

# THE BEST OF CROATIA

## Cruising the Adriatic Sea



Discover the beauty of the Adriatic with Ponant on an exceptional 8-day cruise in Croatia. Aboard *Le Lyrial*, fall under the spell of the hidden treasures of the Croatian coast and its turquoise waters.



**DATES:** 2022 – June 17-24\*

**DURATION:** 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** VENICE, ITALY

**DISSEMBARK:** VENICE, ITALY

**SHIP:** LE LYRIAL

**FROM:** \$3,920

*\*Hosted by Dick and Leslie West*

## HIGHLIGHTS

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the lagoon of Venice, the old town of Dubrovnik and Kotor, the cathedral St Jacques in Šibenik, the Diocletian's Palace in Split.
- Discover during one single cruise 7 Croatian cities, amazing for their cultural and historic heritage and their charm.
- In Montenegro, sailing in the bay of Kotor and a one-day stop in the town of Kotor.
- The opportunity to (re)discover Venice, the City of the Doges before or after your cruise.

**ITINERARY** - We can arrange pre- and post-cruise tour programs for you – see more while you are here! It is always advisable to arrive at least one day early, two or more is preferable.

### DAY 1 – JUNE 17 - VENICE, ITALY - EMBARKATION

Proud and eternal, Venice has reigned on its lagoon ever since the 6th century. You may think you know this city before even setting foot here. You will inevitably fall in love with the charm of the innumerable treasures of the Serenissima: Saint Mark's square, the basilica, Doges palace, the Grand Canal and the gondolas. Yet, secret Venice is also waiting for you to explore its little interlacing streets and canals, to ramble through its squares and to push open the doors of its churches. The city's extraordinary heritage shouldn't stop you from enjoying a glass of Spritz and a few tramezzini.



### DAY 2 – JUNE 18 - KORČULA, CROATIA

This harbor town has a very special location, presiding on a spur on the north-eastern coast of the island of Korčula. The ramparts in its medieval district provide perfect vantage points over the Pelješac peninsula. To get there, you can take the monumental staircase in the Revelin Tower. Another way is to climb the steps in the shade of palm trees from the Morska Vrata (Marine portal). As you make your way through the little streets, you'll see the bell-tower of Saint-Mark's cathedral rise

above you. This landmark will help you locate the house where Marco Polo was born. The island also has some of its own famous wines like the red Plavac and the white Posip.



### DAY 3 – JUNE 19 – KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Situated in one of Montenegro's most beautiful bays, the medieval city of Kotor is a small town full of charm, truly imbued with the traditions and stories of another time. Built between the 12th and 14th centuries, this village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, has preserved many historical monuments from this epoch. During your stop, be sure to admire the impressive castle that dominates the town, and let yourself fall under the charm of its maze of small streets and intimate squares on which folk festivals featuring magnificent colourful costumes are often organised.

### DAY 4 – JUNE 20 - DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Emblem of the Dalmatian coast, Dubrovnik is magnificently positioned on a rocky spur. History is sovereign here, in this ancient city, now a listed UNESCO World Heritage site. You will perhaps be surprised by the proportions of La Placa, the central drag through the city. The sheer width of it can be explained by the fact that it straddles a former lagoon. The elegant houses along La Placa are built in the legendary travertine stone. At Pile gate, you will be greeted by the statue of the patron saint of Dubrovnik, and you can admire the coastline as you walk along the





ramparts. But what's inside Fort Saint John, adjoining the outer walls? A maritime museum and an aquarium featuring rare fish from the Adriatic.

#### **DAY 5 – JUNE 21 - SEBENIK & SPLIT, CROATIA**

Located at the heart of central Dalmatia, Sibenik is proud of its pure Croatian architecture, unlike its neighbours which were founded by the Romans. Behind its walls, along its steep narrow streets with their almost Italian charm, the old town has conserved a prestigious built heritage of churches and palaces dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Do not miss the magnificent Cathedral of Saint James and lose yourself in the contemplation of the remarkable ornate frieze of 71 sculpted portraits of women, men and children, illustrating the successful merger of Gothic and Renaissance art.



On the Dalmatian coast, the town of Split offers cultural visits in a seaside atmosphere. Close to the seafront shaded by palm trees, the historical centre listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, boasts a unique building: the Diocletian's Palace. Here you will explore its galleries, courtyards with carved columns, as well as a former mausoleum converted into a church, namely Saint Domnius Cathedral. If you get peckish, stop off at a terrace in the Pjaca, the main square in the old town, where you can try a palacinka, a kind of pancake topped with melted cheese.



