



# Adriatic Expedition Cruise

EUROPE | Venice, Korčula, Primošten, Split, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Hvar, Rovinj

Season: 2024

 **8** DAYS

 **20** MEALS

 **12** SITES



## Trip Overview

 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

 ACCOMMODATIONS

 8 LOCATIONS

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Venice, Kor u la, Primošten,  
Split, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Hvar,  
Rovinj

 AGES

 FLIGHT INFORMATION

 20 MEALS

Minimum Age: 5  
Suggested Age: 6+

**Arrive:** Venice Marco Polo  
Airport (VCE)  
**Return:** Venice Marco Polo  
Airport (VCE)

7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7  
Dinners

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## VENICE AND AT SEA

### Activities Highlights:

Arrive in Venice, Embarkation, Welcome Dinner, Sip & Sail Away Party

 Dinner Included

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### Arrive in Venice, Italy

Welcome to Venice, Italy, the beginning of what is sure to be a truly spectacular adventure along the sun-soaked shores of the Adriatic coastline. Plan your arrival at Marco Polo Airport (VCE) for no earlier than 1:00 PM.

### Embarkation on the PONANT *Le Bougainville*

Upon your arrival at the dock, you will embark on the PONANT Le Bougainville ship, your luxury-filled home for the next 8 days and 7 nights. Settle into your cabin, then explore the ship and all the onboard amenities which includes a pool with panoramic views, state-of-the-art theater, several lounge areas to meet up with your fellow Adventurers, a wellness spa with a gym, a multi-sensorial underwater lounge and much more!

### Welcome & Ship Safety Information

Get to know important safety information about the ship at this mandatory, informative meeting with the ship's crew.

### Sip & Sail Away Party

"Arrivederci!" Raise a glass of Prosecco or a spritz for a toast with an Italian Sail Away Party. Enjoy the marvelous Venetian views as you cruise through the Grand Canal on your

way to sea and the beauty of the Adriatic coast.



### Dinner On the Ship

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers and Adventure Guides to kick off your grand adventure with a delicious meal on the ship.

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## AT SEA AND KORČULA

### Activities Highlights:

Morning: Onboard Activities; Afternoon: Mali Ston Oyster Bed Cruise & Tasting OR Lumbarda Wine-Tasting & Beach Visit OR Old Town & Optional Beach Visit



Breakfast, Lunch and  
Dinner Included



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### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### Morning Onboard Activities

Enjoy your time at sea with a host of fun and engaging activities for all ages. Activities may include:

- Visit the Ship's Bridge
- Photography Tips & Tricks
- Junior Adventurer Pool Parties Hosted by Adventure Guides
- Board Games
- Daily Teatime with Music
- Daily Spa Services & Fitness Classes



### Lunch On the Ship

Enjoy a delicious meal on the ship before heading out for an adventure-filled afternoon.



## AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

### OPTION A:

#### **Mali Ston Oyster Bed Cruise & Tasting**

Ferry across to the Pelješac Peninsula to the quaint bayside village of Mali Ston, where you'll board a private boat and cruise to the renowned oyster beds where a local fisherman will draw up fresh oysters straight from the sea to sample on the boat.

### OPTION B:

#### **Lumbarda Wine-Tasting & Beach Visit**

Spend the morning at a local winery restaurant where you'll sample the delectable wines unique to the Lumbarda region, along with some savory snacks and fresh juices for all ages to enjoy. Then, relax and go for a swim in the refreshing waters at a nearby sandy beach.

### OPTION C:

#### **Old Town Korčula & Optional Beach Visit**

Traverse the centuries-old narrow walkways of Old Town Korčula on a privately-guided tour where photo-ops abound at every turn. Following your tour, you may choose to explore the fortified town on your own or visit a nearby beach for some fun in the sun.



## Dinner On the Ship

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers to swap stories from the day's adventures with a delicious meal on the ship.



