

# ADRIATIC ODYSSEY



JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke 



Ocean Cruise

14 Days

\$12,990 CAD  
All inclusive, per  
guest,  
double occ.

October 15  
to October  
28, 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.

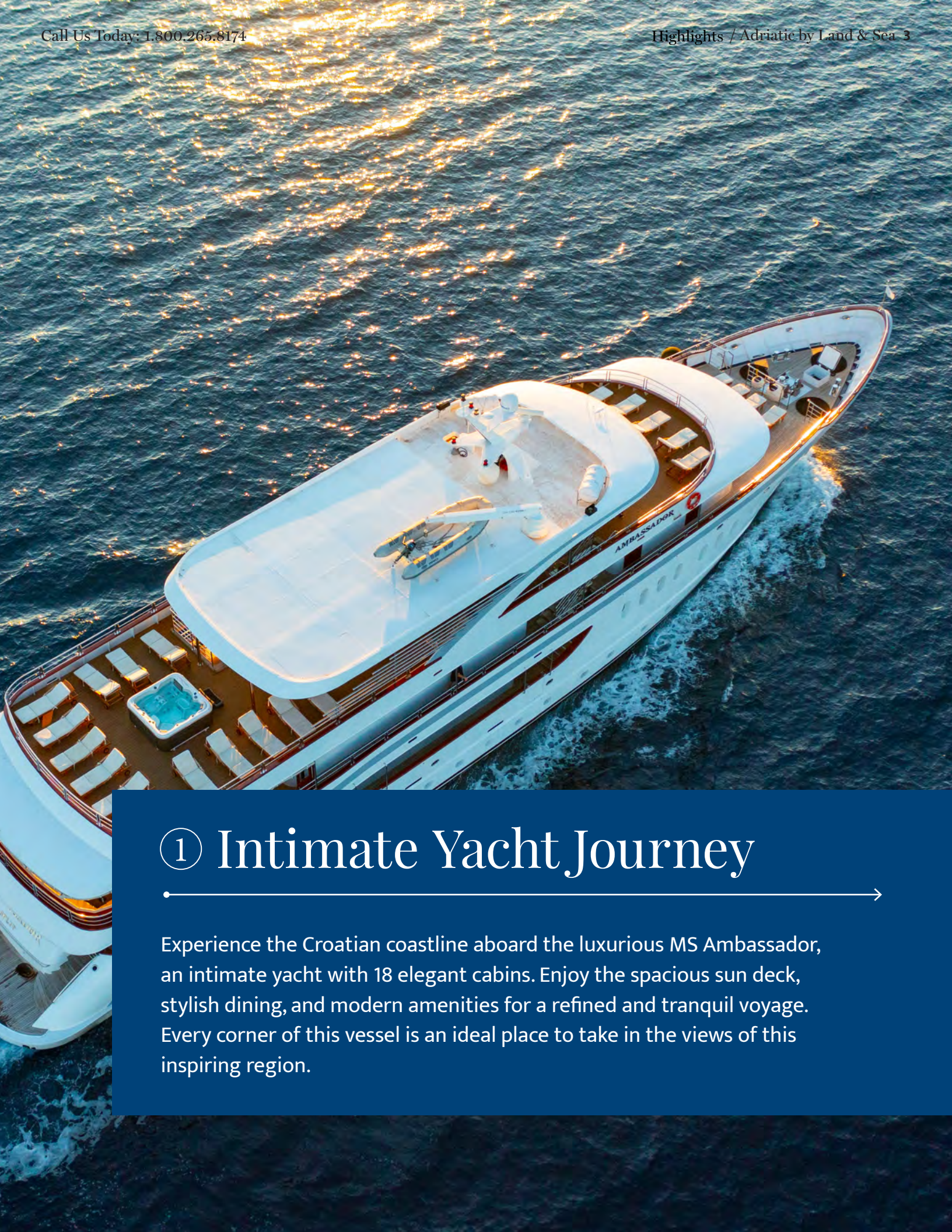


**COACH**



**CRUISE**





## ① Intimate Yacht Journey

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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

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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

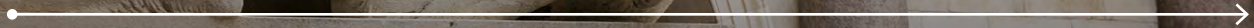
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Split, a charming Croatian coastal city, is anchored by the historic Diocletian's Palace and a lively waterfront promenade. Stroll through narrow alleys leading to bustling markets and quaint shops. The city seamlessly blends Roman ruins with contemporary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





# Journey Itinerary





## Day 1

# DEPART FOR DUBROVNIK, 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







## Day 2

# ARRIVE IN DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Arrive in Dubrovnik and settle into your hotel before enjoying a welcome dinner with the group. This evening, relax at your leisure, with the option to take advantage of direct beach access, explore Dubrovnik's Medieval Old Town, or simply bask in the spectacular views of the Elaphiti Islands as you prepare for the journey ahead.

