## SMALL SHIP CRUISING IN

# CROATIA

ABOARD THE 36-PASSENGER QUEEN ELEGANZA 2025







## COASTAL CRUISING IN CROATIA WITH NOBLE CALEDONIA

Even the most jaded of travellers cannot fail to be won over by the beauty of Croatia's coast and for 2025 we are delighted to have once again chartered the 36-passenger Queen Eleganza for a series of cruises exploring the region, from Istria in the north to magnificent Dubrovnik in the south and Montenegro's Kotor. The Queen Eleganza is the perfect vessel for our explorations and owing to her size, we have been able to create some unique journeys which are somewhat different from regular cruises in the region which include the Istrian coast and the islands in Kvarner Bay, and visits to both Slovenia and Montenegro.

#### A Unique Collection of Itineraries

We have devised a collection of unique itineraries for 2025 which include some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships. Our journeys along the Dalmatian Coast offer a cornucopia of delights and include some of our favourite cities and towns in the region such as Dubrovnik and Split with their unique atmosphere and architecture, Opatija, a hidden gem with its 19th century architecture, and Istria's crown jewel of Rovinj. We will also spend time in some charming islands including Hvar, Rab and Korcula as well as the lesser-visited gems of Mali Losinj, flower-filled Illovik and tranquil Zlarin. To enhance your holiday further, one of our itineraries has been combined with a two night hotel stay in the heart of old town Kotor in Montenegro and another in Slovenia's beautiful Lake Bled. This wonderful region has so much to offer and our itineraries will be appreciated by those who enjoy an eclectic mix of places, discovering Medieval towns, exploring Roman sites and cruising amongst spectacular coastal scenery.

#### What to Expect

Every cruise features included excursions with our excellent local guides and we have also ensured there is ample time at leisure for independent exploration of the delightful Croatian towns which have so much character. Each day you can enjoy some scenic day time cruising whilst each night we will remain moored in the picturesque harbours allowing for the opportunity to dine ashore occasionally and experience the floodlit splendour and lively café society which is so atmospheric in the evening. There are a number of huge cruise vessels that include a couple of ports of call in the Adriatic but this is not an area for today's mega cruise ships. The small islands, ancient towns and villages cannot accommodate large crowds of tourists and when travelling in such large groups it is easy to miss the essence of what these places are all about. For a comprehensive look at the region with time set aside to swim in the azure seas, it has to be explored aboard a small ship.







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### 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 range in size from 13 square metres for the category 2 cabin to 25 square metres for the category 5 cabin. Facilities include air conditioning/heating, wardrobe, drawers and spacious under bed storage, television, radio, hairdryer and safety deposit box. Each cabin also has an en-suite bathroom with a shower, a large sink with under sink drawer space and toiletries including shower gel, soap, shampoo and conditioner. All bathrooms feature a small window.

#### Your Space

If you prefer a peaceful life at sea and a casual, laid-back ambience then you need look no further than the Queen Eleganza. 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.

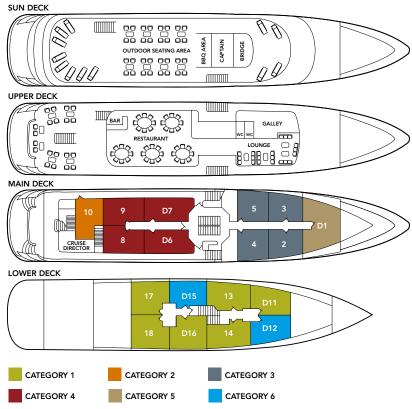
#### Your Dining

Meals on board are a casual affair featuring locally sourced produce and a selection of regional specialities. Breakfast and lunch are buffet style and feature both hot and cold dishes, whilst dinner is a set menu. House wine, beer and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner and there is a 24 hour tea/coffee station.

#### Life On Board

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.

