



14-Night Adriatic Splendour
7-nights in Rome Italy
1-night in Split Croatia
7-days Cruising Croatia

The luxurious M.S
Olimp

Ship Departs at
12.30 noon

Cruising At Sea

Taking in Hvar Vls
Velaluka Korcula
and Mijet

7 Nights in The
Vatican City Italy

Staying at The
Adagio Rome
Vatican hotel

Where the Voyage never ends



Rome



M.S Olimp



Dubrovnik



Hotel Adagio

Adagio Rome Vatican Aparthotel

Your 7-night stay will be at the Adagio Rome Vatican hotel located in a green lung area in the district of Balduina. You are a very short walking distance to the Pineto park that covers just under 60 acres, a welcome break away from the hustle and bustle of Rome. You are only a 2-minute walk to the Balduina Train Station and 170m from one of the main city public bus routes (line FL3). There are several Piazza's (market squares) nearby with ample restaurants and entertainment outlets. Your apartment. The Vatican Museums, a sure must see while in Rome are approximately 2.5km from the hotel. Breakfast is offered as part of the services of the hotel and there is a great swimming pool (open May to Sept) and children's corner activities to keep the kids happy. The contemporary designed modern apartments come equipped with air-conditioning and feature a small kitchen and free Wi-Fi.

Vatican Museums – Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica (Vatican)

The museums house one of the world's largest collections of art, with 54 galleries full of sculptures and paintings, it can be quite overwhelming, so make sure you make an early start as there is a lot to see. Here are some highlights of the museums: The Pinacoteca- Paintings displayed in chronological order from the Medieval age until the 19th century adorn the walls of 18 rooms. Many works of art by prominent artists like Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael. The Pio-Clementino- The largest of the Vatican Museum, founded by Popes Clement XIV Ganganelli (1769-1774) and Pius VI Braschi (1775-1799, pontifical collections of classical sculpture date back to the original collection of pope Julius II (1503-1513). Gallery of Geographical Maps- Commissioned by Pope Gregorius XIII, a 120m long corridor embellished by a series of late 16th century articulated cartography, depicting topographic maps.

The Colosseum

Construction of this colossal architectural wonder, exemplifying Roman dominance in the world began in 72AD by Emperor Vespasian and completed by his successor Emperor Titus in 80AD. At its time of completion, the Amphitheatre accommodated over 50,000 people gathering to watch exhibitions of prisoner executions, exotic animals and gladiator's battle. Titus inaugurated the Colosseum with 100-days of continuous games, seeing the death of more than 200 gladiators. The last recorded games were in the 6th century, meaning the Colosseum remained active for over 500-years





More On Rome

Rome

Brimming with ancient history this “Eternal City” is a place of breathtaking beauty. From the legendary ruins of the Roman Empire to Vatican City, home to the religious capital of the world to the gastronomical delicacies of past, pizzas and its gelato, your visit to Rome will be truly memorable for a long time after you leave. Rome became the capital city of a unified Italy in 1870, taking the title from Florence and is home to the Basilica, the largest church ever constructed. Another interesting fact about this city of ancient times is the first ever shopping mall, built by Emperor Trajan between 107 and 110AD, which sold a variety of groceries and goods. Here are some more of the great sights you may wish to visit during your vacation:

The Sistine Chapel (Vatican)

Some say the masterpiece created by Michelangelo climbing a scaffold in 1508, creating one of the world’s astounding works was the result of divine intervention, when you witness this art, you can concur with that theory. At thirty-three years of age Michelangelo was the most gifted and sought-after sculptor in all of Europe. Julius II upon seeing the Michelangelo's Pieta in St. Peter's early in 1505, ordered the sculptor to Rome and work for the Pope and transform the chapel built by his uncle Pope Sixtus IV in 1477 from whom it took its name. Known as the Capella Papalis (or Papal Chapel), even today the cardinal’s conclave is where cardinals meet to elect a new pope.

