

Cycling Europe

CROATIA DELUXE SUPER CRUISE

ex DUBROVNIK 2020

LUXURY BOAT SOLARIS

Lord Byron gave Dubrovnik its title “the pearl of the Adriatic” while George Bernard Shaw famously said “those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik”. We couldn’t have put it better ourselves.

Dubrovnik is a truly stunning city and as the first pearl of this tour, it will not disappoint. Dubrovnik’s Old Town became a World Heritage site in 1979 and its 1,940 metre long city walls are among the most beautiful and best preserved middle-age fortifications in Europe. There are no cars in the Old City and the cobbled streets are packed with charming restaurants and lined with beautiful examples of Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque architecture.

From Dubrovnik we head to Slano – a small town indented into a 2km bay where you can start your week with a dip in the crystalline Adriatic sea followed by a delicious Captain’s dinner. Your week includes the dazzlingly green Island and National Park of Mljet where you can visit the Benedictine monastery on St Mary’s Island and uncover the historical tales of Odysseus’ shipwreck; the stunning Makarska Riviera – one of Croatia’s most desirable destinations; the sights of Split including the dramatic Diocletian’s Palace, UNESCO protected site; Croatia’s sunniest island, Hvar; Korcula Island with its great wine and medieval town walls; and the Elaphiti Islands where you can swim in azure seas in secluded bays.

Join us and spend one never-to-be-forgotten week swimming, sunbathing, snorkelling, cruising and exploring the idyllic bays and picturesque towns and islands of Croatia aboard the luxurious motor yacht, Solaris



ITINERARY Day 1 Saturday / DUBROVNIK - SLANO



The adventure begins in Dubrovnik – one of the Mediterranean's most beautiful cities. Embarkation is from 12 noon to 2pm. After a snack and a welcome drink we lift anchor and depart at around 4pm to a beautiful bay for your first dip in the clear blue water of the Adriatic and then onto the bay of Slano 37 kms north of Dubrovnik.

Overnight: Slano

Meals on board: Welcome dinner

DAY 2 Sunday SLANO – MLJET ISLAND (POMENA)



After breakfast we set sail from Slano towards the island of Mljet (pronounced 'mil-yet'). After a swimming break and lunch in one of the countless coves we head to Pomena or Polace on Mljet. Covered in olive groves, vineyards and dense forest, Mljet is known as the greenest island of Croatia. Thirty-seven kilometres (23 mi) long, there are several villages, two salt water lakes and a Benedictine Monastery on St Mary Island. Most of the villages on Mljet were founded between the 15th and the 18th century and according to legend, the nymph Calypso kept Odysseus captive for seven years. It's a heavenly place to explore.

NOTE: Entrance to Mljet National Park Mljet and boat across the lake will be approx €17(115kn) per person to be paid direct.

Overnight: Pomena or Polace

Meals on board: Breakfast and lunch.

DAY 3 Monday MLJET ISLAND – MAKARSKA RIVIERA

"With the head in the shade, the belly in the sun, and the feet in the water" – this was the statement one made by a guest who spent his holiday on the Makarska Riviera. And that about sums up life on this idyllic and picturesque spot. The vast pine forests stretching along the slopes of the Biokovo Mountains reach to the fine pebble beaches with their crystal clear waters. After lunch on board and time for a swim you head for Makarska or one of the equally delightful towns.

Overnight: Makarska Riviera

Meals on board: Breakfast and lunch.



DAY 4 Tuesday MAKARSKA RIVIERA - SPLIT (GUIDED CITY TOUR INCLUDED)



Today's destination is the 1700 year old capital of Dalmatia. Once the palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and today a UNESCO protected site. After a guided city tour you have the evening to discover and enjoy the old town on your own.

Overnight: Split

Meals on board: Breakfast and lunch.

DAY 5 Wednesday SPLIT– HVAR ISLAND (JELSA)

This morning we leave Split, pass the strait 'Splitska Vrata' between the islands of Brac and Solta and set course for Hvar; not only the longest and sunniest Croatian island but also one of the most beautiful in the world. Just over 68km long and 10.5km wide, Hvar's gently rolling hills are painted brilliant purple by fields of lavender while lush vineyards nestle at the foot of the island's rugged mountains. The harbour of the same name on the island of Hvar is situated at the foot of a fortress, from where there is a fantastic view of the Pakleni Islands archipelago.

Overnight: Hvar

Meals on board: Breakfast and lunch



DAY 6 Thursday HVAR ISLAND – ISLAND OF KORČULA

On our way to the most inhabited island in the Adriatic sea, supposedly the birthplace of Marco Polo, the medieval walled town of Korčula sits on a small headland and is known as one of the most beautiful old towns of Dalmatia. Immerse yourself in the town's narrow walkways, Venetian architecture, defensive walls, attractive pan tiled roofs and many monuments. Climb to the top of St Mark's Cathedral for spectacular views of the town, the Peljesac peninsula and the sparkling Adriatic Sea. A leisurely stroll west from the old town along Sveti Nikola takes you to the bay of Medvinjak.

