

## SPLIT TO OPATIJA LUXURY CRUISE

A luxury cruise to the lesser visited ports and islands of central and northern Croatia. Cruising from Split to to Opatija we will visit some of the beautiful old ports on this stretch of Adriatic coastline. We cruise from UNESCO protected Split to Trogir, (Another UNESCO site) and the walled port of Zadar. We will visit two National Parks: Krka Waterfalls -There are 17 waterfalls, with cascades up to 100 m wide, and the Krka river tumbles 45.7 meters; and Kornati National Park which consists of around 100 islands, islets and reefs. Further north we visit the traditional islands of Rab and Krk before cruising to Opatija with its backdrop of steep rocky hills. Apart from the scenery the highlights of this cruise will be daily swim stops and exploring the towns and ports where we moor overnight, looking for local delicacies in some of the many restaurants that line the streets.



## **ITINERARY**

## Day 1: Split D

Transfer from Split Airport to the Split Harbour whereyour vessel will be docked. Check-in is from 14.00 h onwards. After settling in, enjoy a guided tour of the city (not possible for late arrivals). Split is a historic town with UNESCO protection and part of the world heritage. There is an abundance of Roman architecture – of special interest is the magnificent Diocletian's palace, once inhabited by the Roman emperor. After your guided tour of Split, return to the ship for a welcome reception and cocktail to enjoy the meet and greet party on board. Overnight in Split.



#### Day 2: Split, Trogir & Primosten B, L

After breakfast, we head toward the old Dalmatian town of Trogir (Greek relief from the 4th century was found here). Trogir is sometimes referred to as a floating museum town as it has masterful architecture including some stunning Venetian palaces. The old town is a UNESCO heritage site. We continue our cruise to Primošten, a typical small Dalmatian coastal town. An old legend says that when God was creating the Earth, he wanted to rest on the seventh day so he made himself the town of Primošten for just this purpose. Today, this small town is well known for its quality local wines and is a popular destination for those who want to enjoy the harmony of sea, sun and stone. Overnight in Primošten.

#### Day 3: Primosten, Krka Waterfalls & Zlarin B. T. D

During breakfast, we sail to Skradin, from where we start our visit to the famous Bibich winery for light tapas lunch and wine tasting. The next stop is the National Park Krka Waterfalls, where we will walk through the Park and visit "Skradinski Buk". Jaw-droppingly beautiful, this is the most popular part of the waterfall area. There are 17 waterfalls, with cascades up to 100 m wide, and the Krka river tumbles 45.7 meters. A never-to-forget experience is swimming under the falls so bring your swimsuit and enjoy the crystal-clear freshwater. Afternoon cruise to the island of Zlarin, a tiny island in the Šibenik archipelago where we will enjoy dinner on board. Overnight in Zlarin.

## Day 4: Zlarin to Vodice B, L CD

After breakfast, we continue our journey and we will make a swim stop in one of the bays on our way. Afternoon arrival in Vodice, one of Croatia's most lively small towns that live night and day, often with memorable outdoor events. The most

famous are the Vodice traditional folk festivals, cultural and entertainment events and evenings of Dalmatian a'cappella songs. Enjoy the Captain's dinner with live entertainment onboard. Overnight in Vodice.

#### Day 5: Vodice/ Kornati National Park - Zadar (B, L)

Early morning departure to Kornati National Park (entrance fee included), which consists of around 100 islands, islets and reefs. In addition to this, the land part includes only 14 of the surface of the park, while the rest is marine eco-system. Enjoy the ruins of the ancient Illyrian fortress, Roman villas, old Christian church of St Mary and medieval fortresses and settlements add to the value of the islands. Some of the reefs are sometimes up to 100 m deep in the sea. Afterwards, we continue sailing to Zadar, for centuries the capital of Dalmatia and the oldest university town in Croatia well known for its rich historical heritage of world importance, visible at every step: the Roman Forum from the 1st century, St Donat church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval basilica and the symbol of the city, mighty city walls with a bow and a representative city gate from 16th century, the Museum of ancient glass, over 30 churches in the old town, many palaces and villas, as well as the famous, contemporary Sea Organ and "Greeting to the Sun" light installation. Join our guided tour and get to know Zadar. Overnight in the port of Zadar.

## Day 6: Zadar to Rab B, L T

After breakfast, the cruise proceeds towards Rab island, known as the "island of love". On arrival join the guided tour, there are imposing stone walls and you'll see Romanesque church towers, churches, palaces, stone streets and ancient facades. Many streets and squares are like open-air galleries, as artists work outside. Do not miss and try the famous "Rapska torta" cake





(the recipe is secret). If weather permits, walk up to Kamenjak hill and watch the magnificent sunset. Overnight in the town of Rab.

