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HIDDEN ISLANDS OF NORTHERN CROATIA

An island hopping discovery
aboard the Princess Eleganza
June, July & September 2021

NOBLE CALEDONIA



The Roman Forum and Church of St Donat, Zadar



Brijuni Islands National Park



Mali Losinj waterfront and harbour

For those who enjoy cruising amongst beautiful coastal scenery, swimming in clear blue waters and exploring charming fishing ports and ancient towns with a small group of like-minded travellers, this eight night journey exploring the islands of Northern Croatia will surely appeal. Whilst Croatia itself is no longer a secret, Northern Dalmatia offers a great concentration of the country's highlights and this unique cruise steers clear of the well-trodden tourist trail. Instead we will head to some of the quieter spots and out-of-the-way beaches and islands which the Croats themselves escape to; places where you can wander the streets away from crowds and where nightlife means a nightcap by the harbour.

As we make our way along the coast we will visit charming islands such as Krk, Cres with its Italian influence and scenic Medieval harbor and Pula where we will visit one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres. We will also experience the untouched nature of the Brijuni Islands and visit Losinj, a classic Adriatic island which is still relatively unspoilt. As our journey continues we discover more secret idylls and remote, uncrowded spots such as the sandy beaches of Susak, the flower-filled Island of Ilovik with its 170 residents and the island of Dugi Otok, surrounded by hills, vines and ancient olive groves, where we visit the traditional fishing village of Sali.

In addition to our included guided excursions, we have allowed ample time at leisure and, taking advantage of the warm summer temperatures, there will also be opportunities to swim from the ship. With just 36 guests on board, the Princess Eleganza has the advantage of being able to dock centrally in towns and call into secluded bays and hidden coves enabling us to explore parts of the coast that most cruise ship passengers in the region rarely get to visit.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Opatija, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight to Zagreb. On arrival we transfer to the Princess Eleganza moored in Opatija where we will embark and enjoy our welcome dinner. We will moor overnight allowing time for an after dinner walk in this genteel resort. (D)

Day 2 Krk. Leaving Opatija after breakfast we sail to Krk where an afternoon walking tour will include the 12th century St Mary's Cathedral, the Frankopan Castle and Church of St Quirinus before we arrive at the main town square. See the walls that once fortified the city and enjoy time to wander the cobbled streets or around the harbour. This evening is free to dine in one of the many restaurants. (B, L)

Day 3 Cres. Spend the morning cruising to the nearby island of Cres. If conditions permit, we will find a spot to swim from the ship before mooring in the sheltered scenic Medieval harbour at Cres Town in the

early afternoon. Enjoy a walk through the atmospheric streets which have a strong Italian feel having been under Venetian rule in the 15th and 16th centuries. Afterwards, we continue on to the former fort city of Lubenice. Situated on a cliff 378 metres above the sea we will explore the fortress, city gates, houses, chapels and winding streets of this evocative site and enjoy the stunning views over the bay below. Dine ashore this evening and perhaps take a stroll along the seaside promenade. (B, L)

Day 4 Pula. Sail this morning for an afternoon arrival to the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. On our afternoon tour we will discover one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres left in the world. The Arena, built in the 1st century AD, was designed to host gladiatorial contests with seating for up to 20,000 spectators. Exploring the town further we will



Ancient Roman amphitheatre in Pula



Beach on Susak Island



The hilltop fortress town of Lubenice

see the varied architecture from Baroque palaces, Christian churches and Austrian villas. Enjoy dinner on board as we moor overnight. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 Brijuni Islands, Unije & Mali Losinj. The 14 islands of the Brijuni comprise one of Croatia's National Parks and were once the summer retreat of former Yugoslav leader, Tito. Between 1947 and 1980 he spent up to six months a year on the islands. On a morning excursion we will explore Veliki Brijun including the 1st century Roman Villa, the nine hectare safari park created by Tito to house the exotic animals gifted to him by world leaders, and the Church of St Germain. We hope to stop this afternoon for a swim off the island of Unije before we arrive at the island of Mali Losinj, often referred to as the prettiest port in the Adriatic, where there will be the opportunity to dine ashore as we will moor overnight. **(B, L)**

Day 6 Mali Losinj, Susak & Ilovik. Spend the morning in Mali Losinj which sits at the foot of a protected harbour on the southeast coast of Losinj Island. It is the island's mild climate and rich flora that give Mali Losinj its reputation as one of the most fragrant islands in Croatia; its air is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The seafront of old town Mali Losinj is lined with a string of imposing 19th century houses and villas and is a pleasant place to wander. Sail over lunch to the island of Susak where we hope to enjoy a swim at one of the picturesque beaches before arriving at Ilovik. Known as the island of flowers with oleander, palms and roses growing around every house and with only 170 residents, Ilovik is well off the traditional tourist route. Enjoy dinner ashore this evening and take the chance to sample the fresh seafood and local wines. **(B, L)**

Day 7 Dugi Otok. We continue our journey south cruising past numerous islands as we make our way to Sali, a traditional fishing village on the island of Dugi Otok surrounded by hills and ancient olive groves. On a walking tour of the town we will see the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a gorgeous wooden altar from the 17th century. We also hope to visit the nearby Telascica Nature Park, a beautiful area of



