

# IDYLLIC ISTRIA

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF KVARNER BAY & ISTRIA  
ABOARD THE PRINCESS ELEGANZA

16<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE\*, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY  
& 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020

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**£200**  
PER PERSON



NOBLE CALEDONIA

For those who enjoy discovering Medieval towns, exploring Roman sites and cruising amongst some of the world's most beautiful coastal scenery whilst accompanied by a small group of like-minded travellers, our journey along the Istrian Coast, which we have combined with a three night stay at the Kempinski Palace Hotel in Portoroz will surely appeal.

We will discover the charming island of Mali Losinj, the fascinating Brijuni Islands, and stunning Lake Bled. We will also travel inland to an area of disarming beauty characterised by fertile valleys with hilltop villages. Here we explore the village of Motovun in the middle of truffle territory, which has arguably the best views of the Istrian interior from its ramparts. Whilst in Pula, we will visit one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world and the strong Venetian influence on the region will be evident during our exploration of Cres and Piran.

Istria is often acclaimed for its gastronomy and we will enjoy some lunches ashore to experience the local cuisine as well as visits to some vineyards to taste the wines typical of the area. We will be moored each night allowing for the opportunity to experience the atmospheric ports in their evening splendour and to dine ashore independently on some evenings.



## Your Hotel Accommodation

### THE KEMPINSKI PALACE HOTEL

Kempinski Palace Portoroz is located in the very centre of Portoroz, a well-known resort area, famous for its mild Mediterranean climate and spa tradition. The hotel's 164 rooms measure 30 to 40m<sup>2</sup> and offer fabulous views of the Adriatic Sea or Istrian countryside. All rooms are superbly furnished in modern or traditional design with air conditioning, bathrobes, selected toiletries, a mini-bar, in-room safe, LCD TVs and broadband internet access and desk. Elegantly nestled in a historical park, the luxurious hotel dates to the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1910, and behind its grand Habsburg facade there is a unique blend of traditional and contemporary design. During your free time there is an indoor and outdoor pool and fitness centre as well as the luxurious Rose Spa.

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London Heathrow to Portoroz, Slovenia.** Fly by scheduled flight to Venice before transferring to the Kempinski Hotel in Portoroz for your three night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

**Day 2 Portoroz.** Spend a day at leisure to explore independently and enjoy the wonderful facilities of the hotel.

**Day 3 Ljubljana & Lake Bled.** Today we will explore Slovenia's best known sites; the capital city and Lake Bled. Both are a wonderful gateway to Slovenian heritage with Ljubljana being one of the best preserved and green capitals in Europe. We will be introduced to its rich past and influences that are still present and will see symbols of socialism in the architecture, although far more of the Baroque era is evident, including beautiful ceramic tiles covering the buildings which snake along Ljubljana's river. After some free time and a local lunch, we will continue to the mountain resort of Lake Bled where we will have some free time to explore the area known for its glacial lake and Medieval castle.

**Day 4 Piran & Rovinj, Croatia.** Piran is one of the most photogenic cities in the Mediterranean. Influenced by the Venetian Republic, which left its

mark on most Istrian towns, the city has maintained the clustered Medieval structure of narrow winding streets, houses huddled close together and numerous squares and churches. Tartini Square is the gem found in the very centre of the city and was named after the famous violinist and composer Giuseppe Tartini whose statue is located in the centre of the square. After some time to explore independently and lunch, we will transfer to Rovinj in Croatia and embark the Princess Eleganza. After settling into your cabin the crew will welcome us on board with the welcome dinner.

**Day 5 Rovinj.** Explore the atmospheric town of Rovinj where the houses inside the old town are small and lean to each other creating a unique atmosphere. Our guided walking tour will include a visit to the town's main landmark, St. Euphemia Church, which is built on the top of a small hill. This Baroque building built in Venetian style was dedicated to the saint and martyr whose sarcophagus, according to a legend, was miraculously washed ashore somewhere around 800 AD. Sail during lunch to Porec where we will discover the compact old town on a walking tour and visit the 6th century Euphrasian Basilica, a World Heritage Site and one of Europe's finest intact examples of Byzantine art. The basilica,

atrium, baptistry and episcopal palace are outstanding examples of religious architecture. Enjoy dinner ashore tonight as we remain moored overnight.

**Day 6 Motovun & Momjan.** Today we will travel to the Istrian interior, an area famed for its picturesque villages, vineyards producing fine Malvasia and Teran wines and the forests that produce Istrian white truffles. A morning walking tour will explore Motovun which is perched on a hill in the Mirna River Valley with its Romanesque-Gothic bell tower, the Renaissance Church of St Stephen designed by Andrea Palladio and the charming central square. After a lunch of local specialities, we will head into the agricultural area around Momjan where some of Croatia's finest olives and vines have been grown for thousands of years. We will visit a local vineyard and enjoy a tasting of the Muscat and Malvasia wines which are typical of the region before sampling the olive oil.

**Day 7 Brijuni Islands & Pula.** We will sail this morning to the Brijuni Islands for a morning of exploration. 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 in the islands. A morning excursion 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 will sail over lunch to Pula where on an 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 see the varied architecture from Baroque palaces, Christian churches and Austrian villas. Enjoy dinner ashore tonight.

