

DALMATIAN DISCOVERY: AN ADRIATIC ODYSSEY



JOURNEYS
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Ocean Cruise

14 Days

\$12,990 CAD

All inclusive, per guest,
double occ.

October 7 to
October 20
2025

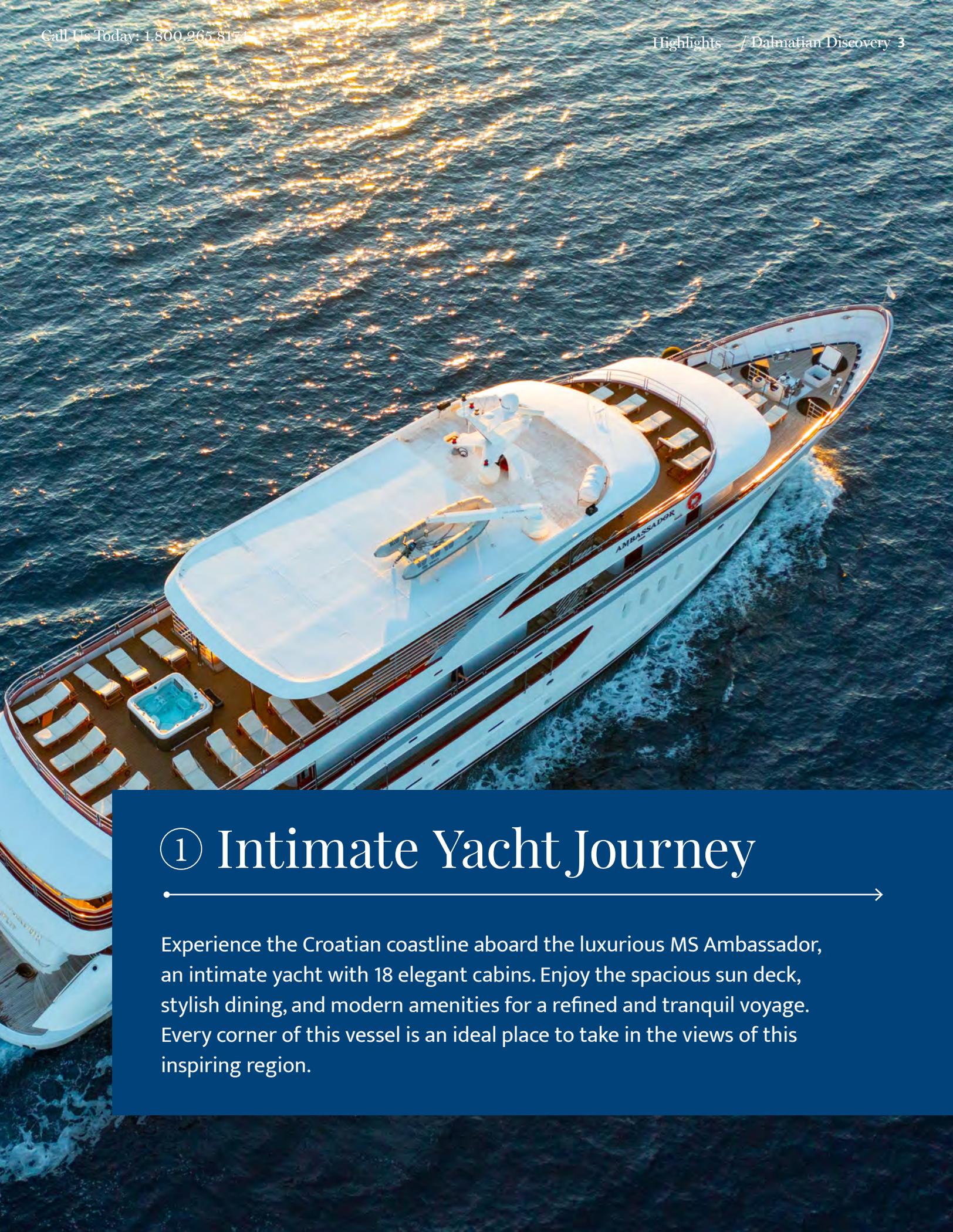
Discover the Adriatic

Join us for a 14-day Adriatic Journey aboard an intimate 36-guest yacht, the MS Ambassador. Discover medieval Ljubljana, the beauty of Lake Bled and Plitvice Lakes, and explore the stunning Dalmatian coast. Dive into crystal-blue waters, enjoy local cuisine, and experience the rich culture of Croatia.

