

# CROATIA UNDER SAIL: DUBROVNIK, SPLIT, AND ZADAR ABOARD THE SEA CLOUD FLEET

Set sail aboard the incomparable Sea Cloud fleet as we trace the scenic coast of Croatia, exploring the cities, cultures, and cuisine that left a lasting influence on Central Europe. Step into ancient walled cities like Zadar, Rovinj, and Dubrovnik, rife with relics that tell stories of centuries-old wars and empires. Sip on locally-made wines from family-owned vineyards and savor regional culinary delights in charming coastal towns. In between daily explorations ashore, enjoy ample time to lounge on deck, take in balmy Adriatic breezes, and witness an orchestra of crew members going aloft in the intricate web of riggings on the historic Sea Cloud and her modern counterpart, Sea Cloud II.



#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 1 Split, Croatia / Embark Ship

Arrive in Split and embark the ship in the late afternoon.

Arrival time: Arrive before 4:00 p.m. local time.

Arrival City: Split, Croatia

Meals Included: Dinner

DAY 2 At Sea

Gather on deck for a play-by-play description of the crew in the





rigging and the action of setting square sails, staysails, and jibs as the ship shows her full glory. Relax with a book on deck and enjoy delicious meals and complimentary drinks. This evening, enjoy the Captain's welcome cocktail hour and dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 Rovinj / Pula

Go ashore in Rovinj, once one of the most important cities in the Venetian Empire, and travel inland to Pula. Settled by an ancient Illyrian tribe, it reached the height of its power under Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. Venture to its well-preserved amphitheater, built by Emperor Vespasian in the first century A.D. and believed to have held around 20,000 spectators. Drive through olive groves and vineyards to the San Tommaso Relais & Winery, sample award-winning vintages, and hear tales of when the region was ruled by the Austro-Hungarian empire. After lunch aboard the ship, venture into Rovinj's charming old town set on a tiny peninsula that was an island until 1763. Walk the cobbled streets, peruse the local open-air market, and see sites that illustrate the city's close ties with Venice.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Zadar / At Sea

Arrive in Zadar this morning, the oldest continuously inhabited city in Croatia. Explore its defensive walls, gates, and bastions, developed during the 16th century to thwart Ottoman incursions. Stroll the ruins of the ancient Roman Forum and visit

St. Mary's Church, a Benedictine convent dating back to the 11th century. Here, we'll have an opportunity to meet some of the resident nuns who serve as caretakers of the church and the adjoining treasury, which houses priceless ecclesiastical artifacts of Byzantine and Venetian craftsmanship and an extensive collection of relics. Enjoy an afternoon at sea as we sail to Hyar.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 Hvar / At Sea

At the height of Venetian rule, Hvar was the region's most prosperous center. Set off on a walking tour along the waterfront and inside the delightful walled city. Visit the 15th-century Franciscan monastery, the arsenal, and Croatia's oldest active theater. If you choose, hike up to the citadel for spectacular views of the island and the azure Adriatic beyond. Before setting sail toward Komiža this afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to enjoy a swim from one of the island's picturesque beaches.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 Komiža

One of the outermost of Croatia's many islands, Vis was ruled successively by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Venetians, Austrians, and Italians. It became a central Yugoslav military base during World War II and only opened to tourists in the 1990s, making it less developed and less populated than many of its neighbors. Set out on a walking tour of the fishing town of





Komiža, and see the traditional sailing vessels called falkušas, which have been used here since the 16th century. Hear about age-old regattas originally designed to keep pirates at bay, take in expansive views from the rugged interior, and visit a family-owned winery for a tasting. See the extensive tunnels where Yugoslav resistance leader Josip Broz Tito hid troops and weapons at the end of World War II and into the Cold War, and venture to hillside barracks and hidden bunkers.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 Dubrovnik

Spend the day exploring Croatia's most renowned showplace, Dubrovnik--a UNESCO World Heritage site considered one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world. Get thoroughly introduced to this "Pearl of the Adriatic," and later, enjoy a private performance of traditional Croatian klapa music before an evening sail to Kor ula.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 Kor ula / At Sea

Anchor at the island port of Kor ula, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in the Balkans. Visit the town's sites and see the house some believe is Marco Polo's birthplace. Take some time to enjoy the waterfront, including a swim from the beach. Later, experience a Moreska sword dance performance, one of Kor ula's proudest traditions dating back to the 15th century. Spend the afternoon under sail and enjoy the Captain's farewell

dinner as we make our way to Split.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 Split / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Split this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Departure Time: Depart after 12:00 p.m. local time.

Departure City: Split, Croatia

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





### **YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD**

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

Sea Cloud is a ship with a soul, imbued by the original owners, Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband E.F. Hutton in the 1930's. The ship has played host to royalty, known service in wartime, and sailed the world over. She is a vessel of incomparable grace that harks back to the golden age of ship travel. Once you've been on Sea Cloud under full sail, you'll begin your own love affair. Welcome aboard a legend Sea Cloud accommodates 58 guests in 28 outside cabins including two original owner's suites that still feature original marble baths and fireplaces. At 360 feet she is an expansive ship with extensive public spaces on the top deck, where we luxuriate in deck chairs and watch the crew of 18 go aloft in the web of riggings to hand-set her 30 sails. Her dining room is hung with marine oil paintings of the period and accommodates all guests at once for a single seating. We'll gather in the lounge each evening for Recap. Life aboard is a uniquely pleasing mix of elegance and informality--a return to the golden age of sailing in shorts and deck shoes. You'll find all shipboard services impeccable. Discover the romance of tall ship sailing Experience something many people don't know exists in the 21st century--the romance of life under square sails. Discover the

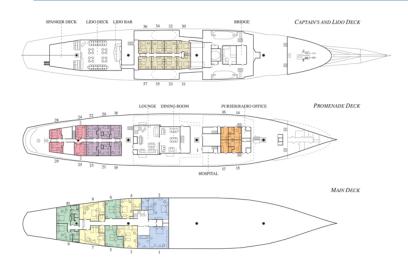
thrill of standing on deck as Sea Cloud gently glides through the water, her crew aloft in the riggings, running out and reefing sails. Settle in to your favorite areas on the top deck and bask in the incomparable experience of traveling aboard the finest tall ship to ever sail the seas. Lose yourself in an adventure that, in this day and age, is almost



unimaginable.



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