



## THE BEST OF CROATIA IN LUXURY

From Venice, we set sail for Croatia and its many hidden treasures. LE LYRIAL slips effortlessly through the turquoise Adriatic Sea, wending her way between necklaces of islands dotted here and there off the Dalmatian Coast. Enjoy longer stopover in order to discover the Adriatic in another way, don't miss the sailing in the Bay of Kotor and the departure from Venice, unforgettable moments.



### ITINERARY

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Embarkation from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Day 2: Sibenik and Split (Croatia)

In the heart of central Dalmatia, Sibenik is proud of its purely Croatian architecture, unlike that of neighbouring cities founded by the Romans. Along the steep narrow streets behind the city walls, the old town retains a prestigious ensemble of churches, palaces and public buildings most built in the 15th and 16th



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centuries. You will not want to miss seeing St James Cathedral, a sparkling white jewel of a building, its dome standing proudly under the Dalmatian sun above the clear blue waters of the sea. An ancient cosmopolitan city and former imperial residence, Split is justifiably proud of its 1700 years of history and fame, acquired thanks to the palace built by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Within the impressively preserved walls, the Imperial Mausoleum today serves as the cathedral, and Gothic and Renaissance palaces are supported by the vaults and columns of ancient buildings. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Diocletian's Palace reveals thermal baths, alleyways and courtyards in the heart of a labyrinth where Pharaonic Egypt, Ancient Rome and the Renaissance exist side by side in perfect harmony. Note: Excursions available at an extra charge

### Day 3: Korcula (Croatia)

Vineyards, olive groves and aromatic woodlands are dotted all over Korkula Island, in between hidden coves of limpid blue water. Built on a peninsular, perched on a promontory the island's coastal fortress of the same name is like an open-air museum. The navigator Marco Polo was born in Korkula, a city of ancient honey-coloured stone redesigned to create unusual medieval architecture. The old town is a checkerboard of marble-paved streets polished by time and lined with impressive monuments, such as the 15th century St Mark's Cathedral. Note: Excursions available at an extra charge

### Day 4: Dubrovnik (Croatia)

On the southern tip of Croatia, the walled-in city of former Ragusa reveals its secrets. Beautifully preserved, the architectural riches of this imperious town dazzle in the sunlight that illuminates the ochre-red roof tiles. Palaces, elegant buildings, cloisters and fountains are in perfect harmony in this

unique setting, protected from the sea by its impressive city wall. Take your time as you stroll round the white marble paved streets, discovering a thousand years of history in one place. Long considered as a rival to Venice, this city's illustrious past has earned it UNESCO World Heritage site status. Whether this is your first visit to Dubrovnik or not, the unique aura of the "Pearl of the Adriatic" always inspires the same emotions. Note: Excursions available at an extra charge

### Day 5: Kotor (Montenegro)

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### Day 6: Hvar (Croatia)

A mild sunny climate has earned Hvar the epithet as "Croatia's Madeira" and is one of the most beautiful islands on the Dalmatian Coast. Protected from the wind by Mount Saint Nicolas, the town is encircled by ramparts and offers travellers many remarkable monuments such as the elegant cathedral. Be enchanted by the low white-washed houses as you stroll along the waterfront, where traditional fishing boats and leisure yachts line the quays. Note: Excursions available at an extra charge

### Day 7: Pula and Rovinj (Croatia)

A passage between two worlds, Italian and Slav, the hills of Istria roll down to the sea. In Pula, a worthy heir to the Roman Empire, you will discover a culture that dominated Europe for five centuries. Here more than anywhere else time seems to stand still in the town's symbol, the Roman amphitheatre. The clash of gladiators' swords and the roar of 20,000 spectators may have fallen silent, but the terraces of this theatre are still very impressive. Built on a rocky outcrop on the west coast of Istria, Rovinj has only been connected to the coast in the last three centuries. Legend has it that the port was founded by the





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inhabitants of a submerged island city called Cissa. Once a peaceful fishing village of narrow winding streets, today it is a cultural centre and seaside resort, although the old town is a harmonious blend of urban architecture from the 17th and 18th centuries. The Venetian influence and a rich cultural heritage are in evidence everywhere in the architecture of the tall, red-roofed houses. The highlight of your visit will undoubtedly be the Church of St Euphemia, a revered treasure dating back to the 8th century. Note: Excursions available at an extra charge

Day 8: Venice (Italy)  
Disembarkation



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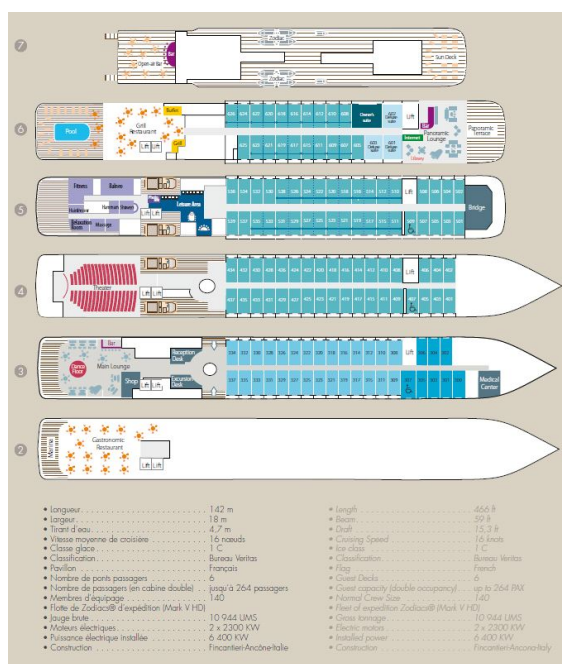
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