Our tailored itinerary ensures a seamless travel experience, with our Journey Manager and local guides attending to your every need. Crafted by Canadians for Canadians, this Journey is your ultimate escape.



-  **FLIGHT**
-  **COACH**
-  **CRUISE**



① Intimate Yacht Journey

Experience the Croatian coastline aboard the luxurious MS Ambassador, an intimate yacht with 18 elegant cabins. Enjoy the spacious sun deck, stylish dining, and modern amenities for a refined and tranquil voyage. Every corner of this vessel is an ideal place to take in the views of this inspiring region.



② Spellbinding National Parks

Surging waterfalls and abundant foliage create spellbinding scenery in Croatia's National parks. Plitvice Lakes National Park is filled with vivid greens and water cascading down rocky cliffs into 16 pools of water. Mljet features stunning bays, beaches and caves. Stroll along wooden pathways and get lost in the sounds of small songbirds.

③ The Blue Cave

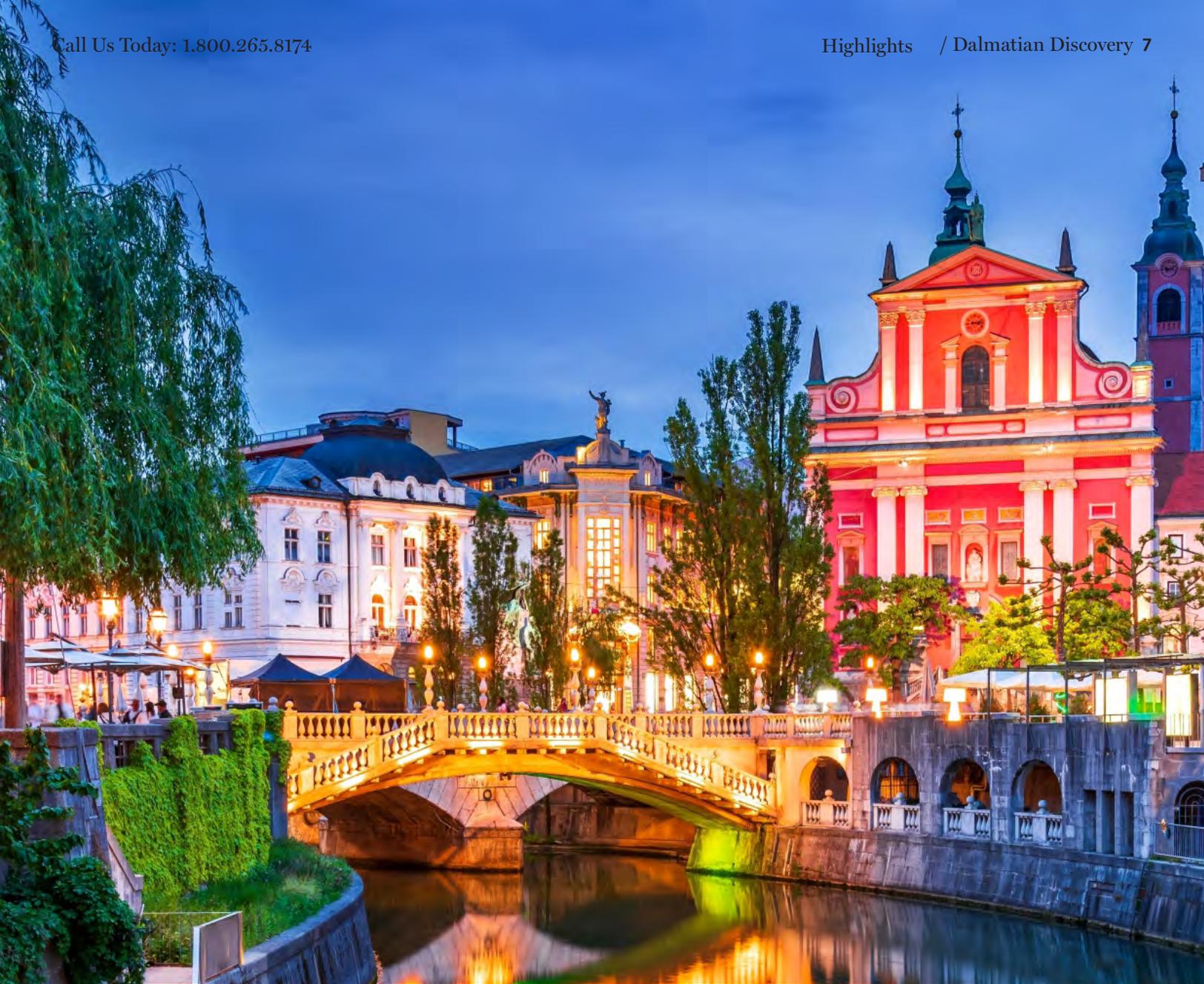
Travel by boat through a dark water-filled corridor until you enter a treasure chest of iridescent blue hidden in the depths of Biševo's limestone caves. Marvellous shades of turquoise radiate throughout the cave as the sun creeps in and reflects off of the silver seafloor. Drift along the gorgeous waters of the cave and enjoy this natural phenomenon.



