









#### **CROATIA**

## **EXPLORING CROATIA AND SLOVENIA BY LAND AND SEA**

(TOUR CODE: 14008)

STARTS AND ENDS

TRAVEL PERIODS

EXPERIENCE

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Zagreb to

23 Apr 25 - 08 Oct 25 22 Apr

Split

26 - 14 Oct 26

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TRAVEL STYLE
Escorted Group Tour

Embark on a 11-day journey through Croatia and Slovenia, exploring cultural heritage sites, stunning landscapes, and UNESCO World Heritage sites. Enjoy land tours and an Adriatic cruise to idyllic islands.

#### Highlights

- Indulge in 8 days aboard MS Adriatic Princess, a modern vessel refurbished in 2019, featuring ensuite cabins and modern amenities.
- Discover the captivating UNESCO World Heritage Site of Plitvice Lakes with its 16 crystal-blue lakes and 92 stunning waterfalls
  on a morning walk
- Explore Korčula Island with a stop for a swim and lunch in a beautiful cove
- Swim near the breathtaking Pakleni Islands, an absolutely stunning archipelago just off the coast of Hvar
- Experience the enchanting allure of **Dubrovnik** as you lose yourself in the captivating tapestry of its rich history and cultural heritage

Begin your adventure in the vibrant capital city of Zagreb, and explore the picturesque landscapes of Slovenia, including the enchanting Lake Bled and the charming city of Ljubljana. Discover the pristine beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park.

Then, sail through the Adriatic Sea on board the MS Adriatic Princess, visiting idyllic islands like Hvar, Korčula, Mljet, and Brač. Delve into history and nature with visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the Old City of Dubrovnik, the Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian, and the serene Mljet National Park.

MS Adriatic Princess has been commissioned in 2017, luxury class. All decks and cabins refurbished in 2019, adjusting to the new standards of the current Adriatic fleet. The boat is 45 m (144 ft) long, 8.5 m (28 ft) wide with a cruising speed of 9 knots. Her capacity is 40 persons. She has 18 ensuite cabins on the main and lower deck, and all are fully air-conditioned.

On the main deck and the upper deck there is one bathroom with shower. Upper deck houses a fully airconditioned salon-restaurant that sits all guests at the same time with a fully equipped bar and LCD TV. At the rear of the boat you can find a shaded lounge area with club tables and comfortable sofas. Top deck, also called the "sun deck" offers 155 m2 of space and is equipped with sun tanning chairs, and jacuzzi also WIFI is available free of charge in the salon and in the rear part of the boat

#### **CABIN TYPES**

- Double-queen-size bed (165 x 200 cm / 65 x 79 in)
- Twin-two single beds (90 x 200 cm / 35 x 79 in each)
- Triple-queen-size bed with an additional single bed.

#### **CABIN SPECIFICATION**

Lower deck: 8 cabins

Size: 14-18 m2 (46-60 sq ft) with bathroom

- 2 twin cabins
- 1 double cabins-queen size bed
- 5 triple cabns- queen size bed + additional single bed



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights in 4\* hotels centrally located in Zagreb, Ljubljana and Plitvice lakes area
- 7 nights onboard MS Adriatic Princess in a Lower Deck cabin
- · Air-conditioned tour transportation
- · Arrival transfer from Zagreb airport to Hotel in Zagreb
- · Departure transfer from Split to Split Airport/Hotel
- · Daily Half Board
- Sightseeing tours in Zagreb, Ljubljana, and Plitvice Lakes
- Entrance tickets to Bled Castle and Plitvice lakes included
- Bilingual tour escort

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Zagreb Airport Zagreb

Transfer from Zagreb airport or hotel to tour hotel on day of tour.

Free time for the rest of the day before dinner.

Overnight in Zagreb area in 4\* hotel.



### Zagreb Ljubljana

Experience the breathtaking morning sights of Zagreb as you immerse yourself in the charm of the Upper Town, marvel at the beauty of St. Mark's church and the Cathedral, be inspired by the grandeur of the Croatian National Theatre, and feel the academic energy at the University.

Depart for **Ljubljana** and prepare to be captivated by the afternoon tour of the Old Town, Slovenian capital where you will see the most significant sights of its old center: the picturesque Central open-air Market and the Three Bridges, the Baroque Town Hall and Robba's Fountain.

Indulge in a delicious dinner as you reflect on the day's unforgettable experiences.

