

Destination:

# CROATIA

16 days / 15 nights

Croatia and Slovenia with 7 night island cruise



# ITINERARY

## Day 1, Friday

### Zagreb

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Rest of the day free.

## Day 2, Saturday

### Zagreb,

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

A private sightseeing tour will take you through the historic Upper Town. See St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and the Government Palace. (B)

## Day 3, Sunday

### Zagreb – Ljubljana – Lake Bled (Slovenia)

Head north by private transfer to Lake Bled. On the way private sightseeing tour of historical Ljubljana and also visit the old castle perched above the capital of Slovenia. Arrive Lake Bled late afternoon and settle into your four star hotel. (D,B)

## Day 4, Monday

### Lake Bled, Sunday

The alpine region around Bled is one of the most beautiful in Europe, with numerous lakes, rivers, forests and high mountains. Visit nearby Lake Bohinj and Mt Vogel giving you stunning views of the area below. (D,B)

## Day 5, Tuesday

### Lake Bled - Opatija (Croatia), Monday

Travel back into Croatia and visit famous Postojna Cave. Tour this unique subterranean world by miniature electric train. Arrive Opatija seaside resort in the afternoon. (B)

## Day 6, Wednesday

### Opatija - Pula - Rovinj - Motovun, Tuesday

Head to Pula and take a private sightseeing tour of the Roman Amphitheater, the sixth largest of its kind still in existence. On to the beautiful resort of Rovinj. There's free time to explore the old town and its narrow lanes before we continue to hilltop town of Motovun. Return to Opatija, where your evening is free.

## Day 7, Thursday

### Opatija - Plitvice

Depart for Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with its 16 terraced lakes surrounded by forested mountains and lush vegetation. Overnight in authentic Plitvice Village. (D,B)

## Day 8, Friday

### Plitvice Lakes

Walk the lower and top lakes taking a boat across

the largest "Kozjak" lake and walking past numerous waterfalls and miniature lakes formed by changing terrain. (D,B)

## Day 9, Saturday

### Plitvice Lakes - Split

Head south to Split magnificent mediterranean city featuring 2nd century Diocletian Palace. This is a gateway to many Croatian islands and the lifestyle here is truly amazing.

Cruise ship embarkation on arrival. Get settled in your cabin before attending a Welcome reception this evening (WR).

## Day 10, Split – Bol – Hvar

Stop in Bol, a small town on Island Brac, for a swim at the Golden Horn. Enjoy the 1740-foot-long golden pebble beach said to be the best in Croatia. It is unique in that it changes shape and position depending on the winds. Return to your boat for lunch, then head to Hvar. Hvar is one of the most popular islands in the Adriatic and a meeting point for the international jetset. The "Croatian Madeira" is also one of the longest islands stretching along the shores of Croatia. A sightseeing tour of Hvar town shows you the first public theatre in Europe (older than Shakespeare's theatre in the UK), the Franciscan Monastery and many more historical sights. Your evening is free to explore Hvar on your own. (B, L) Note: Due to the limited capacity of the Hvar harbor (during peak season in July and August) port of call can be substituted for Stari Grad/Jelsa. In that case transfer by bus will be organized to and from Hvar.

## Day 11, Hvar - Korcula

After breakfast set sail for Korcula, with swimming stop in one of pristine bays and lunch onboard. Early afternoon arrival to Korcula, thought to be the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Take a walking tour through its narrow, cobbled streets and visit the majestic Gothic Baroque Cathedral of St. Mark. Your evening is free to discover the town and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants. (B, L)

## Day 12, Korcula - Dubrovnik

In the morning sail to Dubrovnik, so called "Pearl of the Adriatic", a UNESCO World Heritage site. While in Dubrovnik, take a walking tour of the old town and visit the Rector's Palace and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy. Remainder of the day is free; perhaps discover this lovely city on own. (B, L)

## Day 13, Dubrovnik - Mljet

Today we turn our compass back north, with plenty of time for morning swim along the sail. As you dine, set sail for Mljet Island. Mljet National Park encompasses five types of forest, many species of birds, and two deep lakes, Veliko Jezero (Big Lake) and Malo Jezero (Small Lake). This lovely island was supposedly a favorite holiday spot for the Greek hero Ulysses! Your evening is free in Mljet. (B, L)

### **Day 14, Mljet - Pucisca**

Take a break for a swim during your morning cruise. Continue sailing through lunch, arriving this afternoon in Pucisca, a beautiful little town on island of Brac. Tonight, enjoy captain's dinner with live entertainment on board. (B, L, D)

### **Day 15, Pucisca - Omis - Split**

As you sail along the coast, stop at the ancient town of Omis. Its fortresses are silent stone reminders of the power and the might of the infamous pirates who once made their homes and fortunes here. After a short walking tour, board a small boat and sail into Cetina River Canyon, a protected nature area. Continue to Radman Mills for a local specialty snack. Return to Omis and your boat, and set sail during lunch. Arriving in Split, take a guided tour of the port, the seafront promenade, and Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace. The historical center of the city is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your evening is free in Split. (B, L)

### **Day 16, depart Split**

After breakfast it's time to disembark. You will be transferred to the airport or to a point for your onward journey. (B)

## **COST:**

From AUD\$5,677.00 pp twin share

## **INCLUDED:**

- private transfer (car and the driver with you for the duration of the programme Zagreb - Split)
- accommodation \*\*\*\* hotels and apartment\*\*\* with breakfast as shown
- private sightseeing Zagreb, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Mljet National Park, Cetina River Canyon and Split
- airport transfers Zagreb and Dubrovnik

## **NOT INCLUDED:**

- entrance fee to national parks and Postojna Caves
- food not shown in the itinerary



# YOU WILL SEE...and more



Zagreb



Plitvice Lakes National Park



Dubrovnik



Split



Korcula





# CRUISE SHIP



## M/S Prestige

Length: 160 feet  
Width: 29.5 Feet  
Speed: 10NM  
Cabins: 20  
Capacity: 38 persons

### BOAT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our boats are classified 5 stars, made by 2014 standards
- Fully equipped cabins (A/C, LCD TV, safe deposit box, fire alarm, bathroom toiletries, hair dryer, bathrobe & slippers, kifejackets, cupboard and wardrobe cabinet)
- Free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi)
- All cabins are sound proof, with internal communication system between room and a bar and provide fire-proof doors
- Air-conditioned upper deck dining room with bar area and LCD TV
- PA system for announcement by captain or cruise manage
- Lounging sundeck with a total surface of over 2,300 sq ft and with deck-beds for all passengers
- Kitchen built to the latest HACCP standards
- Rear access platform for easy to/from the sea
- Two outdoor showers and four deck toilets



### OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Complete navigation equipment (navigation radar, plotter, GPS, radio, etc.)
- Fire alarm
- Emergency lights
- Closed Circuit TV
- Lifeboats for 50 persons
- Tender boats for 12 passengers
- Electricity on board: 220 V
- 2 engines (400 HP each) + 2 generators for A/C and lights



# ROUTE

