

CENTRAL CROATIA LUXURY CRUISE FROM SPLIT

A cruise designed for people who have cruised southern Croatia before, and for those wanting to see a quieter side of the beautiful Croatian Coastline. We will stop for a swim every day (weather permitting) and explore the towns and historic ports where we spend our afternoons and evenings. You are free to choose from the many restaurants that line the streets. We will visit two areas of great beauty - Krka National Park renown for its waterfalls, and Telaš ica Nature Park - a maritime area of many islands and contracting landscapes. Emperor Diocletian built himself a huge palace and this now makes up most of Central Split. A humming pedestrianized zone of cafes, museums, restaurants, hotels, shops and houses. Mali Losinj resembles a mini Venice (and has great ice cream) and Zadar is another historic walled port. Solo use supplement (on request) +50% 3rd adult sharing a cabin -30% Child (age 3 - 11) in cabin with 1 adult -30% Child (age 3 - 11) in cabin with 2 adults -50%

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Day 1. Saturday Split

Embark is in the afternoon and at 6.00 pm our English speaking guide will do take a Split City tour on foot through the world famous Diocletian's Palace. Split is the second largest city in Croatia. More than 1700 years old, Split abounds with cultural and historical sights, lots of them situated within the Split's historical nucleus which has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 1979. At 7.30 pm we will have a welcome dinner on board. All the late arriving guests will be provided with a dinner. Overnight in Split, (WD)

DAY 2. SUNDAY: SPLIT - SKRADIN - ŠIBENIK

In the morning we'll sail for Skradin with a swim stop on the way. Skradin is a romantic Mediterranean town of narrow intertwined streets, arches and staircases, located at the entrance to the Krka National Park. It has a 2000 year history as evidenced by nearby important archaeological sites. The whole town of Skradin is a protected cultural monument. After lunch onboard we will visit Krka National Park. Krka National Park covers a total area of 109 km² of the loveliest sections of the Krka River, the vast and unaltered area of exceptional natural value. We will arrive with Park`s wooden boat directly at Skradinski Buk. Upon arrival, head for the last set of falls before the river meets the sea, where the Skradinski Buk Falls form a



spectacular multi-level cascade over cliffs. The whole area is rich with vegetation as well as birds and fish. Due to new strong preservation laws, this extraordinary area has been kept in its original pristine state. After exploring Krka, we will cruise to Šibenik where we will have a city tour. Šibenik is the oldest city on the Adriatic coast and is one of the largest and best preserved medieval cities. Most of the treasure can be seen by walking through the ancient streets, museums and churches which hide unexpected surprises. There is a large number of important historic buildings and 17 palaces in the Old city centre of which is the most famous Saint Jacobs Cathedral - cultural and historical pearl under UNESCO protection. We will attempt to overnight in Skradin, but only two ships are allowed in port overnight. Alternatively we will have a short cruise and overnight in Šibenik. Overnight in Skradin or Šibenik, (B,L)

DAY 3. MONDAY: SKRADIN OR ŠIBENIK - ZADAR

We continue to Zadar with a swim stop near Galešnjak Island, located in the Pašman channel of the Adriatic. Galešnjak Island attracted attention of the world in 2008 when Google Earth declared it one of the few natural heart-shaped phenomena on earth. Lunch on board and continue to Zadar. Afternoon arrival in Zadar followed by a city tour of Zadar's historical centre with its compact pedestrian zone, perfect to explore on foot and admire defensive walls built in 16th century by Venetians as a defense from Turks. You will see 16th century Port Gate where a Venetian lion (symbol of Venice) still guards the entrance, the Square of the 5 Wells, Church of St. Donat, Roman Forum (1st century BC) and the biggest Cathedral in Dalmatia - St. Anastasia Cathedral. Zadar`s finest attractions are the

sound-and-light spectacle of the Sea Organ and the Sun Salutation, which need to be seen and heard to be believed. Overnight in Zadar, (B,L)

DAY 4. TUESDAY: ZADAR - RAB

After breakfast we will start our cruise to Rab. Stop for a swim at Maun Island, where we find the famous Sipa cove, and "en route" lunch onboard. Upon arrival we will have Rab city tour. The town of Rab sits on a narrow sliver of land protruding towards the mainland, bounded by ancient city walls and recognizable by four church towers that form the familiar outline, depicting Rab as a ship with four masts: bell tower of the church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the cathedral, the bell tower of the church of St. John the Evangelist (located near the ruins of the Church), the belfry of the church of St. Andrew the Apostle and the bell tower of the church of St. Justine. Further inland from the old town is a beautiful park called Komr ar, whose numerous paths wind around wooded hills all the way down to the beaches of Rab. After dinner on your own at one of the local restaurants of your choice come back to the ship where we will have a presentation and tasting of "Rab cake". You will have special opportunity to try and learn how to make famous "Rab cake" as well as "mušta on, baškotin, smokvenjak" (the names sound strange but they are all delicacies of this Island). Modeled on the "Rab cake" locals also produced Gin & Tonic, which you will also have opportunity to try. Gin is flavoured with almond, orange and lemon peel ingredients of "Cake". Overnight in Rab, (B,L)

