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# Charming Venice with Croatia Cruise

14 DAYS FROM VENICE, POREČ, PULA, ROVINJ, POSTOJNA, LJUBLJANA, ZAGREB, PLITVICE, SPLIT, BOL, JELSA, KORČULA, DUBROVNIK, MLJET, HVAR AND RETURN TO SPLIT



VENICE



ROVINJ



JELSA

## Day 1 Venice – arrival, Sunday

Upon arrival to Venice airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. Dinner at hotel and overnight.

## Day 2 Venice, Monday

After breakfast, we begin our exploration of Venice with a boat ride to Murano Island, famous for its artistic glassware. In a working glass factory, we observe master craftsmen demonstrate the art of traditional Venetian glassblowing. We then depart for St. Mark's Square, for a walking tour with visits of St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. En route, we take in views of the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy even more of Venice. Later, we gather for a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

## Day 3 Venice – Poreč, Tuesday

We embark the catamaran in the afternoon and sail directly to Poreč. After check in at the hotel, explore the city with rich dining experiences. Overnight in Poreč.

## Day 4 Poreč – Pula – Rovinj – Poreč, Wednesday

After breakfast, we make a short tour of Poreč, city of stone streets, ruins of ancient temples, forums and other beautiful buildings preserved from ancient times testify to the number of conquerors. The Euphrasian Basilica from the 6th century is the most valuable historical and cultural monument in Istria, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We drive then to Pula for an orientation tour of this strategic port city. We also visit the preserved Amphitheater, the sixth largest in the world. Then we continue on to the beautiful resort city of Rovinj, a city with magical landscapes, small traditional fishing boats "batana" and distinctive typical folk songs, bitinada. Stopping in front of the Baroque Church of Saint Euphemia, with the Saint's status on its bell tower, is mentioned in many songs. Free time in Rovinj. Return and overnight in Poreč.

## Day 5 Poreč – Postojna – Ljubljana – Zagreb, Thursday

After breakfast, we depart to Slovenia and visit the unique and beautiful Postojna Cave, one of the largest in Europe. We tour this wondrous subterranean world by miniature electric train. We continue to Ljubljana. City tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia and a home to one of the oldest Philharmonics in the world. Explore the baroque town buildings and stroll beside majestic Ljubljanica River. Free time on your own and continuation to Zagreb. Dinner and overnight in Zagreb.

## Day 6 Zagreb, Friday

Morning city tour of Zagreb, including the fortified Upper Town, city's historical center, St. Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theater and the University. The rest of your day at leisure. Overnight in Zagreb.

## Day 7 Zagreb – Plitvice – Split, Saturday

We journey south by motorcoach for a visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In Plitvice, we walk around several of the lower lakes. The Park is a natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by wooded mountains and lush vegetation. After our visit, we motor on to Split where we embark after 14 h on a supreme cruise ship. Welcome Reception followed by a dinner that evening. Overnight onboard in Split.

## Day 8 Split – Bol – Jelsa, Sunday

Morning sail towards Bol on Brač Island, you will discover one of the most beautiful beaches in the entire Mediterranean – "Zlatni Rat" (the Golden Horn), which is constantly changing direction due to the ocean currents with optional swim if weather permits. Return to the ship for lunch and set sail for Jelsa on the island of Hvar. One of the most picturesque towns on the island of Hvar; Jelsa is nestled in amongst hills dense with pine woods. The town quay extends all the way around the harbour with numerous laid moorings. Walk around the town



to see old stone streets, squares, churches, and parks. Enjoy a coffee in the main square and soak up the Mediterranean atmosphere of this bustling town. Your evening is free to explore Jelsa on your own.

#### Day 9 Jelsa – Korčula (Wine tasting), Monday

Early in the morning we set sail for the island of Korčula, with swimming stop, if weather permits, in one of its pristine bays, time to relax and lunch on board. Continue towards Korčula, the most preserved medieval town, thought to be the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Take a walking tour of Korčula which takes you through its narrow, cobbled streets full of history and enjoy wine tasting in one of the local wine bars. Evening is free to explore the town on your own.

