

Experience: A wonderful journey along the stunning Croatian coastline Witness: Ancient Roman ruins, glorious walled cities and beautiful islands Celebrate: A coastal lifestyle which has remained unchanged for centuries Be inspired: By the warmth of the Croatian people

# 24 days / 23 nights

Commencing Zagreb 18 August 2025

> FULLY ESCORTED





Package Pricing per person twin share	Lower Deck <b>\$13,500</b> AUD	Main Deck <b>\$13,900</b> AUD
Package Inclusions	Not Included	

Air fares

Beverages

Meals other than stated

Travel Insurance (ask for a quote)

- Transportation as stated
- Accommodation with breakfasts throughout
- All meals once boarding Le Cordea
- Extensive sightseeing
- Entrance fees as applicable
- Gratuities

Costs are in Australian Dollars (AUD) & may be subject to change due to currency fluctuations. Maximum number on this tour: 34 persons. Subject to minimum 24 passengers.

# BOOKING CONDITIONS

## Deposit and balance of payment

A non-refundable deposit of \$2000.00 per person will be required to secure your reservation and balance due by 5th May 2025.

## Cancellation fees

From date of booking to 90 days prior to departure 90 - 45 days prior to departure Within 45 days of departure

\$2000.00 per person 50% of tour cost 100% of tour cost

Plus any charges as may be applied by hotels, operators and/or airlines, but never exceeding 100% of the tour price.

## Air fares & Travel Insurance

Travel Tree will provide air fares and insurance proposals for your consideration at time of booking. Comprehensive insurance is mandatory for all participants and the Company will require proof of any insurance purchased indirectly.

Itinerary overleaf...



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# 24 DAYS/23 NIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS OF CROATIA - CRUISE & TOUR



#### Monday 18 August

#### Arrive Zagreb

Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to the Art'otel Zagreb, where you'll enjoy a delightful two-night stay. Take a moment to settle in and, if you like, take a leisurely stroll to discover the charming streets of this vibrant city. Later, join us at the rooftop bar for a welcome drink, setting the perfect tone for the incredible Croatian adventure that lies ahead!

#### **Tuesday 19 August**

Zagreb

This morning join us for a morning sightseeing tour of Zagreb, where you'll explore the fortified Upper Town-the historical heart of the city. Discover the stunning St. Mark's Church, City Museum, and admire the grandeur of the Cathedral. After the tour, enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, embracing Zagreb's vibrant cosmopolitan lifestyle. (B)

#### Wednesday 20 August Zagreb to Rijeka (by road - 130kms)

Late this morning, we transfer by coach to the coastal city of Rijeka where we embark on the beautiful Le Cordea - our home for the next 13 nights. This evening, we'll enjoy a short sightseeing tour before settling in. Rijeka is a city that beautifully blends its historical legacy with modern life, making it an interesting destination to explore Croatian culture, history, and natural beauty. (B/D)

#### Thursday 21 August Sightseeing Istria to Opatija

This morning, we embark on a scenic coach journey to the ancient town of Pula, where we will explore one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in the world, along with other remarkable Roman ruins. For lunch, we will indulge in a meal at a traditional family-run venue, where you can also enjoy a delightful folkloric performance by talented local musicians and dancers. Following lunch, we will continue our journey to Opatija, where we will rejoin Le Cordea. Nestled at the foot of a mountain and adjacent to a beautiful nature park, Opatija is one of Croatia's oldest and most celebrated resort towns. Here, you'll find elegant Belle Époque villas, charming gardens, and historical landmarks that showcase the town's rich past. As the day comes to a close, savor dinner aboard Le Cordea. Afterward, feel free to take a leisurely stroll through the enchanting streets of Opatija, soaking in the charm and beauty that surrounds you.

#### Friday 22 August

## Day at leisure to relax and explore the magnificent sights of Opatija

Opatija is one of the most beautiful and quaint little coastal towns. Opatija has some of the best views of the Adriatic Sea and the surrounding landscapes, with its lush greenery, picturesque parks and pristine beaches. It truly creates a serene setting you'll love to experience. One of the must-dos in Opatija is a stroll along the gorgeous Lungomare promenade. This costal promenade stretches 12 kilometres and its one of the nicest promenades on the coast. You will get breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea and the towns elegant architecture.

