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All tours are offered with English speaking guides. The length of the tours is given as an indication only as it may vary depending on the road, weather, sea and traffic conditions and the group's pace. Time spent on site is also given on an indicative basis only. Minimum number of participants indicated per coach or group. Walking tours in Croatia can only be guided in one language.

Some excursions are only available on certain dates and/or are dependent on the ship's arrival and departure times.

Depending on what activities you would like to participate in, the general fitness levels vary. If you like to enjoy walks and other sporting activities like hiking, snorkeling and boating, an average to good fitness level is required.

MYKONOS, GREECE

The reason for Mykonos's enduring popularity is immediately apparent.

A charming little harbour, lined with cafés and colourful fishing boats, greets the eye and provides a scenic back drop for the maze of narrow cobble stoned streets that lies behind. On either side of the streets you will find picturesque whitewashed houses, local handicraft shops, boutiques, waterfront cafés and of course the island's mascot: the pelican. Don't be surprised if you encounter one of them wandering around town alongside of you.

Two of the best places to visit are Little Venice, located on the south-western side of town, with its waterfront cafés and spectacular views of the sunset, and the famous Windmills (adjacent to Little Venice on Kato Myli Hill), one of the landmarks of Mykonos. Take the time to explore this captivating island; you won't have to venture very far before you come across beautiful beaches and coves with azure blue water lapping on the shore.

Be warned, this island casts a spell on all who visit her and your first trip to Mykonos will certainly not be your last!



SANTORINI, GREECE

As soon as you arrive at Santorini you are greeted by dramatic views of vertical cliffs of grey lava and white pumice stone rising nearly 1.000 ft above the sea. The existing island of Santorini is the remains of a bigger island, destroyed by a cataclysmic volcanic eruption which took place in 1350 BC. The explosion is said to have altered the course of history in the Ancient world.

Santorini has become one of the most famous of the Greek Isles simply because of its dramatic beauty. The town of Thira, situated on the rim of the volcano, is stunningly attractive with white washed and pastel coloured buildings. The cafés and hotels built on the hill overlooking the harbour offer one of the most spectacular views in the world. Santorini will start to weave its magic as soon as you take the cable car from the harbour to the town, and gaze upon the awesome spectacle of nature in all its dramatic beauty. The more adventurous among you may like to take a donkey ride to the top of the mountain – a special treat in itself. The striking beauty of Santorini is something every visitor will long remember.

Santorini Volcano Hiking

By boat and on foot

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Duration approximately : 3 hours

€50

Climb aboard a traditional local boat called a « Caique » which will take you straight from the ship to Nea Kameni. On the way you will sail along volcanic shores with strangely shaped rock formations of contrasting black volcanic rock and white pumice stone. After disembarking, an uphill walk will take you to the crater of the volcano which is still active. On the way up you will see fragments of lava and volcanic rock formations.

Once you have reached the crater you will have time to relax and enjoy the view of Santorini island and the amazing cliff of Caldera. Afterwards, you will walk back down to the waiting “Caique” and sail towards the thermal springs of Palea Kameni. The boat will stop for awhile in the dark green sulphur waters, allowing you to enjoy a relaxing swim in the warm water before returning to the ship.

- The visit to the volcanic islet involves strenuous uphill walking (approximately 1 km). Appropriate footwear (walking or sports shoes) is mandatory
- There is no shade on the volcano and you should apply sun screen regularly and make sure you have comfortable shoes
- The tour may be cancelled if weather conditions are bad
- This tour is not recommended for guests who suffer from seasickness and those with mobility problems
- To do this excursion you need to be physically fit and a good swimmer
- Don't forget to bring a swimsuit, sunscreen and towel. Due to high sulphur levels, light coloured bathing costumes may become discoloured
- The climb is 30 minutes up and 20 minutes down
- The transfer to the volcano port takes only 15 minutes
- The transfer to the hot spring takes 20 minutes and the return to the ship takes 25 minutes



Flavours of Santorin: Akrotiri & Oia

By air-conditioned motor-coach

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Duration 4h30

€67

From the vessel, you will board local tenders to Athinios, where motor coaches will be waiting to take you to the prehistoric site of Akrotiri, considered to be one of the most important cities of Minoan society. Fascinating ruins have been excavated here, buried deep into the earth after the eruption of the volcano; a 3500 year old city with its squares, narrow cobbled streets, houses and shops. Marvelous frescoes were found in some of the houses as well as utensils for everyday use.

