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DALMATIAN ISLAND ODYSSEY - 9 DAY CROATIA CRUISE

Anyone who has sailed around the 1000 or so islands of the Northern Adriatic will tell you that it is one of the most beautiful places on earth. The combined effect of the natural beauty of the region with the impressive history and stunning architecture of its towns and cities makes it the perfect region for discovery by small ship, and with the 36-passenger Queen Eleganza we have just the right vessel. Even the most jaded of travellers cannot fail to be won over by the hundreds of islands that dot the coast. The sea is an intense blue and the islands are amazingly scenic – whether it be the enchanting 16th century architecture of Hvar or the natural beauty of Dugi Otok. One of the many highlights of the area is of course Dubrovnik, a marvellous example of a Medieval city, surrounded by its ancient walls and well deserving of its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In addition to our included guided excursions, we have allowed ample time at leisure. Taking advantage of our central moorings, you will be able to sample the wonderful gastronomy whilst dining ashore and to experience the atmospheric ports in their evening splendour. Some explore the region by hopping on and off ferries, others hire sailing boats. But for most, the best means of exploration is by a cruise vessel. There are a number of huge cruise vessels that include a couple of ports of call in the Adriatic but this is not an area for today's mega cruise ships. The small islands, ancient towns and villages cannot accommodate large crowds of tourists and when travelling in such large groups, people miss the essence of what these places are all about. For a comprehensive look at the region with time set aside to swim in the azure seas, it has to be explored aboard a small ship.



ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Fly by scheduled flight to Dubrovnik. On arrival transfer to the Queen Eleganza. Enjoy our welcome dinner on board this evening as we moor overnight. (D)

Day 2 Dubrovnik & Mljet.

Spend the morning in Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic”. After a short drive to Pile Gate, we will begin our guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. See the major attractions such as the Rector’s Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries, and the Sponza Palace. Return to the vessel for lunch as we set sail for Mljet. One of the few Dalmatian islands that was never

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ruled by Venice, this is apparent in the architecture and the absence of any sizeable historic town. What it lacks in great architecture it more than makes up for in natural beauty and there will be a tour to the National Park including its beautiful lakes, before we return to the ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Korcula.

Set sail during breakfast and over lunch we arrive in Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. Here we will drive to the interior of the island, past olive groves and vineyards offering views down to the coast below. During our visit to a winery we will learn more about the mainly white wines, which have been cultivated on the island for centuries before enjoying a tasting. Returning to the town we will enjoy some time to walk along the crooked Medieval streets to the elegant squares which are flanked with palaces of the old nobility. We will be moored overnight in Korcula and you will be able to dine ashore independently in the Old Town this evening. (B, L)

Day 4 Hvar.

Sail after breakfast to Stari Grad where, upon arrival after lunch, we take a short coach ride across the island to the attractive Old Town of Hvar for a guided walk. We will begin in the main square which is the largest piazza in Dalmatia and see the cathedral, the Franciscan Monastery, and the Benedictine Nunnery where we hear about the aloe lace still produced today by the nuns. Return to the ship and this evening and dine ashore in one of the local restaurants. (B, L)

Day 5 Trogir.

Spend a leisurely morning at sea and this afternoon arrive in Trogir. Set within Medieval walls on a tiny island, linked by bridges to both the mainland and to the far larger Ciovo Island,

we will enjoy a walking tour of this gorgeous port. The old town has retained many intact and beautiful buildings from its age of glory between the 13th and 15th centuries. In 1997 its profuse collection of Romanesque and Renaissance buildings earned it World Heritage status. We will moor overnight and have the opportunity to dine ashore this evening. (B, L)

Day 6 Sibenik.

Spend the morning at sea as we cruise to Sibenik, our base to visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka. Enjoy a guided walk along wooden walkways and across bridges through this unique fjord like landscape with its multiple waterfalls and interesting flora and fauna. Return to Sibenik where we join a late afternoon walking tour through the historic town seeing the Cathedral of St James, the old city walls, and the theatre. This evening choose from one of the charming local restaurants to dine ashore. (B, L)

Day 7 Dugi Otok.

We continue our journey, cruising through the Kornati islands before we arrive at Telascica Nature Park, a beautiful area of islands, islets, rugged cliffs and coves which are home to many endemic plants. Enjoy a guided walk of the area including the lake before we return to the ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Zadar.

After a morning sailing we arrive at Zadar. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic Coast rivalling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city that has preserved its historical core. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour strolling around the old town with its Roman columns and portals, Romanesque churches and Renaissance and Baroque palaces. Of particular interest are the 9th century circular Church of St Donat and the 13th century Romanesque cathedral. Enjoy our farewell dinner on board this evening. (B, L,



D)

Day 9 Zadar to London.

