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THE ADRIATIC SEA - WITH THE PARIS OPERA BALLET LUXURY CRUISE

Classical, contemporary ... Step into the dance on a unique cruise, in partnership with the Opera national de Paris, in the presence of a principal dancer, accompanied by five dancers from the company. This cruise will cultivate the art of peaceful travel as well as a family spirit, thanks to its customised activities on board and on shore for youngsters, with the Kid Explorers Club. Beneath thesun of the Adriatic , set off on a journey on which the sea blends with history and island landscapes. Between medieval cities and idyllic beaches, each port of call unveils a unique facet of the Dalmatian coast. The Croatian islands , with their pine aromas and golden beaches, offer moments of relaxation and discovery, between secret coves and villages steeped in history. Further north, Istria reveals its natural parks and ancient vestiges, veritable gateways between nature and culture. Then the Slovenian shores , whose Venetian elegance is reflected in the architecture and maritime atmosphere, are the promise of unique moments, between authenticity and contemplation.

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Day 3 - Hvar

Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its traditions that have not changed since Antiquity. The country's oldest town, **Stari Grad,** is here on this Dalmatian Island. The town nestles by a cove on the north-west coast, surrounded by dry stone wall structures on the Stari Grad plains. These have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because they were built in the time of the Ancient Greeks. From these parcels of land come wines and olive oil manufactured manually. In the upper part of town, it is possible to discover hams and cheeses made by local producers.

Day 4 - The Brijuni Islands

Viewed from above, the **Brijuni archipelago** forms rounded shapes in dazzling colours against the blue hues of the Adriatic. This group of **14 Istrian islands** has been inhabited by man since the Bronze Age, thanks to its mild climate and favourable geographical position. The architectural heritage of these islands is very significant, since **Roman ruins from the 1st century BC** can be found here. Vestiges from the **Byzantine and Venetian periods** round off this deep-dive into the past which continues right up to the 19th century with the arrival of the Austrian industrialist **Paul Kupelwieser**. By purchasing **Veliki Brijun** , the largest island in the group, he actively contributed to the reputation of the archipelago among the **Austro-Hungarian aristocrats** of the **Belle Époque**. Later on, great political leaders such as **Marshal Tito** , the former president of Yugoslavia, would mingle here with the great writers of the time, including **James Joyce** or **Thomas Mann**. The islands were granted **national park** status in 1983, for their natural beauty and their biodiversity. Discover this unique corner of paradise on a bike or in a kayak, via land or from the refreshing waters of the Mediterranean.

Day 4 - Pula

The Pearl of the Adriatic, lying at the southern tip of the Istrian Peninsula, Pula is undoubtedly the most Roman of all Croatian towns. Some of the greatest pages in history were written here, as the **breathtaking ancient remains** testify. Take your pick exploring the **amphitheatre** , the Twin Gates, the Gate of Hercule and the triumphal Arch of the Sergii. Stroll through the busy lanes in the old town, enjoying the warm welcome of the locals, and perhaps you will be tempted to try the famous Kvarner scampi or Istrian ham.

Day 5 - Piran

On the Slovenian coast, the picturesque town of Piran stands on a tongue of land bathed by the Adriatic. Its **old town, girded by fortifications,** provides a medieval atmosphere embossed with Venetian nuances. From Tartini square, you can explore a whole interweave of mysterious streets located on the hillside, leading you to **Saint George 's church,** built on a hillock

overlooking the shoreline. After admiring the view, don't miss a good look at the nave, and its rich decorations of frescoes and panelling. You will also see that the tower built behind the church reproduces the famous bell-tower of Saint Mark's square. During your peregrinations, make sure you try a borek, a sort of pasty which can be sweet or savoury, filled with meat or fruit.

