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PASSAGE TO ISTRIA

A late summer voyage along the Croatian coast
aboard the Queen Eleganza

5th to 14th September & 21st to 30th September 2021

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Rovinj

Dubrovnik

Even the most jaded of travellers cannot fail to be won over by the beauty of the Adriatic Coast. The sea is an intense blue and the islands are amazingly picturesque. Mountains sweep down to the sea, islands lace the coast creating endless inviting waterways and channels and on shore there are great historic villages, towns and cities.

During the first half or our island hopping adventure we will witness a range of scenic delights including Lastovo Island, one of Croatia's most remote and least developed islands, and the delightful islands of Vis, Hvar and Korcula. Our calls along the beautiful Istrian Coast will include the charming island of Mali Losinj and Pula where we will visit one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world. In addition to our included guided excursions, we have allowed ample time at leisure and there will also be opportunities to swim from the ship as we call into secluded bays and hidden coves. Taking advantage of our central moorings, you will be able to sample the wonderful local gastronomy whilst dining ashore and to experience the atmospheric ports in their evening splendour.

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 coast of Croatia will surely appeal.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Queen Eleganza. Enjoy the welcome dinner on board this evening as we moor overnight. **(D)**

Day 2 Dubrovnik & Korcula. Spend the morning in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic". After a short drive to Pile Gate, we will begin our guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. See the major attractions such as the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. Return to the vessel for lunch as we set sail. In the late afternoon we arrive in Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo, where we enjoy some time to walk along the crooked Medieval streets to the elegant squares which are flanked with palaces of the old nobility. We will be moored overnight in Korcula and you will be able to dine ashore in the Old Town this evening. **(B, L)**

Day 3 Lastovo & Vis. Today we sail to the Lastovo archipelago, made up of 13 islands and recognised as a Nature Park. We will take the opportunity to swim in one of the island's bays before continuing to the island of Vis where we will moor overnight. Enjoy dinner ashore this evening. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Vis & Hvar. The island of Vis spent much of its recent history serving as a Yugoslav military base, cut off from foreign visitors from the 1950s right up until 1989. This isolation preserved it from development, and today it offers an authentic tranquility and unique beauty which we see on an island drive. Sail in the late morning to Stari Grad, where we take a short coach ride across the island to the attractive Old Town of Hvar for a guided walk. We will begin in the main square which is the largest piazza in Dalmatia, see the cathedral, the Franciscan Monastery and the Benedictine Nunnery where we hear about the aloe lace still produced today by the nuns. Return to the ship and enjoy dinner on board. We will moor overnight in Stari Grad allowing time for an after dinner stroll in this tranquil locale. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 Sibenik. Departing after breakfast we spend the day cruising and hope to find a spot for a swim from the ship before arriving in Sibenik.

Vis

Lastovo archipelago

Mali Losinj

Pula

Dugi Otok

Here we enjoy an early evening walking tour through the historic town seeing the Cathedral of St James, the old city walls, and the theatre before dining ashore at your leisure. **(B, L)**

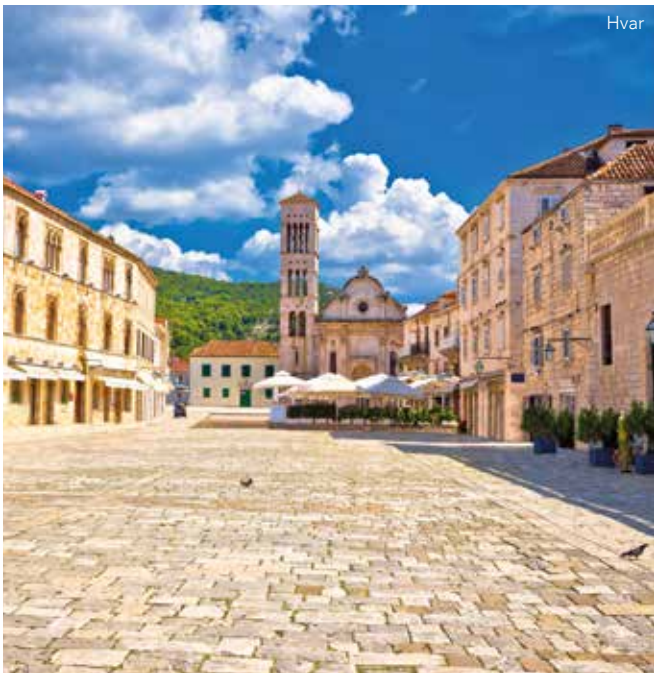
Day 6 Dugi Otok. We continue our journey cruising through the Kornati islands before we arrive at Sali, a traditional fishing village on the island of Dugi Otok surrounded by hills and ancient olive groves. On a walking tour of the town we will see the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a stunning wooden altar from the 17th century. We also hope to visit the nearby Telascica Nature Park, a beautiful area of islands, islets, rugged cliffs and coves which are home to many endemic plants. Return to the ship for dinner. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7 Ilovik & Mali Losinj. Cruise this morning to 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. We will stop for a wander or a swim before sailing to 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. Dine ashore this evening in one of the harbour-side restaurants. **(B, L)**

