





The Traveling Professor Presents

# CROATIA AND THE DALMATIAN COAST LUXURY SMALL SHIP CRUISE

## **TENTATIVE CRUISE ITINERARY**

DAY 1, September 16 Saturday: Departure from SPLIT to STARI GRAD (Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner) Board the MV Admiral at noon. Check out your cabin the rest of this spacious ship. Get acquainted with our ship and crew then enjoy a 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, September 17 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. Today we 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, September 18 Monday: TRSTENIK - MLJET/DUBROVNIK (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Next morning, we head 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 the 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 will cruise 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, September 19 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, September 20 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, September 21 Thursday: KORČULA to HVAR (Breakfast and Lunch)

Morning departure towards Hvar. Lunch stop on the small Island of Šćedro followed by a swim stop at the Pakleni Islands. Arrival to Hvar in the afternoon. Hvar is the longest Island in the Adriatic and one of the sunniest; known for lavish lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. Found here are many historical landmarks: the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower and the oldest community theatre in Europe, founded in 1612. Hike up to the town fort overlooking the harbor for scenic views of the ship and the Pakleni islands. In the evening Hvar offers an abundance of entertainment - many restaurants, bars and cafes are open long into the night. Overnight in Hvar.

## DAY 7, September 22 Friday: HVAR to BOL (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Our final stop will be 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. The evening is reserved for the Captain's farewell dinner with entertainment. Overnight in Bol.

## DAY 9, September 23 Saturday: BOL to SPLIT (Breakfast)

Early morning departure for Split. On arrival it is time to say goodbye the crew and all your new friends. Check-out by 9 a.m.

#### 2023 OPTIONAL SPLIT PRE-TOUR

#### DAY 1, September 14 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, September 15 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 things to do 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 (September 23) please schedule flights to depart AFTER 11:30 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.