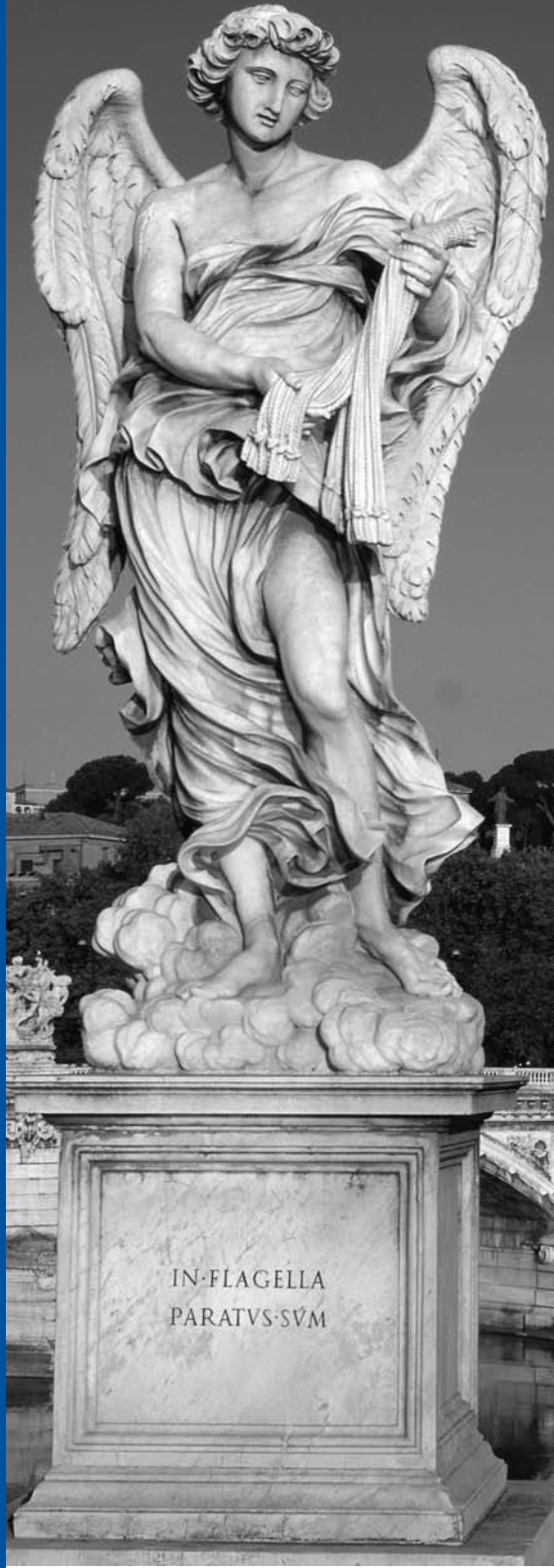


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CIVITAVECCHIA TO VENICE PORT INFORMATION





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## Ponza, Italy

Mainly made of rhyolitic and andesitic rocks, Ponza shows characteristically gray, yellow and ash colored tuft formations that contribute to creating the peculiar blue of the rocks. Ventotene and S. Stefano, 39 kilometers east of Ponza, are rich in acid and basaltic rocks. The archipelago, about 20 miles from the coast of Latium, was inhabited during the Neolithic period. The Phoenicians and Greeks inhabited Ponza after colonization by the Aurunci, and built a fortified citadel of which some traces of cyclopean walls remain. In 313 BCE, the Romans colonized Ponza enriching it with grand public works. They built a magnificent aqueduct still partly used today, a temple devoted to the Dioscuri and another to the Venous Epiponzia. In 1734, Ponza became the property of the Bourbons, who looked after its renaissance after innumerable events and after being the stage of glorious naval fights. When united to the Italian kingdom, Ponza experienced a long period of isolation that grew during Italy's twenty years of Fascism. It was only after the Second World War that Ponza was restored to its nascent role, that of an oasis of sea and sun. Its natural beauty together with the many historical aspects of thousands of years contributes to making the island a true paradise on earth with modern tourist organizations.

