

# The Adriatic by Land & Sea

Best of the Balkans on board the MV Nautilus  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Lake Bled, Slovenia



Chartered Yacht



Kotor, Montenegro

## Highlights

### Intimate Yacht Journey

Sail between the finest beaches and islands on the Dalmatian Coast aboard a serene, 19-cabin cruiser. This intimate vessel features a large sundeck, comfortable deck-beds steps away from the Jacuzzi tub, and an elegant dining room. Every corner of this vessel is an ideal place to take in the views of this inspiring region.

### 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.

### 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 Bišev's limestone caves. Marvellous shades of turquoise radiate throughout the cave as the sun creeps in and reflects off the silver seafloor. Drift along the gorgeous waters of the cave and enjoy this natural phenomenon.

**Secure Your Preferred Cabin today!**

**Note: This Journey is an Active Journey**

## Your 16-Day Journey

### **Day 1**                      **Depart for Zagreb, Croatia**

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 Croatia. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

**Overnight:**              Flight

**Meals:**                      ---

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### **Day 2**                      **Zagreb, Croatia**

On arrival in Zagreb, we are met by our local guide and board our private coach for a brief introduction to the city before arriving at our hotel. Take the afternoon at leisure to explore the area. The capital of Croatia, Zagreb, has a charming and medieval old city. Sitting at the foot of the Medvednica Mountain, Zagreb has no shortage of green spaces, as well as street art and innovative building designs. Tonight, join us this evening for a welcome dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight:**              Zagreb, Hotel Esplanade

**Meals:**                      Dinner

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### **Day 3**                      **Exploring Zagreb**

Our day begins with a panoramic tour of the city as we pass sights like the National Theater, Mimara Museum, and Academy of Arts and Sciences. We ride a funicular built in 1889 to reach the enchanting Upper Town quarter from Lower Town. Imbued with rich Roman heritage there is plenty to explore. After lunch, the time is yours to discover. Travel on foot to St. Mark's Square, where you can view the Parliament Building and charming St. Mark's Church or visit the Ban Jelacic Square, which divides the old and new regions of the city. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant.

**Overnight:**              Zagreb, Hotel Esplanade

**Meals:**                      Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 4 Ljubljana, Slovenia

The picturesque capital of Slovenia has held the prestigious title of European Green Capital, in recognition of its commendable environmental record. Ljubljana's unique character is made up of the influences of various cultures, while its distinctive image is the result of its diverse and alluring history. A charming city filled with romantic bridges, exquisite architecture, Ljubljana is full of vibrant cultural creativity. This morning we travel by coach to Ljubljana. On arrival, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before discovering the old city centre at the top of a hill, a lovely open-air market, the three century-old bridges, the stunning baroque Town Hall and Robba's Fountain. Tonight, dinner will be served at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Ljubljana, Grand Hotel Union

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 5 Bled

Bled's scenery is impossibly romantic with a church on an island in the middle of an emerald-green lake and an 11th-century medieval castle sitting above on a cliff nearby. Our first stop is at the oldest castle in Slovenia, Bled Castle, perched atop a steep cliff above the glacial lake. Following lunch, we take a traditional 'Pletna' rowing boat on a quiet voyage to visit the Church of Mary the Queen. It is here that you will find the bell of wishes, legend says that those who ring the bell and make a wish, will see their wish come true. We return to Ljubljana and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Ljubljana, Grand Hotel Union

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 6 Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

Sparkling waters have gushed over limestone rocks for thousands of years at Plitvice Lakes National Park. The UNESCO-listed site is famed for cascading waterfalls and abundant wildlife. Explore on foot along the many elevated, wooden trails to see the stunning lower lakes up close. This natural wonder's breathtaking scenery includes 16 gorgeous lakes, separated by natural dams, surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Following our visit, a scenic drive takes us on to Zadar, one of the jewels of the Adriatic.

