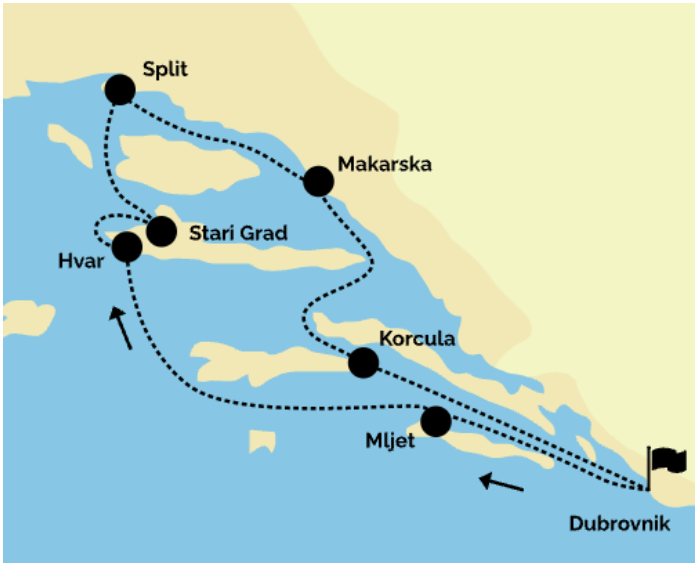


DUBROVNIK ELEGANCE LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISE

The Dubrovnik Return route is perfect for those looking to fly in and out of Dubrovnik International Airport. After joining your ship in the medieval city of Dubrovnik on day 1, you'll cruise to the breathtaking island of Mljet to explore the National Park and it's famous salt lakes. Day 2 will see you leave Mljet behind and continue on to the island of Hvar, exploring both Hvar Town and Stari Grad, before cruising to the city of Split on day 4. Days 5 and 6 are spent exploring the seaside town of Makarska and the impressive island of Korcula, before the cruise returns to Dubrovnik for one final magical night.



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Day 1. Dubrovnik to Mljet

Check-in at Dubrovnik's Port Gruž between 11am - 12pm (midday). A Welcome Reception will commence onboard your ship between 12pm and 1pm, where you're able to get to know your fellow travellers over champagne and canapes. Ship leaves port at 1pm. This afternoon we'll sail north-west to one of the most beautiful islands in Croatia, Mljet, which is actually a National Park. The island is classed as Croatia's greenest due to it's dense covering of Mediterranean pine forest. The National Park is famous for its two salt lakes in the north end of the island - Veliko and Malo Jezero - as well as the 12th century Benedictine monastery in the middle of Veliko. Those that wish to explore this pristine island can do so by kayaking, cycling or



walking around to where the sea meets the lake. After exploring, spend your afternoon on the top deck of the ship watching a magical Mljet sunset with a cold drink in hand.

Day 2 Hvar

Enjoy breakfast with a view this morning as we cruise towards the island of Hvar. Relax in the sunshine or take a dip in the refreshing Adriatic Sea at our mid-morning swim stop before lunch is served onboard. After lunch, we continue on to the 'French Riviera' of Croatia, Hvar Town! Feel the part sipping champagne and docking alongside other super yachts in Hvar Town. Although renowned for its celebrity spotting, Hvar still remains authentic to its roots, with its cobbled streets, historic architecture and 7th Century Fortress overlooking the town. You can also visit the Renaissance Cathedral with its original tower, as well as the oldest community theatre in Europe, which dates back to 1612. Please Note; The docking time in Hvar can be early evening in peak season due to port authority restrictions. However, if guests would like to arrive earlier, water taxi transfers will be arranged.

Day 3 Stari Grad

This morning we'll leave Hvar Town behind and cruise to the northern side of Hvar Island, spending the night in Stari Grad. Stari Grad literally means 'Old Town', so it's no surprise that it is the oldest town in Croatia! Stari Grad boasts an attractive network of old narrow streets and small squares around the harbour. Vineyards and olive groves surround the town, and the Stari Grad Plain is a UNESCO protected World Heritage Site. Tonight we'll enjoy a traditional Croatian Village Dinner on the Stari Grad Plain, indulging in delicious Peka and locally produced wine.