After your guided tour of the site, the tour continues to Oia, a picturesque village on the northern tip of the island. Its wonderful view of the volcano, narrow streets lined with whitewashed houses and blue domed churches make Oia a photographer's delight. Enjoy some free time on your own and take the opportunity to visit the artists' workshops and talk to them about their work. Admire the architecture and the typical Santorinian style of houses and churches.

After a short journey you will arrive in Fira, the attractive capital town. After your visit, take the cable car down to the small harbour of Scala where the vessel's tender will take you back to the ship.

The tour at the archaeological site is entirely on foot so comfortable shoes are recommended. There is some uphill walking at Akrotiri.

Exploration of Oia is on foot. Some of the walking involves cobble stoned surfaces and steps.

The rate includes the transfer by boat to Athinios to take your coach, as well as the funicular ticket to get down to the pier in Scala

Akrotiri is closed on Mondays, on that day it will be replaced by a visit to a winery and a tasting of local wines



KATAKOLON, GREECE**Olympia**

By air conditioned motor coach and on foot

Duration: 4hours

Minimum 20, no maximum

€60

Relive the wonder and thrill of the original Olympic Games held from 776 BC until 393 AD.

From the little harbour of Katakolon, it is a short drive through the pastoral landscape of Elis to the site of Olympia. Your Greek guide will take you to the heart of the site where athletes used to honour their gods. Discover the great monuments one by one: the Ancient Temple of Hera and the huge Temple of Zeus which once housed one of the Seven Wonders of the World - The Golden Ivory Zeus, as well as the unique Stadium and Bouleuterion where the competitors swore on oath to play fair. Located nearby were Phedias' Workshop, the Palaistra and the Gymnasium. The site is beautifully shaded by Judas and olive trees and dominated by the conical shaped Hill of Kronos. After a short break, the visit continues to the Museum to view the wonderful marble statues in the temple of Zeus, the famous Hermes of Praxiteles and a unique collection of ancient pieces of armour and bronze figurines, all well preserved for centuries in the mud of the adjacent Alpheios River.

- Before returning to port, you will have some free time in Olympia village for a coffee or souvenir shopping.
- The drive to Olympia is approx.30 minutes
- You will spend about 2 hours at the site and the museum.
- There is a lot of walking involved in this tour, but none of it is uphill.
- The use of cameras and video-cameras is free of charge at the site and the museum, but it is forbidden to use a flash in the museum.



CORFU, Greece**Achilléion and the old town**

By air-conditioned motor-coach and on foot

Minimum 20 participants, no maximum

Duration: 4 hours

€40

Enjoy a pleasant drive through the verdant countryside teeming with orange and lemon trees, cypresses and olive groves, to the village of Gastouri. This typical old village is the site of the marvellous Achilleion, built under the rule of Empress Elisabeth of Austria.

The Empress greatly admired the Greek hero Achilles and named her palace after him. After her assassination the villa was bought by Kaiser Wilhelm II and it was confiscated by the Greeks in 1914.

The building is in the Neo-classical style and boasts large frescoed rooms with traditional motifs, and souvenirs of Elisabeth and Wilhelm II. The Italian style terraced gardens are planted with flowers and trees and adorned with statues including one of the dying Achilles (the work of the German sculptor Herter). William II added a bronze statue of Achilles the Victor which he placed directly opposite.

Inside the palace you will visit the vast impressive rooms and stroll around the magnificent gardens filled with exotic plants and trees and commanding break-taking views of the Ionian Sea.