#### **QUEEN ELEGANZA DECK PLAN**



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

## Dalmatian Coastal Journey

A cruise from Split to Kotor aboard the Queen Eleganza combined with a two night stay in Montenegro 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Join us for this unique exploration of the Dalmatian Coast which combines a cruise along Croatia's spectacular coastline with its intense blue sea and amazingly picturesque islands with a post-cruise hotel stay in Montenegro's stunning Medieval town of Kotor. This region has much to offer the genuine traveller and our cruise itinerary has been carefully designed to visit some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships. Each night we remain moored in the picturesque harbours affording the opportunity to dine ashore on some evenings, enjoying the floodlit splendour and lively café society which is so atmospheric.



We begin in the historic city of Split with its Diocletian Palace built by the Romans which we will explore before sailing to some of Croatia's most beautiful coastal towns, including Primosten with its pretty old town and Sibenik where we can view the dramatic waterfalls of Krka. We will then sail to the pretty islands of Hvar and Korcula where we will spend time walking through the beautiful old towns exploring their historic wonders and sampling some of the delicious local wines. More natural beauty awaits in Mljet where we will tour the National Park including its beautiful lakes before arriving in the magnificent walled town of Dubrovnik.

Finally, after our cruise aboard the 36-passenger Queen Eleganza, we have the benefit of a two night hotel stay in the heart of the old town of Kotor, Montenegro, allowing us time to discover this charming UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled at the foot of the spectacular fjord-like Bay of Kotor. If you enjoy an informal style of cruising, exploring ashore with a small group of like-minded travellers and cruising amongst spectacular coastal scenery, then our journey along the Dalmatian coast will surely appeal.

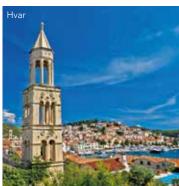


#### The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Split & Primosten. Take a morning guided walk through Split which includes the Palace of Diocletian which was built by the emperor in 295-305 AD as his retirement villa. Much of this large building is well preserved and the palace contains Split's Old Town within its walls, making it the only Roman palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea as we sail to Primosten. We will arrive late this afternoon and moor overnight as we dine on board this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Primosten & Sibenik. Join a guided walking tour of the pretty little town of Primosten, dominated by the church of St George which dates from 1485. We also hope to take the short journey to the hilltop site of the Our Lady of Loreto statue and enjoy the magnificent views over the Dalmatian coastline. Return to the ship and sail over lunch to Sibenik where from our berth we will visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka. Enjoy a morning guided walk along wooden walkways and across bridges through this unique fjord like landscape with its multiple waterfalls and interesting flora and fauna. We will have the chance to sample one of the many local restaurants for dinner this evening as we moor overnight. (B, L)









Day 4 Hvar. This morning we cruise to the island of Hvar. Arrive in the early afternoon in Stari Grad, where we take a short coach ride across the island to the attractive Old Town 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 Korcula. Spend this morning at sea as we sail to the island of Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. After lunch on board we drive to the interior of the island, past olive groves and vineyards offering views down to the coast below. On our visit to a winery, we will learn more about the mainly white wines which have been cultivated on the island for centuries before enjoying a tasting. A late afternoon guided tour will include a walk along Korcula's crooked Medieval streets revealing elegant squares flanked with palaces of the old nobility. We will moor overnight in Korcula allowing you the opportunity to dine ashore in the Old Town this evening. (B, L)

Day 6 Korcula & Mljet. Enjoy a morning to further explore Korcula independently before sailing over lunch to our next island, Mljet. Here we will discover one of the few Dalmatian islands that was never ruled by Venice, which is apparent in the architecture and the absence of any sizeable historic town. What it lacks in terms of great architecture, it more than makes up for in natural beauty and there will be a tour to the National Park including its beautiful lakes. Moor overnight in Pomena where you can dine in one of the harbourside restaurants. (B, L)

**Day 7 Dubrovnik.** Sail early this morning for Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic". After lunch on board take a short drive to Pile Gate, where 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 and enjoy our final dinner on board this evening. Moor overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Dubrovnik to Perast & Kotor, Montenegro. Disembark this morning and take a scenic drive to the spectacular fjord-like Bay of Kotor where we will stop at the historic town of Perast overlooking the bay. This charming town once belonged to the Republic of Venice whose influence can still be seen in the many Baroque palaces and Catholic churches that we will discover on a guided walk. Spend some time in the town's detailed museum before we take a boat ride into the bay

to Our Lady of the Rocks, one of the two islets off the coast of Perast. There are many legends that surround the history of this tiny island and in times gone by, sailors would pledge their devotion to Our Lady of the Rocks before setting out on their often treacherous journeys. Explore the church and small museum before returning to the mainland where we will have lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon, transfer to Kotor old town and check in to our hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to explore independently. (B, L)

