

Delights of Croatia & Slovenia

A Croatia Times Travel Signature Small Group Tour & Cruise



Departures

14 Jun; 19 Jul; 23 Aug 2025

15 Days / 14 Nights



Discover the history, nature, culture and wonderful cuisine of Croatia & Slovenia. Spend 7 unforgettable days touring the highlights on land followed by 8 days onboard a relaxing Deluxe Small Ship, cruising the gorgeous Adriatic coastline. All details of this itinerary have been carefully crafted to showcase the very best of these destinations.

Visiting Zagreb, Ljubljana, Bled, Radovljica, Postojna Cave, Predjama Castle, Momjan, Poreč, Motovun, Rovinj, Pula, Vodnjan, Opatija, Rastoke, Plitvice Lakes NP, Zadar, Split, Trogir, Bol, Hvar, Biševo, Vis, Korčula, Mljet NP, Slano, Ston, Dubrovnik



Day 1, Saturday: Zagreb

Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Free time before a welcome dinner at one of Zagreb's most loved restaurants. (D)

Day 2, Sunday: Zagreb - Ljubljana

Zagreb is home to a mix of 18th and 19th century buildings with many charming parks, squares and city markets. Discover the city's sights then continue to Ljubljana. The lively city features a gorgeous pedestrian only Baroque Old Town nestled at the foot of Castle Hill. Dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 3, Monday: Ljubljana - Bled - Radovljica - Ljubljana

Lake Bled ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts. Enjoy a Pletna boat ride to Bled Island. Continue to the medieval castle perched high on a cliff top for a memorable lunch. Stop in Radovljica for a stroll through this magical little town. Return to Ljubljana for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4, Tuesday: Ljubljana - Postojna Cave - Predjama Castle - Momjan - Poreč

See the subterranean world of the Postojna Caves by train. Photo stop at Predjama Castle, followed by a wine tasting at one of Croatia's best wineries. Arrive to Poreč, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Euphrasius Basilica from the 6th century AD. Dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, T, D)

Day 5, Wednesday: Poreč - Motovun - Rovinj - Poreč

Visit the medieval hilltop town of Motovun followed by lunch where you will experience a tasting of local truffles. Proceed to the seaside town of Rovinj, one of the most romantic towns on the Mediterranean, with its cobbled streets, squares and picturesque buildings. Return to Poreč for an afternoon at leisure. (B, L/T)

Day 6, Thursday: Poreč - Pula - Vodnjan - Opatija - Rastoke - Plitvice Lakes

Depart for Plitvice, enroute see Pula and its impressive Roman Amphitheatre followed by a visit to a renowned family producer of olive oil. Continue to Opatija, the old playground of the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Photo stop in Rastoke. Overnight in Plitvice Lakes and enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, T, D)

Day 7, Friday: Plitvice Lakes - Zadar - Split

The beauty of the Plitvice Lakes lies in its 16 lakes inter-connected by a series of waterfalls. Discover the National Park and have picnic lunch before continuing to Zadar. Zadar dates back to Roman times, see its beautiful promenade Sea Organ & Greetings to the Sun. Overnight in Split this evening. Dinner is at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 8, Saturday: Split

After breakfast enjoy some free time before joining your cruise. See Split's historic centre including Diocletian's Palace and cellars, the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to your vessel for a welcome cocktail and dinner. (B, D)



Tour & Cruise		Per Person NZ\$		
2025 Departures		Twin Share		
Start Dates	End Dates	VIP Upper Deck	Main Deck	Lower Deck
Sat 14 Jun	Sat 28 Jun	13,610	-	11,760
Sat 19 Jul	Sat 02 Aug	13,335	-	11,485
Sat 23 Aug	Sat 06 Sep	13,770	12,720	11,610
Single Occupancy - On request				

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Small Group Tour & Cruise on Luxury Small Ships MS Rhapsody or MS Aurelia

Tour & Cruise Includes

- 7 Nights in 4-5* hotels
- Tour Director
- All transfers as per itinerary
- 14 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 7 Dinners (B, L, D)
- Modern A/C motor coach or minivan
- Service charges & hotel taxes
- Cruise Director
- Authentic Food & Wine Experiences (T)
- 7 Nights on Luxury Small Ship
- Ship Welcome Reception & Cocktail
- Daily cabin service
- Free WiFi on ship (restrictions may apply)
- Visitor taxes & port fees
- Headsets
- Porterage

Highlights

- Authentic dining experiences at local restaurants
- Unique stays in centrally located properties
- Wine Tasting at an award-winning winery in Istria
- Truffle Tasting Lunch in Istria
- Olive Oil Tasting at a family owned estate in Vodnjan
- Visit & Tasting at Ston Oyster Farm
- Wine Tasting on the Island of Hvar
- Captain's Dinner with live entertainment
- Cable car ride in Dubrovnik with sensational views of the Old Town