After leaving the Achilléion, the excursion continues with a panoramic drive to the old town and Spianada square. Explore the old quarter and walk through the narrow cobble-stoned streets known as Kantounia, past the old cricket ground. You will have some free time to stroll through the arcades of the Liston Piazza, once the site of the palace stables and see the old Church of Saint Spyridon with its priceless collection of icons and gifts offered to the patron saint of the island.

The coach will be waiting for you at the entrance to the old fort for the return journey back to the ship.

- The use of cameras and video-cameras is free of charge in the Achilleion, but flash photography is forbidden
- The Achilleion is a very famous site and can be very crowded (especially in July and August). Sometimes several ships dock at the same time which means that places of interest will be over-crowded. Please be patient, follow instructions and keep close to your guide at all times in order to hear the commentary (microphones etc are prohibited in some areas).



Corfu by sea

There is a short walk to reach the local boat

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 35

Duration 4 hours

€79

Your vessel on this Corfu Swimming Trip is a traditional Greek "Kaliki" fishing boat which has been adapted to transport tourists. Have your cameras at the ready, because we will pass by some of the most photogenic tourist attractions in the area, like Pontikonissi (Mouse Island) and Vidos Island.

The ship will sail to "Pontikonissi", which houses the Byzantine church of Pantokrator, Christ the Almighty, built in the 11th or 12th century. The church contains memorial tablets to Elizabeth Empress of Austria and Archduke Rodolfo.

The next stop is Vidos island. This unspoilt green island is totally uninhabited, even though it is only half a mile's distance from Corfu town. You will see pristine beaches and little wooded paths leading to the old Serbian cemetery. Here you may take a swim in the warm crystal clear waters of the Ionian sea, stroll to the cemetery or just relax at a coffee shop.

On the way back there will be a stop at Espianada square in the old town of Corfu. Explore the old quarter with its fascinating narrow cobble-stoned streets. You will have some time at leisure to stroll through the arcades of the Liston Piazza and admire St Michael and St George's palace, and the old church of Saint Spyridon before returning to port.

- Participants should bring swimsuits and towels
- **The tour is dependent on weather conditions and may be modified or cancelled at the last minute as per the Captain's decision**
- Passenger safety is our priority, and changes to the programme will be made for security reasons only.
- Refreshments will be served on board

Panagias Monastery and panoramic transfer to Paleokastritsa

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 15 Participants, no maximum

Duration :4 hours

€39

Enjoy a pleasant drive to the holiday resort of Paleokastritsa, driving through verdant countryside teeming with orange and lemon trees, cypresses and olive groves.

This outstandingly beautiful extended village on the mid west coast of Corfu is one of the most visited places on the island. The village is set against a high cliff covered with millions of olive trees and other greenery. Admire the five pine clad promontories and small bays of yellow sand or white pebbles bathed by crystal clear water.

You will visit a thirteenth century Byzantine monastery, with its church, Byzantine icon museum and original stone olive oil press. After the visit you will have some free time to go swimming or have a drink at one of the beach front cafés.

Next there will be a short stop at Bella Vista, a famous view point to get a bird's eye view of beautiful Paleokastritsa. After leaving Bella Vista, you will be driven back to the port of Corfu.

- The use of cameras is free of charge in the monastery of the blessed Virgin Mary, but flash photography is forbidden inside the church
- If you wish to swim, don't forget your bathing costume and beach towel (there are changing facilities and a shower at the beach)
- Depending on timing and the ship's schedule, you may be dropped off in Corfu city to return to port at your own convenience.



KOTOR, MONTENEGRO**Perast & Kotor**

By bus and boat

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 120

Duration : 4 hours

€49

Upon disembarkation you will drive through the beautiful bay of Kotor to Perast, a small baroque village hidden behind the islet of the Lady of the Rocks. The most outstanding buildings here are from the 17th and 18th centuries. It is a tranquil place which abounds in sacred monuments such as the Church of St Nicholas, built between the 15th and 17th centuries. You will also get to visit the Maritime Museum.

Afterwards there will be some free time so you can explore Perast on your own before we take a boat to the islet Gospa od Skrpjela or Lady of the Rocks, and its church of the same name.