④ Dalmatian Coast, Croatia

Marvel at the crystal clear waters as they lap up against dramatic cliffs that ascend from the depths of the Adriatic Sea. Get lost in the ancient alleyways weaving their way through charming towns. From fairy-tale Dubrovnik to the sparkling blue waters in Korčula, the Croatian shoreline is a mesmerizing seascape.





⑤ Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ljubljana seamlessly blends historical charm with modern allure. Wander its cobblestone streets lined with charming cafes and shops, and admire landmarks like Robba's Fountain and the Triple Bridge. Enjoy the vibrant cultural scene, lush parks, and gardens. Ljubljana's captivating history, artistic treasures, and delectable cuisine make it a city rich in exploration.

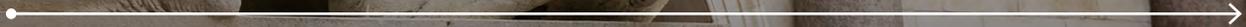


⑥ Split, Croatia

Split, a charming Croatian coastal city, is anchored by the historic Diocletian's Palace and a lively waterfront promenade. Stroll through narrow alleys leading to bustling markets and quaint shops. The city seamlessly blends Roman ruins with contemporary architecture. With stunning coastal views and a serene ambiance, Split offers a refined and enriching travel experience.



Journey Itinerary



Day 1

DEPART FOR LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Slovenia. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

Overnight flight





Day 2

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Arrive in Ljubljana and settle into the hotel before enjoying a city tour to discover the Old City center. Stroll around the picturesque open-air market, the renowned Triple Bridge, Robba's Fountain, and the stunning baroque Town Hall. We'll enjoy a relaxed dinner at the hotel in anticipation of our Journey ahead.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Union, Ljubljana

Meals: D

Day 3

EXPLORING LJUBLJANA & LAKE BLEED, SLOVENIA

The day begins with a guided morning tour of Ljubljana, Slovenia's scenic capital. Explore the picturesque banks of the Ljubljanica River, the vibrant Tromostovje Square, and the majestic Cathedral in the historic old town center. After discovering the highlights of the capital, travel to Lake Bled, with a stop for an authentic Slovenian lunch in the charming village of Radovljica.

Following lunch, experience why Lake Bled is celebrated as a top Alpine resort with its stunning beauty and mild climate. Board a traditional Pletna boat to the enchanting island at the lake's heart and visit the iconic 15th-century Church of the Assumption. Then, ascend to Bled Castle, perched on a steep cliff, for panoramic views and a look into its chapel, wine cellar, and museum featuring Gutenberg's printing press.

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Day 4

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Today unfolds with a visit to Plitvice National Park, Croatia's largest and most renowned natural wonder. Begin with a traditional Lika County lunch, savoring regional dishes that capture the essence of Croatian cuisine. Then, explore the park's enchanting lakes and waterfalls, which earned it a UNESCO World Heritage designation in 1979 and is celebrated as one of Europe's most beautiful natural parks, nestled in the mountainous region of Lika.

After a day immersed in nature, travel to Zadar, the final stop before boarding the chartered cruise. Enjoy a relaxing evening at a luxurious 5-star coastal wellness hotel, known for its tranquil natural setting.

Overnight: Falkesteiner Hotel Iadera, Zadar

Meals: B,L,D

Day 5

ZADAR, CROATIA

Begin the day with a captivating city tour of Zadar's historical center, best explored on foot to fully appreciate its defensive walls built by the Venetians in the 16th century to protect against the Turks. Start at the Port Gate, where the Venetian Lion stands guard, then visit the Square of the Five Wells, the Church of St. Donat, the Roman Forum from the 1st century BC, and St. Anastasia's Cathedral, the largest in Dalmatia.

