

K807 ~ SLOVENIA AND ADRIATIC CRUISE

14 days featuring Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania

TOUR FEATURES:

- 8 First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- 8 Service charges and hotel taxes
- 8 In hotels: breakfast daily and 2 dinners
- 8 Roundtrip airport transfers
- 8 Travel by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- 8 Professional English speaking Cruise manager/ Tour director
- 8 Luggage handling
- 8 7 nights cruise aboard m/v Arion in inside cabins Cat. 1; upgrades to categories 2 - 6 are available
- 8 Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily onboard the ship

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- 8 Ljubljana
- 8 Postojna cave and Predjama castle
- 8 Piran
- 8 Secovlje
- 8 Goriska Brda
- 8 Soca valley
- 8 Bled
- 8 Bohinj

Day 01: Arrive in Venice or Ljubljana, Monday

Transfer to your hotel in Ljubljana. The rest of the day is free to relax. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for welcome orientation meeting including welcome drink. Overnight in Ljubljana. (O)

Day 02: Postojna and Lipica, Tuesday

The day is reserved for the Karst region. Visit **Postojna Cave** and continue to **Predjama medieval castle** perched in the middle of a cliff. Drive to Slovenian coast. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Piran. (B,D,O)

Day 03: Piran, Portoroz & Goriska Brda, Wednesday

Morning tour of Piran followed with the visit of Portoroz, popular tourist resort and then continue to **Secovlje Salt pans**. We will turn inland and travel to Nova Gorica. Rest of the day at leisure or you can take a part in an optional tour to the vineyard region of Goriska Brda where you will have the possibility to taste local cuisine and wines. Overnight in Nova Gorica. (B,O)

Day 04: Soca Valley, Thursday

Morning drive upstream the emerald green Soca river, through Kobarid (mentioned in Hemmingway's Farewell to Arms) and visit of the **FWW1 museum**. After the visit you will travel to Bled and end the day in this peaceful town beautifully situated in the Alps. Overnight in Bled (B,O)

Day 05: Bled, Friday

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town with the lakeshore, and imposing **Bled Castle**, perched on a cliff high above the lake.

The rest of the day is at leisure or you can take an optional tour to Skofja Loka – the medieval town with castle that rises above the confluence of the two Sora rivers. Overnight in Bled. (B,O)



Day 06: Bled and Bohinj, Saturday

Day at leisure in Bled.

Possibility to join the optional tour to the other Alpine beauty – lake Bohinj. You will visit the Sheppard's museum and taste the best Slovenian cheese. Return to Bled.

Tonight enjoy dinner at local restaurant and overnight in Bled. (B,D,O)

Day 07: Bled to Koper, Sunday

Breakfast. Morning at leisure.

Afternoon transfer to Koper port for embarkation between 4 PM and 10 PM. Late evening departure towards Zadar (overnight sailing). (B,D,O)

Day 08: Zadar, Monday

Monday morning arrival in Zadar, the oldest Slavic city on the Adriatic, once famed cultural center.

Optional tour to Plitvice National Park with breathtaking scenery of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation, also listed in UNESCO's World Heritage list

Optional tour of Zadar includes the ruins of the Roman Forum, the Romanesque Cathedral of St. Anastasia, the Church of St. Donat, the Church of St. Mary and Benedictine Convent.

Depart Zadar at 8 PM sailing to Ploce. (B,L,D,O)

Day 09: Ploce, Tuesday morning

Morning arrival in Ploce, a large commercial port located in Central Dalmatia.

Optional tour to Mostar, a famous old city in Bosnia and Herzegovina) where you will see the reconstructed old bridge built by the occupying Turkish forces some 500 years ago.

Depart Ploce at 2:30 PM sailing to Korcula. (B,L,D,O)

Day 09 (continued): Korcula, Tuesday afternoon

Arrive in Korcula, birth place of Marco Polo, on Tuesday afternoon. You can visit the main square and see the Cathedral Square and nearby Marco Polo's family house. In the evening enjoy optional performance of Moreska, the island's unique version of Morris Dance. Depart Korcula at 11 PM. (B,L,D,O)

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Day 10: Kotor, Wednesday

Morning arrival in Kotor, Montenegro. The Bay of Kotor and the old town of Kotor are both on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Bay of Kotor is actually the largest European Fjord outside of Norway.

