

DELUXE CRUISE

ADRIATIC EXPLORER

Departures from Opatija or Dubrovnik

2 RIVER
ESTUARIES

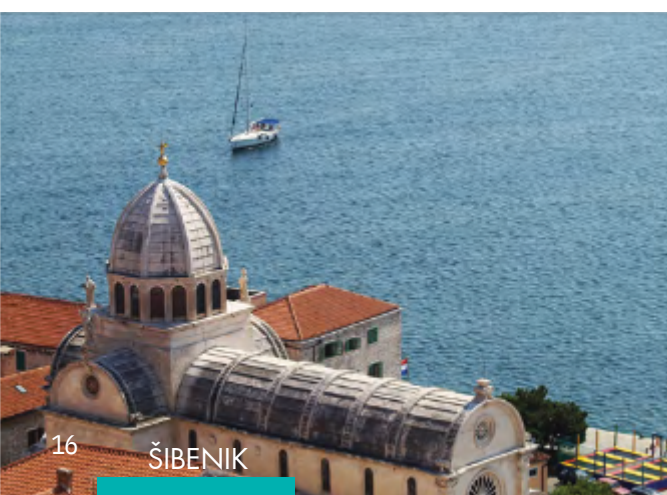
Epic landscapes, old cultures
and laid-back charm.
Experience it all cruising along
the spectacular Croatian
coastline and islands on
lavishly designed, fully air-
conditioned Deluxe Superior
and Deluxe vessels with
spacious en-suite cabins.



KORČULA



KRKA WATERFALLS





B = breakfast, L = lunch,
T = tasting, D = dinner,
CD = Captain's dinner



ITINERARY:

Day 1 OPATIJA - RAB (L, T)

Departure at 13h towards Rab, known as the "island of love", with an old town of the same name. Guided city tour includes the medieval walls, the famous four towers together with palaces, churches and squares. There is a slight Montmartre feel with many artists painting and exhibiting out on the streets. Legend has it that local nuns created a special Rab cake for a visiting Pope and we will sample this after the tour. The recipe remains forever a secret. Overnight in Rab.

Day 2 RAB - ZADAR (B, L)

After breakfast head for Zadar, the oldest university town in Croatia with an amazing heritage and where history looks into the eyes: the Roman Forum from the 1st century, St Donat church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval Basilica and the city's symbol, the mighty city walls, over 30 churches. Museums and former noble families' palaces and villas in the old town. In recent years Zadar has added a touch of cool with the famous Sea Organs and "Greeting to the Sun" light installations, both located on the city's waterfront. Watch the fabulous sunset from here.

Day 3 ZADAR - KRKA WATERFALLS / ŠIBENIK (B, T, D)

Wine and waterfalls! Cruise towards Skradin. The first stop is the local winery for wine tasting and light tapas lunch followed by a walk through the Krka Waterfalls National Park and a visit to "Skradinski Buk". Jaw-droppingly beautiful, this is the most popular part of the waterfall area. There are 17 waterfalls, with cascades up to 100 m wide, and the Krka river tumbles 45.7 meters. Šibenik is almost in the very central part of Croatia's Adriatic coast and it is our afternoon destination. Explore the glorious old town, the cultural monuments and possibly the most famous one here, the UNESCO-listed Cathedral of St James. Wander and discover the historic core and waterfront of Šibenik and enjoy some shopping too. Dinner on board.

Day 4 ŠIBENIK - SPLIT (B, L)

Cruise south to Split, Croatia's second-largest city, where Roman Emperor Diocletian built a retirement palace now under UNESCO protection. Split waterfront is a happening place and there's a buzz along the beautiful

wide promenade. A local guide meets us on arrival for a walk through the heart of the bustling old town and the market. Overnight in Split.

Day 5 SPLIT - METKOVIĆ (B, L, CD)

Today, discover one of the last remaining wetland deltas in Europe. Cruise to Metković, on the banks of the river Neretva after which the delta is named. Here, mandarins grow by the water channels. Take a barge ride to explore the groves, flora and fauna, wild birds and the traditional way of life of the Neretva people. There is a delightful, "time warp" feeling like nowhere else on the coast. Visit Narona, the archaeological museum in Vid, formally inaugurated in 2007 as the first "in situ" museum in Croatia. Narona holds the remains of a Roman temple - the Augusteum - and seventeen monumental marble sculptures of Roman emperors and their family members. This is where the ancient Illyrians, Greeks, and Romans once sailed, and, according to legend, the pirates of Neretva planned their raids on enemy galleys. Captain's dinner with live entertainment on board is scheduled for this evening.

Day 6 METKOVIĆ - KORČULA (B, L)

Departure towards Korčula, an island best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo, the famous explorer. Covering much of the island are the distinct, almost black pine forests so Korčula is also known as "the Black Island". Korčula Town is often called mini Dubrovnik, as it is also encased by medieval stone ramparts and towers. The famous Moreška sword dance-fight is thought to have come to the island when the Moors raged through this region and there are regular performances. A local guide will lead you through the old town where tiny streets are designed in a fishbone pattern for a very good reason that you will hear about! Lots of simple konobas, restaurants and cool cocktail bars for chill-out time. Overnight in Korčula.

Day 7 KORČULA - DUBROVNIK (B, L)

There is no better way to catch the first sight of the famous town of Dubrovnik - than approaching from the sea. It is one of the few walled cities on the sea in the world. Writer George Bernard Shaw described it as "heaven on earth". Cruise alongside the old city walls

for a true perspective of its majesty. Lunch is served on board as we head for Gruž harbour to dock. Once moored, join a transfer to the Old Town for a guided walking tour. Take the cable car from the Old Town to the Srđ mountain for fabulous views of the city itself and the Elaphiti Islands. Time at leisure to walk those famous, 1940 metres long ramparts, or explore any of the museums in detail, such as Sponza or Rectors. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Day 8 DUBROVNIK (B)

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to your new friends and the crew.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Shared departure Dubrovnik airport transfers at prescheduled times on the departure day
- 7 night cruise in deluxe or deluxe superior air-conditioned cabin with en-suite bathroom
- Welcome reception & cocktail
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Three-course lunch daily, cheese and salad bar
- Captain's dinner with live entertainment
- Complimentary water from the water fountain
- Coffee and tea after lunch
- Olive oil and wine tasting on board
- Abundant fresh fruit
- Professional Tour manager
- Visitors' taxes & port fees
- Luggage handling
- Daily cabin service and towel change
- Midweek bed linen change
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Guided walking tours of towns: Rab, Zadar, Split, Korčula & Dubrovnik
- Barge excursion & visit of museum Narona in Metković
- Wine tasting & light tapas lunch in a local winery with bus transfer included from Skradin
- Rab cake tasting in Rab
- Krka National Park entrance fee
- Cruise along Dubrovnik city walls
- One-way bus transfer from Dubrovnik port to the Old town
- Dubrovnik cable car fee