## Evening Onboard Entertainment

Cap off your amazing day with an evening of fun, family-friendly entertainment that may include:

- Performances by PONANT Entertainment Team
- Themed Karaoke Nights
- Disney Trivia & Game Nights
- Talent Show
- Disney Movies

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## PRIMOŠTEN

### Activities Highlights:

Full Day Activity Option: Krka National Park & Etnoland Dalmati Visit;  
Afternoon Activity Options: Old Town Split OR RIB to Trogir, Stella  
Croatica Tasting, Klis Fortress Photo Stop



Breakfast, Lunch and  
Dinner Included



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### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### OPTION A:

#### Krka National Park & Etnoland Dalmati Visit (FULL-DAY ACTIVITY)

Explore majestic waterfalls and inspiring landscapes on guided nature walks through the magnificent Krka National Park. You'll hear stories of the first demonstration of electricity by Croatian innovator, Nikola Tesla, set sail on a private river cruise to Skradin, and visit a traditional Dalmatian home at Etnoland Dalmati.

During your excursion, you'll savor a lunch of local flavors and put your best foot forward with a lesson in Croatian folk dance.

#### OPTION B:

Morning Activities on the Ship or On Your Own Exploration in Primošten (HALF-DAY

**ACTIVITY)**

Take a refreshing morning swim or go ashore and explore the seaside village of Primošten.

You may also enjoy your time aboard the ship with a host of fun and engaging activities for all ages.

**Lunch On the Ship**

Adventurers opting to spend their morning aboard the ship will enjoy a delicious meal before heading out for an adventure-filled afternoon.

**AFTERNOON HALF-DAY ACTIVITY OPTIONS IN SPLIT:****OPTION A:****Old Town Split & On Your Own Exploration**

Join a local guide for an exploration of the Historical Complex of Split, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During this fascinating tour, you'll visit the Cathedral of St. Domnius, Jupiter's Temple of Diocletian's Palace and the cellars down below that were once the private apartments of Emperor Diocletian and are one of the world's most well-preserved complexes of their kind. Following the tour, you'll get to head into town to do some exploration on your own.

**OPTION B:****RIB to Trogir with Stella Croatica Wine-Tasting**

Board a high-speed RIB boat for an exhilarating ride to Trogir—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most well-preserved medieval cities in Central Europe—where you'll explore the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, the triple-nave basilica constructed in Romanesque-Gothic.

Next, you'll board a motor coach for a journey into the countryside where you will be immersed in the local culture at Stella Croatica. Here you'll taste regional wines, treats and olive oil as you are entertained by traditional music. You'll also visit the storied medieval Klis Fortress for a stunning panoramic photo stop.

**Dinner On the Ship**

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers to swap stories from the day's adventures with a delicious meal on the ship.

**Evening Onboard Entertainment**

Cap off your amazing day with an evening of fun, family-friendly entertainment.

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## DUBROVNIK

### Activities Highlights:

Old Town Dubrovnik & City Walls Tour (Optional), Morning: Lokrum Island Kayaking OR Panoramic Boat Cruise & Dubelj Farm Visit OR Lopud Island Adventure (Full Day); Afternoon: Konavle Valley Wine Tasting & Ljuta Mill OR Old Town Panoramic Tour

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### Old Town Dubrovnik & City Walls Tour (Early Morning Optional)

Early risers can greet the day with a tour of Dubrovnik's Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the tour, you'll walk across the iconic city walls.



### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### FULL DAY ACTIVITY OPTION: Lopud Island Adventure

Enjoy a day of adventure and island-hopping by speedboat! Visit the Modra Spilja Cave, swim & snorkel at Koloep Island, then escape to Šunjski beach for some fun-in-the-sun. You'll also enjoy a tasty lunch at a local restaurant.



### MORNING ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### OPTION A:

### Lokrum Island Kayaking

Kayak along the Old City Walls of Dubrovnik to the Lokrum Island nature preserve. Take a break for exploration, swimming and refreshments.