Gospa od Skrpjela is a baroque church situated on one of the two islets in the Bay of Kotor, just opposite Perast. Legend has it that the island was made over the centuries by devout mariners who, after finding an icon of the Madonna and child on a rock in the sea on July 22nd 1452, swore that they would drop a rock at the site after every successful sea voyage. Thus as time went by, the islet gradually emerged from the sea. The custom remains to this day, and on July 22nd every year at sunset the locals take part in the "fascinada" a tradition whereby they take out their boats and throw rocks into the sea. The church contains 68 magnificent paintings by Tripo Kokolja a famous 17th century artist from Perast. His masterpiece is without doubt a 10m long painting depicting the Death of the Virgin. After visiting the island you will take the boat back to Perast and board the coach for the drive from Perast to Kotor, a charming medieval town lying beside a beautiful fjord.

This UNESCO heritage site is the old maritime centre of Montenegro; it abounds in monuments, shops, cafés and restaurants. The 12th century Cathedral of St Tripun and the orthodox church of St Luka will be viewed from the outside.

- Lightweight clothes and sturdy shoes are recommended on this tour
- The drive to Perast takes 20 minutes
- You will visit the maritime museum in Perast and Gospa od Skrpjela church
- Transfer by boat to the islet Gospa od Skrpjela

Cycling Adventure

Transfer by motor coach to Lustica, then by bike

Minimum 12 participants, maximum 18

Duration :4 hours

€ 60

You will leave Kotor and head towards Lustica. Your destination is the famous peninsula opposite Herceg Nov renowned for its many legends of pirates, sailors and fishermen. Lustica has a rich cultural heritage with twenty churches, eighteen Orthodox and two Catholic ones. In bygone times the community was rather isolated and the farms and small holdings are quite self sufficient and still produce the local cheese in oil, as well as dried fish and prosciutto. The area is unspoilt with vast olive groves, lush vegetation and a flourishing population of wild boar, mongoose, jackal and edible dormice.

The starting point of the bike tour is the Lustica peninsula, and after a short safety briefing you will set off on your cycling adventure passing through villages and olive groves before arriving at Tici village and the Moric family farm where you will have some refreshing drinks before returning to Kotor by bus.

- 45 minute transfer by coach to Lustica
- The bike tour lasts approximately 2 hours
- You will be equipped with a helmet
- A car will follow with spare equipment
- This excursion is strenuous and guests need to be in good physical condition
- The bike tour is almost all on flat asphalt terrain, although there is a bit of uphill cycling on the way



Exclusive Kotor Gastronomy experience

On foot

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 16

Duration 3h15

€86

Lunch included

The old town of Kotor consists of a small triangular area enclosed by 5km long city walls which extend to the Fort of St John. Work on the fortifications was started in 1420 during the Venetian period and continued until the mid 18th century.

Your first stop is the cathedral of St Triphon, the most impressive building in the old town. This Catholic Church was first built in 1166, but was reconstructed after several earthquakes. The cathedral's interior is held to be a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture with slender Corinthian columns alternating with pillars of pink stone, rising upwards to support a series of vaulted roofs.

The walking tour continues through charming narrow streets until you reach the Maritime Museum which houses an interesting collection of artifacts that bear witness to Kotor's maritime history.

At the end of the guided tour you will pass a bustling market place filled with fresh local produce: fruit, vegetables, wine, nuts and cheese before arriving at the family home of Ms Vlasta Mandic for your gastronomic experience. Home made cuisine and a glimpse of family life and traditions are what makes this tour so enjoyable.

Montenegrin cuisine has been enriched by many different cultural influences and the flavours of Byzantium and Eastern Europe blend with classical Mediterranean cooking. There are also many geographical variations with the inhabitants of the coastal areas eating a diet of seafood, herbs and olive oil, while to the north of Montenegro you will find heartier fare based on lamb, beef and dried meat.