Enjoy a delightful lunch in the city before travelling to Split, where the luxurious MS Ambassador awaits. This evening, meet the ship's crew and captain and enjoy a splendid Welcome Dinner, marking the beginning of the sea portion of the Journey.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D





Day 6

SPLIT & TROGIR, CROATIA

Awaken in Split, Croatia's vibrant second-largest city, ready to explore its 1,700-year history. An English-speaking guide will lead a morning tour through the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979, featuring Diocletian's Palace and its cultural landmarks.

Afterward, enjoy a scenic lunch on the ship as we sail to Trogir, another UNESCO World Heritage gem. Explore this quaint town's museum and its stone houses, palaces, churches, monasteries, towers, and walls. The day's highlight is the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, a stunning example of sacral architecture. Our guide will showcase Trogir's best, and we'll dine at a local restaurant. The ship remains docked in Trogir's historical old town overnight.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D

Day 7

BOL & HVAR, CROATIA

Our day begins with a morning departure, setting sail for Bol, renowned for having Croatia's best beach for swimming, Zlatni Rat (the Golden Cape). Upon arrival, relax at a charming coffee shop, explore the town, or take a refreshing swim at the beach before returning to the ship for lunch.

After a delightful onboard lunch, continue the journey through stunning bays and coves to Hvar, the sunniest island in Croatia. Hvar is celebrated as one of the country's premier tourist destinations and a hotspot for international jet-setters.

Immerse in the island's history and culture while strolling through its streets and discovering its century-old lavender farming tradition. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before heading back to the ship, docked in the historical town for the night.

MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D





Day 8

BIŠEVO BLUE CAVE & VIS, CROATIA

Our morning sail leads us to the Island of Biševo, famed for its enchanting Blue Cave. For the adventurous, the cave's entrance lies below sea level, requiring a dive to experience its captivating deep blue and shiny silver hues. Dive deep and resurface into the cave's mystical blue depths for an unforgettable experience.

Afterward, unwind as we cruise to Vis, a gem among Adriatic islands, untouched by tourism for many years. Its strategic location on the open sea preserved its pristine beauty, as it was a military zone. Vis is now celebrated for its beautiful beaches, unspoiled nature, ecological agriculture, and well-preserved architecture. Embrace the island's charm with an afternoon tour, including a visit to the famous coastal town of Komiza. Enjoy a group dinner here before returning to the ship, docked in the town of Vis for the night.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D

Day 9

KORČULA, CROATIA

Start the day aboard with refreshments and ocean views, perhaps even a swim in the Adriatic Sea, before cruising toward the island of Korčula. Known as the birthplace of Marco Polo, Korčula invites you to explore its narrow, cobbled streets and rich history. Afterward, board a coach to visit local wine cellars and sample exquisite olive oil.

This evening, enjoy a traditional “peka” dinner in the village of Žrnovo. This special dish, featuring lamb and veal cooked under an iron bell, offers an authentic taste of the region. After a sumptuous dinner, return to Korčula where the MS Ambassador awaits in the Old Town.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D





Day 10

MLJET NATIONAL PARK & SLANO, CROATIA

Our morning cruise brings us to Mljet National Park, a haven of tranquility and natural beauty. Explore the park's Great and Small Lakes, visit the Islet of St. Mary with its 12th-century Benedictine Monastery, and take a refreshing swim in the heart of the park.

Return to the MS Ambassador for lunch before continuing across the channel to the Pelješac peninsula. Meet a local guide and board a coach to Ston, known for its well-preserved medieval city walls. Experience Ston's renowned oysters with a visit to an oyster farm and a unique tasting at the source.

Conclude the day with a much-anticipated Captain's dinner aboard the ship, featuring live music for an unforgettable evening.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D

Day 11

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Our final cruise stop is in Dubrovnik, but first we'll sail past the stunning Elaphiti Islands and the city's impressive fortifications while enjoying lunch on board. A local English-speaking guide will greet us at the pier and transfer us to Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore its highlights with the group, then enjoy free time to discover more—whether strolling the famous city walls or taking the cable car to Mount Srđ for breathtaking views. Experience firsthand why Dubrovnik is known as the Pearl of the Adriatic.

Conclude the day with a group dinner, sharing stories and savoring local cuisine at a charming restaurant. Afterward, there will be more time to fully enjoy Dubrovnik at your leisure.

Overnight: MV Ambassador

Meals: B,L,D





Day 12

CAVTAT AND ČILIPÍ

Today, we visit Cavtat, an ancient seaside town known as Epidaurus during its Greek colonization. This picturesque town, with its stunning coastlines and harmonious architecture, remains one of the Adriatic's most attractive destinations. After exploring Cavtat, we head to Čilipi village, the largest settlement in Konavle, where local traditions come to life. Discover the unique micro-urban unit around the Parish of St. Nicholas, surrounded by traditional stone houses. Return to Dubrovnik for a restful evening after a day rich in exploration.