St. Peter’s Basilica (Vatican)

Arguably the finest cathedral in the world, this holy shrine visited by millions of pilgrims the world over must be one of the most magnificent architectural wonders on the planet. Contributed by some of the most famous architects at the time, it took over 100-years to construct following the pulling down of first Basilica. As one of the largest churches in the world, its huge dome dominates the city rooftop scape which you can climb 491 stairs to the top, referred to as Michelangelo’s Dome.

The Pantheon

At the completion of its construction 118AD by Emperor Hadrian through to 125AD, this Roman temple was dedicated to the gods of pagan Rome. It is the most preserved and influential buildings of the ancient empire. A Latin inscription translated to “Marcus Agrippa son of Lucius, having been consul three times made it”), relates to its prior history 27B.C which was burnt to the ground before Hadrian began construction of the current structure. Emperor Hadrian built many marvelous architectural projects yet never inscribed his name on any.



VESSEL FEATURES

TOP DECK

Olimp provides ample deck space to relax and unwind onboard. The Top Deck offers both shaded and full sun areas to relax on the provided sun loungers. Take a dip in the Top Deck jacuzzi whilst enjoying the sunshine and the impressive view.

The Main Deck offers a shaded outdoor lounge area that is perfect to sip on your morning coffee as you cruise to your next destination. A swimming platform is available at the rear of the ship for easy access in and out of the water.

DINING SALON

Olimp's salon is a spacious area designed for dining with fellow travellers onboard. The Dining Salon is where a buffet breakfast and 3-course lunch are served daily, as well as the onboard Captains Dinner. A fully stocked bar can also be found inside the dining salon, serving both international and local drinks.

LOUNGE AREA

Olimp features an indoor lounge area that is ideal for reading, relaxing and socializing.

Olimp will undergo an upgrade during the 2021/22 winter period, with a complete makeover planned for the ship's interior.

Cabins will be completely redesigned, providing a modern and contemporary space to rest and recharge, whilst the Dining Salon and indoor lounge area will take on a fresh look, with a calming and minimalistic design throughout.

The new-look Top Deck will feature a sleek outdoor bar and shaded lounge space, ensuring there's no better place onboard to sip on a cold drink and take in the impressive view!

Croatia - Split - Dubrovnik (7-Days)

Built: 2017 Length: 49m

Width: 8.6m Hull: Steel

Capacity: 36 Cabins: 18

Above: 10 Lower: 8

Jacuzzi Bar/Restaurant

MAIN DECK DOUBLE OR TWIN CABIN - All cabins have en-suite shower and W/C and modern amenities.

LOWER DECK DOUBLE OR TWIN CABIN - All cabins have en-suite shower and W/C and modern amenities.

The Captain will organize an impressive welcoming dinner party comprising of traditional Croatian cuisine and entertainment, kicking off your exciting journey. While aboard the vessel, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are included in your fare. The Captain will stop the boat at some incredible secluded bays, allowing you to cool off by diving straight from the ship into the crystal-clear waters. Additionally, included in your fare are shore excursions to historical towns, a fantastic opportunity to mingle with the affable locals. Let's go on a preview journey.



Your Cruise itinerary

Day 1 Embarkation & Milna

You can check onto the ship between 10.30am to 12.30 noon, departure from the harbour will be prompt 1pm. You are now sailing to your first destination, the Island of Brac, famous for its native American pine trees and spectacular secluded tranquil bays. You will spend the afternoon swimming and relaxing in the stunning areas around this beautiful island. In the evening you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2 Hvar

While enjoying a wonderful breakfast the ship cruises the emerald-green waters of the Adriatic towards Hvar Island. You will cruise past the Golden Horn near the picturesque city of Bol on the island's southern side before lunch is served onboard. After lunch the ship will continue onto Hvar, the French Riviera of the Adriatic. The island is a favourite among celebrities and super yachts, so you may catch sight of someone famous. Hvar remains authentic to its roots with historical architecture such as the 7th century fortress overlooking the town and cobblestoned streets. Today's shore excursion takes you to the Cathedral of St. Stephen, built on the foundations of a 6th century church, acquiring its present form in the 16th and 17th centuries. It contains many works of art including the Madonna, dating back to 1220. The bell-tower is one of the nicest in Dalmatia.

