

IONIAN DREAMS TO DALMATIAN GEMS

ATHENS TO SPLIT
EXCLUSIVE SHORE EXCURSION PACKAGE

PLEASE PREBOOK YOUR EXCURSIONS UP TO 14 DAYS
AHEAD OF CRUISE





DAY 2

KEFALONIA – Greece

UNCOVER THE ISLAND'S DIVINE BEAUTY

Unique Melissani Cave- a winery visit – an arts and crafts private museum

- Included tour with an approximate duration of 4 hours
- Includes Transportation, a certified English-Speaking Guide, fees

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We will depart from the port of Sami to visit the captivating Melissani Cave, one of Greece's most remarkable natural wonders. The underground lake was explored in 1951 by renowned speleologist Yiannis Petrochilos and his wife Anna, who entered the cave through the opening above the lake using ropes. Thousands of years ago, part of the cave's roof collapsed during an earthquake, allowing sunlight to enter and illuminate the crystal-clear waters, creating their striking deep-blue color. The lake is so transparent that its floor can be seen even at depths of up to 30 meters.

After a short drive we will visit Orealios Gaea Winery to discover Robola, Kefalonia's famous dry white wine. Produced from the indigenous Robola grape grown in the island's mountainous regions, it is one of Greece's most distinctive wines. During our visit, we will learn about its history and enjoy a tasting of selected labels.

Before returning to the port, we will stop at a private Sami Nautical Museum. Sami, Kefalonia's largest and most historic port, dates back to Homeric times and has a rich maritime tradition. The museum was founded by Sotiris Marketos, the son of a local sailor, whose lifelong fascination with the sea and shipbuilding inspired him to spend over a decade creating detailed models of traditional Greek vessels. Today, these unique exhibits bring Greece's naval heritage to life.



DAY 3

CORFU - Greece

THE PRINCESS OF THE IONIAN SEA

Corfu Old Town (Unesco site)- Kanoni & Mouse island viewpoints

- Included tour with an approximate duration of 2.5 hours
- Includes Transportation, a certified English-Speaking Guide

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Before immersing ourselves in the charm of the Old Town, we head to the iconic Kanoni viewpoint. Capture breathtaking views of Mouse Island and the picturesque Vlaherna Monastery – two of Corfu's most photographed landmarks.

After a short ride we continue with our guided stroll through Corfu's enchanting Old Town. Nested beneath a majestic 14th-century Venetian fortress, Corfu town is widely regarded as one of Greece's most beautiful cities. Its architectural heritage reflects a fascinating mosaic of European influences, creating a captivating atmosphere at every turn..

Stroll through the magnificent Spianada Square, surrounded by impressive landmarks from the Venetian and British eras, and visit the 16th -century Church of Saint Spyridon, the island's patron saint, where his revered relics are preserved. Our expert Corfiot guide will share captivating stories and enduring legends, offering a deeper insight into the island's culture and heritage.

After the walking tour you may opt to remain in the old town or board the bus to return to our ship at the Cruise Port.



DAY 4

BUTRINT SECRETS – Albania

UNESCO Butrint site and Saranda' Sea Promenade

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- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Includes Transportation, a certified English-Speaking Guide, all fees
- Per Person: **Euro 64**

Upon arrival in Saranda, we will be greeted by our professional local guide and set off on a scenic drive to **Butrint**, one of the Mediterranean's most extraordinary archaeological sites.

Along the way, our guide will share insights into the rich history and diverse cultures that have shaped southern Albania.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and Albania's first listed cultural landmark, Butrint boasts a remarkable blend of history, archaeology, and natural beauty. Once a Greek colony, Roman city, and Byzantine center, its well-preserved ruins are nestled within a stunning landscape of lakes and lush wetlands.

During our visit, we will explore highlights including the Roman Forum and Theater, ancient baths, the Triconch Palace, the impressive baptistery, and the remains of villas and churches overlooking Lake Butrint.

Back in Saranda, enjoy a short-guided walk along the vibrant seaside promenade before returning to the ship.



DAY 5

BAR – Montenegro

Legends of Old Bar and the Majestic Olive Tree

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- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Includes Transportation, a local Guide, an Olive-Oil tasting and entry fees.
- Per Person: **Euro 88**

After a short drive from the port, in Mirovica you'll have the chance to visit the Old Olive Tree, a symbol of the town, one of the oldest trees in Europe which has stood in the same position for over 2,000 years. This natural monument is older than any written manuscript or site in the city of Bar and as a result, it was protected by law in 1963. The Old Olive Tree still carries olives and is a definite must-see for any visitor keen to learn about the history of Montenegro as legend says that feuding families would come to the tree to make peace with each other.

Your afternoon continues with a drive to an Olive Mill. Explore the world of extra virgin olive oil through the production premises of the Olive oil press and enjoy tasting this valuable product accompanied by local delicacies.