Optional tour to the former capital city of Cetinje or Montenegro's Grand Tour of the Riviera.

Leave Kotor towards Albania at 10:30 PM **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 11 : Durres, Thursday

Morning arrival in the port of Durres, the most important maritime gate of Albania, also well known for its nice Riviera. Optional tour to Tirana, the country's capital city, only 40 kilometers away. Spend a full day discovering the city, including typical lunch in a local restaurant.

At 10:00 start sailing towards Dubrovnik. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 12: Dubrovnik, Friday

Arrive Dubrovnik in the morning. Entering the gates of this over 1000 years old architectural marvel is like a step back in time.

Optional tour: City tour includes the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. Also see the Dominican's Monastery and Franciscan Monastery housing one of the oldest pharmacies in the world.

Optional Folklore Performance. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 13: Split, Saturday

Morning arrival in Split.

Optional tour of Split features the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO world heritage sight. See the remnants of Split's Roman

heritage, it's Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral.

Optional tour to nearby Trogir, the center of artistic activities. Scholars from around the world gather to study and paint here.

In the afternoon sail back to Koper. **(B,L,D,O)**

Day 14: Disembark, Sunday

Disembark after breakfast (9 AM). Transfer to Venice or Ljubljana airport for your flight home.

HOTELS:

8 **Ljubljana:** Hotel Central

8 **Piran:** Hotel Piran

8 **Nova Gorica:** Hotel Park 8

Bled: Hotel Golf / Park

| Slovenia and Adriatic Cruise – K 807 | | |
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| Starting Date: | Termination Date: | Rates per person in twin |
| 10-May | 23-May | \$ 2,995 |
| 07-Jun | 20-Jun | \$ 2,995 |
| 21-Jun | 04-Jul | \$ 2,995 |
| 06-Sep | 19-Sep | \$ 2,995 |
| 20-Sep | 03-Oct | \$ 2,995 |
| RATES BASED ON CATEGORY 1 INSIDE CABINS | | |
| Port Taxes: \$ 78.00 NET per person | | |
| Gratuity: \$ 60.00 NET per person – has to be pre-paid | | |

Category Single - O u t s i d e (Ocean/ Main Deck) **ONLY on REQUEST** \$ 3,155

| Cabin upgrade supplements | | per person in twin: |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Category 1 | I n s i d e (Ocean/ Main/ Upper Deck) | \$ 0 |
| Category 2 | O u t s i d e port-hole (Ocean Deck) | \$ 210 |
| Category 3 | O u t s i d e port-hole (Main Deck) | \$ 420 |
| Category 4 | O u t s i d e window (Upper Deck) | \$ 660 |
| Category 5 | O u t s i d e window (Promenade or Navigator Deck) | \$ 795 |
| Category 6 | O u t s i d e superior window (Navigator Deck) | \$ 960 |

Arion is comfortable and friendly ship with only 162 cabins. She sails along Adriatic coast calling at enchanting ports and islands where larger ships can not. Built in 1965 and refurbished in 2000, sails under the Portuguese flag. Cabins are comfortable with private facilities, telephone and adequate storage and wardrobe space. Cabins are nicely furnished and are all air-conditioned.

The dining room has picture windows all around and provides good quality European style food. Service is attentive and friendly. The Lido lounge serves continental breakfasts and lunches and is also cabaret lounge by night. The Main Lounge, which provides cabaret style entertainment, is on one level. Further entertainment is available in the piano bar. There is a small casino, a library and a beauty salon. All public rooms and cabins are air conditioned and smoking is restricted to designated areas in bar and lounge only. Please note that ship has one elevator.

Technical data:

Length: 118 m
Decks: 6

Breadth: 16.50 m
Cabins: 162

Draught: 5.26 m
Crew: 130

Stabilizers
Voltage : 220V

Gross tonnage: 5,888
Onboard Currency: Euro

The ship is equipped with the latest in navigational and communication technology.