Day 3 Vis

Today you will make your way to the Island of Vis, one of the most outer-lying islands on the Dalmatian Coast. Used for centuries as a strategic military port, the island experienced WWII action against Italy and Germany. The Adriatic waters that encircle this paradisaical island are so crystal-clear, you can see the wing of an old WWII airplane. Bisevo Island, located very near to Vis, which only recently opened its doors to commercial tourism, has one of the world's most unique natural phenomena's Modra Špilja ("the Blue Cave"), guaranteed to blow your mind once sighted. Its silvery-blue colour is created by light refraction of sunlight entering through a crack in the stone, it is astonishingly spell bounding. The picturesque town of Komiža, once a fishing village is located at the foot of the mammoth 600m high Mt. Hum is filled with quaint narrow streets and astounding stone houses. You may wish to visit the 16th century Venetian Tower which houses the Fisherman's Museum or visit fantastic restaurants offering crabs and lobsters. The island is also home to Vela Gomila, the oldest lighthouse on the Adriatic. For the fans of the legendary pop sensation ABBA, you will be pleased to know the famous Hollywood hit Mama Mia sequel was filmed around the island. The shore excursions will allow to choose either a Military tour or the Blue Cave.

Day 4 Vela Luka

Today you set sail to the Port of Vela Luka, located on the western side of Korcula Island. Vela Luka translates to big harbour and the town lies in the deep sheltered bay, lined with small coves. Archaeological finds which can be viewed at the town's cultural centre indicates the township dates to prehistoric times. Vela Spila, located on the southern side of Pinski Rat Mountain, 130m above the cove is one of the most important prehistoric archaeological localities in Europe. Excavations have led to the conclusion that the cave, measuring up to 10m wide and 4m in height, has been continuously inhabited from the early Stone Age (about 20 000BC), and occasional human presence in the Iron Age and Copper Age and used by the Greeks, Romans, and Byzantines. Vela Luka has a strong agricultural background, predominantly olives producing a superb oil widely used and recommended by locals.

Day 5 Korcula

Today you set sail for the Island of Korcula, enjoying lunch at the stunningly beautiful Lambarda Bay. Said to be the home of Marco Polo, structures were erected mostly around the 15th century. The island's natives were famous for their decorative stone carvings, adorning the city's façade even today. The island is also renowned for its gastronomical delicacies, which can be found in superb restaurants wrapped around the promenade. If you are lucky, you may see a dramatic sword dance performance called the "Moreska", practiced throughout the Mediterranean in the 11th century, however, only exists on the island today. Today, fantastic Croatian dinner will be served in the village of Zmovo, one of the island's oldest settlements. Don't forget to try the amazing local wines made from the Grk and Pošip grapes, the most potent local white grape variety. Today's shore excursion will be an orientation guided tour of Korcula, where you will learn fascinating things about this fascinating island.

Day 6 Mljet

Today you are sailing to one of the most beautiful islands in Croatia, it's the country's greenest. Blanketed by pine forest, olive groves, and vineyards, the Mljet National Park covers a vast amount of the island. It's not surprising the island is unspoiled as it only has a population of 1,000 people. It has two saltwater lakes, Velico and Malo Jezero, interconnected by a narrow lake. The 12th century Benedictine Monastery sits more like a renaissance (15th & 16th century influence) building nestled in the National Park. A fabulous way to see the island is to cycle, the shore excursion for today. Although there are no cycle lanes on the main road spanning the island, there is rarely any traffic. Most people cycling the island, do so in the National Park area as all lanes are traffic free dedicated just to cyclist and pedestrians. Mljet is well known for its white and red wine, olives and goat's cheese.