Overnight stay in Ljubljana in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



Get ready to embark on an exciting trip to **Bled**, small town in the Julian Alps that ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts. It's like a setting for a classic fairy tale: immense natural beauty with mountains and forests surrounding an emerald glacial lake.

Don't miss the chance to explore the historic Bled Castle, the oldest in Slovenia, before we head to the picturesque Plitvice Lakes area for a delicious dinner.

Overnight stay in Plitvice Lakes area in a 4\* hotel.

Breakfast, Dinner



#### §4 Plitvice Split

Morning stroll around Plitvice Lakes, a renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site showcasing the stunning natural beauty of 16 crystal-clear blue lakes flowing into 92 magnificent waterfalls.

Departure to Split. Embark on Adriatic Paradise cruise. Our crew members and Cruise Director will warmly welcome you, acquainting you with safety protocols while indulging you with welcome drinks and snacks.

In the afternoon, explore the enchanting city of Split at your own. Discover the ancient pathways of Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where architectural marvels from the Roman era await. Be awestruck by majestic of Saint Domnius Cathedral, and reveal the beauty of lively Peristyle Square, the historic Temple of Jupiter, and the vibrant Riva promenade, where the city comes alive along the waterfront.

Your journey begins with dinner onboard.

Overnight stay in Split on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional Walking tour package: Split walking tour (extra cost)

Breakfast, Dinner



#### 5 Cruise: Split Vis Island

Departing early, we will set sail towards Vis Island.

Along the way, we will stop for a swim near the **Pakleni Islands**, a breathtaking archipelago near the island of Hvar. With its hidden coves and pristine beaches, the Pakleni Islands are a paradise for boaters. Lunch will be served on board as we continue our journey towards Vis, arriving in the early afternoon. Once a secluded military enclave, Vis has opened its doors to the public in the past 25 years, revealing a treasure trove of spectacular scenery, renowned wines, and exquisite Dalmatian cuisine. You can delve into the island's rich history and natural splendor at your own pace.

Alternatively, you have the opportunity to join an Optional trip to the island of Biševo (extra cost)\*, home to the mesmerizing Blue Cave. As sunlight permeates through the submerged crevices, casting an ethereal glow upon the limestone walls, the azure hues of the Blue Cave beckon you to behold its natural wonder.

Overnight stay in Vis Island on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional trip to the island of Biševo (extra cost) can be booked only on Site,

Breakfast, Lunch



#### §6 Cruise: Vis Korčula

Departing for the Island of Korčula with a stop for a picturesque swim and lunch in a secluded cove near Korčula before arriving in the afternoon. The town is renowned for its rich history and culture, including the mesmerizing Moreska sword dance. Explore the timeless charm of Korčula Town on your own or you can join an optional walking tour (extra cost)\*. Start at the historic Land Gate, then meander through narrow alleyways lined with Renaissance buildings and artisan shops. Marvel at the grand Cathedral of St. Mark and take a leisurely stroll along the waterfront promenade, enjoying panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea. According to legend, Korčula is the birthplace of the renowned explorer Marco Polo, adding an extra layer of intrigue to its allure.

Additionally, you have the option (extra cost) to participate in a special experience featuring a **Gin and Honey\*\* tasting at a private residence** near Korčula.

Overnight stay in Korcula Island on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional Walking tour package: Korcula town walking tour (extra cost)

\*\*Optional excursion package- Gin and Honey tasting can be booked only on Site.

Breakfast, Lunch



#### 7 Cruise: Korčula Dubrovnik

Once in Dubrovnik, immerse yourself in the city's rich history and cultural heritage as you stroll through the Old Town\*. Explore iconic sights such as the city walls, Stradun, Rector's Palace, and the city gates. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the impressive Lovrijenac Fortress, which offers breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea. For those seeking a unique experience, consider joining an optional excursion\*\* to the Pelješac Peninsula for an exquisite wine tasting, and savor the flavors of Dalmatia.

Overnight stay in Dubrovnik on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional Walking tour package: Dubrovnik town tour with a coach transfer from Dubrovnik port (Gruz) to the Old town

\*\*Optional excursion package: Taste of Dalmatia can be booked only on Site,

Breakfast, Lunch



#### 8 Cruise: Dubrovnik Mljet

As you head to Mljet Island, you'll arrive in Pomena bright and early. Here, you'll have the chance to take part in an optional tour (extra cost) of **Mljet National Park\*\***. Renowned as one of Croatia's national treasures, Mljet National Park enchants visitors with its lush greenery and pristine natural beauty. The park is home to two stunning salt lakes, where you can enjoy a refreshing swim or leisurely stroll along their shores. There are opportunities for walking and biking around the lakeshore.