# Capri, Italy

## Levante Cruise, Capri and Anacapri

By boat, minivan and by foot

Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 53

Capri is the outpost of the peninsula of Sorrento and is called the jewel of the Bay of Naples because of its impressive scenery, clear skies and beautiful climate.

You will be picked up by private motor boat directly from the ship and will be taken on a scenic ride to the east side of the island. During the mini cruise you will have the chance of admiring some of the most astonishing natural beauties of the island such as the White Grotto, the Faraglioni rocks and Punta del Capo. Leave the boat and walk to the minibus parking. The tour will continue with a drive to the small, picturesque village called Anacapri. Here, you can choose between taking the chair lift up to Monte Solaro, boasting breathtaking views of the bay of Naples, or visiting with your guides the famous Villa San Michele, an ancient property built on the ruins of one of the Tiberius palaces, taken over by the Swedish doctor & author Axel Munthe, writer of the famous 'Life of San Michele' book, who made it his home. The villa is now a museum of his paintings and furnishings.

You will then continue towards the famous Piazzetta – the main square of Capri – where you will enjoy free time. From the main square in Capri, you will then take the Funicolare back down to the port of marina Grande (tickets will be provided by the guide). Those who wish may stay in town and return later.

### NOTES:

- This tour is not suggested to guests with walking difficulties. **No ramps or special boots available.**
- The Levante cruise will take 1 hour, the rest of the tour will be by local mini-van and by foot. The cruise is subject to sea and weather conditions.
- For this excursion we might use big or smaller boats – in the case of choppy sea, you might get wet.

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- Capri is extremely busy, (even more on Sundays, bank holidays and every day in July and August). There will be unavoidable waiting lines for the cable car and mini vans. **Therefore, queues must be expected as either minibuses or funicular.**
- In Capri boats and minibuses work on a first come, first served basis. Pre-reservations are not possible. When a group arrives at the parking area the group gets listed and has to wait for its turn.
- In Capri, you will have time for shopping and for an individual exploration. You could go on your own to Augustus's gardens which are like a living postcard terrace overlooking the bay of Marina Piccola and the emerging Faraglioni rocks. (15 minutes to go and a bit more to come back as it is uphill).
- Inside visit : Villa San Michele

# Giardini Naxos Taormina, Italy

*(Civitavecchia to Venice cruises)*

## **Transfer to Taormina and Guided Visit of the Theater**

By air-conditioned motor coach and foot  
Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 39

You will leave the landing pier of Naxos and drive along the coastal road dotted with lovely villas and gardens in bloom. Once you reach the picturesque city of Taormina, you will leave the coach to start the walking tour. The town is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea and has a delightful medieval character. Your first stop will be to admire the famous palazzo Corvaja, a 15th century palace. The building is indicative of the architectural style of the period and is adorned with classic double windows. You'll then go to the impressive theater built by the Greeks in the 3rd century BC, renowned for its size and unique acoustic effects. It is still used in summertime for open-air performances. Before returning to the ship, there will be time for a stroll in Corso Umberto. Just off this pedestrian street there are many small streets where you'll have time to buy local handicrafts and savor some Italian coffee or local sweets.

### **NOTES:**

- This tour involves a lot of walking.
- After leaving the coach at the parking area, sightseeing will take place entirely by foot. The path to the city center of Taormina involves walking uphill. Comfortable shoes are suggested.
- Shops are open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 1pm and from 4pm to 8pm.