Day 9 Kotor. This morning we will take a guided walk through the Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our walk will include the 12th century Cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Following lunch in a local restaurant, this afternoon is free for independent exploration. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below. Meet for a farewell dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Kotor to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

#### PRICES PER PERSON

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6	Double cabin on the Lower Deck for sole u	use <b>£3995</b>	£3695

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Seven nights aboard the Queen Eleganza • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • House wine, beer & soft drinks with included lunches and dinners • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Two nights hotel accommodation in Kotor • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager in Kotor • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

## Balkan Delights

Explore Croatia's beautiful coast & islands aboard the Queen Eleganza combined with a two night stay in Lake Bled

25th April to 6th May 2025

Our unique exploration of the Balkans combines a cruise along Croatia's spectacular coastline with its intense blue sea and amazingly picturesque islands with visits to both Bosnia-Herzegovina and Slovenia. This region has much to offer the genuine traveller and our cruise itinerary has been carefully designed to visit some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships and each night we remain moored in the picturesque harbours affording the opportunity to dine ashore on some evenings, enjoying the floodlit splendour and lively café society which is so atmospheric.

We will explore Medieval towns and cities, impressive monasteries and UNESCO World
Heritage Sites including the magnificent old town of Dubrovnik, the charming islands of
Korcula and Rab, the dramatic waterfalls of Krka and the pretty island of Brac. We will also
visit the cities of Zadar and Split with their history dating back to Roman times and spend a day
in Croatia's lesser-visited neighbour Bosnia-Herzegovina where we will discover the historic city
of Mostar. Finally, after our cruise aboard the 36-passenger Queen Eleganza, we have the benefit of a two
night hotel stay in Slovenia allowing us time to discover the beautiful cobalt-blue Lake Bled with its tiny
castle-topped island in the middle and the largest underground cave system in Europe at Postojna.





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#### The Itinerary

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

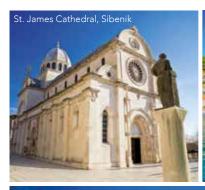
Day 2 Dubrovnik & Korcula. Spend the morning in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic". After a short drive to Pile Gate, we will begin our guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979. See the major attractions such as the Rector's 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 walking along the crooked Medieval streets to the elegant squares which are flanked with palaces of the old nobility. We will moor overnight in Korcula and you will be able to dine ashore in the Old Town this evening. (B, L)

**Day 3 Korcula & Opuzen.** After breakfast we will drive to the interior of the island, past olive groves and vineyards offering views down to the coast below. During our visit to a winery we will learn more about the

mainly white wines, which have been cultivated on the island for centuries before enjoying a tasting. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea as we sail to Opuzen, located 12 kilometres from the coast on the Neretva River, where we moor overnight allowing for the opportunity to dine ashore independently this evening. (B, L)

Day 4 Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Today we cross the border into Bosnia-Herzegovina for our visit to Mostar. In the 15th century, Mostar became a thriving centre on the banks of the emerald Neretva River under the Ottoman Turks. Damaged by the military conflict in the 1990s, the town has been carefully restored by UNESCO and declared a World Heritage Site. Admire the ethereally graceful Stari Most ('The Old Bridge'), originally built in 1566, the nearby Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque and an old Turkish house, among other sites. You may also wish to explore the old bazaar independently, a haven for the city's artists and craftsmen. Return to the ship in Opuzen this evening. (B, L, D)

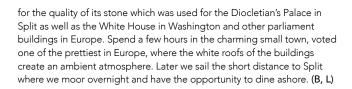
Day 5 Brac & Split, Croatia. Sail this morning for Brac and the attractive port of Pucisca located at the end of a long bay. Brac is world renowned