Old defensive tower in Cres Town



Sali fishing village, Dugi Otok

islands, islets, rugged cliffs and coves which are home to many endemic plants. Return to the ship for dinner. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8 Zadar. Cruise this morning to Zadar. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic coast rivalling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city which has preserved its historical core. Later today we will enjoy a walking tour strolling around the old town with its Roman columns and portals, Romanesque churches and Renaissance and Baroque palaces. Of particular interest are the 9th century circular Church of St Donat and the 13th century Romanesque cathedral. Return to the ship for our farewell dinner this evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9 Zadar to London Heathrow. Disembark this morning and transfer to Split airport for our scheduled flight to London. **(B)**

*Please note that the 6th, 25th July & 17th September departures operate from Zadar to Opatija in the reverse direction to that shown. A full itinerary can be viewed at www.noble.caledonia.co.uk

2021 DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

28th June to 6th July, 6th to 14th July*, 14th to 22nd July,
25th July to 2nd August*, 9th to 17th September
& 17th to 25th September*

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Double Cabin Main Deck	£2695	£2495
2	Twin/Double Cabin Main Deck	£2895	£2695
3	Twin/Double Cabin Upper Deck	£3195	£2995
4	Master Double Cabin on Upper or Promenade Deck	£3595	£3395
5	Single Cabin Upper Deck	£3395	£3195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights aboard the Princess Eleganza • Meals as indicated (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner) • Beer, wine & soft drinks with lunch and dinner served on board • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia Cruise Director • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Flight schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print and the itinerary may change on their release.



Category 4 cabin



Princess Eleganza



Restaurant

PRINCESS ELEGANZA

We are delighted to have once again chartered the Princess Eleganza. Built in 2015, this beautifully crafted vessel sails the Adriatic and Istrian coasts taking in the highlights of this stunning area. With a maximum of just 36 guests, the vessel benefits from a relaxed, informal and friendly atmosphere. Meals served on board have a home-cooked feel featuring wholesome, fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine. When dining ashore independently, your knowledgeable Cruise Director will recommend popular restaurants. On our excursions, our experienced local guides will enhance our understanding of Croatia and Montenegro. This is the perfect ship to escape the formalities of larger vessels and enjoy the casual nature of small ship cruising along the most beautiful of coastlines.

Your Cabin

The 19 cabins are finished to the highest standard with sleek lines and neutral colours. All are equipped with a safe, air conditioning/heating, hair dryer, and flat screen TV. Each cabin features an en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet, and basin. Most cabins also feature a dressing table and chair. Main Deck cabins have port holes, whilst Upper Deck cabins have small windows. The Promenade cabins have larger picture windows which offer panoramic views. Cabins measure between 14 and 15m² with the Master cabins measuring 20m². The two single cabins measure 12m².

Your Space

If you prefer a peaceful life at sea and a casual, laid-back ambience then you need look no further than the Princess Eleganza. Whether you choose to spend your time aboard on the spacious Sun Deck on a comfortable lounger, or relaxing in the seated outdoor area on the Promenade Deck, the ship is the perfect place to watch the passing scenery.

Your Dining

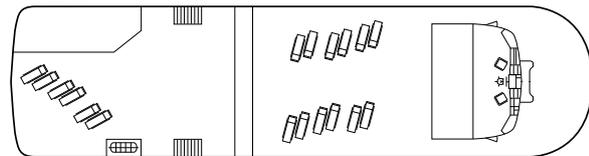
Meals on board are a casual affair. Breakfast is buffet style with eggs cooked to order. Lunch and dinner are served, and feature locally sourced fresh food. In good weather there will be the opportunity to dine al-fresco.

Life On Board

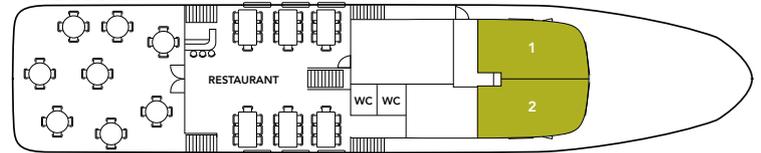
If you are looking for an escape from the formalities of the larger ships, then look no further than the Princess Eleganza. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed, with the dress code reflecting this. With just 36 like-minded passengers, the mood is intimate, and what better way to enjoy the views of magnificent islands and cities, than sitting on the Sun Deck watching the world pass slowly by. Part of the joy of a cruise aboard this vessel is its capability to dock in small ports or drop anchor in any suitable spot. The experienced Captain and his crew are trained in the highest safety standards. Being such a small operation, the close knit team work excellently together and will enrich your overall enjoyment of small ship cruising.

PRINCESS ELEGANZA DECK PLAN

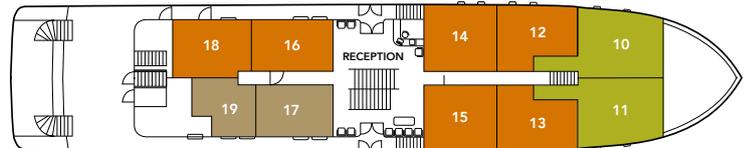
SUN DECK



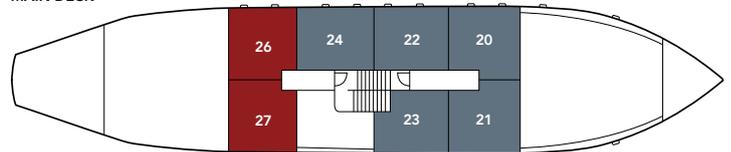
PROMENADE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



■ CATEGORY 1
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 ■ CATEGORY 4
 ■ CATEGORY 5



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Cover image: Sveti Ivan beach located beneath the fortress town of Lubenice, Cres Island