*(Venice to Civitavecchia cruises)*  
**Sicilian Brunch, Wine Tasting and  
Transfer to Taormina**

By air-conditioned motorcoach  
Min. 25 / Max. 40, 7 hours, Euros 89

Leaving the pier by motor coach you will motor on the freeway to the south, leave the freeway in Giarre and continue for Mount Etna joining the scenic road which winds around the slopes of the mountain passing the town of Giarre and the village of Santa Venerina, motoring across vineyards and woods. Driving across Santa Venerina you will be able to see the damages of the earthquake which has hit the area in 2002. You will then reach the estate belonging to the Barons di Villagrande where you will be welcomed by the baroness. This charming lady will guide you in a tour of the cellar and the winery explaining the qualities of the Mount Etna wine and the secrets of a real expert. You will enjoy a magnificent view over the fertile valley and the fields covered with vines which produce the certified Etna wine, which is produced from local vines, and made special by the lava, which has entered the soil during the centuries, and the particular position of the fields in respect of sun. The visit completed you will proceed to the old stable where you will enjoy a sicilian brunch with local products and taste the different qualities of wine produced in the estate. Leave the winery and proceed to reach Taormina. The town is perched on a terrace overlooking the sea and has a delightful medieval character. There will be time for a stroll in Corso Umberto. Just off this pedestrian street there are many small streets where you'll have time to buy local handicrafts and savor some Italian coffee or local sweets. You might decide to go and visit the roman amphitheater. At the fixed time drive back to the pier.

**NOTES:**

- 45 minutes drive from the pier to the Barone di Villagrande Estate.
- 45 minutes drive to Taormina.
- Time at leisure in Taormina.
- Wine and water included at lunch.

## Mount Etna

*(depending on weather conditions and local authorizations)*

By air-conditioned motor coach

Min. 20 / Max. unlimited

Duration: 5 hours 30 min., Euros 94

Majestic Mount Etna is Europe's largest active volcano, rising 11,000 feet (3340 meters). Her slopes soar up to over 3,296 meters and the flanks are spotted with cones and craters. From the peaks, you can gaze out across the Catania Gulf and view the woods, orchids and vineyards. The main attraction is Etna's crater and the awe-inspiring petrified remnants of lava flows. The tour will start with a drive through the small town of Naxos. Driving to Mount Etna along the motorway, you'll enjoy the journey along a scenic road that winds around the slopes of the mountain, passing the town of Giarre and the villages of Santa Venerina and Zafferana. You'll delight at the everchanging scenery of lemon groves, orchards, vineyards, and chestnut and pine woods that blend with the hardened lava and endless volcanic cones. The Silvestri crater is located about 1950 meters above sea level. Once there, you will then transfer to 4x4 minibuses or cable car to reach approx 2500 meters and then go further up to the base of the main crater at about 2950 meters above sea level by 4x4 minibuses. A professional alpine guide will lead a 30-45 minute hike to see the last lava flow and walk around one of the craters (Depending on volcano activity).

### NOTES:

- Comfortable shoes are suggested, and a jacket or sweater is necessary on Mount Etna. It might be cold and / or windy even in Summer!
- It is a 1h15 drive each way to reach Mount Etna.
- This tour will be available only during summer, weather permitting. You will visit either the North or the South side depending on the current volcanic activity.
- You will reach approx. 2950 meters above sea level – if you suffer with high blood pressure or heart diseases, please check with your doctor.

# Corfu, Greece

## Achilléion and Old Town

By air-conditioned motorcoach and by foot  
Min. 25 / Max. unlimited, 4 hours, Euros 38

Enjoy a pleasant drive through the verdant countryside teeming with orange, lemon, cypress and olive groves and at the traditional village of Gastouri marvel at the Achilleion constructed under the rule of the Empress Elisabeth of Austria.

She greatly admired the Greek hero Achilles and named the palace after him. After her assassination, the villa was bought by Kaiser Wilhelm II. It was confiscated by the Greeks in 1914. It's built in neoclassical style with large frescoed rooms, ancient motifs and souvenirs of Elisabeth and Wilhelm II. The Italian terraced gardens are planted with flowers and Mediterranean trees and adorned with statues including the dying Achilles (by the German sculptor Herter), across from which Wilhelm II set up a huge bronze statue of Achilles, the Victor. Once in this palace, you have the opportunity to visit the vast, impressive rooms and the striking gardens, boasting exotic trees and flowers and commanding a breathtaking view of the Ionian sea. From Achilleion you continue the panoramic drive to the Old Town and Spianada. Enjoy a walk through the old quarter, along the narrow cobblestone streets known as Kantounia and past the old cricket grounds. Enjoy some free time and stroll through the arcades of the Liston Piazza once the palace stables and catch a glimpse of the old Church of Saint Spyridon, boasting a priceless collection of icons and gifts offered to the patron saint of the island.