Overnight: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik

Meals: B,L,D

Day 13

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Today is yours to explore Dubrovnik at your own pace. Walk along the ancient city walls for breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea and the red-tiled rooftops of the old town. Meander through the narrow, cobblestone streets of the historic center, uncovering hidden gems, charming cafes, and local boutiques. For a touch of adventure, consider a boat ride to the nearby Elafiti Islands, renowned for their stunning beaches and crystal-clear waters.

As the day concludes, gather with your companions for a memorable farewell dinner, celebrating the end of an unforgettable Croatian journey.

Overnight: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik

Meals: B,D





Day 16

HOME

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we bid Dubrovnik 'Dovidenja' and make our way to the airport for our flights home. Guests arriving at the Toronto airport are greeted and assisted to their private car home.

Meals: B

IMPORTANT NOTE

This Journey is designed to be an **active tour** and will require more physicality than some of our others. It is important to note the following before reserving your spot:

Walking Requirements: Guests need to be able to walk 3-5 km unaided on uneven surfaces.

Stair Climbing: The ability to climb several flights of stairs is necessary.

Pedestrian Zones: Many European city centers have pedestrian zones where coaches are not permitted. The majority of tours on this Journey will be walking tours.

Meals in Local Restaurants: Several meals will be served in local restaurants, requiring guests to walk from the boat/hotel to the restaurants and back.

No Lift on the Boat: The MS Ambassador does not have a lift.

Rafting: When docked, the MS Ambassador may be rafted to other boats, requiring passage through them to get off.

Tendering Ashore: There may be times when the MS Ambassador is anchored, and the group is tendered ashore.

Thank you!

All information contained in this itinerary is correct at time of printing and is subject to the terms and conditions as listed on our web site at www.journeysbyvandyke.com or available from our office on request. We must reserve the ability to make improvements.



Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **7 nights** on the MV Ambassador
- **5 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **All meals included**
(12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners)
- Wine & beer included with lunch & dinner
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack



Hotels



Days 2 & 3

GRAND UNION HOTEL, LJUBLJANA

Built in 1905, Grand Hotel Union Eurostars is an iconic part of Ljubljana and Slovenia's living history. This striking example of Vienna Secession style has hosted many notable personalities, including Queen Elizabeth II.

The hotel's elegant facilities are meticulously decorated, and its spacious bedrooms ensure a comfortable, relaxing stay.

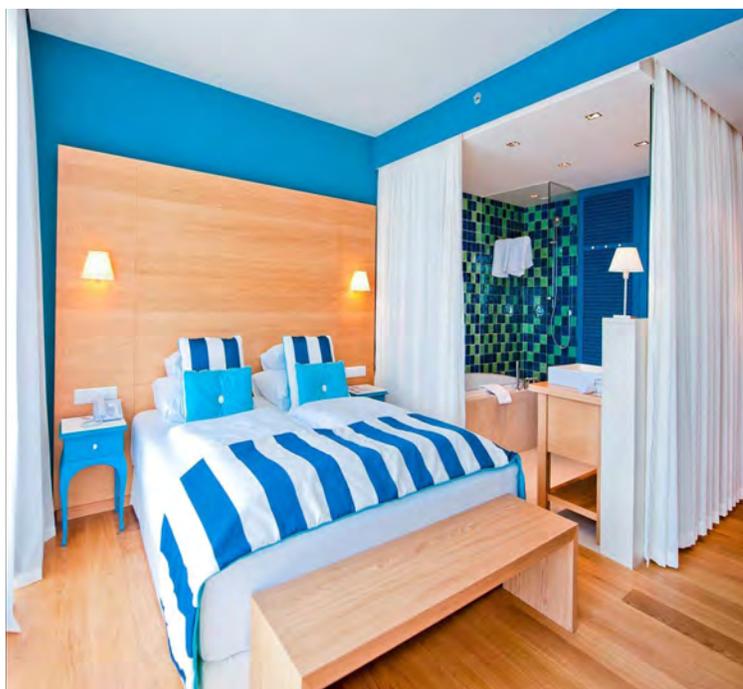


Day 4

FALKENSTEINER HOTEL & SPA, ZADAR

Arriving on the beautiful Adriatic coast, you'll find a place of complete relaxation. As you unpack, let your eyes wander over the glittering sea, absorbing the Mediterranean air and its unique ambiance.