Day 6 Split & Sibenik. Our morning guided walk tour through Split includes the Palace of Diocletian which was built by the emperor in 295-305 AD as his retirement villa. Much of this large building is well preserved and the palace contains Split's Old Town within its walls, making it the only Roman palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. It is a wonderful spot to wander the maze of streets. Over lunch we will sail to Sibenik where we enjoy a late afternoon walking tour through the historic town seeing the Cathedral of St James, the old city walls, and the theatre before dining on board this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Krka National Park & Zadar. From our berth in Sibenik we visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka. Enjoy a morning guided walk along wooden walkways and across bridges through this unique fjord like landscape with its multiple waterfalls and interesting flora and fauna. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board sailing through the Kornati Islands as we make our way to Zadar for an overnight mooring and the opportunity to dine ashore independently this evening. (B, L)

Day 8 Zadar. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic coast rivalling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city that has preserved its historical core. During our guided walking tour we will stroll 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. Over lunch we continue our journey north as we sail to Rab where we moor later this afternoon. We have the chance to sample one of the many local restaurants for dinner this evening as we moor overnight. (B, L)

Day 9 Rab & Opatija. This morning we will take a guided walk through the picturesque Old Town, a perfectly preserved late Medieval Adriatic settlement squeezed into a slender peninsula along which are dotted a sequence of Romanesque campaniles. After a final afternoon at sea we arrive in Opatija and will take a walk around this genteel resort before our farewell dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 10 Opatija to Lake Bled, Slovenia. Disembark this morning as we make our way to Slovenia. We will drive through the Karst region, known

for its rich natural habitat. The Postojna Cave is a 21 kilometre long karst cave system, a web of underground passages, galleries and chambers, the biggest in Europe. There is almost no corner in the cave without a beautiful stalactite or stalagmite. The cave boasts the oldest underground train in the world, which we will use to partly explore this underground jewel but the two kilometres of its most attractive part is taken on foot allowing us to slowly take in the many natural and unusual wonders of the darkness. After lunch we continue to our hotel in Lake Bled where after some free time we will meet for dinner in the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Lake Bled. Using the local 'pletna' boats, this morning we will cruise the lake and make our way to Blejski Otok, an island situated in the middle of the lake where we will visit the Chapel of Santa Maria. Returning to the lakeside we will make our way to Bled Castle located high on the rock face above the lake, protecting the town since 1004. We end our visit at the picturesque old town of Radovljica, one of the best-preserved towns in Slovenia with houses dating back to the 15th century. After lunch in the town we will return to the hotel in Lake Bled for an afternoon at leisure. Maybe take the walking track around the lake for further views or relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. We will meet for dinner tonight in the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 12 Lake Bled to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will check out and transfer to Ljubljana airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

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## Istrian Coastal Odyssey

Discover the beauty of Istria & Kvarner Bay aboard the Queen Eleganza 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June & 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Even the most jaded of travellers cannot fail to be won over by the beauty of the Istrian coast and our eight-night exploration is combined with a visit to the region's bucolic interior and some charming islands. Croatia's Istrian coast and Kvarner Bay offer some of the world's most beautiful coastal scenery, picturesque islands and a wonderfully tranquil and peaceful atmosphere. The 36-passenger Queen Eleganza is the perfect vessel for our journey allowing us to moor centrally in towns and call into secluded bays, enabling us to fully discover all the region has to offer and to visit some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships along the way.

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Our island calls will include Cres with its Italian influence and scenic Medieval harbour, the larger island of Krk and Losinj, a classic Adriatic island which is still relatively unspoilt. We will also travel inland to an area of disarming beauty characterised by fertile valleys with hilltop villages. Here we explore the quaint village of Groznjan, in the middle of truffle territory, which has some of the best views of the Istrian interior from its ramparts. This part of Croatia is often acclaimed for its gastronomy and we will experience the local cuisine as well as a visit to a vineyard to taste the typical wines of the area. Our cruise will conclude in charming Pula with its well-preserved Roman amphitheatre.