### Day 7: Rab, Krk and Opatija B, L

After breakfast, we depart for Krk, the largest Croatian island. On route, we stop to swim in the most crystal clear water you may ever have seen. On arrival join the guided tour. Krk has diverse villages of various sizes, stunning promenades, dramatic rock faces with tiny islands and hundreds of hidden bays and beaches. Late afternoon arrival in Opatija, with time to take a stroll along the famous Franz Joseph promenade better known as the Lungomare to the numerous cafes and restaurants in Opatija or nearby fishermen's village Volosko – well known for excellent seafood restaurants, the best in the region, and among the best in all of Croatia. Our experienced guide will tell you the magnificent history of Opatija and show you its most precious monuments during a guided walking tour in the afternoon. Overnight in the port of Opatija.

Day 8: Opatija

Disembark after breakfast



## YOUR SHIP: CROATIAN DELUXE SUPERIOR SHIPS

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**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

Deluxe superior ships are the newest, smartest and largest vessels that are allowed into the small ports and harbours on Croatia's Adriatic Coast and islands - The best vessels that exist on the Adriatic sea built with high quality materials of solid wood, glass, marble, stainless steel and similar. Minimum 47 meters in length, newly built or refurbished with hot tubs and spacious, superbly designed, air-conditioned en-suite cabins with double or twin beds, 15 to 20 metres in size. Cabins are equipped with wardrobes, deposit box, hair dryer, toiletries, bathrobe, slippers etc. Included services: airport transfers, buffet breakfasts and three course lunches, Captain's dinner with live music, dinner in a typical Croatian setting, sightseeings, English speaking tour manager, various entrance fees, various tastings, Visitors' tax & port fees, luggage handling, daily cabin service Nautilus Launched in 2019. There are 19 cabins on board. There is a spacious dining room on the main deck where you can enjoy your breakfast and lunch and a sun deck to admire the amazing views from. There is a jacuzzi pool on the sun deck, and a large swim platform to the rear of the vessel. While cruising on Nautilus you will swim every day and eat ashore every night in one of the many restaurants that line the sterets of

the small ports and harbours that we stay in. More details of MV Nautilus - Luxury Croatia cruise ship Rhapsody MS Rhapsody is a small luxury ship built for the 2021 season. She can accommodate up to 36 passengers in 8 lower deck cabins and 11 upper deck cabins with balconies. All cabins are air conditioned with either port holes (lower deck) or windows (upper deck), private facilities, safe as well as LCD TV. There is an airconditioned restaurant/bar with panoramic windows, a swimming platform and a sundeck with lounge chairs and a Jacuzzi. Rhapsody is one of the largest vessel allowed into the small ports and harbours that dot the coast of Croatia. But at 50m she is still tiny by ship standards, and her sleek lines and beautiful design means shi will stand out in any harbour. More details of the Croatian cruise ship Rhapsody Aurelia Launched in 2020, Aurelia has 9 upper deck cabins with balconies, 2 main deck cabins with windows and 8 lower deck cabins. Click Aurelia Croatia cruise ship for more details. She has been designed and built purely to cruise the coast of Croatia. Built in Croatia, and captained and run by a Croatian crew, she is small enough to be allowed into the small ports and harbours of the Croatian coast and islands, yet largely enough to be able to carry 38 passengers in great comfort. Markan MV Markan is the sistership of MV Infinity and had her maiden voyage in 2018. There are 19 cabins from which 9 are VIP cabins with a balcony. Markan Croatia cruise ship. Ave Maria The MV Ave Maria (Everglow) sister ship of MV Infinity, is the new deluxe superior vessel with maiden voyage in 2018. With supreme technology, comfort, and latest trends in small ship construction, Ave Maria will offer the best possible Croatia cruise experience. Maximum