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Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, this new limited-capacity yacht boasting just 92 staterooms and suites will offer you a truly unique cruising experience. As the first ship in a new series that remains true to the Ponant spirit, Le Dumont d'Urville will embody the unique atmosphere that is the cruise line's hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort. Aboard this ship that flies the French flag, you will experience the incomparable pleasure of an intimate cruise, with the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in an ethnic-chic ambiance with luxury service. Experience a luxurious setting where the accent is on authenticity and passion for travel. RESTAURANTS As it is an essential part of French culture, gastronomy will naturally have pride of place aboard this new ship. Through its two restaurants, Le Dumont d'Urville will invite you on a journey to elegance and epicureanism. In a relaxed atmosphere, a first dining area located on Deck 3 and able to seat 70 will serve grilled meats daily, along with a variety of salads and desserts. To the back of Deck 4, you will find a 260 m² panoramic restaurant which can accommodate all of our passengers in a single sitting. Designed differently to that on our other ships, this dining area, which opens onto the outside, will have a buffet of salads, desserts and cheeses at your disposal. Our discreet and attentive crew will provide table service for hot meals. PUBLIC AREAS Like Le Boreal and its sisterships, Le Dumont d'Urville has many common areas that are designed and equipped to meet all of your needs while preserving the intimacy of each passenger. A 140 m² reception area includes: A reception/concierge desk, An excursions desk, The ship's administrative services, The sales office, manned by our Guest Relations Officer, Our 50 m² boutique which sells clothing, jewellery, beauty products, postcards and various accessories, Toilets accessible to passengers with reduced mobility. A new hydraulic platform with adjustable height provides: Easier boarding than on any other cruise ship, Easier Zodiac embarkation and disembarkation for expeditions, Easier access to the sea for swimming and practising various water sports such as kayaking or paddle-boarding. A pool deck offering: A pool with a panoramic view, equipped with a counter-current swimming system, A pleasant solarium, An outdoor bar and lounge with armchairs and sofas. A 200 m² main lounge which can accommodate all of our passengers to share convivial moments and to host activities organised during the day or evening. Lastly, a theatre that seats 188, equipped with: The latest sound and lighting technology, A LED wall as the stage backdrop, for the projection of high-resolution images and videos. Please click the following links to read more about Ponant and the other Ponant

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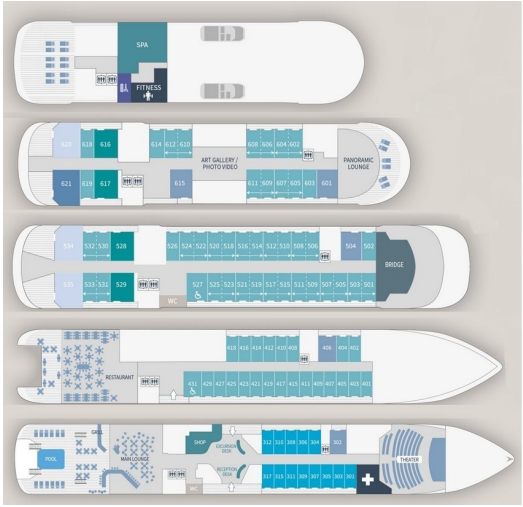

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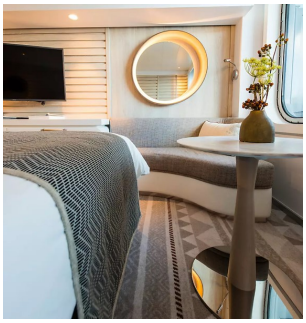

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Owner's Suite

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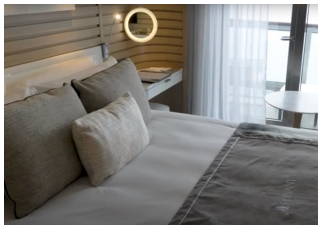

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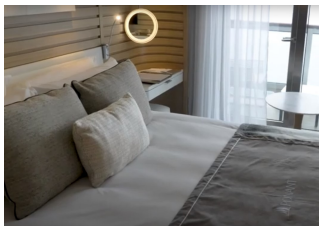

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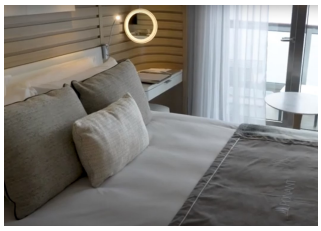

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