Each night we will remain moored in the picturesque harbours affording the opportunity to dine ashore on some evenings and to enjoy the floodlit splendour and lively café society which is so atmospheric. For those who enjoy cruising amongst scenic waterways, swimming in clear blue waters and exploring Medieval harbours and picturesque villages with a small group of like-minded travellers, this journey will surely appeal.



#### The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Krk. This morning we set sail to Krk where an afternoon walking tour will include the 12th century St Mary's Cathedral, the Frankopan Castle and Church of St Quirnus 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. Dine shore this evening in one of the charming local restaurants. (B, L)

**Day 3 Cres.** During breakfast we will cruise to the island of Cres, mooring after lunch in the sheltered scenic Medieval harbour at Cres Town. Enjoy a walk through the atmospheric streets which have a strong Italian feel having been under Venetian rule in the 15th and 16th centuries. 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. (B, L)

Day 4 Mali Losinj. Spend the morning cruising and take the opportunity for a swim before arriving 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 is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The seafront of the old town is lined with a string of imposing 19th century houses and villas and is a pleasant place to wander. This evening dinner will be served on board. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Rovinj. Sail today to the atmospheric town of Rovinj where the houses inside the old town are small and lean into 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 sometime around 800 AD. Take the opportunity to dine ashore this evening in one of the delightful local restaurants. (B, L)

Day 6 Rovinj & Porec. Enjoy a morning at leisure to further explore Rovinj before sailing over lunch to our next destination, Porec. On an afternoon walking tour we will discover the compact old town including the 6th century Euphrasian Basilica, a World Heritage Site and one of Europe's finest intact examples of Byzantine art. The basilica, atrium, baptistery and episcopal palace are outstanding examples of religious architecture. Dine ashore independently this evening in one of the many harbourside restaurants. (B, L)

**Day 7 Porec for Groznjan.** Today we will travel on a full day tour 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. On a morning walking tour we will explore the quaint hilltop village of Groznjan. Once a 14th century Venetian fortress, the well-preserved Medieval centre is now home to many small art galleries

and pottery studios and boasts stunning views over the Mirna Valley. After a lunch of local specialties, this afternoon we will take a scenic drive and visit a local vineyard to enjoy a tasting of the wines which are typical of the region. Return to the ship for dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Pula. After a final morning at sea, we arrive at the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. 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 our farewell dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

**Day 9 Pula to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

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## Along the Adriatic Coast

A cruise from Pula to Dubrovnik aboard the Queen Eleganza

10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June & 28<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Ome with us to explore the beautiful Adriatic Coast and its hundreds of islands aboard the charming Queen Eleganza. We have devised our itinerary with the view that we have a private yacht as our base and are therefore able to create a journey that is somewhat different from regular cruises. Added to this we have the benefit of a two night stay in Pula before our cruise to explore the Istrian peninsula, including the atmospheric coastal town of Rovinj and the Medieval hilltop village of Bale, surrounded by olive groves.

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With our vessel that accommodates just 36 guests, we are able to visit some marvellous places which do not cater for the big ships and each night we remain moored in the picturesque harbours affording the opportunity to take an after-dinner stroll and dine ashore on certain evenings. We will sail through some truly beautiful scenery which you can appreciate whilst relaxing on the sun deck, and our calls along the sedate Northern coast will include tranquil Primosten with its many beaches, and the picturesque island of Mali Losinj. We will also visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka, spend time walking through the beautiful old towns of Hvar and Korcula, and explore the wonders of Zadar and Dubrovnik, with their history which dates back to Roman times. In addition to our included guided excursions, we have allowed ample time at leisure for independent exploration.

Some explore the region by hopping on and off ferries, others hire sailing boats. But for most, the best means of exploration is by a cruise vessel. There are a number of huge cruise vessels that include a couple of ports of call in the Adriatic but this is not an area for today's mega cruise ships. The small islands, ancient towns and villages cannot accommodate large crowds of tourists and when travelling in such large groups, people miss the essence of what these places are all about. For a comprehensive look at the region with time set aside to swim in the azure seas, it has to be explored aboard a small ship.



