

## BREATHTAKING NORTHERN CROATIA LUXURY CRUISE, OPATIJA TO SPLIT

A breathtaking cruise from Opatija to Split along the stunning and less visited North Adriatic coastline and islands. The intermingling of various influences in the past has crystallized Croatia's spectacular scenery with small coves where bathers drift on the crystal-blue waters as well as historical towns and cities. You will cruise in the mornings, with a swim stop somewhere en route in a secluded bay, and, after lunch on board, you will arrive at your destination for the evening, and what destinations they are. Split is a great destination in itself, and preferred by many to Dubrovnik. Hvar is one of the most beautiful small ports on the whole Croatia coastline, and the Blue Cave provides a spectacular and different theme. Kornati and Brijuni National Parks further north provide a slower pace, but buzzing Zadar and Opatija give a true Croatian flavour.



#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1 OPATIJA - PULA (D)

Check-in from 12.00h. Meet the crew and enjoy a welcome cocktail. The famous Opatija Riviera is often compared to the French Riviera, enjoy magnificent views en route to Pula. Upon arrival, time at leisure to explore the city that has existed for three thousand years. Settled in the prehistoric era and valued for its strategic location, Pula has been occupied, destroyed and rebuilt numerous times. The Arena in Pula is the only remaining



Roman amphitheatre to have four side towers entirely preserved. Return to the vessel for a tasty welcome dinner. Overnight in Pula.

Day 2 PULA - NP BRIJUNI / MALI LOŠINJ (B, L)

While enjoying the breakfast on board, cruise towards the National Park Brijuni, which consists of 14 islands and islets, among which the biggest is Veliki Brijun. Except for its beautiful nature, the archipelago has numerous dinosaur footprints. Explore this oasis of magnificent harmony between man, animal and plant life. After lunch on board, the cruise continues towards the island of Lošinj, known as the "sunshine island" with an abundance of pines, wildflowers and herbs. Lošinj is one of the most popular islands on the northern Adriatic because of its hidden coves and cool Mediterranean vibe. Upon arrival, visit the Museum of Apoxyomenos and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine. The museum is dedicated to the ancient bronze statue of an athlete found in the sea near the island. Time at leisure to explore this fragrant island: walk up to the Lošinj Aromatic Garden or to the smaller town of Veli Lošinj. Overnight in Mali Lošinj.

Day 3 MALI LOŠINJ - ZADAR (B, L)

Morning cruise towards Zadar, for centuries the capital of Dalmatia and the oldest university town in Croatia. Join a guided tour of the city. Zadar is well known for its rich historical heritage of world importance, visible at every step: the Roman Forum from the 1st century, St Donat church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval basilica and the symbol of the city.

mighty city walls with a bow and a representative City Gate from the 16th century, the Museum of ancient glass, over 30 churches in the old town, many palaces and villas, as well as the famous, contemporary Sea Organs and "Greeting to the Sun" light installation. Overnight in the port of Zadar.

Day 4 ZADAR - NP KORNATI / PRIMOŠTEN (B, L, CD)

Early morning departure to the Kornati National Park, which consists of around 100 islands, islets and reefs. In addition to this, the continental part includes ¼ of the surface of the park, while the rest belongs to the marine ecosystem. Enjoy the ruins of the ancient Illyrian fortress, Roman villas, old Christian church of St Mary and medieval fortresses and settlements. Some of the reefs are sometimes up to 100 m deep in the sea. Lunch on board as the cruise continues towards Primošten, a small, picturesque town situated between Šibenik and Trogir, in the central part of the Adriatic coast and surrounded by seven other islets, a wonderful sight and a beautiful place to explore. Captain's dinner with live entertainment on board tonight. Overnight in Primošten.