**Overnight:** Šibenik, Bellevue Hotel

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 7 Zadar & Split

Zadar is a city surrounded by historical ramparts, a treasury of the archaeological and monumental riches of ancient and medieval times such as the first Sea Organ in the world. This morning we take a short walking tour that introduces you to St. Donat's Church.

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Then we travel by coach to Split and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on the MV Nautilus, our private yacht for the next 7 nights. All meals will be served on board unless otherwise stated. Take time to settle in, then enjoy Roman architecture on a guided tour of atmospheric Split. A welcome meet and greet cocktail reception awaits us on board.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 8 Hvar

We cruise to the isle of Brač this morning, to enjoy the most famous shingled beach in Dalmatia, Zlatni Rat, where the wind and waves constantly cause the beach shape to change in dramatic and impressive ways. We continue towards the jet-set island of Hvar with a stop for lunch on board in sight of the Pakleni Islands. Hvar is the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic known for lush lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. We arrive in the afternoon and enjoy a tour of the town's historical landmarks, the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, and the oldest community theatre in Europe. Hike up the zig-zag path to the town fort overlooking the harbour for lovely scenic views of our ship and the Pakleni islands.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 9 Biševo & Blue Cave

We cruise towards the small island Biševo to visit the famed Blue cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon. We then continue to the island of Vis, once a strategic naval Yugoslav base, it now holds the charm of the way "the Mediterranean as it once was" due to it being closed to the public for years. Spend the afternoon at your leisure to explore this island on your own. Savour some local wines, stroll around admiring remarkable sights or take a walk to enjoy the views of the beautiful Villae Rusticae situated along the waterfront.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 10 Korčula

An early morning departure towards the enchanting island of Korčula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Our afternoon arrival in Korčula is followed by a guided walking tour of one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. This evening we travel to a small village for a typical Dalmatian dinner, accompanied by fascinating historic and traditional insights. Get ready to tantalize your taste buds and learn more about the history and traditional way of living!

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 11 Mljet

We cruise further south to the Island of Mljet. Legend has it that Greek hero Odysseus spent years on this island when he was captured by the nymph Calypso. Surrounded by lush forests, this island of myth displays the remnants of Illyrian and Roman settlements. Join our guide for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park and enjoy a boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a Church dating back to the 12th century. Alternatively, spend time at your leisure exploring this breathtaking destination.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 12 Slano

Depart for the small village of Slano on the mainland, a peaceful fishermen's village and the starting point for Ston, a once fortified small village famous for its oysters.

Inhabited since prehistoric times, picturesque Slano is peppered with ancient ruins and pine forests that frame a peaceful bay. We then take a short coach ride to the nearby fortified village of Ston. After exploring the town's vast medieval ramparts, a short coastal walk leads us to an oyster farm to learn more about oysters and a special tasting of this delicacy. This evening join us for the Captain's farewell dinner with live entertainment.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 13 Dubrovnik

Today we have an early morning departure for Dubrovnik, the most famous town along the Dalmatian coast. It's now considered one of the world's most spectacular walled cities, with a pedestrian-only Old Town. Before we tie up at Gruž harbour, we cruise alongside the old Dubrovnik city walls while lunch is served on deck. After docking, transfer to the old town for the guided walking tour of this magical town. Many of the monuments belong to the modest Renaissance architecture with traces of Gothic style from the time of the old Dubrovnik Republic. Take the cable car from the Old Town to Srđ mountain to enjoy scenic views of the walls and Elaphiti Islands. If you feel energetic, enjoy a walk on top of the 1,940-metre long city walls.

**Overnight:** MV Nautilus

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 14 Kotor, Montenegro

After breakfast, we disembark the MV Infinity and board our private coach for a scenic drive through the countryside to the medieval town of Perast, Montenegro. On arrival, a short boat ride takes us to the Bay to visit the Church of Our Lady of the Rocks which houses one of the finest collections of wall paintings. We continue to Kotor and enjoy lunch before our walking tour of the old town with our local guide. We visit the Maritime Museum and Romanesque 11th-century Cathedral of St Triphun encircled by walls and fortresses included on the UNESCO`s World Heritage List. We return to Dubrovnik, where dinner is served at our hotel.