#### The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Pula, Croatia. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Hotel Park Plaza Histria and check in for our two night stay. Settle in before enjoying dinner at the hotel this evening. (D)

Day 2 Pula & Rovinj. This morning we will explore some of the Istrian peninsula where we will first stop at the charming hilltop village of Bale. Spend some time exploring the Medieval streets built around the 16th century Soardo-Bembo Castle. The town is surrounded by olive groves and we will stop at a nearby olive oil farm where we will enjoy a tasting. Continue to the coastal town of Rovinj, where the houses inside the old town are small and lean into each other creating a unique atmosphere. Our guided walking tour will include the Franciscan

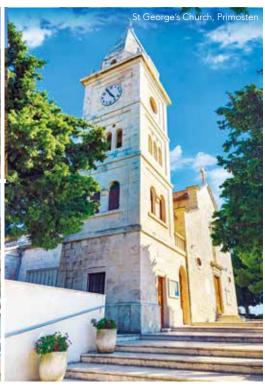
Monastery, City Palace and the town's main landmark, St Euphemia Church which is built on the top of a small hill. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to the hotel where the rest of the day and evening are at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 3 Pula.** Check out of our hotel this morning and take the short drive into the historic heart of Pula, the former Roman settlement of Polensium. On our walking 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. Following









lunch at a local restaurant we will embark the Queen Eleganza. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner on board as we moor overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Mali Losinj. Spend the morning cruising and take the opportunity for a swim before arriving 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 is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The seafront of the old town 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 harbourside restaurants. (B, L)

Day 5 Zadar. Set sail this morning for Zadar, arriving after lunch. Once a dominant city on the Adriatic Coast rivalling Venice, Zadar is today a treasured city that has preserved its historical core. Enjoy an afternoon 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. We will moor overnight, allowing you the opportunity to choose from one of the charming local restaurants to dine ashore. (B, L)

Day 6 Sibenik. Spend the morning at sea as we cruise to Sibenik, our base to visit the majestic waterfalls of Krka. Enjoy a guided walk along wooden walkways and across bridges through this unique fjord like landscape with its multiple waterfalls and interesting flora and fauna. Return to Sibenik where we join a late afternoon walking tour through the historic town seeing the Cathedral of St James, the old city walls, and the theatre. Enjoy dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

**Day 7 Primosten.** Sail this morning to Primosten, arriving at lunchtime. Join a guided walking tour of this pretty little town situated on a small peninsula and dominated by the church of St George which dates from 1485. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore independently, maybe head to one of the many nearby beaches to relax or have a swim in the crystal-clear waters. This evening you can sample one of the many local restaurants and enjoy a stroll along the promenade as we moor overnight. (B, L)

Day 8 Hvar. Spend the morning at sea as we sail to Stari Grad where, upon arrival after lunch, 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 and 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. (B, L, D)

**Day 9 Korcula.** Relax on board this morning as we sail to Korcula where we arrive this afternoon. The reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo, 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 moor overnight in Korcula and you will be able to dine ashore in the Old Town this evening. **(B, L)** 

Day 10 Dubrovnik. Spend a final morning at sea as we sail towards our final port of call, Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic", where we will arrive after lunch. After a short drive to Pile Gate, we will begin our guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town, 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 and enjoy a farewell dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Dubrovnik to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

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	3	Twin Cabin on the Main Deck	£4595	£4395
	4	Twin/Double cabin on the Main Deck	£4895	£4695
ı	5	Double cabin on the Main Deck	£5195	£4995
	6	Double cabin on the Lower Deck for sole	use <b>£4295</b>	£4095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Pula • Eight nights aboard the Queen Eleganza • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • House wine, beer & soft drinks with included lunches and dinners • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager in Pula • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Airport taxes. . Not Included: Travel insurance.

## Island Hopping in Dalmatia

A voyage exploring Croatia's beautiful coast & islands aboard the Queen Eleganza 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June & 12<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

For those who enjoy cruising amongst beautiful coastal scenery, swimming in clear blue waters and exploring little-known fishing ports and ancient towns with a small group of like-minded travellers, this ten night journey through the Dalmatian Islands will surely appeal. Whilst Croatia itself is no longer a secret, this unique cruise steers clear of the well-trodden tourist trail and instead will head to some of the quieter spots and out-of-the-way beaches and islands which the Croats themselves escape to.

