



Cruise the Adriatic Sea and Visit Croatia, Slovenia & Montenegro



Featuring a 7-night cruise of the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia and Montenegro followed by a 5-night land package of Croatia and Slovenia.

May 7-20, 2014

From \$5,599 per person based on double occupancy

Contact Norma Joseph for booking & information, (309) 677-4747
Cabin allotment limited in each category. [BOOK NOW!](#)

Exclusive Tour Features:

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation on Lufthansa Airlines from Chicago to Dubrovnik and return from Zagreb
- 7-night Adriatic coastal sea cruise
- 5 nights of First Class Hotel accommodations:
 - ◆ 1 night – Plitvice Lakes Hotel
 - ◆ 2 nights – Opatija
 - ◆ 2 nights – Ljubljana, Slovenia
- All breakfasts, lunches and dinners while on cruise *including wine and beer with lunches and dinners*
- 5 breakfasts while on land
- 3 dinners while on land
- Guided city tour of Dubrovnik
- Guided shore excursion of Sibenik and Krka Falls
- Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Excursion to the peninsula of Istria including walking tour of Motovun
- Entrance to Arena of Pula
- Tasting of homemade pralines and Croatian liquors
- Guided tour of Postojna Caves
- Guided city tour of Ljubljana, Slovenia, including castle visit and funicular ride
- Visit to Bled Castle and boat ride to St. Marie's church
- Tour Director/Local guides on land
- Portage of one suitcase per person at all hotels
- Airline fuel surcharges

Not included: US and foreign departure taxes in the amount of \$195.00 per person subject to change, gratuity to guides and drivers, optional insurance package

Day by Day Itinerary

May 7 – Chicago en Route

Depart WTPV via Peoria Charter Coach (gated parking available at station).
Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on Lufthansa German Airline to Frankfurt.

May 8 – Frankfurt / Dubrovnik / Embarkation

Arrive Frankfurt and continue by a connecting flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. You will be welcomed at the airport and transferred to the MS Belle De L'Adriatique—your home for the next 7 nights. The Belle features all the luxury of an ocean liner but on a smaller scale that allows for cruising closer to the coastline, mooring in smaller ports, more personalized service, and outside cabins for every passenger. Settle in, then enjoy a presentation of the crew, a welcome cocktail in the lounge, and **dinner** on board. **(D)**

May 9 – Dubrovnik / Start Sailing

Breakfast on board. In the morning, enjoy an **Included Guided Tour of the City of Dubrovnik**. Nicknamed "the pearl of the Adriatic", the city is spread out before the sea at the foot of a range of rugged limestone mountains. The ancient city is famous for its ramparts, which date from medieval times, and its numerous pre-Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings. You'll explore the Dominican monastery, the Rector's palace, the cathedral on Marin Drzic Square, the Onofrio Fountains in front of the church of St. Blaise, and the Sponza palace. You are free this afternoon to enjoy Dubrovnik on your own. We suggest a stroll around Old Town and the city walls. These fortified ramparts completely encircle the Old Town and offer a beautiful view over city. Return to the ship for **dinner** and an evening of dancing. Start sailing at midnight. **(B,L,D)**

May 10 – Mljet / Korcula

Arrive in Mljet around 9am. Situated between the island of Korcula and Dubrovnik, this is one of the most beautiful islands in the Adriatic and home to two lakes: Malo Jezero and Veliko Jezero. A Benedictine monastery rises on an islet in the middle of Veliko Jezero. Built in the 12th century in the



La Belle de l'Adriatique

This coastal cruise vessel is equipped with the most modern technologies, bright and spacious, accommodating only 200 guests in 100 outside cabins.

All cabins feature 2 lower beds, shower, toilet, hairdryer, satellite TV, radio, safe, central heating or air-conditioning and phone.

Rates below are per person, based on double occupancy:

- * Lower Deck \$5,599.00
- * Main Deck \$5,874.00
- ** Reception Deck \$5,974.00
- ** Upper Deck \$6,074.00

* Porthole windows
** Picture windows



Romanesque style and reworked many times throughout history, it is now dressed up in Renaissance and Baroque architecture. *Optional Excursion: Depart on foot to board local boats to get to the monastery.* Return to the ship for lunch.