The spacious, light-filled wellness retreat offers numerous private areas for your personal quality time by the sea. Savor aromatic culinary delights for a holistic holiday experience. Enjoy a breathtaking location at the tip of the peninsula with tailor-made comfort and exclusive 5-star service.



Days 12 & 13

HOTEL DUBROVNIK PALACE, DUBROVNIK

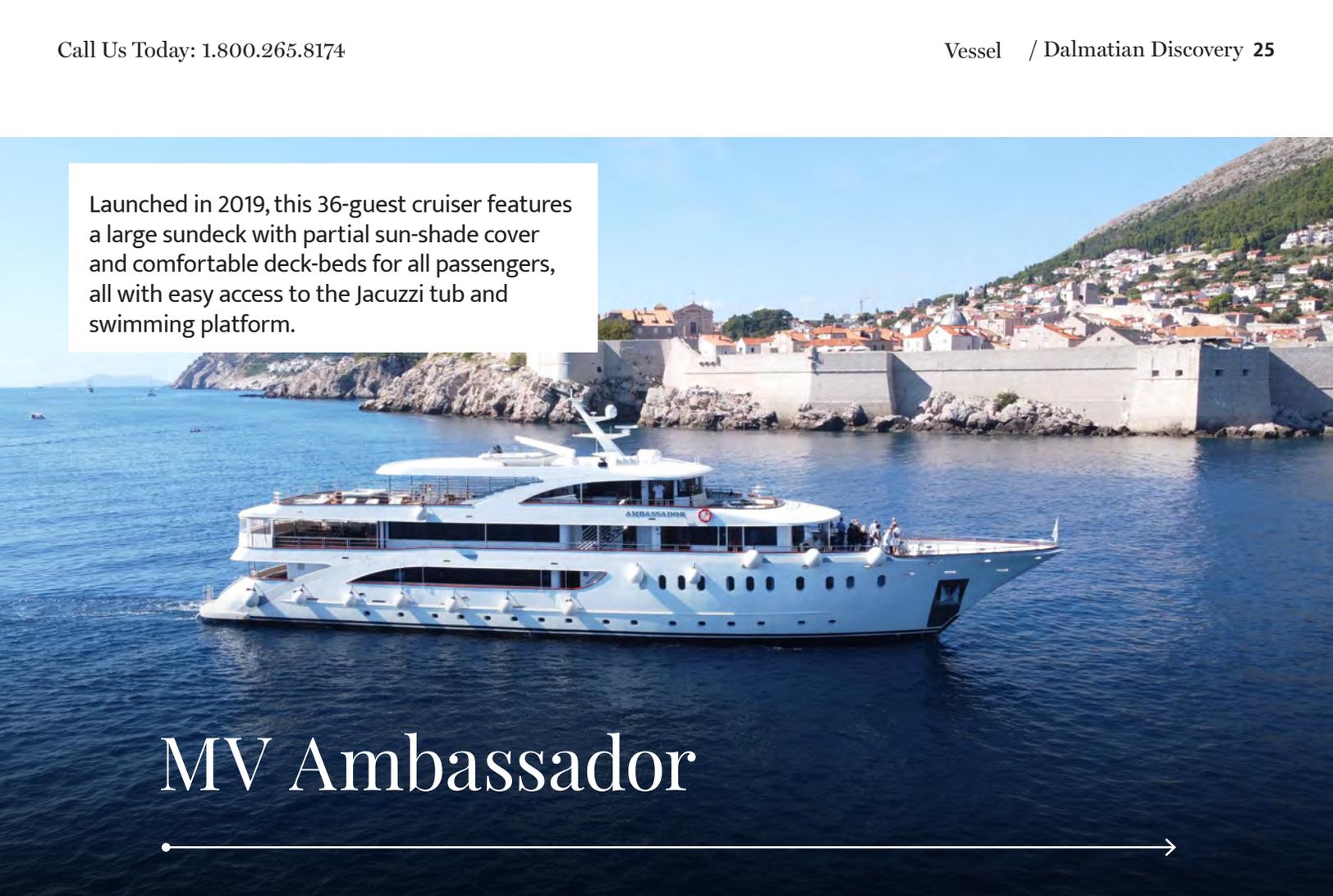
Breathtaking Adriatic views, contemporary design, and intuitive service define the multi award-winning Hotel Dubrovnik Palace. Located on the beautiful Lapad peninsula, below the Petka woods and a short distance from Dubrovnik Old Town, the hotel offers spectacular views of the Elafiti islands.