Rejoin your coach at the old fortress entrance and return back to the ship.

### NOTES:

- The use of cameras and video cameras is free of charge in the Achilleion but flash is prohibited.
- The Achilleion being a famous place it might be very crowded above all in July and August.

### **Cycling Tour:**

#### **The Olive Groves & Medieval Villages of Corfu**

Transfer by coach to the bike station,  
then by bike

Min. 16 / Max. 35, 4 hours 30 min., Euros 84

MOUNTAINBIKING is an unique new way to explore the hidden and unspoiled parts of the green Corfiot countryside. You will cycle under the cool shade of the island's ageless olive groves on country roads and trails passing through some unknown and hidden yet most picturesque and traditional villages.

From the port you will be taken to Dassia resort (20 minutes), where you will select your MB and receive the necessary road instructions together with bottled water and helmet. Accompanied by your experienced local guides we start easy cycling along the beautiful Ionian Sea, leave the coastal road, and enter immediately Corfu's green hinterland. After an approx. 20 minutes climb – your today's work-out along impressive ancient olive groves we reach the medieval San Marcos, and Venetian hamlet with carefully restored Venetian mansions and chapel dating from Byzantine times. The climb will reward us with stunning views from the bell tower of the green inner plains of the island and even until the port of Corfu which are stretched below us. We continue to one of Corfu's most picturesque medieval villages: Ano Korakiana. We visit the old mini market and stroll through the narrow paved alleys and tunnels with numerous Venetian mansions, inhaling the typical village atmosphere from far-off times. Now we are cycling along olive groves and vineyards and reach the pretty taverna near Kato Korakiana, where at the terrace awaits for us an excellent fruit buffet with \_ rich selection of fruits-of-the-season and \_ selection of juices / refreshments. Full of impressions we cycle slowly down with fabulous views to the sea through the village and along the Venetian "Castello", back to the MTB- station in Dassia, where your coach awaits you to bring you back to the ship.

#### **NOTES:**

- Round trip, starts easy along the sea, then moderate cycling, including one work-out/

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slow climb of 3km's, followed by cycling through light undulating landscape, and after fruit lunch, slow downhill with fabulous views. Total distance covered is 34 km.

- This easy going cycle tour offers you the opportunity to see three medieval villages and to explore the beautiful land- and seascapes of Corfu, offering fabulous views, by superb mountain/all terrain bike!
- Participants must be from 12 years old! Tours are suitable for guests in healthy physical 'cycle'-condition and basic cycling proficiency is required, but there is NO contest involved.
- The right to change itineraries, due to unforeseen circumstances, is reserved!
- All our professional instructors are fully qualified, licensed and experienced. Rental equipment is of high recognized quality and regularly serviced.

### Corfu by Sea

Transfer by van to embarkation,  
then by local boat

Min 10 / Max 35, duration 4 hours, Euros 75

Take in sights of Corfu's golden coastline while cruising around Corfu Town; have your cameras ready as we pass by one of the most photographed tourist attractions Pontikonissi (Mouse Island). On your own, you can visit the small monastery on the hill, originally built by Austrian Empress Sissy, or you can have a short coffee break in island's only coffee shop. The next stop is at the Mon Repo Palace. Your guide will lead you through Mon Repo Palace and archeological sites of the old Corcyra city (Paleopolis) dated back to 492 B.C. Finally we will stop on Vidos Island. An unspoiled uninhabited small green island just half a mile from Corfu Town. You will see untouched beaches and small forest pathways leading to the old Serbian cemetery.