#### Saturday 23 August

#### Sailing from Opatija to Krk

Say goodbye to Opatija, as this morning we sail to the island of Krk , the largest island in Croatia. On arrival we'll take a wine tour to the village of Vrbnik. This quaint, almost medieval village is perched on a high cliff overlooking the sea. Upon return from our wine tour we sail for the island of Rab arriving midafternoon. Rab is one of the greenest islands in the Adriatic and probably one of the most magical. It is covered with pine forests and has beautiful beaches and is well known for its mild climate which differs from the mainland. The main resort, Rab town, is full of medieval buildings, built during the Venetian rule, dating back to the 13th century, the old town walls are still visible in some places. You will have free time to amble around and explore this particularly beautiful town.

### Sunday 24 August

### Sailing from Rab to Zadar

Early this morning, we embarked on our journey to the picturesque coastal port of Zadar, an ancient Roman colony that once stood as a formidable rival to Venice during medieval times. En route, we'll have the chance to enjoy a refreshing swim at one of the beautiful islands of Pag or Vir, before arriving in Zadar by mid-afternoon. As twilight descends, consider taking a leisurely stroll along the vibrant Riva promenade, where you can marvel at the enchanting Sea Organ and the captivating Greetings to the Sun.

#### Monday 25 August

## Sightseeing Zadar then sail to the Kornati Islands.

This morning, we enjoy a 2 hour walking tour, including a stroll along the famous Kalelarga Street. We then set sail for the Kornati Islands National Park where we'll experience magnificent views of 140 islands and islets of exceptional beauty, as well as small fishing villages and picturesque shorelines. Overnight on anchor.

### Tuesday 26 August

#### Sail to Sibenik

Today we travel to the town of Sibenik. This afternoon, we stroll through the heart of the ancient town. The old town is a web of small streets and narrow alleyways with Gothic and Renaissance buildings, many dating from the time Šibenik was under Venitian rule.

#### Wednesday 27 August

## **Trogir and Milna**

This morning, we set sail for Trogir, known as a "city museum" and listed in UNESCO's world heritage list. We take a 1 hour walking tour to breathe in the feeling of antiquity which abounds in this lovely town. After lunch, we set sail for Milna with a stop for swimming along the way. Upon arrival there is free time for you to explore this unique port located in a cradle between pine forests and olive groves. Omis to Pucisca

### Thursday 28 August

After breakfast this morning we take a local boat ride through the Cetina river canyon to Radman's mills. Upon return to Omis we sail for Pucisca on the island of Brac. Pucisca is famous for its white stone - used for centuries in palaces and cathedrals and, most notably, the USA's White House. We will have an opportunity for a swim before visiting a masonry school, one of the few remaining such schools in Europe.

#### Friday 29 August

#### Pucisca to and Bol to Hvar

After breakfast, we set sail to Bol where we visit Zlatni Rat (one of the most beautiful beaches on the Adriatic coast). There will be an opportunity to explore Bol, or to take the mini train to the famous beach for a swim. After lunch, we cruise to Hvar Island. The harbour is small and extremely busy so, this afternoon, we anchor just outside the entrance then transfer by local boat to undertake a short stroll along Hvar's waterfront promenade and through the Old Town's historic medieval and Renaissance heart. This evening, we dine ashore tonight at a local restaurant. After dinner take a wonder and enjoy the beauty Hvar has to offer before being transferred back to our vessel.

#### Saturday 30 August

Early this morning, we depart for the island of Vis. During WWII, Vis was Tito's headquarters, regularly visited by Churchill's intelligence officers who assisted with his fight against the German invaders. Later this morning we visit the cave from which Tito directed his forces, the British wartime airport & a local winery.