DAY 5. WEDNESDAY: RAB - MALI LOŠINJ





Morning departure to Mali Lošinj, passing by islands llovik, Silba, Olib. Upon arrival our english speaking guide will walk us through Mali Lošinj, the largest town on Lošinj Island. Situated on top of a long natural harbour and surrounded by graceful, gently weathered Mediterranean town houses and green hills, the town straddles both coasts on the narrowest section of the island. We'll visit the Museum of Apoxyomenos, a unique archaeological and architectural cultural institution and it is entirely dedicated to only one exhibit - the bronze statue of a young athlete, the Apoxyomenos. The statue was discovered in 1997 by a Belgian tourist at the depth of 45 m. In 1999, it was taken out of the sea where it spent nearly two millennia. The Museum of Apoxyomenos tells the original story of an athlete of perfect physical proportions, an impressive piece of art. The bronze statue of Apoxyomenos is from the time of Greek civilization, dates to either 2nd or 1st c. B.C., and its name stems from Greek term for an athlete that is cleaning his body from oil, sweat, and sand after exercise or competition. The statue is entirely preserved, only missing a little finger of the left hand and eyes, while the right foot was still attached to the original bronze base. This museum is created especially for this beautiful antique sculpture and it has become Lošinj's symbol and trademark. The Apoxyomenos' timeless beauty, his unusual and mysterious story, and a distinctive museum setting haven't left anyone unimpressed! Overnight in Mali Lošinj, (B,L)

DAY 6. THURSDAY: MALI LOŠINJ - TELAŠ ICA

Morning departure to the Telaš ica Nature Park with a swim stop

along the way. The area of Telaš ica Nature Park is an area of great contrasts: an area with quiet and peaceful beaches and gentle coastline on one side, and wild and steep cliffs on the other; an area of Aleppo pine and holm oak forests on one side, and barren karst on the other; an area of cultivated fields covered in vineyards and olive groves, but also an area of degraded forms of vegetation covering dry habitats. Due to its extreme beauty, richness and importance, this bay surrounded by 13 islands and islets, together with 6 islets inside the bay itself, was proclaimed a Nature Park in 1988. Telaš ica first acquired the status of a protected area 1980 because of its valuable flora and fauna, geological and geomorphological phenomena, versatile sea life, and interesting archaeological heritage. This evening in the heart of the Nature Park and in the silence of a beautiful cove we will have gala Captain's dinner on board. Overnight in Telaš ica, (B,L, Captain`s dinner in heart of the Nature Park)

DAY 7. FRIDAY: TELAŠ ICA - KORNATI NATIONAL PARK - PRIMOŠTEN

After breakfast we depart for a pleasant cruise through the middle of The Kornati archipelago, which is a labyrinth of stone, with eighty-nine islands, islets and rocks in the sea. Whether you look at the Kornati Islands from the air, from the sea, or from sightseeing points on the islands, the view is equally impressive - and yet different to the eye every single time. The landscapes are perhaps at their most impressive on the part of the archipelago facing the open sea, where cliffs rise high above the sea surface. With a swim stop on the way we'll cruise to Primošten. Primošten is a small town located between Šibenik and Split. The old town is situated on a small island which is



connected with the mainland. Primošten attracts tourists with its interesting architecture, beautiful beaches and crystal clear waters. In the past, the population was oriented towards cultivation of grapevines, olives, fishing and today it is mostly oriented to tourism. Once an island, Primošten has preserved the atmosphere and all the architectural features of a medieval Mediterranean fishing village. Upon arrival you will have rest of the evening free to enjoy in your last wonderful evening on this journey and to have inmate farewell dinner on your own. Overnight in Primošten, (B,L)

DAY 8. SATURDAY: PRIMOŠTEN - SPLIT

Morning cruise to Split, where we should arrive by $10\ \text{am}$. It is time to say farewell to all your new friends. (B)



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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

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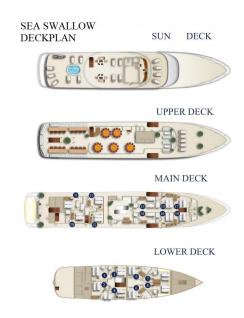
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