Nestled between a pine forest and turquoise coastal waters, it provides phenomenal photo opportunities from every direction. This luxury resort features direct access to a peaceful beach, two outdoor pools, and an indoor pool.

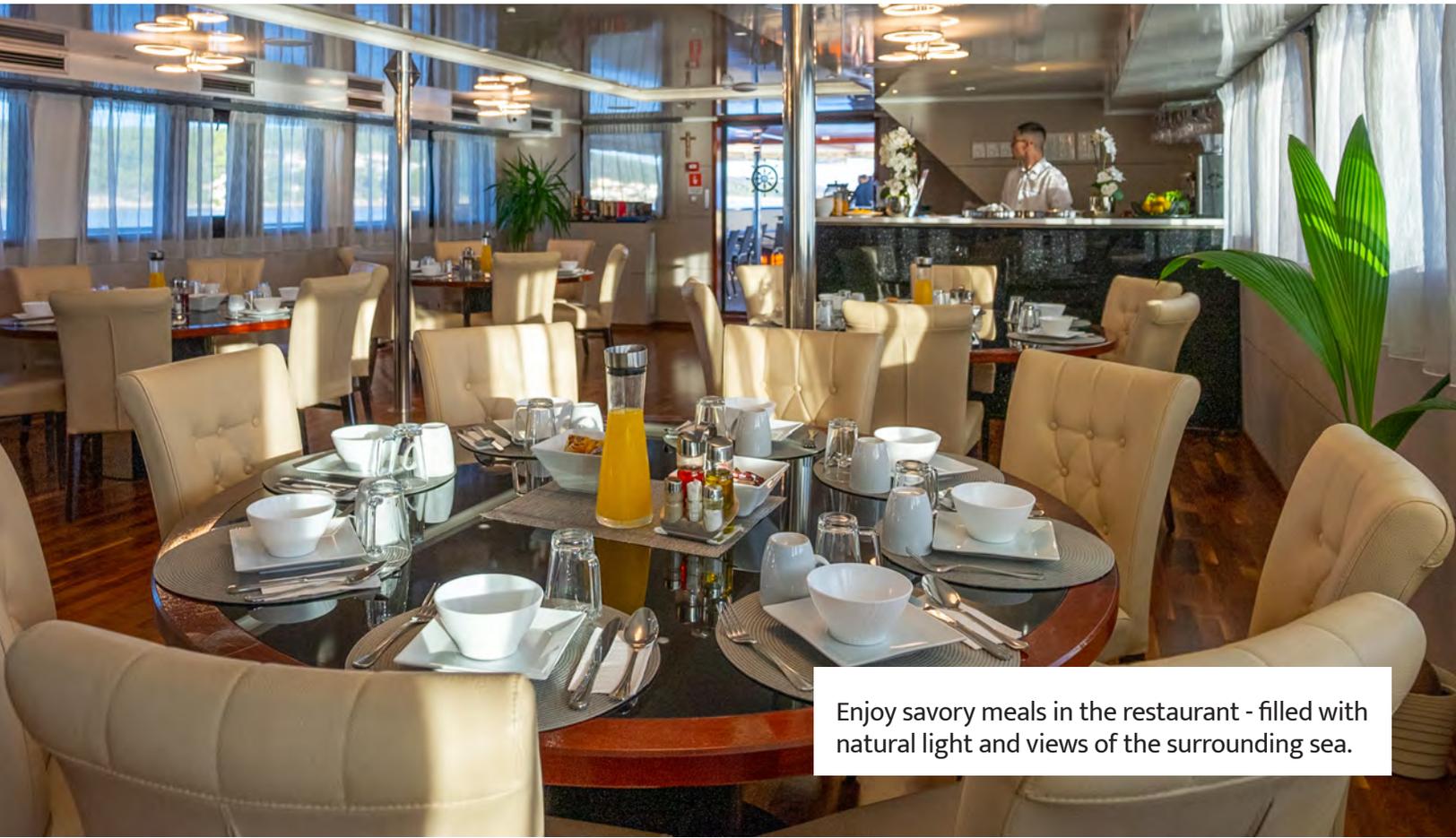


Launched in 2019, this 36-guest cruiser features a large sundeck with partial sun-shade cover and comfortable deck-beds for all passengers, all with easy access to the Jacuzzi tub and swimming platform.