#### NOTE:

- Guests must have swimming costumes and towels, the boat stops regularly for swimming opportunity

# Kotor, Montenegro

## Guided Walking Tour of Kotor

By foot

Min. 20 / Max. unlimited,

Duration: 1 1/2 hours, Euros 20

Upon disembarkation we will start the walking tour of Kotor, an old medieval Mediterranean town in the beautiful fjord. Kotor is the old maritime centre of Montenegro, full of monuments, shops, café bars, and restaurants. It is under the UNESCO protection. We will visit the Maritime museum, the Cathedral of St. Tripun from 12th century and the Greca square where two orthodox churches are situated, St. Luka and St. Nikolas. After the guided portion of the tour the guests will have the opportunity to explore the city on their own, before heading back to the ship.

### NOTE:

- Inside visits: Maritime Museum, the cathedral

## Perast & Kotor

By bus and boat

Min. 25 / Max. 48, 4 hours, Euros 59

Upon disembarkation you will drive through beautiful bay of Kotor to Perast, a small baroque village hidden behind the islet of Lady of the Rocks. The most beautiful buildings of this small city were built in the 17th and 18th century. It is a small and peaceful place which abounds in sacred monuments, such as the Church of St. Nicholas built between 15th and 17th century. Here you will visit the Maritime Museum.

After the visit you will have free time to explore Perast on your own before you sail to the islet Gospa od Skrpjela or Lady of the Rocks and its church called as well Lady of the Rocks.

Gospa od Skrpjela is a baroque church on one of two islets, deep in the Bay of Kotor, across from the town of Perast. According to the legend, the islet was made over the centuries by the seamen who kept an ancient oath. Upon returning from each successful voyage, they laid a rock in the Bay. Over time, the islet gradually emerged from the sea. Our Lady of the Rocks was seen on the sight. The church contains 68 magnificent paintings by Tripo Kokolja, a famous 17th century artist from Perast. His most famous painting, ten meters long, is The Death of the Virgin.

Then, you will embark the coach and drive from Perast to Kotor. On our return to Kotor we will start the introductory tour of Kotor, an old medieval Mediterranean town in the beautiful fjord. Kotor is the old maritime centre of Montenegro, full of monuments, shops, café bars, and restaurants. It is under the UNESCO protection. The Cathedral of St. Tripun from 12th century, the orthodox church of St. Luka will be viewed from the outside.

### NOTES:

- Light clothes and sturdy shoes are recommended for that tour.
- There is a 20 minute drive to Perast.
- You will visit the Maritime Museum in Perast, Gospa od Skrpjela church.

# Dubrovnik, Croatia

## Traditional Dubrovnik

By coach and by foot

Min. 25 / Max. 96, 4 hours, Euros 40

This is an opportunity to enjoy, not far from the city, a genuine village atmosphere and traditional specialities. The drive takes you through a chain of villages in the Konavle Valley to the small village of Poljice where you will visit the Glavic family and their typical Konavle style house. The family has lived here for generations producing grape brandy, olive oil and wine in traditional way. Your hosts will show you around the house, with a traditional welcome drinks included (dried figs and home-made brandy).

The romantic atmosphere, exquisite scenery, and the charm of your host will make the entire visit a memorable experience. You will continue your tour to the little town of Cavtat, founded centuries ago at the remains of Epidaurus. This beautiful region has long been a source of inspiration for artists and poets. On arrival, you will traverse the town's palm-lined promenade. Here, residents and visitors congregate to enjoy the southern European summer weather. Having once served as a Roman settlement, Cavtat is today a favorite destination for sailors as well as yachting enthusiasts. Enjoy independently exploring the town at your own pace.

Upon arrival to Pile Gate your guide will take you for an introductory tour of the Old Town showing you all the highlights of this medieval town. After the introductory tour you will have the opportunity to explore the city on your own.

### NOTES:

- The drive to Poljica is about 60 minutes, the scenic drive to Cavtat is about 20 minutes, the drive to Dubrovnik is 30 minutes.
- You will spend 45 minutes with the Glavic family.
- You will have time at leisure in Dubrovnik.