Our journey begins with an overnight hotel stay in Dubrovnik to allow for a full day to explore this Medieval walled city, well deserving of its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark the Queen Eleganza and our first call is to the island of Korcula with its atmospheric Old Town and charming waterfront restaurants. We will then make our way along the coast and discover beautiful islands such as Bol, close to the stunning Zlatni rat beach, tranquil Maslinica with just 208 inhabitants and tiny Zlarin which is surrounded by sandy beaches and idyllic coves. Continuing on we will discover the natural beauty of Telascica National Park, the charming island of Mali Losinj, and enjoy time on the remote, flower-filled island of Ilovik and picturesque Rab. Our final afternoon will be spent exploring Opatija, a hidden gem with its 19th century architecture and grand villas and a

With just 36 guests on board we will be able to explore parts of the coast that most cruise ship passengers in the region rarely get to visit and, taking advantage of our central moorings, you will be able to sample the wonderful gastronomy and experience the enchanting towns and harbours in their evening splendour. 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.



fitting end to our voyage.



#### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Dubrovnik, Croatia.** Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Hilton Imperial Hotel in Dubrovnik for an overnight stay. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. **(D)** 

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Day 2 Dubrovnik. Spend the day in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic". We will start with a ride on the Dubrovnik Cable Car to the top of Srd Hill for a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old Town and Adriatic Coast. On our return, enjoy a guided walk through the unique Medieval Old Town 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. We will have lunch in a local restaurant before transferring to nearby Gruz where we embark the Queen Eleganza. Enjoy a welcome dinner on board this evening as we moor overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Korcula. Spend a relaxing morning at sea, arriving in Korcula after lunch where we drive to the interior of the island, past olive groves and vineyards offering views down to the coast below. On our visit to a winery, we will learn more about the mainly white wines which have been cultivated on the island for centuries before enjoying a tasting. After our visit return to Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo, and on a walking tour 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 moor overnight in Korcula and you will be able to dine ashore in the Old Town this evening. (B, L)

Day 4 Brac. Sail this morning for the island of Brac where we will moor in the small town of Bol. Spend some time this afternoon exploring this attractive old town, or head to one of the nearby beaches for a swim, including Zlatni rat, arguably one of the most beautiful beaches in Croatia. We will moor overnight, allowing for the opportunity to dine ashore independently this evening. (B, L)

**Day 5 Solta.** Spend the morning at sea, arriving at Maslinica on the island of Solta after lunch. This tranquil village, home to just









208 inhabitants, is well off the beaten track and is an idyllic spot for an afternoon wander or a swim. Dine ashore this evening in one of the harbourside restaurants and moor overnight. (B, L)

**Day 6 Zlarin.** Sail this morning to the small island of Zlarin. This beautiful car free island is well known for its handmade coral jewellery production. Spend this afternoon exploring the quiet village, maybe discover the Coral Museum or one of the small nearby beaches for a swim. Dine on board this evening as we moor overnight in the peaceful marina. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Telascica National Park, Kornati Islands. We continue our journey, cruising through the Kornati islands before we arrive at Telascica Nature Park, a beautiful area of islands, islets, rugged cliffs and coves which are home to many endemic plants. Enjoy a guided walk of the area and around the lake before we return to the ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Mali Losinj. Spend a relaxing day on board and take the opportunity for a swim before arriving 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 is scented with lavender, sage and rosemary. The seafront of the old town 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 9 Ilovik & Rab. 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 Rab. A late afternoon walking tour will take us through the picturesque Old Town, a perfectly preserved late Medieval Adriatic settlement squeezed into a slender peninsula along which are dotted a sequence of Romanesque campaniles. This evening you can sample one of the many local restaurants. (B, L)

Day 10 Opatjia. After a morning cruising we arrive in Opatija this afternoon and have some time to explore this genteel resort town before we enjoy our farewell dinner on board. (B, L, D)

**Day 11 Opatjia to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to Zagreb Airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)



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