During lunch, cruise to Korcula, the birthplace of Marco Polo. Explore the town on foot or enjoy an *Optional Guided Tour*. Be sure to visit St Mark's cathedral (circa 1420), the most important building in Korcula. Its Gothic-Renaissance style is a testament to the skill and talent of the stone cutters and sculptors of the period. You will see its sumptuous doorway, famous cupola and elegantly carved ciborium. Return to the ship for Dinner, followed by a traditional "sabre dancing" evening. **(B,L,D)**

May 11 – Korcula / Sibenik

Breakfast on board during a morning's sailing through an exceptional landscape including the islands of Hvar, Brac and Split. Arrive in Sibenik after lunch and enjoy an **Included Guided Tour of the town and Krka falls**. Discover the cultural heritage as well as the present day life of the oldest Slav settlement in the Adriatic. Visit its historic center with its maze of narrow streets from the 15th and 16th centuries and St James' cathedral build entirely of stone. Then board a motor coach to Krka Falls. The Krka flows for 75 km from its spectacular source near Knin to the Adriatic which it reaches at Sibenik. The Krka widens and forms a lake before narrowing again at Skradinski Buk. It is here that the site is at its most beautiful: the water cascades over 17 travertin shelves which succeed each other over a short distance. Return to the ship for dinner and an evening with the crew. **(B,L,D)**

May 12 – Sibenik / Trogir / Split

Breakfast on board during an early cruise to Trogir. Enjoy an *Optional Tour of the town*. Trogir is a jewel of an island town with a labyrinthine of narrow streets scattered with stairways and vaulted passageways. The town has been classed as a world heritage site by UNESCO. Here, you will discover the superb St. Laurence cathedral (13th century). Return to the ship at the end of the morning. Enjoy lunch as you sail along the Dalmatian coast to arrive in Split around 3pm. The second largest city in Croatia, Split is the heart of central Dalmatia. An *Optional Tour of the City* will take you to the Titova Obala, a vast walkway overlooked by the southern façade of the palace. From the Roman period of Diocletian's palace, all that remain are the relatively well conserved ramparts, and Diocletian's mausoleum, which was converted into a cathedral towards the end of the 7th century, to which a bell tower was added between the 13th and 17th centuries. The visit will allow you to see the Peristyle, Jupiter's temple and Saint Domnius' cathedral. The ancient mausoleum of Diocletian has kept its original structure surrounded by 24 columns. Back on board at the end of the day for dinner and an evening at leisure. **(B,L,D)**

May 13 – Split / Hvar / Vis

Breakfast on board as you cruise to Hvar. Join an *Optional Guided Tour of the town* including the main square, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Franciscan monastery. Return to the ship for lunch and cruising towards Vis. Founded by the Greeks in 390 BC, Vis is the most westerly of the Dalmatian islands—and the least known as it was closed to tourists for a long time. Vis is a treasure of unspoilt landscapes and rugged coastline sheltering numerous creeks and coves. In a word, it is the most authentic island in the entire Adriatic. You are free to explore the town at leisure. Return to the ship for the Gala Dinner, followed by an evening of dancing. **(B,L,D)**

May 14 – Kotor, Montenegro / Dubrovnik

Breakfast on board while cruising to Kotor in the country of Montenegro. The Kotor estuary is quite unique: the sea sweeps in for several kilometers, forming a number of calm bays which were once furrowed by a powerful naval force which made some ports extremely wealthy. The abundant rainfall and the temperate climate in this fjord-like bay explain the luxuriance of the vegetation. Lunch on board. *Optional Guided Tour of Kotor*. Explore the old town on foot. You will visit Saint Tryphon cathedral, built in the 9th century after sailors from Kotor brought back the relics of Saint Tryphon from Asia Minor, and the maritime museum. Back on board around 4pm and depart for Dubrovnik. **(B,L,D)**

May 15 – Dubrovnik / Disembarkation / Plitvice Lakes

Breakfast on board before bidding farewell to your cruise staff and disembarkation. Meet your coach and tour director and begin your drive to the Plitvice Lakes National Park. You will stop for lunch on your own at Vrata Krke, the most picturesque rest area on the highway. Located in the mountainous region of Central Croatia, Plitvice Lakes National Park contains a series of beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls that have formed naturally over thousands of years. Its forests are home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species. Enjoy the beautiful nature and relax in the greenery of the lakes and woods. Dinner will be included at your hotel. **(B,D)**

May 16 – Plitvice / Opatija

In the morning, enjoy sightseeing of Plitvice Lakes. The lakes are renowned for their distinctive colors, ranging from azure to green, grey or blue. The colors change constantly depending on the quantity of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight. The lakes are divided into the 12 Upper Lakes (Gornja jezera) and the four Lower Lakes (Donja jezera). The tour will include a boat ride and train trip. After lunch on your own, continue the drive towards Opatija. This elegant tourist destination lies at the center of the Riviera with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. Its attractive geographic position, warm seas, lush green scenery and

pleasant climate are some of the main reasons for its beginning and the quick development of its tourism at the end of the 19th century. Built mainly at the turn of the 20th century, Opatija has remained in complete harmony with nature right up until the present day. Well-maintained public gardens, the illuminated 12-km-long coastal promenade known as the “Lungomare”, well-kept beaches and fountains all provide a stunning backdrop for the villas and hotels. Dinner is included at the hotel. **(B,D)**