Day 5 PRIMOŠTEN - VIS (B, L)

Early morning cruise toward the island of Vis, once one of the main Greek colonies in the 4th century BC. As a Yugoslavian army base for a long period, until 1991, Vis was closed and left untouched by the development of tourism for many years. As a result, its culture and architecture are extremely well preserved. Take a walk, enjoy the views and taste some local delicacies at many excellent restaurants and taverns along the promenade.





Overnight in Vis.

Day 6 VIS - BIŠEVO (BLUE CAVE) / HVAR / STARI GRAD (B, L)

Before breakfast, cruise towards the small island Biševo for a visit to the famous Blue Cave, a splendorous and unique geomorphological natural wonder. A hypnotizing silver-blue light illuminates the space inside the cave when the sunlight hits the surface of the ocean through a vault on its arched roof and reflects off the seabed (Entrance fee approx. 15 €, to be paid on the spot). The possibility of a cave visit will depend on weather conditions. The cruise continues towards Hvar, an island covered in vibrant and fragrant lavender fields and olive groves. The historic island town is home to the 7th-century fortifications, a Venetian loggia, historic piazzas and the oldest municipal theatre in Europe. Learn more about it on a guided city tour, followed by a bus excursion throughout the island with lunch in a restaurant, to the oldest town in Croatia, Stari Grad! Overnight in Stari Grad.

Day 7 STARI GRAD - BOL / SPLIT (B, L, D)

After breakfast, departure towards the island Bra , to visit the most famous Croatian beach, Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn) - a beautiful, horn-shaped sandy beach that constantly changes shape due to wind, current and waves. After lunch, as the cruise continues towards Split, enjoy the unbelievable views of the surrounding seas and the amazing Split's Riviera. Upon arrival, join the guided city tour. A dynamic port city with a medieval Old Town grown out of the 1,700-year-old Diocletian's Palace, Split bustles with modern life amid its ancient Roman setting. Cafes,

restaurants, and galleries cram the cobblestone alleyways, the waterfront and the Marjan peninsula, making Croatia's second-largest city one of the Mediterranean's most compelling. Return to the vessel, for dinner onboard. Overnight in Split.

Day 8 SPLIT (B)

A tasty breakfast before bidding farewell to the crew. Check-out and transfer to the airport. Legend: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner, T - tasting, CD - Captain`s dinner





### YOUR SHIP: AQUAMARIN

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

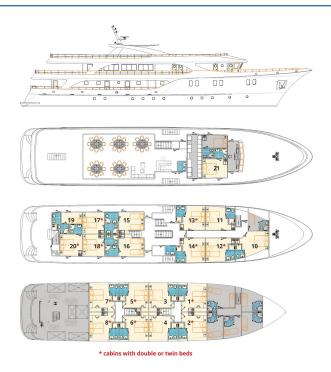
MV Aquamarin is a luxury vessel that was launched in 2017 and is more like a floating boutique hotel than a cruise ship. She has 19 double and twin cabins that can accommodate 38 passengers. She has 8 lower deck cabins and 11 main deck cabins, all with en-suite shower and W/C, and air conditioning, wardrobe, safe, TV (no one ever watches!), hairdryer, table and chair. Aquamarin is 43 metres long and 8.5 metres wide, and was built specifically for cruising the Croatian Islands. She has a large sun deck, spacious dining room and lounge and a swimming platform at the rear. Aquamarin was designed to be able to access the small ports and harbours of Croatia's Adriatic coast and islands that are out ouf bounds to even medium size cruise ships. Features Swimming platform for easy access Exceptional personal service from the crew Spacious air-conditioned dining room and bar area Enticing jacuzzi on the top deck with sun loungers Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the vessel Leisure equipment: Dinghy for up to 8 people, 36 sunbeds, snorkelling equipment, pool noodles, swimming rings Lower deck cabins are the largest, measuring 15-16 sq. metres. Main deck cabins are 14-15 sq. metres. Upper deck cabins measure around 13 Sq. metres. Click

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Lower deck cabin





Main/upper deck cabin



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