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik, Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 15 Cavtat, Croatia

This morning we travel along the Adriatic coast and through the Konavle Valley to Cavtat, the southernmost town in Croatia. Full of culture & history, Cavtat is a town located south of Dubrovnik, encircled by two peninsulas frequented by numerous sailors and yacht enthusiasts. We explore the old town on foot and visit the birthplace of a famous Croatian painter, Vlaho Bukovac. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Dubrovnik. The remainder of the day will be yours to relax or to continue exploring on your own. This evening join us for our farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik, Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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### Day 16            Home

Today we bid “doviđenja” to our new friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Enjoy our private car to your home.

**Overnight:**        Home

**Meals:**            Breakfast

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### Your Journey Includes

#### First Class Accommodation

<b>Zagreb</b>	Hotel Esplanade	2 nights
<b>Ljubljana</b>	Grand Hotel Union	2 nights
<b>Šibenik</b>	Hotel Bellevue	1 night
<b>Cruise</b>	MV Nautilus	7 nights
<b>Dubrovnik</b>	Hotel Dubrovnik Palace	2 nights

#### Included Flights

<b>Airline:</b>	Lufthansa, Swiss & Air Canada
<b>Outbound:</b>	Toronto (YYZ) - Zagreb (ZAG) via Munich (MUC)
<b>Inbound:</b>	Dubrovnik (DBV) – Toronto (YYZ) via Zurich (ZRH)
<b>Class of Service:</b>	Economy <i>Premium Economy and Business are available on request</i>
<b>Note:</b>	Fly from select Canadian gateways for only \$100 <i>For additional gateways and further information, contact us for details.</i>

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### Journeys by Van Dyke Inclusions

<b>Journey Manager</b>	Services of a professional Journey Manager throughout the journey
<b>Home-Pickup Service</b>	Private car home pick-up & return service (where available) or a credit or
<b>Hotel Overnight</b>	Hotel overnight near Toronto Pearson International Airport
<b>Gratuities</b>	Tips included for all intermediaries: all ship staff, Journey Managers, local sightseeing guides, coach drivers, porters, etc.
<b>Porterage</b>	Porterage for one piece of baggage
<b>Visas &amp; Fees</b>	All fees, visas, port & service charges
<b>Gift with Every Journey</b>	Branded overnight carry-on bag or backpack
<b>Taxes</b>	All taxes incl. HST, PST, VAT



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### Journey Specific Inclusions & Experiences

- Complete pre-trip information & assistance
- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- Wine included with all dinners
- All sightseeing & entrance fees as listed
  - Zagreb City Tour
  - Ljubljana Discovery
  - Bled Castle and Church of Mary the Queen
  - Plitvice Lakes National Park
  - Zadar Visit including St. Donat's Church
  - Experience the Blue Caves
  - Guided walk of Korčula
  - Mljet National Park & St. Mary Isle
  - Visit of Ston including Oyster Farm
  - Dubrovnik Walking Tour & Cable Car
  - Perast including Church of Our Lady of the Rocks
  - Kotor Visit including Maritime Museum
  - Learn about Vlaho Bukovac, famous Croatia painter

### Fares

Cabin	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Lower Deck	\$12,990 CAD	\$18,490 CAD
Lower-Middle Deck	\$13,490 CAD	\$18,990 CAD
Middle Deck	\$13,990 CAD	\$19,990 CAD
Upper Deck	\$14,490 CAD	<b>ON REQUEST</b>

*Fuel Surcharges - These journey fares include the current known fuel surcharges. Additional supplier fuel charges and or government fees may apply at final payment date.*

## *MV Nautilus*



Flaunting sleek yacht-like lines, the MV Nautilus is a brand-new vessel that was built in 2019. The deluxe 49 metre cruiser features state-of-the-art equipment and the highest safety standards, for optimal intimate small-ship cruising comfort. There are 19 spacious air-conditioned twin or double cabins, all with private en-suite bathroom and a host of amenities. On the upper deck, there is a restaurant and bar which offers exceptional panoramic views. This eye-catching ship is ideal for accessing those smaller, out of the way ports with impeccable service.