Day 4 Split

Enjoy breakfast onboard as we depart Hvar Island and cruise towards the waterfront city of Split. Along the way we'll enjoy a swim stop in a secluded bay just outside of Split, before docking in Split Harbour in the afternoon. This UNESCO World Heritage city is centered in and around the stunning Diocletian's Palace, which was the Roman Emperor Diocletian's retirement palace from 295-305 AD. Stroll through the palace basement filled with market stalls and once outside, experience the historical architecture of this beautiful palace that consists of 220 buildings within its boundaries and is home to 3,000 people. Split is now the second largest city in Croatia and continues to grow every year with numerous cafes, bars and traditional Dalmatian restaurants.

Day 5 Makarska

Enjoy cruising along the Adriatic coast as we make our way to the Makarska Riviera. Spend the afternoon swimming at one of the beautiful beaches along the riviera, relaxing onboard or enjoy strolling the streets of Makarska, exploring the beachfront markets. Take a walk around the tip of the riviera for a wonderful view of the Biokovo Mountain range and get up close to the statue of St Peter, watching protectively over this beautiful town. Unwind with a cocktail as you absorb the beauty of Makarska and watch the spectacular sunset over the Adriatic. Captain's Dinner onboard this evening.

Day 6 Korcula

After breakfast we set sail for Korcula, the rumoured birthplace of Marco Polo. Lunch will be served onboard near Lumbarda bay, on the eastern side of Korcula island. We will overnight in the port of Korcula Town. Explore this fortified town, with its narrow streets and lookout towers and spend your afternoon



understanding the island's 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.

Day 7 Dubrovnik

This morning we'll cruise towards the UNESCO protected and spectacularly beautiful city of Dubrovnik. Enjoy the stunning views along the way to "heaven on earth" - according to the famous writer, George Bernard Shaw. We will arrive in Dubrovnik in the afternoon, allowing plenty of time for you to explore Dubrovnik's Old Town. The city is wonderfully captivating, with its stone walls and historic charm. It is highly recommended to walk around the 1,940m long, 15th century walls to grasp the diverse nature of this city. Walk along the Stradun, the promenade inside the old city walls and meander the alleyways to discover numerous local restaurants, shops and bars. The included Dubrovnik Walking Tour is a great way to learn about this wonderful city.

Day 8 Disembark in Dubrovnik

This morning it's time for an early onboard breakfast, before saying goodbye to the crew and all of your new friends. Please Note: It is possible for you to leave the ship as early as needed on Sunday morning to catch flights, as all ships will be in port by Saturday night.



YOUR SHIP: ESPERANZA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Esperanza has been perfectly designed for luxury small ship cruising, yet her sleek lines provide speed, stability and comfort. Holding a total of 38 passengers, Esperanza is fitted with both above and lower deck twin and double cabins all containing elegantly decorated private ensuites, air conditioning and not to mention all the latest facilities. Welcomed by friendly and hard working crew, you will soon realize the true meaning of Croatian hospitality on board Esperanza. The first person you will be introduced will probably be its warm-hearted captain and boat owner - Ranko - a person whose steady hand and long-term experience ensures that the boat reaches every new destination safely and on time. For this captain, sailing has been in the family for many years and it has never been only a profession. Sitting at 46 metres long and 8.6 metres wide, Esperanza boasts plenty of deck space to relax and socialise with your fellow travellers. Soak up the sun on the top deck sunloungers, before dipping in and out of the onboard jacuzzi as you sail through the Adriatic! The Top Deck provides both shaded and full sun areas for your comfort and enjoyment. Esperanza's Main Deck features a shaded lounge area, creating the perfect spot to sip on your morning coffee as your cruise to the next destination! Esperanza also features a swimming platform at the rear of the ship, providing easy access for guests in and out of the water at swim stops. All cabins feature a shower, toilet, basin, mirror and



hairdryer.



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ADDITIONAL CHARGES: **Port fees pp/week 30 EUR pp**