**Day 8 Mali Losinj.** Spend a relaxing day on board as we sail to one of Croatia's charming islands. Arrive this afternoon at 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 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. Dine ashore tonight in this stunning location.

**Day 9 Cres.** During breakfast we cruise to the nearby island of Cres mooring in the sheltered scenic Medieval harbour at Cres Town. Enjoy a walk through the



Lake Bled

atmospheric streets which have a strong Italian feel having been under Venetian rule in the 15th and 16th centuries. After a lunch of local specialities at a traditional restaurant we will continue 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.

**Day 10 Rabac & Labin.** Spend the morning cruising back to the mainland, arriving into Rabac, 'The pearl of Kvarner Bay', in the late morning. After lunch on board we will travel inland to the attractive hilltop Medieval town of Labin. On an afternoon walking tour, we will explore the labyrinth of cobbled alleys in the old town seeing the pastel houses, Baroque architecture and town museum before enjoying the wonderful

views over Rabac, the Istrian coastline and the island of Cres. We will return to the Princess Eleganza via a local vineyard where we will enjoy a sample of Istria's famous wines. This evening we will dine on board whilst moored overnight in Rabac.

**Day 11 Opatija.** Sail this morning to Opatija and enjoy an afternoon tour of this genteel resort in a spectacular setting. Return to the Princess Eleganza for our farewell dinner on board this evening.

**Day 12 Opatija to London Heathrow.** Disembark this morning and transfer to Zagreb for our return scheduled flight to London Heathrow.

*\*Please note that the 16th June departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown. Full details can be viewed online at [www.noble-caledonia.co.uk](http://www.noble-caledonia.co.uk)*



Pula



Motovun



Mali Losinj

## PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY – SAVE £200 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY**

| Cat | Cabin Description                              | Brochure Price | Special Offer Price |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Double Cabin Main Deck                         | £2995          | £2795               |
| 2   | Twin / Double Cabin Main Deck                  | £3195          | £2995               |
| 3   | Twin / Double Cabin Upper Deck                 | £3395          | £3195               |
| 4   | Master Double Cabin on Upper or Promenade Deck | £3795          | £3595               |
| 5   | Single Cabin Upper Deck                        | £3595          | £3395               |

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Three nights accommodation at the Kempinski Palace Hotel with breakfast • Eight nights aboard the Princess Eleganza • Breakfast and lunch daily on board • Four dinners on board & one dinner at the Kempinski Palace Hotel as mentioned in the itinerary • Wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner served on board • Shore excursions with English speaking guides - Noble Caledonia Cruise Director • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, lunch on day 2, dinners on days 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 & 9.



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 15m<sup>2</sup> with the Master cabins measuring 20m<sup>2</sup>. The two single cabins measure 12m<sup>2</sup>.

## 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 lounge, or relaxing in the seated outdoor area on the Promenade Deck, the ship is the perfect place to watch the passing scenery.

## Your Dining

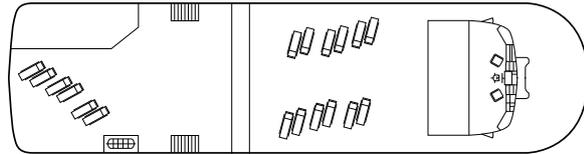
Meals on board are a casual affair. Breakfast is buffet style with eggs cooked to order. Lunch and dinner are served, and feature locally sourced fresh food. In good weather there will be the opportunity to dine al-fresco.

## Life On Board

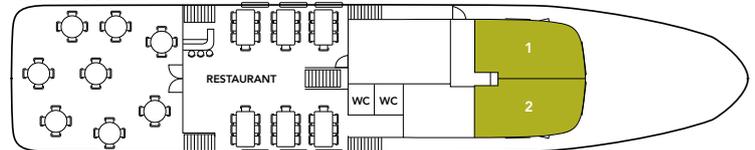
If you are looking for an escape from the formalities of the larger ships, then look no further than the Princess Eleganza. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed, with the dress code reflecting this. With just 36 like-minded passengers, the mood is intimate, and what better way to enjoy the views of magnificent 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

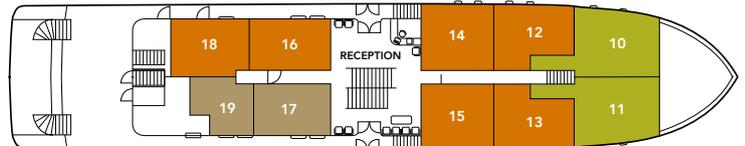
### SUN DECK



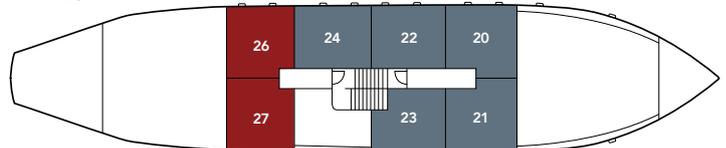
### PROMENADE DECK



### UPPER DECK



### MAIN DECK



■ CATEGORY 1  
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 ■ CATEGORY 3  
 ■ CATEGORY 4  
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