square, you can explore a whole interweave of mysterious streets located on the hillside, leading



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