Disembark this morning and transfer to Split Airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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YOUR SHIP: QUEEN ELEGANZA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

For our cruises along the Adriatic coast, we are delighted to have the newly built Queen Eleganza. This beautifully crafted vessel is one of the finest Croatian flagged vessels of her kind and we believe she is the perfect vessel from which to explore the Croatian coast. Carrying a maximum of just 36 guests, there is the added benefit of a relaxed and intimate atmosphere on board. The Sun Deck, with its comfortable sun loungers, is the perfect place to watch the passing scenery and the team of friendly Croatian crew will provide you with excellent service and hospitality throughout the ship. To enhance your voyage further there is also a Cruise Director on board. Dining on board is a casual affair and the menus feature locally sourced fresh food including fish. When dining ashore independently, your knowledgeable Cruise Director will recommend popular local restaurants. **AIR-CONDITIONING** All cabins and public rooms have air-conditioning. **BAR/BEVERAGES** Wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch and dinner are included in your holiday price. For other drinks consumed throughout your journey you will receive a final bill to settle at the end of your journey. Complimentary bottles of mineral water will be placed in your cabin daily and near reception before an excursion. **CABINS** The 18 cabins are

equipped with air conditioning/heating, a wardrobe, drawers, radio, a flat screen television, a hairdryer and safety deposit box. Most cabins also feature a dressing table and chair. The cabins on the Lower Deck all have two portholes whereas on the Main Deck, the category 3 cabins have three portholes and the category 5 cabin has four portholes. The category 2 and 4 cabins on the Main Deck benefit from a large picture window offering wonderful views. Cabins measure between 12 and 18 square metres, with Category 5 measuring 26 square metres. The cabins have fixed twin or double beds and the configuration cannot be changed. Each cabin also has an en-suite bathroom with shampoo /shower gel dispenser. Please note that the movement of the ship can cause small amounts of water to collect on your bathroom floor. Please note that bathrobes and slippers are not provided. **DINING, DRINKING & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** Meals on board are either buffet style or served and there is one sitting with an open seating arrangement. When the weather permits, lunch and dinner may be served in the covered outside area of the Sun Deck. Please be advised that, as there is not always a choice at meal times it is imperative that you advise any special dietary requests, such as vegetarian, gluten free, low salt etc. to Noble Caledonia (in writing) in advance. Please also advise if you do not, or cannot, eat fish and shellfish as these feature regularly on the lunch and dinner menus. We regret that the ship is unable to guarantee special requests and is not equipped to prepare or serve kosher or halal cuisine. Complimentary self-service tea and coffee, with fruit and biscuits, are available in the restaurant 24 hours a day. On nights when you are free to dine independently ashore, if

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instead you wish to stay on board for dinner, this is possible at a rate of €25 per person each time, which will be added to your onboard account. 24 hours advance notice is required.

DISABLED FACILITIES The ship does not have facilities for disabled or wheelchair dependent passengers. The stairs between decks are steep and there is no lift or chair lift on board.

DOCTOR There is no doctor on board. Should you be in need of medical assistance, please contact a member of the crew who are first aid trained, or the Cruise Director.

ELECTRICITY The cabins feature 220 volt current, with sockets accepting 2 round-pin (European style) sockets. There are no sockets in the bathrooms. We recommend taking a universal adaptor.

INTERNET The ship offers a free Wi-Fi connection in the public areas, but not in the cabins. Depending on the ship's location, there may be times when the connection is very slow or is disrupted and the same level of connectivity that you enjoy at home cannot be expected on board.

LANGUAGE All members of the crew speak English.

LAUNDRY SERVICE Due to the size of the ship there is no laundry service on board.

PUBLIC AREAS

Main Deck: Reception is located on the Main Deck.

Upper Deck: On the Upper Deck you will find the bar, restaurant, lounge, and public restrooms. The lounge has a small library of books, games and DVDs. The tea/coffee station is located in the restaurant here.

Sun Deck: The Sun Deck has sun loungers and seating for outdoor dining (weather permitting).

SMOKING Smoking is restricted to the designated open areas only. Smoking is prohibited in all other areas including cabins and the



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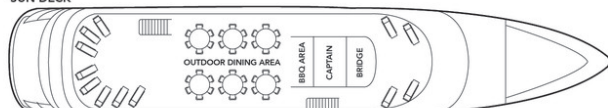
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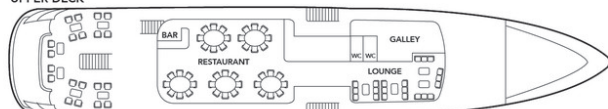
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

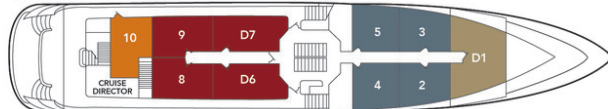
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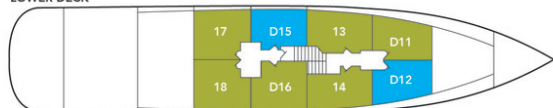
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MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



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Please note that D indicates cabins which have a fixed double bed



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