Sightseeing with Local Guides

- Zagreb
- Ljubljana
- Bled
- Poreč
- Motovun
- Rovinj
- Pula
- Plitvice NP
- Zadar
- Split
- Trogir
- Hvar
- Korčula
- Dubrovnik

Entrance Fees

- Zagreb - Funicular
- Bled - Castle, Pletna Boat, Church
- Postojna - Cave
- Poreč - Euphrasius Basilica
- Motovun - Shuttle Bus, Town Walls
- Pula - Amphitheatre Arena
- Plitvice Lakes - National Park
- Split - Diocletian Palace Cellars
- Hvar - Spanish Fortress
- Mljet - National Park
- Dubrovnik - Cable Car



Day 9, Sunday: Split - Trogir

Begin cruising the coast, with a swim stop enroute to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage protected historic stone town, it is often described as an open-air museum. We explore the charming town with its narrow alleyways. Enjoy your evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10, Monday: Trogir - Bol - Hvar

Cruise to Brač for a swim stop at famous Zlatni Rat beach near Bol. Arrive to Hvar Town for a walking tour and excursion to visit a famous local winery and the Spanish Fortress. This evening you are free to experience the local restaurants and nightlife. (B, L, T)

Day 11, Tuesday: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Cruise to Biševo and the Blue Cave, a natural phenomenon of colour and light (visit is weather dependent). On arrival to Vis Town, your time is at leisure. Visit the remains of the Roman thermal place, town museum, or simply enjoy the surrounds. (B, L)

Day 12, Wednesday: Vis - Korčula

Early morning departure to Korčula Island with a stop for lunch in a secluded bay. Discover Korčula, an enchanting medieval town surrounded by stone walls. Later enjoy free time or take an optional excursion to a local village. (B, L)

Day 13, Thursday: Korčula - Mljet - Slano - Ston - Slano

See the saltwater lakes in Mljet National Park and enjoy a boat ride to St Mary Isle. Arrive to Slano, a small fishermen's village. Transfer to Ston, famous for its stone walls, salt pans, and oysters. Visit an oyster farm to learn about and taste this delicious treat. Return to the ship for Captain's farewell dinner with live entertainment. (B, L, T, D)

Day 14, Friday: Slano - Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik and its breathtaking fortified city, it is often referred to as 'The Pearl of the Adriatic'. Enjoy a lunch cruise along the Dubrovnik City Walls before docking in Gruž Port. Transfer to the Old Town for a walking tour, followed by a cable car ride to Mount Srđ for scenic views of city and Elaphiti Islands. (B, L)

Day 15, Saturday: Dubrovnik

Say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers. Check out is by 0900HRS, you will be transferred to Dubrovnik Airport. Sretan Put. (B)

MS Rhapsody (2020) Capacity 38 passengers, A/C, 11 VIP Upper Deck Cabins with Private Balconies, 8 Lower Deck Cabins with ensembles, length 50m, width 8.63m, 220V, restaurant, bar, lounge, SAT TV, covered terrace, sun deck, jacuzzi, swimming platform.

MS Aurelia (2019) Capacity 38 passengers, A/C, 9 VIP Upper Deck Cabins with Private Balconies, 2 Main & 8 Lower Deck Cabins with ensembles, length 49.78m, width 8.63m, 220V, restaurant, bar, lounge, SAT TV, covered terrace, sun deck, jacuzzi, swimming platform.



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Booking Terms & Conditions

Deposits: Upon confirmation a non-refundable deposit of NZ\$1,000 per person is payable. Final Payment: Final payment is due no later than 90 days prior to departure from New Zealand. Prices: All prices are in NZ\$ based on twin share per person. Airfares and any costs not stated are not included. Solo Travellers: To guarantee a private room, solo travellers must book the 'single use' price. Group Size: Tour & Cruise up to 25. Cruise only up to 38. Guaranteed departure based on minimum 10 guests. Additional cost will apply if group size is below minimum numbers. Tour Transport & Guide: If group size is at or below 7 passengers, transportation will be in a minivan & with a driver/guide. Tour Arrangements: We reserve the right to alter the routing, change accommodation and services if required. The cruise operator reserves the right to alter the route due to weather or other conditions and cancel or change the ship if necessary. Travel Insurance: It is a requirement of this travel arrangement that all travellers must take out a fully comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of this trip. Contact us or your Travel Agent for more information. For full booking terms & conditions refer to our website: www.croatiatimestravel.co.nz