MV Ambassador





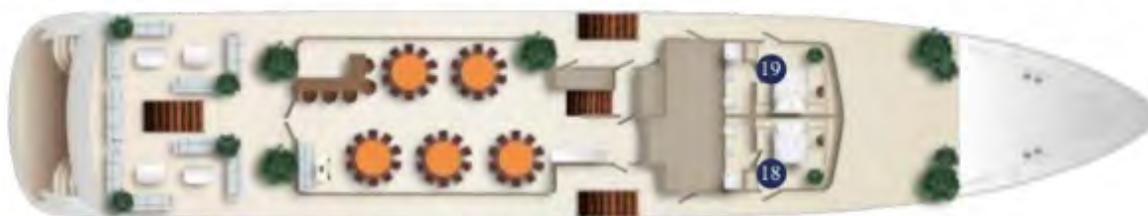


Enjoy savory meals in the restaurant - filled with natural light and views of the surrounding sea.

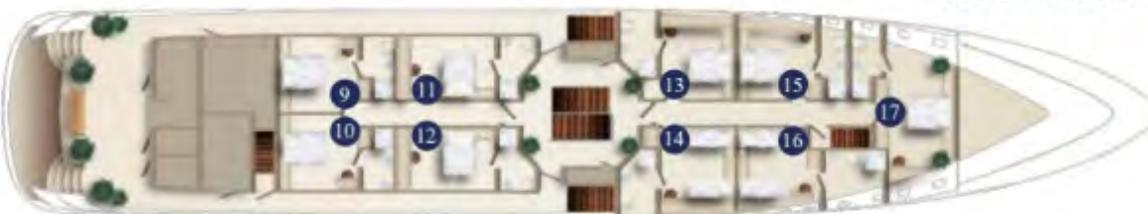
SUNNY DECK



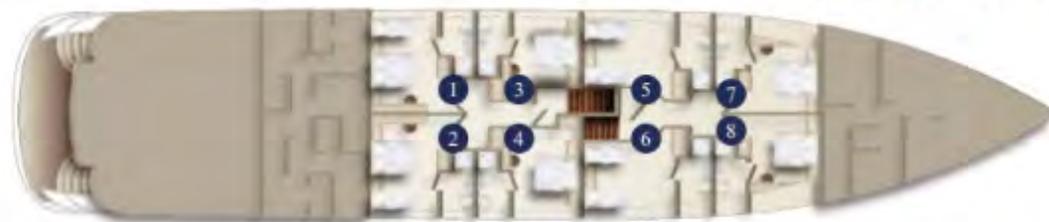
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



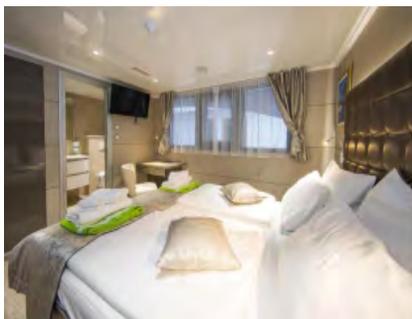
STANDARD DECK



Deck Plan

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Fares & Cabins



Standard Deck Cabin
140-172 sqft

Experience comfort and charm in the Standard deck cabins, nestled in the ship's hull with porthole views. Each cabin is designed for relaxation and convenience, providing all the essentials for your maritime retreat.

- Individually controlled air-conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Spacious wardrobe
- Hairdryer
- Safe deposit box
- Under-bed luggage storage
- Private bathroom with shower, WC, and wash basin

Double Occupancy
\$12,990

Single Occupancy
\$18,490

Main Deck Cabin
150-161 sqft

Enjoy elevated comfort in the Main Deck cabins, situated at least one meter above sea level. Each cabin offers a cozy maritime retreat with a window that opens slightly to let in the fresh sea breeze.

- Individually controlled air-conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Spacious wardrobe
- Hairdryer
- Safe deposit box
- Under-bed luggage storage
- Private bathroom with shower, WC, and wash basin

Double Occupancy
\$13,490

Single Occupancy
\$19,490

VIP Cabin
150-161 sqft

Enjoy luxury and panoramic views in our VIP cabins, located on the upper deck. With double cabins featuring shaded glass windows on two sides that open slightly, you'll experience a premium maritime retreat.

- Individually controlled air-conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Spacious wardrobe
- Hairdryer
- Safe deposit box
- Under-bed luggage storage
- Private bathroom with shower, WC, and wash basin

Double Occupancy
\$13,990

Single Occupancy
\$20,490

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.