Overnight: Korčula

Meals onboard: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 7 Friday KORČULA – DUBROVNIK (GUIDED CITY TOUR INCLUDED)

In the morning we will leave this magnificent island and continue our cruise to the Elaphiti Archipelago, a group of 14 idyllic islands and islets, where we stop for lunch and a swim before heading back to Dubrovnik for a guided tour of Dubrovnik's old town. Then stroll the famous 'Stradun', take a walk over the mighty city walls or take the cable car to the 415m high mountain Srd for spectacular views.

The distance from the port of Gruz to the old town is

only a few minutes by bus, which departs in the immediate vicinity of our boat every 10 minutes. Fare is HRK 12 (at the kiosk) or HRK 15 (in the bus). Last return is 2am.



Overnight: Dubrovnik

Meals onboard: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 8 Saturday DUBROVNIK

Disembark after breakfast by 9am.

Meals on board: Breakfast



2020 SCHEDULE & COSTS – PER PERSON IN EURO

MY SOLARIS (Deluxe)	Lower Deck	Main Deck
25 Apr, 2 & 9 May; 10 & 17 Oct	€1015	€1186
16 & 23 May; 26 Sep; 3 Oct	€1128	€1353
30 May, 6 & 13 Jun; 19 Sep	€1297	€1522
20 & 27 Jun; 29 Aug; 5 & 12 Sep	€1383	€1608
4, 11, 18, 25 Jul; 1, 8, 15 & 22 Aug	€1465	€1690

Single use & third person in triple cabin – on request

TOUR INCLUDES:

- 7 nights cruise in luxury motor yacht as per itinerary
- 7 nights airconditioned cabin with ensuite
- Captain's dinner & Welcome drink (Day 1)
- Half Board –7 breakfasts and 6 lunches or dinners
- Guided city tour of Dubrovnik
- Guided city tour of Split
- Daily cleaning of cabins & towel replacement, sheet change once

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- **Visitors & Harbour Tax €35 per adult** (to be paid onboard)

TRANSFERS (Transfers need to be pre-booked)

Dubrovnik Airport to Port of Gruz (per vehicle, one way)

- €35 for 1-3 passengers
- €45 for 4 – 8 passenger

MS SOLARIS (Deluxe)



SHIP FEATURES

- 20 spacious fully air-conditioned cabins with ensembles
- Saloon with a bar
- Sun deck (250 sq. m) with tables, chairs and loungers
- Swimming platform on the stern with showers

Lower Deck (cabins: 12 sq m)

4 twin cabins (twin beds)
4 double cabins (queen beds)

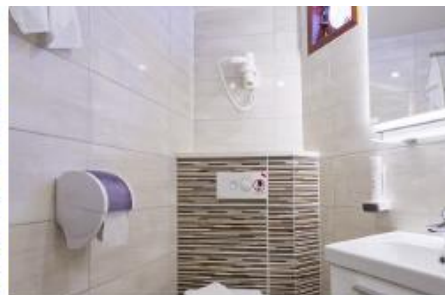
Main Deck (cabins: 12 sq m)

2 double cabins (queen bed)
5 twin cabins (twin beds)
3 twin twin cabins (separate beds can be made to double)
1 triple cabin (queen bed & separate single)

Upper Deck

1 single cabin

This 44m motor yacht MS Solaris, newly built in 2018, offers stylish and comfortable accommodation. All cabins are fitted out with LCD TV, a safe and small desk. There is complimentary Wi Fi on board.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Boarding from 12 noon to 2.00 pm, at Port Gruz, Dubrovnik
- Cash bar available on board. Own drinks cannot be brought on board.
- The Captain reserves the right to change the route in the case of bad weather conditions or emergency.
- Guests must abide by the ship's rules.
- This cruise may not be suitable for persons with restricted mobility.
- Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary as stated. However, due to the schedule changes beyond the organiser's control, we reserve the right, without prior notice, to change the route or alter the shore excursions.
- In some ports the ship may be moored sideways to the other boats. In this case guests will need to walk across other boats to reach the pier. Guests with walking disabilities might find crossing other boats challenging. Although every effort will be made to assist, please be aware that crew availability is severely limited in most circumstances and therefore a physically challenged guest will require the services of a responsible adult.
- Cabins cleaned daily with towels changed. Sheets changed once during your cruise.
- Port fees of €35 per person per week are payable on the boat.

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

Airport Dubrovnik is located approximately 16 km southeast of Dubrovnik. There is taxi stand in front of the arrival hall or we can organise transfers for you.

ARRIVAL BY BUS

Dubrovnik Bus Terminal is situated in Gruž, in the harbour where the boats are docked. From the bus terminal the boat is a few minutes walk.

ARRIVAL BY CAR

You can park your car at Port of Gruz while you are on the boat. The cost is approx. €13 per day with discounts for weekly parking.

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