



*The Traveling Professor Presents*

## **CROATIA AND THE DALMATIAN COAST LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISE**

### **2024 TENTATIVE CRUISE ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1: Saturday, Departure from SPLIT to STARI GRAD (Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner)**

Board the MV Aquamarin at noon. Check out your cabin the rest of this spacious ship. Get acquainted with our ship and crew then enjoy an onboard lunch. We plan to do a swim stop then visit Stari Grad, our first port-of-call. Travelers are invited to enjoy dinner at any one of many choices at this charming seaside location. Overnight in Stari Grad.

#### **DAY 2: Sunday, Departure from STARI GRAD to TRSTENIK/KUNA (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Early morning departure towards the little seaside village of Trstenik on the Peljesac peninsula. It is well known for excellent wine and beautiful views. Before lunch a short swimming stop at one of the bays, then afternoon arrival to Trstenik. Later, move away from the shore inland to explore the rural areas. Afternoon transfer to the village Kuna for a tour of the local church and monastery followed by a visit to a local farm to indulge in a typical village feast with Croatian delicacies. It's an all-inclusive dinner with local dishes. You'll love it! Late transfer back to the ship. Overnight in Trstenik.

#### **DAY 3: Monday, TRSTENIK - MLJET/DUBROVNIK (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

Next morning, sail further to the Island of Mljet. Join us for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park and enjoy the boat ride to St Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a Church dating from the 12th Century. Return to the ship for lunch and depart towards Dubrovnik. Before we tie the ropes at Dubrovnik's Gruz harbor the captain cruises alongside the old city walls with a dramatic sunset in the background, while a buffet dinner is served on deck. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

#### **DAY 4: Tuesday, DUBROVNIK (Breakfast)**

It's a day to explore the magical city of Dubrovnik, starting with a guided walk of the old town. Then it is up, up, and away on the cable car from Old Town to Srđ Mountain. Enjoy scenic views of the Walls and Elaphiti Islands with great photo ops overlooking Dubrovnik. Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own and find perfect spots for lunch and dinner. For those of you with enthusiasm, we recommend walking the famous 1,940 m long city wall! Take a stroll along the walking street "STRADUN" - both a street and a square, a promenade inside the city walls. Overnight on the ship in Dubrovnik.

**DAY 5: Wednesday, DUBROVNIK to KORČULA** (Breakfast and Lunch)

In the morning we lift anchor and sail to the Island of Korčula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Stop for a swim and then lunch on-board in one of the secluded bays. Early afternoon arrival in Korčula followed by a guided walking tour of this lovely town and fortified walls. On this Island more legends, tales and monuments can be found than anywhere else while wandering along the herringbone pattern streets. Korčula has an abundant choice of restaurants to select a gourmet experience. There are bars and lounges for those looking for evening entertainment. Overnight in Korčula.

**DAY 6: Thursday, KORČULA to PUČIŠĆA** (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Morning departure towards Pučišća with lunch and a swim stop along the way. Not only is Pučišća one of the most beautiful villages to be visited on our cruise, it may be the prettiest seaside village in Europe. Pučišća is known for its white limestone, hence the location of the world-famous Klesarska stonemason school. A fascinating visit to the academy is a tour highlight. Enjoy the historic churches, the long walking promenade and white swimming beaches. Enjoy kayaking, biking and hiking. It is a full day here in this beautiful Croatian community. The evening is reserved for a Croatian Cultural Dinner with local foods and entertainment. Overnight in Pučišća.

**DAY 7: Friday, PUČIŠĆA to BOL/MILNE** (Breakfast, Lunch)

Our next stop is the Island of Brač and picturesque town of Bol. Walk along the promenade and swim at one of the most famous beaches in Dalmatia – Zlatni Rat (the Golden cape - known for its gravel promontory shifts from side to side as the wind and waves constantly change its shape). Bol is a typical fishermen's town turned into a popular tourist destination. Lunch on board and more time to explore the resort. Overnight in Bol or Milne. Later in the afternoon, departure for Split. Overnight in Split.

**DAY 8: Saturday, SPLIT** (Breakfast)

This morning, say goodbye to our friends. Check-out by 9 a.m.

**2024 OPTIONAL SPLIT PRE-TOUR**

**DAY 1: Thursday, SPLIT** (Dinner)

Check into the luxurious 5-star Cornaro Hotel centrally located to Diocletian's Place and Split Harbor. Enjoy an authentic Croatian buffet dinner (included) this evening and meet our travel companions.

**DAY 2: Friday, SPLIT**

A morning guided tour through the markets, historic sites, parks, and attractions will captivate you. A tour through the thriving markets and historic Diocletian's Palace is the perfect start to discovering this enchanting city. The afternoon/evening is on your own to explore and enjoy the rest of the city as well as its great dining options. There are a wide-ranging option of activities on your "free" afternoon in Split like hiking trails, food tours, markets, and other attractions.

**DAY 3, September 16: Departure**

Drop your luggage in the lobby and check out. We will see you at the ship at noon with your luggage waiting in your cabin.

## ABOUT OUR TOUR

- This is a private charter, with only the Traveling Professor group on board. This ensures a friendly and relaxing trip with a group of like-minded travelers.
- For each city tour, our group is split into 2 groups of approximately 15 travelers to retain the small group tour flavor.
- This Croatia tour is perfect for couples, women traveling alone or with a partner.
- Limited to approximately 30 travelers. No one under 25 years of age is permitted on this tour.
- Twin-bedded and double-bedded cabins available. The number of cabins for single travelers is limited.
- On day of departure from Split please schedule flights to depart AFTER 06:00 a.m.
- Airfare is NOT included. However, The Professor can assist in getting the best air itinerary for travelers.
- Each port may offer additional activities (watersports, fishing, etc.) not on the itinerary.
- Please note the itinerary may vary to take advantage of certain travel opportunities, weather, or other circumstances. The captain of the ship reserves the right to alter the itinerary at his/her discretion.