May 17 – Opatija / Full-day excursion to Istria / Opatija

Enjoy a full-day excursion to discover the picturesque peninsula of Istria. Istria is indeed a feast for the eyes. Its streams flow to the sea through deep valleys and gullies. Rolling hills overlook the valleys with little towns perched on the peaks. The view is splendid: white-topped mountains, lush wheat fields, vineyards, olive groves on hillsides, and, finally, the sea. As you get to know Istria you will notice more and more enchanting details: church facades, portals and tiny village alleyways with their specific architectural touches. Everything is warm-hearted and friendly here: nature, towns and people. Motovun is the main attraction—an ancient Istrian acropolis town located atop a 277 meter high hill, whose present appearance dates back to the Middle Ages. Leading to the top of the hill and its Venetian town square is the longest Istrian staircase, with 1052 steps. After a pleasant walking tour of Motovun, continue by coach towards Pula. Discover the most interesting cultural sights of Pula, including the Amphitheater. Popularly called the Arena of Pula, it was once the site of gladiator fights. It was built in the 1st century AD during the reign of Emperor Vespasian, at the same time as the magnificent Colosseum in Rome. **Entrance to the Amphitheatre is included.** On the way back to Opatija, you will stop for a **tasting of homemade pralines with traditional Croatian liquors.** **(B)**

May 18 – Opatija / Postojna / Ljubljana

After breakfast, depart towards Slovenia. It is a relatively small country in area, tucked into a mountainous corner between Austria, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, and the Adriatic Sea. Everything in Slovenia is in abundance: the majestic Alps with their glacial valleys, rivers, lakes, forests, mysterious Karst caves, and the warm Adriatic. The contrast of Slovenia’s landscape, all within the country’s 20,256 square kilometers, surprises first time visitors. On the way to Ljubljana, you will visit Postojna Cave System, a truly unique natural underground wonder. The caves feature breathtaking stalactites, stalagmites, natural pillars, underground rivers and unique wildlife. The caves and all their wonders are easy to explore for most tourists because of their well-kept walking paths and optional electric train. When exploring the subterranean world, visitors often encounter great surprises. After a **Guided Visit of Postojna**, enjoy some free time to get lunch. Continue toward Ljubljana for a **Farewell Dinner** and overnight. **(B,D)**

May 19 – Ljubljana / Bled / Ljubljana

This morning enjoy a **Guided City Tour of Ljubljana**. The capitol of Slovenia, Ljubljana has preserved evidence of a 5,000-year history including the remains of the Roman city of Emona and the old City Center with its medieval castle, Baroque façades, decorative portals and uneven roofs. Other significant bits of the city mosaic are picturesque bridges across the Ljubljanica river and the vast Tivoli park, which stretches into the very center of the city. Ljubljana’s present appearance is due partly to the Italian Baroque and partly to Art Nouveau. In the second half of the 20th century, it was the world-famous architect Jože Plečnik that put an indelible personal stamp on his native city with his redesigned river embankments—including the well known weeping willow-lined terraced walk alongside the Trnovski pristan embankment—and work on the Trnovo, Cobblers’ and Triple Bridges. The city’s appearance was further shaped by his students and a new wave of renowned young Slovenian architects. Both the residents and numerous visitors say that Ljubljana is a city made to man’s measure. Ljubljana offers all the friendliness of a small town and, at the same time, everything that a capital should offer. Your tour will include a **visit to the Castle and a funicular ride.**



After lunch on your own, depart toward Bled where you will enjoy an visit to **Bled Castle and pletna ride (typical local boat) to St. Marie’s Church**. Bled is unique with the picturesque St. Marie’s church on an islet in the middle of its emerald-colored lake, and its medieval castle from 11th century that stands on a rock above the lake. From Bled Castle there is a great view to the town, lake, countryside and surrounding mountain ranges. The castle’s chapel, also a museum, was consecrated to the bishops St. Albuin and St. Ingenuin and features beautiful, illusionist frescos. There is also large collection of armor and weapons from the 16th the 18th Centuries. In the evening, return to Ljubljana. **(B)**

May 20 – Ljubljana / Zagreb / Frankfurt / Chicago

In the morning you will be transferred to Zagreb airport for your flight to Frankfurt where you connect to your flight to Chicago. Arrive at O’Hare in the afternoon then board a private Peoria Charter Coach back to WTVP.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by **check only**.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 06/04/2013. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

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