Day 7 Dubrovnik - Disembark

After a lovely breakfast onboard, you now set sail to the UNESCO protected, spectacular city of Dubrovnik. As the famous writer George Bernard Shaw described this incredible place, "paradise on earth". Arriving in the afternoon, there will be ample time to explore Dubrovnik's Old Town.

What Others Are Saying

“This was one of the best holidays we have ever had and believe me we like to travel! I couldn’t believe the reviews I had read. I hoped they were right and decided to take a chance and try a more intimate cruise having only ever been on large cruise ships. We had the most amazing cruise with a wonderful attentive crew and fellow likeminded guest. We couldn’t fault the meals onboard and general service. Everyday the chef provided a beautiful array of food that was tasty and beautifully presented. All the staff were wonderful but especially Ivana who went above and beyond all expectations. Super knowledgeable and professional but also a lovely lady who was eager to make sure we have a lovely time.

Regarding Croatia, the islands are a must see. Croatia in general is unspoilt and just beautiful. You need to go before this changes. Thank you, Sail Croatia, for a wonderful holiday. We have recommended you too so many already”

“Wonderful cruise along Adriatic Sea. The selection of Islands was perfect. The staff were professional, attentive and kind. The country is beautiful. Guides were very good, and we learned much about the history of the region. The trip to the oyster farm was very special as well as the wine tasting in Vis”

“The whole experience was fantastic. The places we visited (mostly). The cooling sea swims, great food, and the people we met. We loved Korcula! Mljet, and Hvar, in that order, although Dubrovnik and Split are spectacular”

“We are a couple in our 40s and travelled on the Olimp from Dubrovnik to Split. I can’t recommend this journey highly enough - the ship is luxurious, the crew thoroughly professional and friendly and the rep (Antonio) could not have been more accommodating. We met an incredible, lively and fun group of fellow travellers from the UK, South Africa, Norway, Australia and New Zealand - which made our time on board an absolute pleasure. We loved the daily swim stops, the food and drink on board and the chance to explore each port in the evenings. Cabins were more spacious than we had imagined (we were on the lower deck) and there was plenty of outdoor and indoor public space on board, so the ship never felt crowded, despite being pretty much at capacity”



Radisson Blu Resort & Spa in Split

Offering a beach area and an indoor pool, Radisson Blu Resort is 2.5 km from Split's UNESCO-protected Diocletian's Palace. It offers a luxurious Spa Centre, while the outdoor pool is surrounded by sun loungers and parasols. A modern restaurant and a lounge bar are at guests' disposal, as well as free Wi-Fi.

Most rooms include a balcony with views overlooking the islands of Brač and Solta. All rooms are fitted with air conditioning, flat-screen TVs and offer en-suite bathrooms with free toiletries. Room service is available.

The beach can be accessed via a flight of 100 stairs while the lavish hotel's spa offers various amenities such as saunas, massages and steam bath and Finnish sauna. There is also a gym at guests' disposal. Conference rooms are available and concierge service is offered at the Radisson Blu.

The Fig Leaf restaurant serves the Radisson Blu Breakfast Buffet. It includes a wide variety of breakfast dishes. You can also enjoy your meal on one of the lovely outdoor terraces. Aperitifs, cocktails as well as non-alcoholic beverages are served in The Door Bar.



The Vatican City



14-Night Adriatic Splendour Split - Dubrovnik (2 people)

7-night Luxury stay at Staying at The Adagio
Rome Vatican hotel
(room with Breakfast)

1 night in The Radisson Blu Resort and Spa Split
(room with Breakfast)

6 nights Cruising - Split - Dubrovnik. Taking in
Hvar Vls Velaluka Korcula and Mijet
(All Inclusive)

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From 11,000

Dubrovnik