**Overnight: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik**

**Meals: D**



## Day 3

# DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Today, meet our local English-speaking guide who will lead us to Dubrovnik's historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore its highlights with the group, then enjoy free time to discover more—whether walking the famous city walls or taking the cable car to Mount Srđ for breathtaking views. Experience firsthand why Dubrovnik is called the Pearl of the Adriatic.

End the day with a group dinner, sharing stories and savoring local cuisine at a charming restaurant in Dubrovnik's Old Town.

**Overnight: Hotel Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 4

# CAVTAT AND ČILIPĪ, CROATIA

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.

Afterward, enjoy lunch at a restaurant along the river Ljuta and prepare to embark upon the luxurious MV Ambassador that awaits your arrival. Settle into the ship and enjoy the amenities onboard before kicking off with a welcome dinner and set sail on the next adventure on our Journey.

**Overnight: MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**



## Day 5

# ŠIPAN & SLANO, CROATIA

Wake up to the sea breeze and enjoy a lovely breakfast onboard the MV ambassador before setting sail for the Elaphiti islands, renowned for their stunning beaches and crystal-clear waters. We will visit the Šipan island before continuing on our cruise to Slano.

Upon arrival, we will be greeted by 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. Our ship will stay in Slano overnight.

**Overnight: MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 6

# MLJET NATIONAL PARK & KORČULA, 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 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.

**Overnight: MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**



## Day 7

# VIS, CROATIA

Our morning cruise will bring us to the island of Vis, the highlight of today's exploration, but not without a stop for a swim in the stunning Mediterranean. Vis is a pearl 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 8

# HVAR & BIŠEVO BLUE CAVE, CROATIA

Our morning sail leads us to the Island of Biševo, famed for its enchanting Blue Cave. Accessible by boat if water levels permit, or by dive below sea level for the adventurous, we'll experience its captivating deep blue and shiny silver hues mystical blue depths for an unforgettable experience.

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.

**Overnight: MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**



## Day 9

# BOL & TROGIR, 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.

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. This evening we'll remain docked in Trogir's old town overnight and indulge our senses with the Captain's dinner and live music!

**Overnight: MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 10

# SPLIT, CROATIA

This morning, we cruise into Split, Croatia's vibrant second-largest city, rich with 1,700 years of history. An English-speaking guide will lead us on a tour of the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1979, including Diocletian's Palace and its renowned landmarks.

After the guided tour, enjoy the afternoon at your own pace. Revisit any sights that caught your eye or wander the narrow, cobblestone streets, discovering hidden gems, charming cafés, and local boutiques. This evening, we'll come together for dinner at a local restaurant in Split before heading back to the MV Ambassador for our final night on board.

**MV Ambassador**

**Meals: B,L,D**



## Day 11

# ŠIBENIK & ZADAR, CROATIA

This morning, discover the charm of Šibenik, a compact old town filled with medieval alleys, fortress-ringed stairways, and the stunning Renaissance Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Set on the picturesque Adriatic coast where the Krka River flows into the sea, Šibenik is an atmospheric gem waiting to be explored.

In the afternoon, we transfer to Zadar for a captivating tour of its historic center, best explored on foot. Walk along the defensive walls built by the Venetians in the 16th century, beginning at the Port Gate, where the Venetian Lion still stands guard. Visit the Square of the Five Wells, the Church of St. Donat, the 1st-century BC Roman Forum, and St.

Anastasia's Cathedral, the largest in Dalmatia. This evening, enjoy relaxing at our luxurious 5-star coastal wellness hotel, known for its tranquil natural setting.