## Hidden Treasures of Dubrovnik

By foot

Min. 20 / Max. unlimited, 3 hours, Euros 33

Stari Grad, the old city of Dubrovnik and its medieval walls have been designated a world heritage site by UNESCO. Upon disembarkation you will walk to the Stradun, main street of the Old City of Dubrovnik where many fine buildings will be viewed from the outside – Sponza Palace, notable for its columned courtyard, Rector's Palace, the seat of the Rector in once independent Republic, the Cathedral, Onofriou's Column, etc.

The first visit will be at the Cathedral whose roots stretch back to the 7th century. Beneath the Cathedral, nearby archaeological excavations have revealed the foundations and walls of two older churches. Around the mid-12th century another magnificent church was constructed around the walls of the original church. Some say that this new church was financed by Richard the Lion-Heart who, on his return from the Third Crusade, was shipwrecked off the island of Lokrum. Saved by the citizens of Dubrovnik, he was so grateful he gave a substantial gift to finance the new church.

You will then walk to visit to the ramparts.

Part of the walls date from the 13th century, they are intact and encircle the old city with a circumference of more than a mile and a half (you'll walk half way). From the top of the rampart you overlook the sea of roofs covered in a mosaic of clay and dried earth tiles. Twenty five metres high, six metres wide, the rampart has protected the city for seven centuries. Built in the twelfth century, it was fortified one century later by fifteen square, gothic towers. The risk of Ottoman attack led to the existing towers being re-inforced in the fifteenth century: the Lovrijenac citadelle is in the west, the Minceta tower at the northern edge of the town, the Bokar tower that protects the Pile gateway, and the Revelin fort at the eastern entrance to the town. At the four fortresses a ditch was added, as well as a second layer of fortification on the inside. The walkway at the top of the rampart offers an impregnable view

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of the town: the steep, grid-like streets, the facade of the salesmans houses that border the Stradun, each one built with similar baroque style, the patchwork of tiles every now and then broken by a dome, a tower, a bell tower....

Next stop is to the Dubrovnik maritime museum, located in St John's castle which was rebuilt after the earthquake of 1979. The permanent display consists of 4000 exhibits which illustrate the naval history of Dubrovnik and the surrounding area. Among them are ship models dating back to the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries as well as flags, cannons, log books weapons and some rare books.

Then you will descend from the walls and the guide will accompany you to the Old harbour or you can stay and take time to stroll around the city at your convenience and be able to get back to the ship at any time.

#### **NOTES:**

- Cameras & videos are not allowed in the museum.
- This walking tour includes a lot of uphill walking and staircases.
- It might be hot on the ramparts, do not forget to take some sun protection and a bottle of water
- Inside visits: the maritime museum and the cathedral
- This tour has been tailored for guests visiting Dubrovnik for the first time.

# Korcula, Croatia

(Civitavecchia to Venice itineraries only)

**Korcula, Cultural and Historical Center**

By foot

Min. 20 / Max 30, 2 hours, Euros 20

Korcula is perhaps most visibly reminiscent for its history – from the house in which islanders believe Marco Polo was born, to medieval fortifications erected to keep the Turkish invaders and pirates at bay. These landmarks make the largest settlement on the island, also named Korcula, a fascinating town to explore. Here the main street does not cleanly bisect the town, but it zig – zags, the side streets feeding into it at an angle. And none of this is by accident ; the zig – zaging blocks the cold winter winds that blow in off the sea while a layout of the side streets tempers the heat of the midday sun. A tour of the town weaves in and out of the stone – paved streets of one of the most beautiful towns in Dalmatia. The tour spans centuries and myriad art forms – starting with the 14th – 16th century fortifications, taking you via the Rector’s palace with its 15th century turrets, into the City Museum housed in a 16th century mansion and filled with an impressive array of artifacts and Byzantine icons that bring alive Korcula’s history. You will also visit the Treasury of the Abbey and the beautiful Cathedral.

