



## The Small Cruise Ship Collection

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## BEST OF CROATIA CRUISE

Discover the stunning city of Dubrovnik, explore Mljet National Park, sip a cocktail in Hvar and watch a world famous sunset in Zadar, all across 10 or 11 luxurious days. The cruise will depart on Alfa Mario, built in 2020 and will cruise for the first time in 2021. The ship features private ensuite rooms, air conditioning, indoor and outdoor lounging areas, a swimming platform and not one, but two splash pools onboard.

### DAY 1 Dubrovnik

Check-in at Dubrovnik's Gruz harbour from 11am, with lunch served onboard at 1pm, giving you the perfect opportunity to get to know your new shipmates! Dubbed "heaven on earth" by the famous writer George Bernard Shaw, today you'll have the opportunity to explore the 13th century Old Town of Dubrovnik. Walk the impressive 1,940m long city walls and discover hidden gems such as cafes and bars perched along the walls, where you can sit back with a cold drink and watch the sunset. Includes: Stress-free transfers from the airport to the harbour Dubrovnik Walking Tour - Transfers to/from the start/end destination are not included

### DAY 2 Mljet

This morning we'll depart Dubrovnik and begin our sail north through the beautiful Elaphite Islands whilst lunch is served onboard. A refreshing swim stop will be had before continuing onto Mljet National Park. Once docked in the late afternoon, you are free to explore the salt lakes within the National Park. Inside the National Park you are able to visit the isle of St Mary, which is home to an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a church dating back to the 12th century. The National Park is best discovered using a bike or kayak that can be hired within the park grounds. We will overnight in the port of Polace or Pomena this evening and catch one of Mljet's famous sunsets from the back of the ship.

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 3 - Korcula

From Mljet we'll set sail for the island of Korcula, the rumoured birthplace of Marco Polo. Lunch will be served onboard near Lumbarda bay and tonight we will spend the night in the port of Korcula Town. Explore this fortified town, with its narrow streets and lookout towers, spending your afternoon understanding the islands host of legends, myths and tales. The town's stone walls were built over two centuries ago, and the Old Town is built in a fishbone structure that you have to see to believe. Includes: Korcula Orientation Walk Local Village Dinner

### Day 4 - Lastovo / Vela Luka

Enjoy breakfast onboard as we cruise toward the island of Lastovo. Along with Mljet, Lastovo is one of the greenest Croatian islands, with more than 70% of the land being covered by forest. The island of Lastovo has been permanently inhabited for several thousand years, but in ancient times it was first colonized by the Greeks and then the Romans. Explore the island's beautiful scenery, architecture, untouched nature and the local lifestyle on the island. The island of Lastovo and the archipelago that surrounds it is quite secluded, so watching the stars at night makes for an impressive experience. If weather prohibits a visit to Lastovo, the ship will overnight in Vela Luka instead.

### Day 5 - Vis

Early this morning and subject to weather conditions (which are

normally excellent), we will make our way across to the island of Vis, one of the most outer-lying islands on the Croatian coast. Vis has been used over the centuries as a strategic military port and saw action by the Allied military through WWII against Italy and Germany. It has only recently opened to commercial tourism and still retains a lot of its historical charm, as it is not frequently visited due to its location. If by chance the weather and wind isn't suitable to visit Vis, then an alternative stop will be made on the itinerary. The captain reserves the right to amend this as his number one priority is always safety.

### Day 6 - Hvar

Today we'll head toward the island of Hvar, the longest and one of the most popular islands in the Adriatic. We will overnight in Hvar Town, where the 16th century Spanjola Fortress towers above the township. The fascinating outer-lying Islands, waterfront restaurants and famous bars make it a popular stop on the itinerary! We dock in a prime position along the waterfront, providing the perfect base to immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of restaurants, cafes and bars. Stunning sunsets, incredible nightlife, well-preserved architecture and inviting waterfront cafes mean Hvar has something for everyone. Please Note: The docking time in Hvar can be early evening in peak season due to Port Authority restrictions. If guests would like to arrive on Hvar island earlier, water taxi transfers can be arranged for one time slot per ship, which will be included for all guests.

### Day 7 - Split





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We leave the island of Hvar behind this morning and make our way back to the mainland, where we will spend the night in the beautiful city of Split. We'll stop for a swim and lunch along the way at one of the hidden coastal bays, perfect for diving right off the ship. Split, is well known for its beaches and the fortress like complex at its centre, Diocletian's Palace, erected by the Roman emperor in the 4th century. Once home to thousands, its sprawling remains include more than 200 buildings. Within its white stone walls and under its courtyards and galleries are shops, bars, cafes, cathedrals, hotels and several houses. Includes: Split Walking Tour

### Day 8 - Trogir

After a buffet breakfast onboard we'll head off to explore Krka National Park on the included excursion! After exploring and discovering the beauty of Krka, you will be transferred to the tiny, medieval town of Trogir, where the ship will be waiting for you! Packed with stunning architecture, impressive fortifications, and cosmopolitan restaurants, Trogir is the perfect place to soak up an authentic Croatian experience! Enjoy the evening experiencing a local restaurant or waterside cafe. Best of Croatia Inclusions: Krka National Park Excursion

### Day 9 - Zlarin

This morning we'll cruise away from the mainland and head toward the island of Zlarin, with a swim stop along the way of course! The island of Zlarin is known as the green island thanks to its stunning natural environment, including Mediterranean pine

forests, olive groves and crystal clear water in every shade of green and blue. Zlarin boasts no motorcars on the island, an abundance of beautiful beaches and delicious local food. Spend the afternoon exploring and relaxing on this hidden gem!

### Day 10 - Sibenik

We'll sail from Zlarin to Sibenik, the oldest native Croatian city on the Adriatic. We will stop off at a secluded bay for a swim before mooring in the protected natural harbour of Sibenik, giving you every opportunity to discover the city at your leisure, indulge in coffee and cake on the waterfront riva, or explore the abundance of medieval forts, cathedrals and churches located a stone's throw away from the ship. This evening you'll experience authentic Croatian cuisine and hospitality with the Local Village Dinner! Best of Croatia Inclusion: Local Village Dinner

### Day 11 - Zadar

Enjoy breakfast overlooking the stunning Adriatic Sea as we spend our final day cruising toward the fascinating city of Zadar; historically known as the center of Croatia. This notable town has stood the test of time and is filled with beautiful Roman architecture and medieval churches, yet blended with cosmopolitan cafes and quality waterfront restaurants. Spend the afternoon along the waterfront of Zadar, taking in the city's two unique attractions - the sound-and-light spectacle of the Sea Organ and Sun Salutation, which need to be seen and heard to be believed! Sip on champagne as you marvel at Zadar's most famous attraction; the stunning sunset out over the sea, before indulging in delicious local cuisine. Best of Croatia

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Inclusions: Zadar Walking Tour

Day 12 - Zadar

This morning it's time for an early onboard breakfast, before saying goodbye to the crew and all of your new friends by 8.30am.



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## YOUR SHIP: ALFA MARIO

**YOUR SHIP:** Alfa Mario

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Cruising for the first time in 2020, this luxurious small ship holds 36 people in 18 spacious cabins. Offering both above and lower deck cabins, guests will enjoy air-conditioned rooms and private ensuites throughout. The impressive size and multiple sundeck areas will ensure there is plenty of room to relax and unwind. Soak up the sunshine in the top deck jacuzzi or relax in the shaded splash pool before jumping from the swimming platform straight into the sea!



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## PRICING

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### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port fees 45 EUR pp



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