**Overnight: Falkesteiner Hotel Iadera, Zadar**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 12

# PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Today, we journey to Plitvice National Park, Croatia's largest and most celebrated natural wonder. Start with a traditional Lika County lunch, savoring regional dishes that highlight the essence of Croatian cuisine. Afterward, explore the park's mesmerizing lakes and waterfalls, which earned it UNESCO World Heritage status in 1979. Nestled in the mountains of Lika, Plitvice is renowned as one of Europe's most beautiful natural parks.

In the afternoon, we continue to Ljubljana, Slovenia, preparing for the final leg of our adventure.

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Union, Ljubljana**

**Meals: B,L,D**



## Day 13

# LJUBLJANA & LAKE BLEED, SOLVENIA

Today 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.

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Union, Ljubljana**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 14

# HOME

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we bid Slovenia 'Nasvidenje' 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](http://www.journeysbyvandyke.com) or available from our office on request. We must reserve the ability to make improvements.





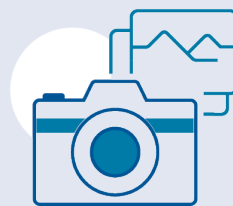
# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

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

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## Days 2 & 3

# 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.



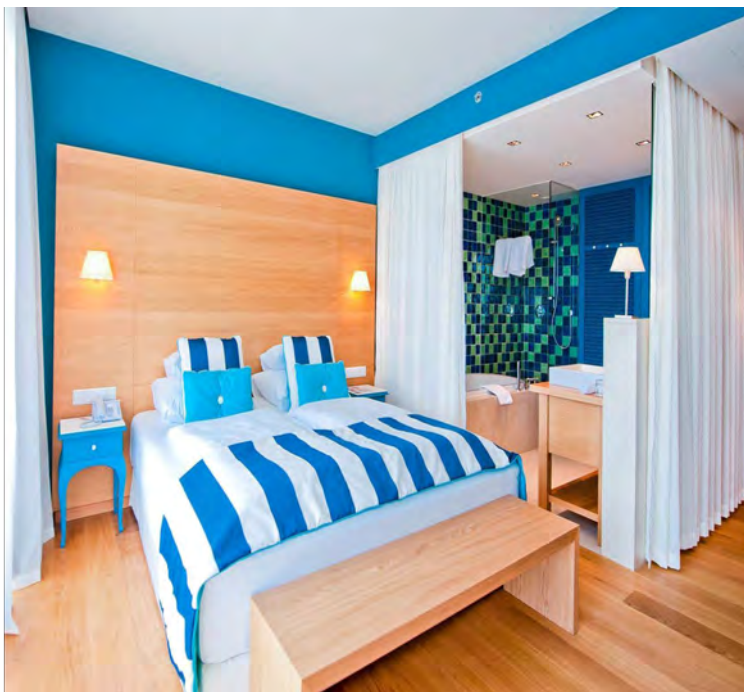


## Day 11

# 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

# 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.



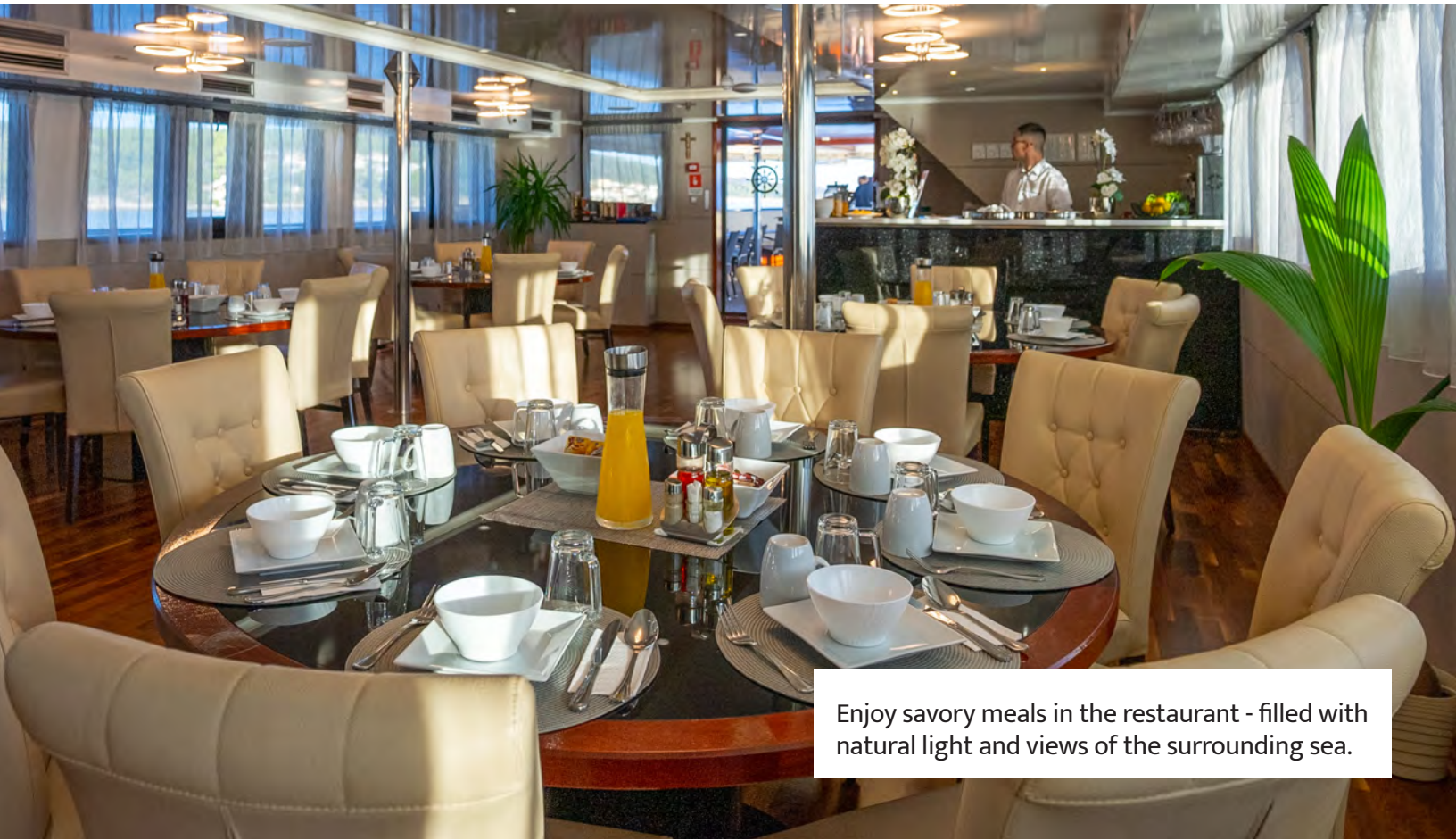


Launched in 2019, this 36-guest cruiser features a large sundeck with partial sun-shade cover and comfortable deck-beds for all passengers, all with easy access to the Jacuzzi tub and swimming platform.

# MV Ambassador







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



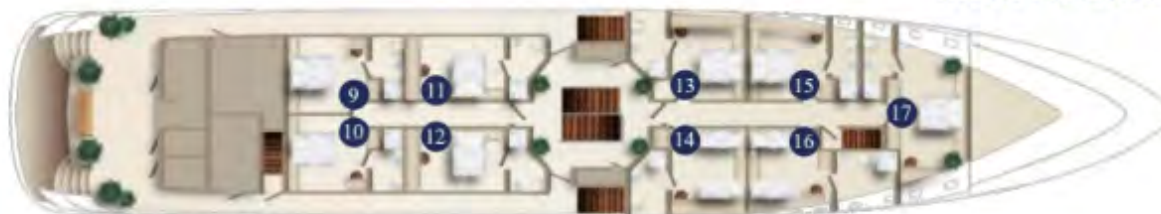
### SUNNY DECK



### UPPER DECK



### MAIN DECK



### STANDARD DECK

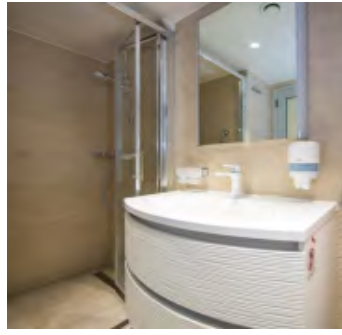


# Deck Plan



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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

**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

**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  
**\$12,990**

Single Occupancy  
**\$18,490**

Double Occupancy  
**\$13,490**

Single Occupancy  
**\$19,490**

Double Occupancy  
**\$13,990**

Single Occupancy  
**\$20,490**

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.