#### OPTION B:

### Panoramic Boat Cruise & Dubelj Farm Visit

Cruise along the Dubrovnik City Walls and magnificent coastline in a private boat to the small village of Orašac. You'll continue to Dubelj Farm to discover traditional olive oil production and savor the garden-to-table flavors of the family home.



### Lunch On the Ship

Enjoy a delicious meal on the ship before heading out for an afternoon adventure.



### AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### OPTION A:

### Konavle Valley Wine Tasting & Ljuta Mill

Take a scenic drive outside the city to the Konavle Valley to enjoy a wine tasting and local snacks at an award-winning vineyard. Visit the Old Water and Stamp Mill in the wooded countryside to see traditional clothes and learn how they were once crafted.

#### OPTION B:

### Old Town Panoramic Tour & On Your Own Exploration with Entry for the City Walls

Tour the highlights of UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Old City of Dubrovnik, before exploring the city on your own. As an option, you may choose to explore the famous city walls to take in the spectacular panoramic views.



### Traditional Klapa & Linčo Performance

Experience a local Croatian performance featuring klapa—a traditional Dalmatian cappella singing—and linčo—a popular form of folk dance in Dubrovnik—while enjoying cocktails with your fellow Adventurers.



### Dinner On the Ship

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers to swap stories from the day's adventures with a delicious meal on the ship.



### Evening Onboard Entertainment

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## KOTOR

### Activities Highlights:

Lipa Cave OR Old Town Kotor & Our Lady of the Rocks OR Boka Bay  
Catamaran



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Dinner Included



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### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### MORNING HALF-DAY ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### OPTION A:

##### Journey to Lipa Cave

Make your way up the scenic mountain roads that take you high above the Port of Kotor before heading down to discover the chilly, natural underground beauty of Lipa Cave—a 1.5 mile underground network of passages and halls. On the way, you'll stop for a snack at a local restaurant that sits high up on the mountain roads with breathtaking views overlooking Boka Bay.

#### OPTION B:

##### Old Town Kotor & Our Lady of the Rocks

Wander the cobblestone streets of idyllic Old Town Kotor, then cruise the Bay of Kotor on a private boat to the magical created islet, Our Lady of the Rocks. Hear the stories of this 17th-century church built upon sunken rocks, old ships, and legends.

#### OPTION C:

##### **Boka Bay Catamaran**

Head out to the port city of Tivat to board a large, private catamaran. Then, set sail on Boka Bay—often called Europe’s southernmost fjord due to its protected waterways banked by steep coastline. Discover hidden submarine caves, sail past medieval villages, snap a picture at Our Lady of the Rocks and enjoy a picnic lunch aboard the catamaran.



##### **Lunch On the Ship**

Enjoy a delicious meal on the ship before heading out for an afternoon adventure.



##### **On Your Own Exploration in Kotor**

Spend some time exploring the medieval town of Kotor, a port city that has the reputation of being one of the most beautiful spots in the Adriatic. Stroll along the city walls or take in the breathtaking views while enjoying a glass of wine (or a non-alcoholic drink) and a delicious honey fritter.



##### **Sip & Sail—Boka Bay Cruise**

Sit back with a beverage and relax while being regaled with colorful tales and local legends of the past as you sail around and through Boka Bay on your way back to the sea.



##### **Dinner On the Ship**

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers to swap stories from the day’s adventures with a delicious meal on the ship.



##### **Evening Onboard Entertainment**

Cap off your amazing day with an evening of fun, family-friendly entertainment.

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## HVAR

### Activities Highlights:

Biking & Hora Family Estate OR Hora Family Estate & Stari Grad OR Sea Kayaking, Farewell Dinner



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Dinner Included



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### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### MORNING ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

#### OPTION A:

##### Biking & Hora Family Estate

Pedal through Hvar's Stari Grad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the oldest cities and agricultural regions in Central Europe, and pass by small villages and along lavender fields. You'll also explore the Hora Family Estate's vibrant and fragrant lavender farm and enjoy snacks and a wine tasting.