capacity of 38 passengers in 19 twin or double cabins, guaranteeing an intimate setting for all guests. Click Ave Maria Croatia cruise ship for more details. Adriatic Sun MV Adriatic Sun is a deluxe superior vessel with her maiden voyage in 2018. Click Adriatic Sun Croatia cruise ship for more details. Avangard The MV Avangard sister ship of MV Futura, is the a deluxe vessel that made her maiden voyage in 2017. With supreme technology, comfort, and latest trends in small ship construction, Avangard will offer the best possible Croatia cruise experience. MV Avangard offers a maximum capacity of 36 passengers in 18 twin or double cabins, Bathrooms are equipped with toilet, shower, washbasin and hair dryer. A fully air-conditioned upper deck dining room can accommodate all passengers at once, yet offer a great degree of privacy for each guest. The restaurant includes the bar area with LCD TV, with a corner table for buffet breakfast. A portion of the dining area extends outdoors as a lounge area, offering sweeping panoramic views of the surroundings. Free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi), hot tub. Read more about Avangard Luxury Croatia Cruise Ship. Black Swan Black Swan is a luxury vessel 48,40 m long and 8,60 m wide with 38 beds in 18 modernly decorated cabins. Guests can choose between five cabins on upper deck with panoramic windows, five cabins on main deck with panoramic windows and eight spacious cabins in lower deck. Air conditioned cabins are air condition, with TV, ventilation, safety deposit box, SOS alarm, smoke detectors, emergency lights and audio system for announcements and light music. Nine cabins have twin/double bed possibility, four cabins are with double beds, three cabins with twin beds and two cabins are triples. A VIP cabin is located at the front of the main deck area. Additional cabin available on upper deck for the tour manager. Read about Black Swan Croatia cruise ship.

Futura The MV Futura is a 47m (156 ft) long, 9m (30 ft) wide luxury vessel, with a cruising speed of nine nautical miles. Built in 2013 with latest state-of-the-art equipment and amenities Futura offers maximum capacity of 38 passengers in 19 twin or double cabins, guaranteeing an intimate setting for all guests. Cabins built by up-to-date standards, fully equipped with A/C, safe deposit box, fire alarm and audio system for announcements by the captain or Tour Director. In addition each cabin has life jackets, desk and tabouret, wardrobe, night stand, small sofa and a porthole window. Bathrooms are equipped with toilet, shower, wash basin and hair dryer. Some cabins have indoor passage access to the bar and restaurant area. A fully air-conditioned upper deck dining room can accommodate all passengers at once, yet offer a great degree of privacy for each guest. The restaurant includes bar area with LCD TV, with a corner table for buffet breakfast while each table has an easy-access chair. A portion of the dining area extends outdoors as a lounge area, offering sweeping panoramic views of the surroundings. Free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi). The kitchen is built up to the latest HACCP standards and the lounging sundeck has a total surface of 200m2 (2152 sq ft), partially offering sun-shade cover, providing deck-beds for all passengers and a Jacuzzi. The covered part of the upper deck is spacious enough to accommodate all passengers, tables, chairs with available public lavatory. The vessel has a rear access platform to the sea as well as ladders for easy access to the water. In addition, the vessel offers two outdoor showers and 3 deck lavatories. Read more about MV Futura Croatia cruise ship. Infinity The MV INFINITY is a 49m (161 ft) long, 8.8 m (28 ft) wide luxury vessel, with a cruising speed of nine nautical miles. Built in 2015 with latest state-of-the-art equipment and amenities. Maximum capacity of 38 passengers in 19 twin or



double cabins, guaranteeing an intimate setting for all guests. Modern cabins, fully equipped with air condition, safe deposit box, fire alarm, emergency lights and audio system for announcements by the captain or Tour Director. In addition each cabin has life jackets, desk and tabouret, wardrobe, night stand, small sofa and a porthole window. Bathrooms equipped with toilet, shower, wash basin and hair dryer. All cabins have indoor passage access to the bar and restaurant area (except two main deck cabins that are connected to restaurant via deck). Spacious fully air-conditioned main deck dining room offering privacy for each guest including bar area with LCD TV, a corner buffet breakfast table and lounge area on the rear of the upper deck. Kitchen built up to the latest HACCP standards. Large sundeck that has a total surface of 250 m2 (2690 sq ft) with partial sun-shade cover of 70 m2 (753 sq ft) and comfortable deck-beds for all passengers all with easy access to Jacuzzi tub. The vessel has a rear platform to the sea with ladders for easy access into the water and offers two outdoor showers and two deck lavatories. Read about MV Infinity luxury Croatia cruise ship. Maritimo Deluxe vessel MV Maritimo will have its maiden voyage in 2017. With 19 comfortable cabins, deck Jacuzzi and all modern amenities, Maritimo offers the supreme experience of Croatia small ship cruising. More details of Croatia luxury cruise ship Maritimo. Pictures shown below are from various ships in fleet, actual layout of cabins and ship may differ. Please Note: the deckplan below is an example only (Avangard) and may vary from



your ship.



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