## Buggy Adventure

Min 7 / Max 14, 4 1/2 hours, Euros 98

Experience Korcula island off road adventure, start the engines and hold on to your hats! Say hello to life, on Kor\_ula hidden bays with this exciting journey in your own 2-seater buggy convertible. First off, we'll introduce you to the stunning Kor\_ula archipelago via Motor Yacht. After safety briefing in Beach Club enjoy Buggy driving on gravel roads above Lumbarda village with its gorgeous landscape full of olive groves and vineyards known only to your professional bilingual skipper. First stop will be at Milina Franko family estate. Our next stop is a hidden bay and almost entirely unpopulated locale with lovely remote vistas, where you will have chance to swim in crystal clear water. Familiarise yourself with the fragrances and sounds of the Mediterranean including. olive groves, pine trees and the calls of island birds. Final stop on our journey is on a famous Lumbarda Sandy Beach "Pr\_ina" with another chance to enjoy sun and sea!

### NOTES:

- Only children older than 10 years are allowed to sit alone in the seat
- Minimum age for the drivers is 18 years and have their driving license with them
- The transfer by boat to Lumbarda will take 30 minutes each way

**Island Customs:  
Visit and Lunch with a Family Village and  
Korcula Historical Center**

By air-conditioned motor-coach and by foot  
Min 20 / Max 48, 4 hours, Euros 65

Upon disembarkation your guide will take you for a pleasant stroll through narrow streets of this medieval town. Korcula is perhaps most visibly reminiscent for its history – from the house in which islanders believe Marco Polo was born, to medieval fortifications erected to keep the Turkish invaders and pirates at bay. The tour spans centuries and myriad art forms – visit the Cathedral of St. Mark, the Bishop's Palace and the City Museum before boarding a comfortable motor coach for a scenic drive to the village of Lumbarda.

After the city tour you will start your drive towards small village of Lumbarda, situated approx 15 minutes drive from Korcula. During your drive from the port to Lumbarda village you will enjoy the beautiful scenery of old stone houses and rich vegetation. In village of Lumbarda you will visit family Bire who will welcome you to their house serving sweet liqueurs, brandy, goat cheese and smoked ham. While your host will walk with you through their charming garden planted with Mediterranean fruits showing you their animals such as donkeys and goats, your hostess will await for you in the kitchen to show you how they are making local pasta called Makaruni. You will have the opportunity to test your cooking skills with helping her in making local specialty. After the Makaruni are made your host will invite you for a lunch to taste this local dish accompanied by local red wine.

On your return to the ship you will have the opportunity to explore the town on your own before sailing off.

**NOTES:**

- Walking tour of Korcula will take about 60 minutes.
- The scenic drive to Lumbarda will be 30 minutes each way.
- You will spend 2 hours at the family estate.

# Hvar, Croatia

## Hvar Island Tour

By air-conditioned motor coach

Min. 25 / Max. 96, 3 1/2 hours, Euros 58

The Island of Hvar is a well - known destination thanks to its mild climate and lush subtropical vegetation. The island is rich in cultural and historical monuments, and remains of the ancient times can still be seen in most settlement on the island.

The coach will take you from Hvar town to Starigrad, a small town famous for its large bay, which has long inspired artists and poets. Starigrad is a crowning glory in this majestic countryside. The town of Starigrad was the largest settlement on the island and it dates back to the 2nd century BC. In Starigrad you will visit the Dominican Monastery, with its rich library with priceless books and paintings. After a short guided tour you will have some free time in the town before continuing your scenic ride toward village of Vrisnik, where your friendly host will welcome you to his traditional country home and offer some wine. The islands wines range from light whites to full-bodied reds; all of them made locally and produced only in small quantities. In between sips you can enjoy some local specialities such as smoked ham and home made cheese.

Leaving the village of Vrisnik you will continue your ride toward the town of Hvar. Just before arrival a short stop will be made bellow the Fortress above the town of Hvar from where the magnificent view of the town of Hvar and Pakleni Islands can be enjoyed.

### NOTES:

- This tour includes panoramic drives.
- You will spend one hour in Starigrad, half guided and half on your own.
- The drive between Vrisnik and Hvar is one hour.