Day 8 Unije & Pula. Sailing after breakfast and continuing our journey north we hope to stop in the late morning for a swim off the island of Unije. Arrive later this afternoon at the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula where we moor overnight. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9 Pula & Rovinj. On our tour this morning 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. Over lunch we sail to 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. Return to the Queen Eleganza for our farewell dinner on board this evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 10 Rovinj to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Pula airport for our flight to London. **(B)**


Hvar

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Twin/Double cabin on the Lower Deck	£3195	£2995
2	Twin Cabin on the Main Deck	£3295	£3095
3	Twin Cabin on the Main Deck	£3595	£3395
4	Twin/Double cabin on the Main Deck	£3895	£3695
5	Double cabin on the Main Deck	£4095	£3895
6	Double cabin on the Lower Deck for sole use	£3095	£2895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Nine nights aboard the Queen Eleganza • Meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner) • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia Cruise Director • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Cat 4 Twin Cabin

Queen Eleganza

Restaurant

QUEEN ELEGANZA

For our Croatian Coastal cruises, we are delighted to have chartered the beautifully crafted Queen Eleganza which was launched in April 2018. Built by Croatian hands, this modern and stylish vessel is one of the finest Croatian flagged vessels of its kind and, with a maximum of just 36 guests, there is the added benefit of a relaxed and informal atmosphere on board. The team of friendly Croatian crew members all speak English and their excellent service and hospitality will do much to add to your enjoyment. Meals served on board have a home cooked feel and feature wholesome, fresh and tasty Mediterranean cuisine and, when dining ashore independently, your knowledgeable Cruise Director will recommend popular local restaurants. 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/Suite

The 18 cabins are attractively designed with neutral décor and stylish furnishings. There are six different grades of cabin arranged over two decks; all cabins feature either portholes (all lower deck cabins), small windows (categories 3 & 5) or picture windows (categories 2 & 4) and are spacious with a well-designed layout, comfortable seating and all the mod cons. The cabins vary in shape and size, from 12m^2 to 22.5m^2, adding to the vessel's overall charm. Facilities include air conditioning/heating, a spacious shower, large sink with under sink drawer space, a wardrobe, drawers and spacious under bed storage, flat screen television, radio, hairdryer and safety deposit box. Each cabin also has an en-suite bathroom with a shower and toiletries with a small window.

Your Space

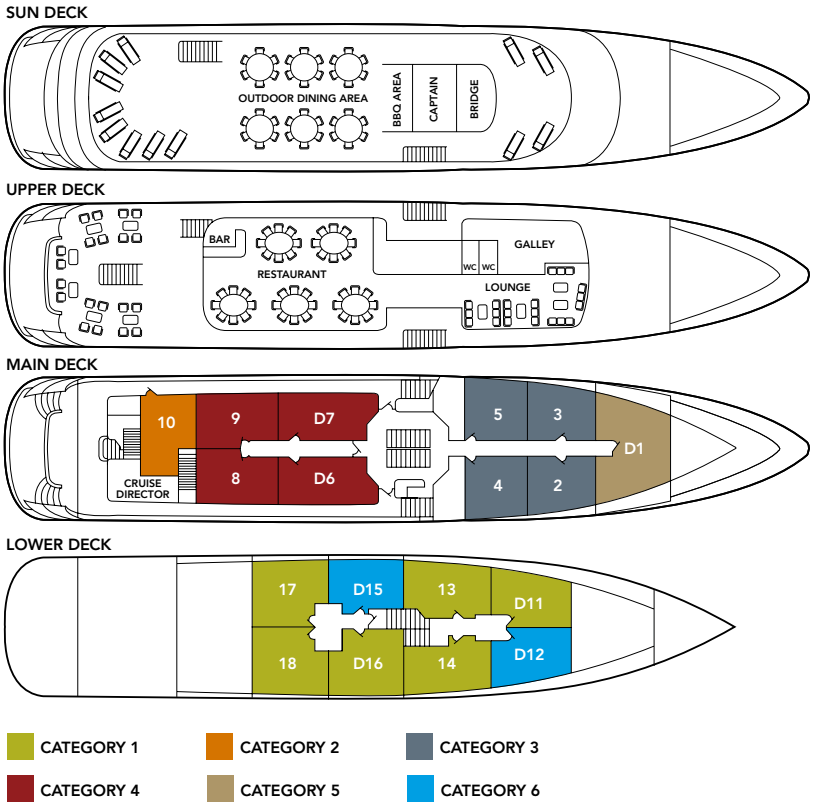
The vessel has been designed with spacious outside public areas including a large Sun Deck with an excellent shaded area. Whether you choose to spend your time indoors in the lounge or bar area, or on a comfortable lounger on the Sun Deck, the ship has many perfect spots from which to relax and watch the passing scenery.

Your Dining

Meals on board are a casual affair. Breakfast is buffet style with eggs cooked to order. Lunch and dinner feature locally sourced fresh food. In good weather, there will be the opportunity to dine al-fresco. House wine/ beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner and there is a 24 hour tea/ coffee station.

Sun Deck

QUEEN ELEGANZA DECK PLAN



Please note that D indicates cabins which have a fixed double bed

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