Modernly decorated main salon with indoor and outdoor lounge seating areas equipped with Smart TV, numerous board games etc. Wi-Fi is available throughout the vessel as well as radio and sound system.

### Highlights

- State-of-the-art deluxe superior cruising vessel
- 19 well-appointed cabins spread across the upper, main and lower decks
- Air-conditioned dining area and al fresco lounge showcasing uninterrupted panoramic views
- Hot tub and deck beds on the spacious sundeck for relaxing
- Swimming platform for easy access
- Leisure equipment: Tender boat (8 pax), snorkeling equipment

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### CABINS

The sophisticated design of the cabin interiors doesn't compromise on comfort or space. The 19 spacious air-conditioned cabins feature a private en-suite bathroom with shower, flat-screen TV, wardrobe, in-room safe, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. Warm natural tones and light-coloured woods create a sense of harmony. Luxury fabrics provide an elegant designer finish. The ship has 1 upper deck cabins , 9 main deck cabins with picture windows and 9 lower deck cabins, with portholes.

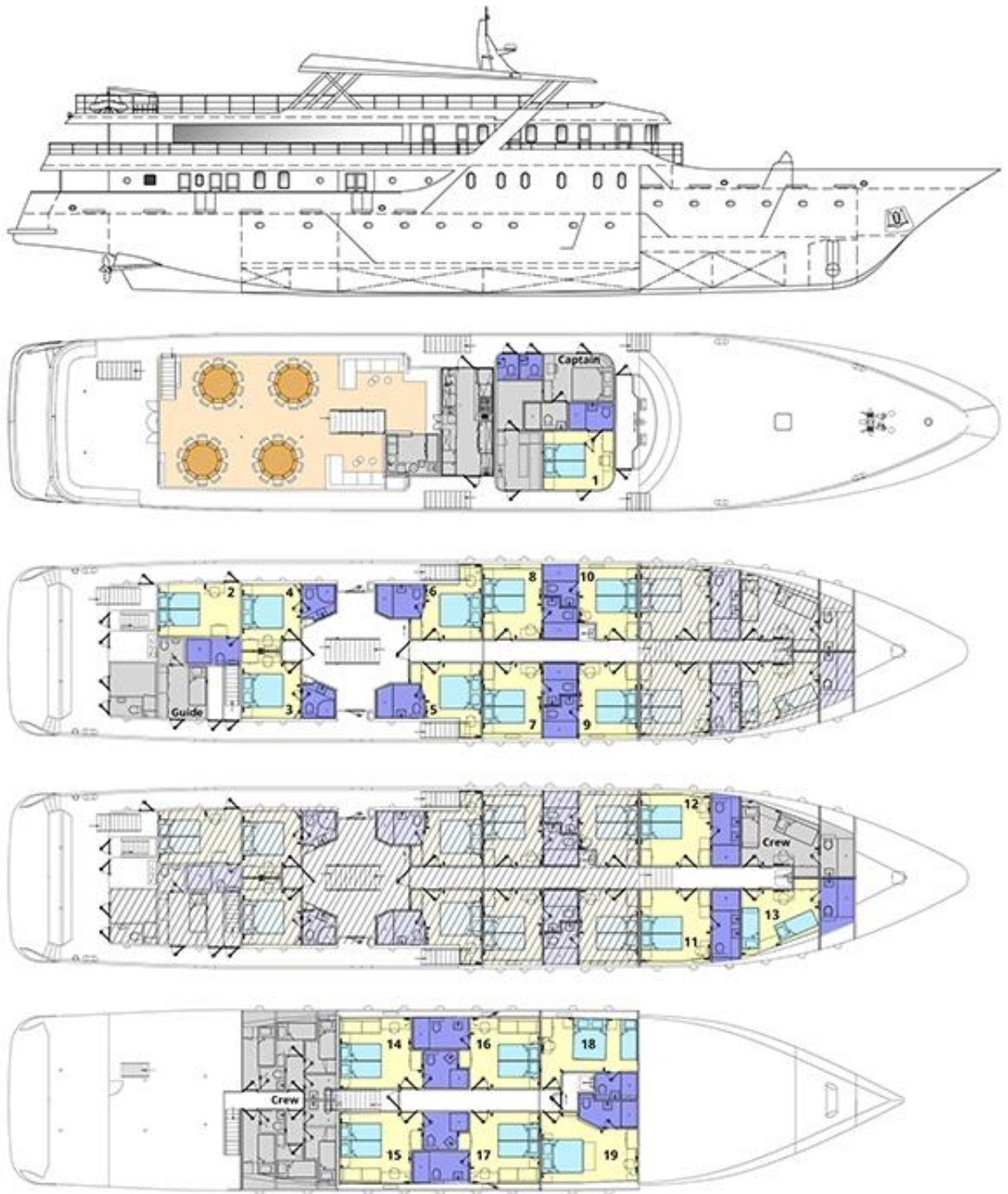


### DINING

Throughout your cruise, look forward to lots of fantastic gastronomic delights. You'll have opportunities for enjoying delicious eats at local restaurants on land as well as mouth-watering meals onboard. A buffet-style breakfast with a wide selection of hot and cold foods are offered everything morning along with multi-course lunches. Dining is enjoyed in a casual, relaxed atmosphere with no formal dress code.



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### Outstanding Accommodation

#### Zagreb

2 nights

##### Hotel Esplanade

Dating back to 1925, The Esplanade Zagreb Hotel is one of the most famous and gracious buildings in Zagreb.

