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Croatia & Its Islands

with Optional 2-Night Dubrovnik Post Tour Extension

July 16 – 27, 2024



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12 Days • 20 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Zagreb, Stone Gate, Šibenik, Cathedral of St. James, Krka National Park, Split, Choice on Tour, 7-Night Adriatic Cruise, Trogir, Bol, Hvar, Biševo Blue Cave, Vis, Korcula, Mljet National Park, Slano, Dubrovnik

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel , Zagreb
Days 3, 4	Hotel Olympia Sky , Vodice
Days 5 – 11	MS San Spirito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 Overnight Flight Wander along medieval walls, marvel at enchanting waterfalls, and relax on sunny islands. From Zagreb to Dubrovnik, set out to experience the best of Croatia and the Adriatic Coast.

Day 2: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel amidst the vibrant cafes and cobblestone streets before meeting your fellow travelers over dinner featuring Continental and Istrian cuisine. (D)

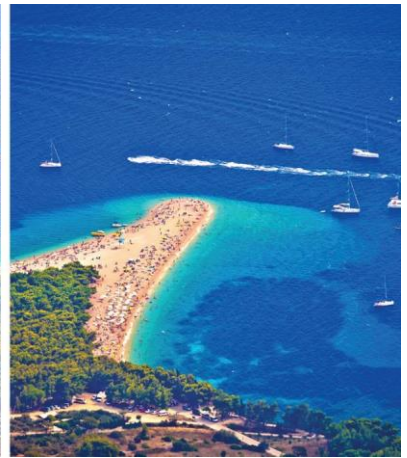
Day 3: Thursday, July 18, 2024 Zagreb - Vodice Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you see the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian Parliament building the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Vodice! Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia when you meet the owner of a family farm to learn about prosciutto production and enjoy a traditional Dalmatian dinner at the farm restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, July 19, 2024 Vodice - Šibenik - Krka National Park - Vodice Set off on a walking tour through the ancient alleyways and roads of Šibenik, where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin.* Make the most of your free evening and get to know this Dalmatian town's historic architecture and striking coastline. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, July 20, 2024 Vodice - Split - Board Ship Your adventure continues! Discover Split, one of the oldest cities in this historic region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A guided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Ethnographic Museum of Split, located in the former residential complex of the Diocletian's palace. This captivating museum showcases exhibits on traditional costumes, crafts, and culture in Split including surrounding areas from the past centuries **-OR-** explore more of the Diocletian's Palace during a visit to its substructure. Set below the imperial apartments, this represents one of the best-preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world. This afternoon you'll board a private 4-star ship, your new home for the next seven nights. Later, relax onboard before experiencing a Captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live Klapa music, the traditional Croatian style of singing. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, July 21, 2024 Split - Trogir After an overnight in Split enjoy a morning at leisure to discover this city on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

Day 7: Monday, July 22, 2024 Trogir - Bol - Hvar Start your day in the town of Bol, located on the picturesque island of Brač. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to the sunny island of Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Hvar, get acquainted with the area when a local guide introduces you to the history, culture, and lifestyle of the city. Discover how lavender was traditionally grown in the region for centuries and learn about some of its uses. Enjoy an



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For bookings made after Aug 15, 2023 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Diego Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first serve basis.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from SAN

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evening at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to dine in one of the many local, family-owned restaurants that Hvar is known for. (B, L)

Day 8: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Hvar - Biševo - Vis Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave,* a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island practically untouched by tourism and overflowing with Renaissance architecture and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 Vis - Korcula This morning, it's on to Korcula, debated home to one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korcula or Venice as you tour his alleged home and take in the fantastic sea views from its tower. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy

the afternoon at leisure to discover the charms of this age-old city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Thursday, July 25, 2024 Korcula - Mljet National Park - Slano This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Large and Small lakes before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. On this walk, be prepared to step up some stairs and travel by foot on uneven grounds. Don't miss out on a chance to take a swim in the strikingly blue waters. Then, your journey continues to Slano, a port city just outside of Dubrovnik. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure... consider an optional excursion to Ston, a nearby fortified city known for its decadent oysters and seafood. (B, L)

Day 11: Friday, July 26, 2024 Slano - Dubrovnik This morning, cruise past the Elafiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and

Experience It! Krka National Park

Krka National Park is located in the Dalmatian region of Croatia and contains a section of the Krka River. Known for its cascading waterfalls and dramatic gorges, the park covers an area of over 50 square miles. Over the course of its seven waterfalls, the Krka River changes an altitude of almost 800 feet. The pristine pools at the base of the falls take on a blue-green hue as they glisten vibrantly in the sunlight. You can admire the falls from the footpaths spreading throughout the park. Then, for a more intimate look at the Krka River, discover the area by boat. Additionally, Krka National Park is home to over 1000 different species of plants. Make sure to keep an eye out for birds fluttering overhead, because 225 species call this park home.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Dubrovnik Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$599.00 USD per person, double, \$899 single, land only

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winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the unspeakable feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old City with a local guide. During this walk, be prepared to take a number of steps and trek carefully across slippery limestone pavements. With free time for lunch and own discoveries, perhaps you'll ride a cable car to the top of Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of Dubrovnik or simply enjoy the day on the *Stradun* (main street) by treating yourself with a glass of *Malvasija* wine in one of many local bars. Enjoy the views of the city during your farewell dinner onboard. (B, D)

Day 12: Saturday, July 27, 2024 Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Aug 15, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line.

*Both the boat ride to Skradin and the Blue Cave operate on a weather-permitting basis and depending on water conditions.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple rooms are not available.

This tour is Activity Level 3. You're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.



Cabins are available on the Standard Deck. Upgrades may be available to Main Deck. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship.

Air passengers will arrive into Zagreb airport and depart from Dubrovnik airport.

Embarkation on day 5 is after 1:00 p.m. On the last day, disembarkation is no later than 10:00 a.m.

Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: 13.50 US dollars (10-12 euros) per person for each day for the cruise staff. This can be made in a single payment in euros or US dollars at the front desk at the end of your voyage or by the envelopes provided in your cabin.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 15, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 18, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until August 15, 2023.

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