- You will be welcomed into a private home where snacks and appetizers will be offered
- Your host will cook you a typical Montenegrin dish "Karnevalska Njokada" (home made gnocchi with meat sauce and parmesan cheese) and you will be offered "Hrostule" – local sweets
- A glass of wine, soft drink or mineral water is included
- The tour includes a moderate amount of walking



DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Taste and Flavours of Dubrovnik

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 35

Duration :4 hours

€60

The tour starts with a pleasant drive along the Adriatic road to the town of Mali Ston, the “oyster capital” of Croatia. This little town is often described as Dubrovnik in miniature. It boasts impressive 5km long city walls, among the longest defensive walls in the world. Construction of the walls started in 1317, and was finally completed in the 16th century. You will also see the ancient salt pans that were in use during the Dubrovnik Republic; salt is still produced there to this day.

However Ston is mainly famed for its oysters, and there are oyster farms dotted all around. Upon your arrival in Mali Ston, you will board a local boat which will take you to the oyster and mussel beds. Your guide will tell you about oyster and mussel production in the area and you will get to taste some of the freshest sea food you have ever eaten, including some Mussel Bouzara, a local dish consisting of mussels cooked in wine, olive oil and garlic.

After the visit you will return to your motor coach in Mali Ston and drive back to Dubrovnik.

There will be a short guided tour of Dubrovnik Old Town, and then you will be free to do some exploring on your own.

Dubrovnik Sea Kayaking

Minimum 6 participants, maximum 24

Duration: 3h30

€40

The Dubrovnik Kayak tour is an unusual and original way to take in all the city highlights.

You will start the tour by rowing between the forts of Bokar and Lovrijenac. Bokar fort is one of the oldest of its kind, and was built to protect Pile Gate and City Bridge. It was also used as a prison. Lovrijenac guards the west entrance and, unlike the other city forts which form part of the city wall fortifications, it stands alone perched high on a rock, earning it the name of “the Gibraltar of Dubrovnik”.

These days it is used as a venue for Dubrovnik’s summer festival, as well as for staging Shakespeare plays, so its thick walls resound to the words of the Bard rather than the thud of canon balls.

Next on the agenda is Lokrum island. Legend has it that Richard the Lionheart was cast ashore here after being shipwrecked in 1192, luckily you will be spared a similar fate. After steering a course around the island you will reach Betina cave, a hidden gem accessible only by sea. Here we will stop for a snack and you will have some leisure time to go swimming in the crystal clear Adriatic before rowing back to the departure point and returning to port.

- 2 participants per kayak
- We recommend you bring swimsuits, towels, sun hat and sun screen
- There is a 15 minute walk to the kayak base



Legends & Curiosities

Off the usual tourist radar

Minimum 10 participants, maximum 18

Duration : 1h30

€24

Discover the every day life of the folk who live within the walls of Dubrovnik's Old Town. A stroll through a maze of narrow streets and little squares will conjure up the shades of the past. Visit the oldest parts of the town off the tourist radar; discover hidden treasures around every street corner, local churches and places not mentioned in any guide books. During your guided tour you will be regaled by stories and legends of Dubrovnik's old town and the history of the Republic of Ragusa.

[KORCULA, CROATIA \(Athens to Venice itineraries only\)](#)

Korcula, cultural and historical centre and Lumbarda village

On foot and by motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 40

Duration : 3h30

€60

Korcula is perhaps most famous for its historical sites including the house where, according to popular belief, Marco Polo was born and the medieval fortifications erected to keep the Turkish invaders and pirates at bay. It is a fascinating town to explore. The main street does not run straight down, but zigzags through the town with many side streets branching out at an angle. This is no accident, the zigzagging street blocks the cold winter winds that blow in off the sea, while the layout of the side streets tempers the heat of the midday sun in summertime.

The walking tour will include a visit to St Mark's cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, which houses sketches and drawings by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Tiepolo and many others, and the City museum with exhibits from ancient Greek and Roman times.

After the walking tour you will board a motor coach and head off to the rural village of Lumbarda, where your hosts, the Milina-Bire family, have lived for centuries. In bygone times the family produced wine for its own domestic use, but about fifty years ago they decided to broaden their horizons and use their expertise to establish a small winery. You will get the opportunity to stroll through the vineyards before you reach the family house. You will see how wine is produced nowadays as well as visiting an interesting wine cellar decorated with tools of the trade from the past. The owner of the vineyard will be your host during the visit and will tell you all about wine production in Lumbarda and his own family history. There will be a wine tasting of both red and white wines as well as a snack and some local liqueurs.