The excitement continues afterwards since "Stari Bar" (Old Bar) waits for you. Prepare yourself and your camera for the Old Town Bar. Located on top of a three-sided protected hill, in a small valley, Old Bar surprises everybody with its thick alleys of everlasting plants and wide pavements of modest streets. The remarkable architecture, untouched by modern influences in comparison with other towns, will allow you to feel the difficulties of the Balkan peninsula's history. Join your guide in this old town's exploration followed by some free time prior to returning to port.

PLEASE NOTE: Order of the visits might vary depending on traffic.



DAY 6

DUBROVNIK – Croatia

“Pearl of the Adriatic” Panoramic views & Old Town guided walk

PLEASE PREBOOK UP TO 14 DAYS AHEAD OF CRUISE

- Duration approx. 4,5 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entry fees
- Per Person: **Euro 82**

Experience the very best of Dubrovnik on this memorable excursion combining panoramic views with a guided walk through the city's magnificent UNESCO-listed Old Town.

Your journey begins with a scenic drive from Gruž Harbour, passing along Dubrovnik's picturesque coastline and modern districts before ascending to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking one of the most beautiful cities in the Mediterranean.

This is the perfect opportunity to capture stunning photographs and gain an appreciation of Dubrovnik's unique setting between mountain and sea.

Continuing to the historic heart of the city, your guide will lead you through the ancient gates and along the famous Stradun, Dubrovnik's elegant main street. Discover centuries of rich history as you explore charming squares, hidden alleys, and architectural treasures, including Onofrio's Fountain, the Franciscan Monastery(interior visit), Orlando's Column, the Rector's Palace, the Cathedral and the atmospheric Old Port.

Throughout the walk, your knowledgeable guide will bring the city's fascinating past to life, sharing stories of the former Republic of Ragusa and its role as one of the Mediterranean's most influential maritime powers.

After the guided tour, enjoy some free time to explore independently, browse local shops, relax at a café, or choose to visit the famous City Walls for unparalleled views of Dubrovnik and the Adriatic. (City Walls visit require an extra admission fee)



DAY 7

KORCULA - Croatia

Old Town Secrets, significant landmarks & Wine tasting in Lumbarda

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- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Transportation, English-speaking guide, entry ticket
- **OPTION A: Combined tour, PER PERSON 105 EURO**

The Old Town of Korčula is a masterpiece of architecture and urban planning, where everything has been built according to a carefully designed plan. The town's street layout resembles a fishbone, cleverly designed to harness the winds for natural air circulation.

During your walk lead by our local expert, you'll visit the impressive Cathedral of St. Mark, a testament to the artistry of Korčula's renowned stone masons and the island's exceptional stone, which has been used in buildings around the world. Korčula is also celebrated as the birthplace of Marco Polo, and you'll have the chance to see his alleged birth house from the outside.

OPTION B/ GUIDED WALK APPROX. 1H

PER PERSON 35 EURO

Leaving the Old Town, our tour takes us through the island to the rural village of **Lumbarda** and the surrounding vineyards, where the family **Milina - Bire** existed for centuries, known for producing some of the island's most distinctive and high-quality wines. While in the past they produced wine for their house needs, half a century ago they decided to use the knowledge they gathered throughout the years of grape and wine production, and they started their own small winery. Now they have a completely automatic system for wine production, while they still try to keep part of the old-fashioned way. Your host, the owner of the winery, will tell you the history of the family Bire producing wines while you can sample four or their outstanding wines and taste some of their homemade products.

OPTION C/ LUMBARDA WINES

PER PERSON 77 EURO

Note:

On Sundays or non-operational days of the Bire winery, we will visit a similar winery instead.



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our curated tours are pre-arranged, therefore we kindly ask you to pre- book your tours at least 14 days before your cruise.

No prepayment is needed. However, please note that pre-bookings communicated to us are considered as firm, and your account will be charged accordingly.

A minimum of **14 participants** is required for each tour to operate.

Cancellation fees apply for any cancellations made less than **48 hours** before the tour.

Cancellations must be acknowledged by our Cruise Coordinator.

Further remarks:

- Our tours are offered exclusively for Variety' small groups. If a tour cannot operate due to low participation, our team will suggest suitable alternatives. Please note that descriptions, rates, and inclusions may vary for groups of less than 14 guests.
- All tours are designed to match our cruise itinerary and are led by local certified English-speaking guides or professional escorts. We'll take you to the "must-see" highlights while also revealing lesser-known gems.
- Tours may change due to site restorations, weather, traffic, or other conditions. If a site or museum is closed during our visit, an alternative experience will be provided.
- Tours are active and require a good level of physical fitness. Because some sites may be slippery, we recommend comfortable shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and water.
- Please protect your mobiles and cameras during tender rides.
- A modest dress code applies for visits to churches and monasteries.
- Gratuities for drivers and guides are not included.

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