The Hotel, renowned for its highly personalized and impeccable service, has been the centre of Zagreb's social life since it opened, welcoming presidents, politicians, film stars and musicians among its many distinguished visitors.

Esplanade Zagreb Hotel offers supreme luxury for the spirit and all the senses in the heart of this historic city, close to all its major sights and delights.



#### Ljubljana

2 nights

##### Grand Hotel Union

Located just steps away from the central Prešern Square and Tromostovje in Ljubljana, Grand Hotel Union offers accommodation in a historical Art Nouveau building. Free WiFi access is provided in all areas.

All spacious and tastefully decorated air-conditioned rooms come with a flat-screen cable TV, a minibar and a safe, while private bathrooms feature a bathtub, free toiletries and a hairdryer. Slippers and bathrobes are provided for your comfort. Some units also come with a seating area. All guests are welcome to enjoy the complimentary buffet breakfast.

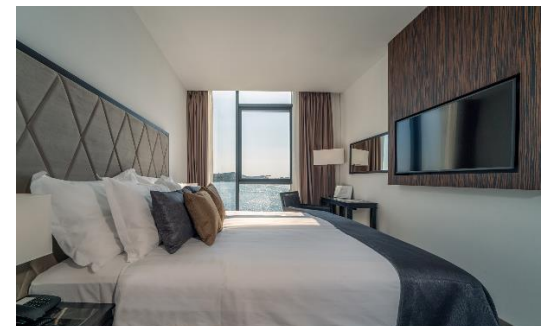


#### Šibenik

1 night

##### Hotel Bellevue

Superior City Hotel located in Šibenik, Croatia. Its position in city center and right by the sea makes a perfect choice for travelers who want to feel the city life, and to admire beautiful sea view at the same time. Hotel Bellevue offers accommodation in 49 stylish and modern rooms, including top floor executive and presidential apartments with hot tub on the terrace.



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### Dubrovnik

2 nights

#### Hotel Dubrovnik Palace

Situated in the Lapad Peninsula, Hotel Dubrovnik Palace offers a beach and a scuba diving centre. All rooms have a sleek design, earthy colours and a balcony and offer views of the Elaphite Islands.

Free Wi-Fi, air conditioning and luxury toiletries are standard at the Dubrovnik Palace rooms. All are fitted with a flat-screen satellite TV and minibar.



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**Personal Notes & Questions**