Peljesac peninsula wines and vineyards

Transport by air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 16 participants, maximum 35

Duration: 5 hours

€90

Lunch included.

This is an excursion with universal appeal, although it is particularly recommended for wine lovers and connoisseurs.

You will cross over to the Peljesac Peninsula by motor boat, arriving at the seaside resort of Orebic which is the departure point for the excursion.

The Peljesac peninsula produces some of the best wines in Croatia, including the famous Dingac and Postup red wines which you will sample when you visit the local wine cellars.

You will leave Orebic aboard a modern air-conditioned motor coach, and your first stop will be the legendary Mike Grgich wine cellar, one of the most famous in the region. Mike Grgich was born in Croatia in a wine growing family and studied oenology. However his creativity was stifled by the Communist regime and in 1954 he fled his native shores for the Napa valley in California, a journey which would take him four years to accomplish. By dint of hard work he established an international reputation, and when the Communist regime collapsed he returned to Croatia to establish a winery there, following in the tradition of his father, grand father and great grandfather.

The Grgich winery in Trstenik, is housed in a plain stone building that was once a military base. It is surrounded by a wooded area that overlooks the rocky coast of the Adriatic. During the wine tasting you will taste some of the red and white wines which have made the reputation of the Peljesac Peninsula. After a tour of the Grgich winery, the excursion continues to Potomje village to visit the Matusko family winery where you will get the opportunity to taste some of the wines produced by the grapes which grow on the steep slopes near the village of Trstenik. The last stop on the tour is the village of Prizdrina where the Bartulovic family has its winery. Here you will be served a typical lunch consisting of local specialities and be entertained by a group of local musicians performing Dalmatian folk songs.

Afterwards you will board your coach for the return drive along the Peljesac peninsula back to the seaside resort of Orebic for the motor boat crossing to Korkula.

- Wine tasting in 3 different vineyards: Mike Grgic, Matusko and Bartulovic
- A typical lunch of local specialities will be served at the Bartulovic winery
- This is an active excursion



[Hvar, CROATIA](#)**Hvar Island Tour**

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 90

Duration : 3h30

€60

The island of Hvar is well known for its mild climate and lush subtropical vegetation as well as its cultural and historical monuments.

The coach will take you from Hvar to Starigrad, a small town famous for its large bay which has long been a source of inspiration for artists and poets. The town of Starigrad was the largest settlement on the island and dates back to the 2nd century BC. You will visit the Dominican Monastery, which boasts a well-stocked library and a priceless collection of books and paintings. After a short guided tour you will have some free time to wonder around on your own before continuing the scenic drive to the Village of Vrisnik. Here you will be given a warm welcome at one of the traditional country houses where your host will offer you local wine. The island wines range from light whites to full-bodied reds, all of them are made locally and produced in small quantities. The wine will be accompanied by local specialities such as smoked ham and home-made cheese.

During the drive back to Hvar there will be a short stop at the site of the fortress which dominates the town, so you can enjoy the magnificent views of Hvar and the Pakleni islands.

- this tour includes panoramic drives
- you will spend one hour in Starigrad, with a guided tour and some time on your own
- the drive from Vrisnik to Hvar takes one hour.



Hvar Jeep Safari

Minimum 4 participants per jeep, Maximum 24

Duration : 3 hours

€ 80

The Jeeps are parked just a few minutes away from the tender point.

The route towards the settlement of Milna is lined with vineyards, and from there you will carry on towards the bay of Dubovica on the southern part of the island of Hvar. Here you will turn off the road and follow a track to the highest peak on the island, St Nicola (626m).