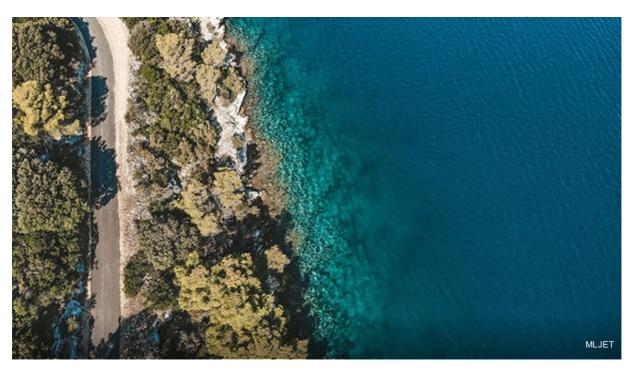
Following your exploration of the park, you'll have free time to further immerse yourself in the island's enchanting atmosphere. In the evening, indulge in a **Captain's dinner**, a special culinary experience highlighting local flavors and specialties.

Rest for the night on Mljet Island.

Overnight stay on Mljet Island on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*\*Optional excursion package: Mljet National Park tour can be booked only on Site.

Breakfast, Dinner



Get ready to embark on a fantastic journey to **Hvar Island!** 

Embarking for Hvar Island, you'll enjoy a refreshing swim break in front of the scenic island of Šćedro. Lunch will be served onboard. Upon arrival in the charming town of Hvar in the afternoon, you can head on sightseeing of the town\*. Hvar island is renowned as one of the sunniest places in Europe, and its town of Hvar stands as one of Croatia's oldest towns. Its rich history, stunning architecture, cobbled streets, and vibrant atmosphere enchant every visitor.

Overnight stay on Hvar Island on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional Walking tour package: walking tour of Hvar with guide

Breakfast, Lunch



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Departing for Split, you will make a stop at one of the picturesque villages on the Island of Brac for a refreshing swim.

Lunch will be served onboard as we continue our journey, with arrival in Split expected in the afternoon.

Split, once the residence of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, is a city steeped in history and vibrant energy. Within the walls of Diocletian's Palace, the city has flourished into a bustling hub filled with charming shops, restaurants, and ice cream parlors. If you did not have the chance to take a tour on your first day, take this opportunity to explore the city with your guide (extra cost) and discover its story. The town has a lively atmosphere, with cafes spilling out onto sun-drenched squares, inviting both locals and visitors to enjoy a leisurely coffee while soaking in the vibrant ambiance.

Another option is to join us on the **Cetina River tour** (extra cost), where you can cruise along the river and experience its unique nature, as well as taste a snack from the Dalmatian hinterland.

Overnight stay in Split on board MS Adriatic Princess.

\*Optional Walking tour package: Split town walking tour

\*\*Optional excursion package- Cetina River tour can be booked only on Site.

Breakfast, Lunch



# § 11 Split

Enjoy a farewell breakfast as you savour the final moments of your cruise experience. After this, you will be transferred to Split airport or your hotel in Split.

Breakfast

# **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

# Optional Walking tour package

Optional walking tour Package for the Adriatic Paradise Cruise from day 4- 11.

#### Included in the package:

- · Walking tour of Split including a guide
- · Walking tour of Korčula including a guide
- Walking tour of Dubrovnik including a guide and one-way transfer
- Walking tour of Hvar including a guide



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to Book Now or Contact Us for details.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| OFFICIAL LANGUAGE | LOCAL CURRENCY |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Croatian          | Kuna (HRK)     |

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.
- · This coach tour is not suitable for persons with restricted mobility.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- This is a "guaranteed departure" with no minimum requirement. The maximum bus capacity is limited to 40 passengers. This might be a bilingual tour.

#### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- · Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- · Beverages other than included (see above)
- · Gratuities or any other expense of personal nature
- Taxes and fees, € 55,00 per person, to be paid on board in cash
- Beach towel hire
- Entrance fee to National park Mljet
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- · Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package