## Hvar Jeep Safari

Min 7 / Max 21, 3 hours, Euros 80

Inland has many beauties we want to present in appropriate way. The trip is carried out by off-road vehicles. Vehicles pass through woodland paths and areas of difficult access in order to enable a visit to all most beautiful regions on the island. Trip route leads across four most attractive belvederes, abandoned villages, fields and vineyards, tunnel, valleys, cuttings, as well as across picturesque areas full of perfumed heather, sage, rosemary, lavender and many other spicy and aromatic plants.

Scenery of the island is certainly decorated by mules, donkeys, goats and sheep... familiar Mediterranean image.

We are going to explore together old settlements which are far away from urban areas and preserved remains of Greek parcelling, embryonic church-fort, roman villa rusticae and some settlements lined up ring-like. Their strategic position has always been defense and hiding place from enemies.

While you absorb smell of aromatic plants, passing through abandoned villages, vineyards and olive-groves, listening to our guide talking about almost forgotten customs, we take you back in rich history of the island of sun and lavender.

### NOTES:

- The off drive to Malo Grablje village will take 15 minutes.
- The off-driven will continue to Levanda panoramic point passing by the village Velo Grablje and then to St Nicola's peak (highest point on the island)
- Drivers will be provided for all the jeeps.

# Rovinj, Croatia

## Cycling on Rovinj

By bike

Min. 15 / Max. 30, approx. 3 hours , Euros 40

The tour will begin at Valdibora, where the bikes and guides will wait for all guests. You will ride through the center of Rovinj, main square, waterfront, and then through the Marina, to reach the Park Forrest Zlatni Rt (Golden Cape). According to your preference, the guide will then determine whether the tour will commence through the quarry where a short brake will be given, or if the shortcut to the beach will be taken. The first stop will be at the Kuvi bay, to take memorable photos. One kilometer further, a swim stop will be taken, at the Villa Rubin beach (you will be able to use the showers). The guide will remain with the guests that want to stay at the beach, while the other guide will stay with the guests that will continue the cycling back to Rovinj.

### NOTES:

- Helmets are provided for all guests.
- The duration is 3 hours including a 1 hour swimming stop.
- Light clothes, but sturdy shoes are recommended.
- We suggest you take a bottle of water with you.

## Istria Tour

By air-conditioned motorcoach  
Min 25 / Max 90, approx. 4 hours, Euros 49

Istria, Croatia's largest peninsula, will attract you not only by its coast, but also by the lovely and varied inland area. Join our tour to discover Red, Grey and White Istria, to enjoy the beauty of its green hills and numerous vineyards. Istria is also abundant in historical and cultural monuments. Our tour starts with a drive to Pazin, a town in central Istria which already in 1574 obtained the permission to organize a fair where farm products and livestock from the surroundings were offered for sale, and this tradition lasts till now. The old part of the town, Kastel, lies on a hill about 130 m above the abyss called Jama, in which the Pazincica River (the Brook of Pazin) descends. The abyss represents a unique natural monument, a specific hydrographic and morphologic phenomenon of the Istrian karst landscape. You will visit the Ethnographic Museum, displaying a folkloric heritage, weapons and ceramic items, witnessing the way of life in the region over the centuries.

Continue your tour towards Motovun, a charming medieval town, encircled by ramparts, situated on picturesque hilltop, offering a fascinating view of the surrounding valley, fields and mountains. A photo stop will be made along the way from where you'll be able to take pictures of this picturesque medieval settlement

Istria is renowned for its wine production, and many famous vineries are situated here. You'll have the opportunity to taste some of the best Croatian wines when we stop in one of the vineries on our way to Lim fiord – one of the most beautiful bay of the Adriatic coast. It has been proclaimed a protected natural park and it is famous for oysters.

### NOTES:

- The drive to Pazin is 30 minutes, you will spend approx 30 minutes there.
- The drive to the point of view over Motovun is 30 minutes.

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- The drive to the winery is approximately 30 minutes, you will spend 30 minutes there and taste 2 sorts of wine.
- The drive back to the ship is 40 minutes.
- Inside visit: Castle and Ethnographic Museum in Pazin
- This tour is not recommended to guests suffering of transport's sickness





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