Sail to Vis

Vis to Korcula

#### Sunday 31 August

This morning, we set sail for the island of Korcula, The medieval Korčula Town is widely recognised as being the birthplace of the world explorer Marco Polo. The town has meandering cobblestone streets. cute little shops, and many cafes, bars and restaurants. A walk to the top of the hill will reward you with fabulous scenic views over the Old Town and out to sea. This afternoon we take a short guided walking tour after which we have free time to enjoy this unique town. This evening we will be serenaded at dinner by local acapelo musicians.

#### Monday 01 September

Sail to Dubrovnik

This morning we head towards the Peljesac peninsula and the small town of Trstenik where we'll have a wine tasting at the Grgic winery , made famous by Mike Grgic of Napa Valley fame. After which we depart for a quiet bay in the Elafiti islands where we enjoy a relaxing swim before sailing into Dubrovnik - the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight, entirely surrounded by massive grey walls, interspersed with 4 gates, 3 forts, 5 bastions and 14 towers. Our ship will take us on a panoramic view of these majestic walls before heading for port. This evening we join the skipper and crew for a special farewell 'White night themed' dinner on board.

#### **Tuesday 02 September**

After breakfast we bid farewell to our boat and crew and join our coach and guide who will then take us on an early walking tour of Dubrovnik's historic centre, includes entrances: Cable Car, Franciscan Monastery with the Old pharmacy, Rector's Palace and the Cathedral. Kompas Hotel for a 3 night stay. (B)

**Disembark at Dubrovnik** 

#### Wednesday 03 September Dubrovnik

Free Day to enjoy the sights of Dubrovnik (B)

#### Thursday 04 September Dubrovnik

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#### Friday 05 September Dubrovnik to Split

After breakfast we depart Dubrovnik and travel by coach along the scenic Adriatic highway to Split -Croatia's second largest city - with en route stop at Makarska.

Welcome to Split, a stunning coastal city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, where ancient history meets vibrant modern life. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is known for its captivating blend of Roman architecture, charming waterfront, and stunning natural beauty.

Stroll along the bustling waterfront promenade, lined with cafes and restaurants, perfect for soaking in the Mediterranean atmosphere. Enjoy panoramic views of the city and the Adriatic Sea from this lush green park, ideal for hiking, biking, or simply relaxing in nature. Savor the flavors of Dalmatia with fresh seafood, local wines, and traditional dishes served in charming konobas (taverns). Experience Split's lively arts scene, from museums and galleries to festivals that celebrate music, dance, and film throughout the year. Wether you're exploring ancient ruins or soaking up the sun on beautiful beaches, Split offers an unforgettable experience that captures the essence of Croatian charm. Accommodation at the Park Hotel for a 2 night stay (B).

#### Saturday 06 September

This morning we join a sightseeing tour of Split featuring the Diocletian Palace [a World Heritage Site], Jupiter's Temple, the Cathedral and the famous Split markets. (B)

Split to Plitvice

Split

## Sunday 07 September

Depart Split by coach for Plitvice Lakes travelling the inland route through scenic rural countryside. Accommodation is at the Lyra Hotel for 2 nights (B)

#### Monday 08 September **Plitvice Lakes**

Today we enjoy a walking tour of the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning array of cascading lakes and vibrant waterfalls. Spanning over 73,000 acres of lush forests and diverse wildlife, this natural wonder features 16 interconnected lakes, each showcasing a unique shade of turquoise. Today we will wander along scenic wooden pathways and trails that immerse you in the park's enchanting landscapes, where you can listen to the soothing sounds of nature and spot rare flora and fauna. Ideal for hiking enthusiasts, families, and nature lovers alike. Plitvice Lakes offers an unforgettable experience filled with breathtaking views and serene beauty (B)

Plitvice to Zagreb

#### Tuesday 09 September

Depart Plitvice for Zagreb, 1 night stay at Art'otel & afternoon at leisure. (B) Wednesday 10 September Zagreb

Free day to enjoy Zagreb before transfer to Zagreb Airport for departure. (B)

## Note; Itinerary subject to change due to weather conditions.