#### OPTION B:

##### Hora Family Estate & Stari Grad

Start the day overlooking Hvar from the Fortica, poised high above the orange rooftops of the town below. Then, take a scenic drive to a family estate located in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site—Stari Grad Plain. You'll taste local farm-to-table fare along with wine tasting in a stunning setting surrounded by lavender fields. You'll then tour the

town of Stari Grad and enjoy some time to explore on your own.

#### OPTION C:

##### **Sea Kayaking**

Paddle out on the shimmering, sapphire blue waters in a sea kayak while taking in the beauty of the Hvar coast and the Pakleni Islands.



##### **Lunch On the Ship**

Enjoy a delicious meal on the ship before heading out for an afternoon adventure.



##### **Half-Day On Your Own Exploration in Hvar**

Spend a wonderful afternoon immersed in the charming port town of Hvar. Explore the hilltop fortress, ancient city walls and the Renaissance-era Hvar Cathedral located in the main square.



##### **Afternoon Fun in the Sun**

Return to the ship for an afternoon pool party or board a Zodiac boat bound for a local beach club.



##### **Farewell Dinner on the Ship**

Sit down to a very special dinner with your fellow Adventurers as you share all of the amazing experiences and magical memories you created throughout your adventure.



##### **Evening Onboard Entertainment**

Cap off your amazing day with an evening of fun, family-friendly entertainment.

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## ROVINJ

### Activities Highlights:

Predjama Castle & Postojna Cave in Slovenia (FULL DAY); OR Pula & Winery Visit OR Old Town Rovinj & Batana Museum



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Dinner Included



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### Breakfast On the Ship

Start your day with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### FULL DAY ACTIVITY OPTION: Predjama Castle & Postojna Cave in Slovenia

Cross the border into neighboring Slovenia on an epic journey to visit Predjama Castle, a Renaissance castle built into the mouth of a cave. Unearth the natural wonders of Postojna Cave, one of the largest cave systems in the country—home to some intriguing “dragons.” Following your visit to the cave, head into a nearby village for a delicious lunch.



### HALF-DAY MORNING ACTIVITY OPTIONS

#### OPTION A:

#### Pula & Winery Visit

Visit one of the world’s best-preserved Roman amphitheaters in the seafront city of Pula before a tour and tasting at a local family-owned winery.

While adults enjoy wine tasting, Junior Adventurers will enjoy some juice as they play a

game of bocce ball on the lawn.

#### OPTION B:

##### **Old Town Rovinj with Batana Museum**

Traverse the streets of Old Town Rovinj, the Venetian-styled fishing town. You'll hear the legend of the town's patron-saint, Euphemia, and explore the influence that the sea has had on the town during a visit to the Batana Museum. Then, step back in time at a local spacio for a regional tasting where you'll hear tales about its storied past.



##### **Lunch On the Ship**

Follow your adventure-filled morning with a delicious lunch on the ship before continuing your day.



#### **HALF-DAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS**

##### OPTION A:

##### **On Your Own Exploration in Rovinj**

Meander through the historic town of Rovinj as you explore the quaint cafes and bars perched along the rocky coastline or make your way up to the cathedral to take in the magnificent views.

##### OPTION B:

##### **Afternoon Swim with Adventure Guides**

Make a splash off the rocky shores of town for a final swim in the seas along with your Adventure Guides.



##### **Dinner On the Ship**

Gather together with your fellow Adventurers to swap stories from the day's adventures with a delicious meal on the ship.



##### **Evening Onboard Entertainment**

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## VENICE AND AT SEA

### Activities Highlights:

Disembark the Ship



Breakfast Included



None



### Breakfast On the Ship

Enjoy a final meal aboard the ship with a delicious selection of items from the breakfast buffet, fresh pastries and made-to-order items from the menu.



### Disembark the Ship & Coach Transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport

Following your disembarkation from the ship, transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) to begin your journey back home. Plan to your departure to Marco Polo Airport (VCE) for no earlier than 12:00 PM.

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