From the top you can see the village of St Nedija which is famous for its local wine, "Plavac". The view from the chapel is well worth the short hike, as on a clear day you can see the neighbouring islands of Korcula, Susac, Vis, Brac, Solta, Paklinske and Scedron, as well as the Peljesac peninsula. The area has a tumultuous past and you will hear tales of pirates, local uprising, and sea battles between two Roman fleets near Scedar at the time of the Roman civil war as well as learning how the chapel itself is linked to the theatre in Hvar. It is also a perfect spot for taking photographs.

The jeep tour continues to Roskarnica; here your guide will tell you all about life in the olden days as you admire the stunning views across the fields.

Next stop is the viewpoint of "Vidikovac" from where you will see the oldest city in Croatia, Stari Grad, (Old City) or Pharos, founded in 385 BC. Your guide will tell you about the first sea battle that ever took place in the Adriatic and talk about Hora (Ager) fields, a Unesco site that dates back to Roman times. The drive continues to Malo Grablje, passing the fifteenth century village Velo Grablje on the way. Lavendar oil has been produced at Velo Grablje since the 16th century.

The village of Malo Grablje was founded in 1537 and deserted in the mid 20th century. You will learn all about the culture and history of the village and the island itself.

This jeep tour explores the rich history of the island of Hvar, known as the island of sun and lavender. The fragrance of these aromatic plants will delight your senses as you pass through vineyards, olive groves and abandoned villages, and listen to your guide talking about life in the olden days and the half-forgotten customs of yesteryear.

The jeeps will be driven by Croatian drivers. Guides will provide commentary for the whole group at certain designated stops during the tour. The Jeep drivers are not guides. The jeeps are closed vehicles.



Sailing tour to the Pakleni islands archipelago

By boat

Minimum 4 participants, maximum 20.

Duration : 3 hours

€66

Enjoy sailing in one of the most beautiful parts of the Adriatic; a favourite destination for all those who love the sea and islands.

This tour is all about sailing, "poetry in motion", as some people call it.

Let the wind and weather be your guide as you set sail from the town of Hvar to the labyrinth of islands that compose the Pakleni archipelago.

There will be a stop for swimming in one of the bays.

Hiking Tour

Transfer by bus and on foot

Minimum 4 participants, maximum 20

Duration approximately : 4 h30

€77

(the exact duration of the tour depends on the pace of the group)

Your guide will meet you at the pier and accompany you on to the bus. After a 20 minute transfer by bus (14 km), you will reach the village of Velo Grablje, the starting point of the hiking tour. The path from Velo Grablje to Malo Grablje is part of an old trail which in medieval times used to link Hvar with Stari Grad on the north side of the island. The trail is practically all downhill, starting with approximately 20 steps and continuing as a short trek of approximately 1.5 km. Thereafter the route to Malo Grablje is on a wide gravel path.

It takes about one hour to walk from Velo Grablje to Malo Grablje with various stops on the way. Your guide will provide a running commentary during the hike, including such topics as traditional island life, the history of the villages, the most common medicinal plants and much more.

There will be a break for lunch at a traditional tavern in Malo Grablje set amidst spectacular scenery. The food will be cooked in an old-fashioned wood oven. After lunch the walking tour continues to Milna, where you will have some time to swim or just relax on the beautiful shingle beach, before the transfer back to the town of Hvar.

- Transfer from Milna to Hvar is approximately 20 minutes each way
- The walk is 4 km long
- The terrain is down hill practically all the way (90%) and rocky
- You will need comfortable walking shoes (no sandals), sun screen and a bottle of water
- There are many different hiking trails on Hvar island for all levels of ability. Depending on the group and the time of year, the guide may decide to change the hiking route
- Beach wear and shoes for swimming (pebble beach) are recommended



Bike tour

Transfer by van and then by bike

Minimum 5 participants, maximum 14

Duration 4 hours

€60

Fairly strenuous excursion

Visit the most beautiful parts of the island on our Hvar bike tour and enjoy a well deserved rest afterwards at a local family-run farm where you will be served traditional snacks, home made produce and wine.

The guided tour starts off with a five minute walk from the tender boat to the van, and then there is a 25 minute drive to the departure point.

Each participant will be given a suitable bike as well as a safety helmet. Water and energy drinks are available during the tour.