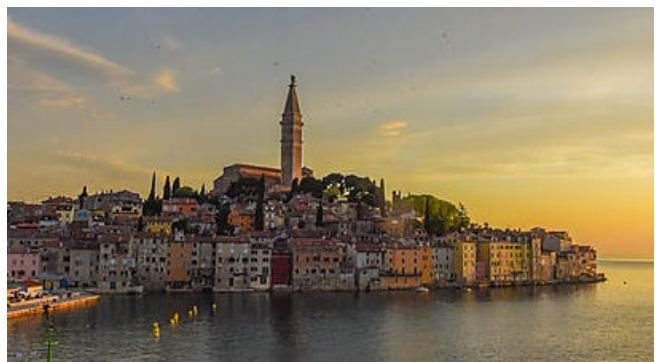
#### **DAY 6 – JUNE 22 - HVAR, CROATIA**

Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its traditions that haven't 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, you will discover hams and cheeses made by local producers. The picturesque village of Vrisnik is a good place to try some of local produce.



#### **DAY 7 – JUNE 23 - ROVINJ, CROATIA**

Rovinj is located in Istria, a region bordering Slovenia. This becomes apparent as you walk through its old cobblestoned town. There are many monuments of Venetian influence here. If you study the Balbi arch, you will see the winged lion, symbol of Venice. The bell-tower erected beside Saint Euphemia Cathedral was designed like the bell of St. Marc in Venice. From the top of the tower, you can scan the entire historical district. To absorb its quaint atmosphere, take a walk in the ochre and sepia-coloured streets leading to bustling squares and terraces shaded by canvas awnings.



#### **DAY 8 – JUNE 24 - VENICE, ITALY**

Disembark, and stay on to see more of this remarkable city, or continue to other destinations in Italy and Europe. We can plan a memorable experience for you!



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### Included features:

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to crew, guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe L'Yrial, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.

### Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)

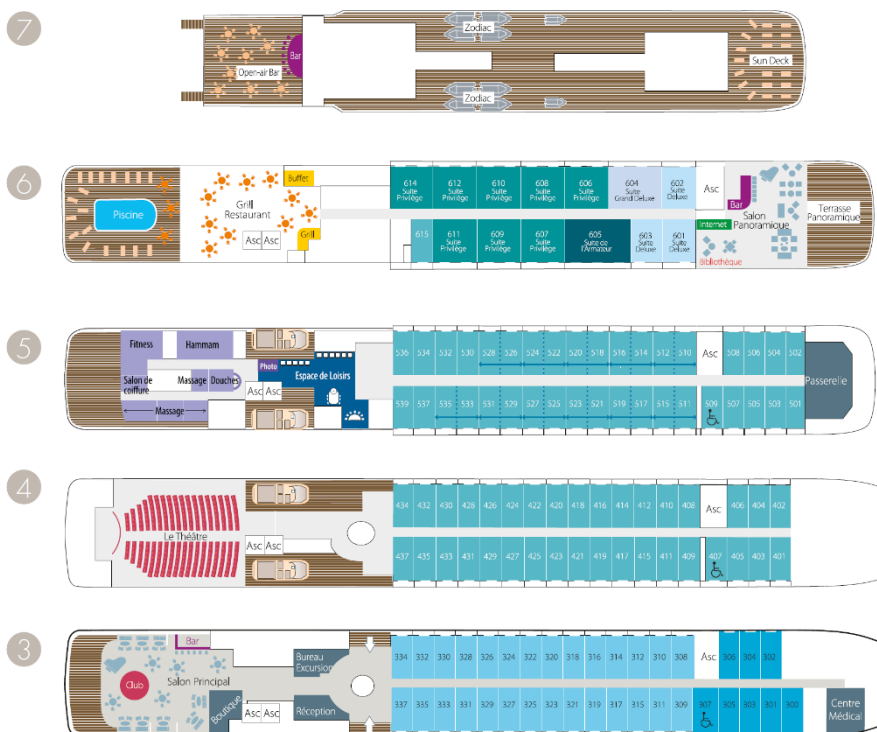
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Deluxe – Deck 3	\$5,370	\$4,225	\$1,145 = 21.3%
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