#### Day 10 Korčula – Dubrovnik, Tuesday

In the morning sail to Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic”, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Upon arrival in Dubrovnik, you will enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Old Town with a panoramic bus ride above the Old Town. After the panoramic view, we will arrive at the historical centre of Dubrovnik, walk through STRADUN – both a street and a square, the most famous place inside the town walls, the famous city enlisted as UNESCO’s World Heritage site, where your guide will show you the most interesting sights of Dubrovnik. After city tour, you will be left on your own to explore the city, visit City Walls, the Franciscan Monastery with Europe’s second oldest pharmacy, the Rector’s Palace, and the Cathedral, take a boat ride to Lokrum island or take the cable car to the top of the Mount Srđ. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

#### Day 11 Dubrovnik – Mljet, Wednesday

In the morning head further north to the Island of Mljet. Mljet National Park encompasses five types of forest, many species of birds and two deep lakes, Veliko Jezero (Big Lake) and Malo Jezero (Small Lake). Join the Cruise Manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park. Alternatively, you can rent bicycles, scooters, or kayaks to explore the National Park or island on your own. Tonight, enjoy Captain’s dinner on board.

#### Day 12 Mljet – Hvar, Thursday

Take a break for a swim during your morning cruise. Continue sailing through lunch, arriving this afternoon in Hvar, a favourite holiday destination for international celebrities, but it’s also a charming seaside town with 8 centuries of architecture. On a walking tour visit the old town with the picturesque little streets and the first public theatre in Europe (older than Shakespeare’s theatre in the UK), the Franciscan Monastery and much more. Your evening is free in Hvar. You can explore more and dine on your own at one of the many restaurants in town.

#### Day 13 Hvar – Split, Friday

Next, we head to our final port Split with a stop along the way to swim, cool off and relax, if weather permits, with lunch on board. In the late afternoon we arrive in Split to take a walking tour of the historic inner city takes us to the Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We see the remnants of Split’s Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter’s Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. Your evening is free in Split.

#### Day 14 Split – departure, Saturday

After breakfast it’s time to disembark. You will be transferred to Dubrovnik airport or your Dubrovnik hotel.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

TOUR K223 V	PRICE PER PERSON
	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, PRICES IN EUR (LOWER DECK CABIN ON A SUPREME BOAT)
May 21	3385
Jun 18	3685
Sep 10	3685
Oct 1	3385
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	
	1400
MAIN DECK SUPPLEMENT	
	200

Port tax + Tourist tax 35 EUR net

### HOTELS

VENICE: Carlton on the Grand Canal/NH Hotel Rio Novo or similar

POREČ: Valamar 4\* or similar

ZAGREB: Zonar or similar

### NOTE:

- In case of unfavorable weather and/or sea conditions, the cruise itinerary may be modified in the interest of passengers’ safety.
- KOMPAS reserves the right to change the vessel provider if deems necessary.

### TOUR INCLUDES:

- ✦ Arrival shared transfer from Venice Airport to hotel and departure shared transfer from the port to the Airport/hotel in Split on the first and the last days of the tour
- ✦ Catamaran transfer Venice - Poreč
- ✦ 2 nights in hotel in Venice, 2 nights in hotel in Poreč and 2 nights in hotel in Zagreb
- ✦ 7-night accommodation on board (supreme category boat) in a cabin with private bathroom, A/C and LCD TV
- ✦ Daily buffet breakfast
- ✦ 6 lunches all with 3 courses and salad bar during cruise
- ✦ Welcome Dinner and Captain’s Dinner with live music during cruise
- ✦ Water dispenser during cruise
- ✦ Complimentary coffee, tea and fresh fruits available daily during cruise
- ✦ Professional Cruise Manager
- ✦ Daily cabin servicing, fresh bed linen and towels midweek during cruise
- ✦ Luggage handling
- ✦ Free Wi-Fi
- ✦ 2 dinners at Hotel
- ✦ Farewell dinner in Venice
- ✦ air-conditioned motorcoach throughout
- ✦ English speaking tour escort throughout for land portion
- ✦ Licensed Local Guides
- ✦ Whisper technology enhanced touring
- ✦ Hotel taxes

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- ✦ Local guides for sightseeing tours of Plitvice National Park, Pula, Postojna, Zagreb, Venice
- ✦ Entrance fees to Plitvice lower lakes, Pula Amphitheater, Euphrasian Basilica, Postojna cave, Venice glass factory, St. Mark’s Basilica, Dodge’s Palace, Franciscan Monastery’s Pharmacy and Diocletian’s Palace
- ✦ City tours of Split, Hvar, Korčula and Dubrovnik
- ✦ Guided tour and entrance to Mljet National Park
- ✦ Wine tasting in Korčula

### RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ✦ Drinks, extra meals
- ✦ Port tax + Tourist tax 35 EUR net per person
- ✦ All other entrance fees not mentioned in the inclusions.