Stunning views await you at every turn as you cycle through some of the loveliest villages in the area; enjoy the beauties of nature and get some pure country air into your lungs.

After a two hour ride with breaks and stops along the way to admire some of the highlights, you will arrive at a family-run farm where you will be served a variety of local snacks, fruit, olive oil, home made goat cheese, cakes and wine, before the 25 minute drive back to Hvar town.

- Approximately 30 minute drive to Stari Grad, where you will get your bike and equipment
- The bike tour takes about 2 hours, but this depends very much on the pace of the group
- At the end of the tour light refreshments will be offered by a local family
- The bike ride is 30-35 km and there are some rather challenging short climbs



LOSINJ, CROATIA

The warm sands of Cikat Bay are an irresistible magnet for beachcombers. In the fortified town of Veli Losinj, climb the 16th century tower and hear the history of the Uskoks, warrior refugees from the Turkish invasion who fled in 1526 to the coastal islands to start new lives under Hapsburg protection.

ATHENS, GREECE

The earliest Athenians were of Ionian stock, arriving on the peninsula in about 2000 BCE. Little is known of the early rulers, apart from the fact that they were kings. By the 7th century BCE they had been superseded by Eupatrids, the aristocracy of the eleven noble families of Attica. The next development from aristocratic rule came with Solon, the "Father of Democracy", who initiated the idea of rule by the people, creating assemblies of ordinary citizens. Following Solon's democracy came the age of the Tyrants, a system of rule largely established by Peisistratus in about 546 BCE. The idea was to remove much of the power of the nobles and to favour merchants, farmers, and the ordinary people. Athens, particularly the Acropolis, became one of the chief centres of religion in Greece, and by 600 BCE there were many temples, fragments of which are in the Acropolis Museum. The year 450 BCE saw the beginning of Pericles and his "Golden Age". In the 1830s, the Greek architect Cleanthes and the German Schaubert planned the new city around Otto's austere Palace. From a small promontory above the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Palace dominates Syntagma Square (Constitution Square). From Syntagma Square, Amalia Avenue leads past the National Garden and the Zappion Park to Hadrian's Arch. Behind the park, the Stadium, built on a natural ravine for the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896, occupies the same site as that used in ancient times. The mountainous region of Attica and Athens, though barren and infertile, has a superb climate.

Athens and the new Acropolis museum

By air-conditioned motor coach

Min. 10 participants, max. unlimited, ,

ends at the airport, € 69 (duration : 5hours)

(possibility to be dropped off in Athens, € 55 (duration : 4hours)

From the port of Piraeus you pass the charming yacht harbour of Zea where the foundations of the dock dating from 5C BC are clearly visible. Next is the attractive Mikrolimanon's waterfront lined with inviting al fresco fish restaurants. It is but a short drive into cosmopolitan Athens, a mixture of modern buildings and great monuments. You will pass by the Temple of Zeus, the Panathenaic Stadium, the Parliament at Syntagma (Constitution) Square, the National Academy, the University, the Library, Hadrian Arch's until you finally arrive at the New Acropolis Museum, located only 300 metres southeast of the Rock of the Acropolis and designed by Bernard Tschumi.

The museum was opened to the public in 2009 and nearly 4,000 objects are exhibited on three levels with an area of 14,000 square metres. Exhibits include the findings from the Acropolis archaeological site as well as artifacts from the Greek Bronze Age to Roman and Byzantine Greece. For those returning to the ship, the tour ends in the centre of Athens; the rest of the passengers will be transferred to the Airport

- The tour will end On Syntagma square in Athens. The guide will then leave the tour and the coach will continue to the airport (arrival 13h/13h30).
- For the tour to carry on to the airport a minimum of 6 departing guests is required.
- Passengers staying on board the following cruise will be dropped off in Athens (return on your own to the pier).
- The duration of the tour very much depends on the traffic in Athens; if traffic is light the tour will arrive sooner at the airport.
- You will spend about 2 hours in the museum
- The use of cameras and video-cameras is free of charge, but flash is forbidden in the museum.

