

# DESTINATIONS WITH NADINE, INC.



## Breathtaking Croatia by Land & Sea

September 19 - October 3, 2022

15 Days and 13 Nights

### 7 Nights Private Luxury Coastal Yacht Cruise

Including Tours: Dubrovnik, Medjugorje, Split, Plitvice Lakes and Zagreb

Lower Deck Stateroom \$6,136 Per Person, Double Occupancy

Main Deck Stateroom \$7,215 Per Person, Double Occupancy

**Reserve By July 14, 2022**

#### Highlights

- Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Historic walled city of Dubrovnik
- Visit Medjugorje & Apparition Hill
- Ancient Split
- Amazing islands of Hvar and Vis
- Translucent Blue Cave on Biševo
- Picturesque Primošten
- The Sunshine Island of Lošinj
- Zadar - steeped in tradition and history
- Beautiful Pula
- Mediterranean resort of Opatija
- 29 Meals included
- First Class & Deluxe Hotels in Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes & Zagreb - 6 Nights
- 7 nts on luxury *MV Futura* Yacht
- Round-trip Flights from Chicago
- Round-trip transportation to O'Hare
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Gratuities per Itinerary
- English speaking tour guides
- Plus much more....



**CROATIA**  
Full of life



## Daily Itinerary

### Mon., Sept. 19– CHICAGO / EN ROUTE (I)

Depart your hometown to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. We will depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport this afternoon by scheduled service of Austrian Airlines on the overnight transatlantic flight to Vienna, Austria.

### Tue., Sept. 20 - DUBROVNIK (I,D)

As the sun begins to rise on the Austrian capital, we arrive in Vienna and continue by connecting flight to Dubrovnik, Croatia. On arrival, we'll meet our Tour Escort who will accompany us throughout our vacation. A short drive takes us to our hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after our day of travel. **Hotel Kompas or similar**

### Wed., Sept. 21 - DUBROVNIK\* (B)

As we'll soon find out, Dubrovnik is not only beautiful, but it is an architectural gem more than 1,000 years old. We begin our day with a walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town. We'll start from Pile Gate, the entrance to the old walled city, and visit the 14th century Franciscan Monastery whose "cloister" ranks among the most inspiring sites of the city and is also home to the oldest working pharmacy in all of Europe. We'll visit the Rector's Palace which used to be the seat of the Government. Next, we'll visit the Cathedral, built on the remains of its fallen parent that was destroyed in 1667 by an earthquake. Our tour will come to an end with a view of Sponza Palace. The afternoon is free to explore Dubrovnik at your leisure. Relax at a sidewalk café, listen to the chimes of the 14th-century bell tower, or wander the palace-lined avenue known as the Stradun.

### Thurs., Sept. 22 - DUBROVNIK / SPLIT (Medjugorje) (B)

We depart Dubrovnik this morning and travel into Bosnia and Herzegovina to visit the magical town of Medjugorje. 'Medjugorje' simply means 'between the hills.' But for most people, it means much more. In 1981 six local children witnessed a vision of the Virgin Mary and ever since it's been one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations in the Catholic world. On arrival in Medjugorje, our guide will take us on a walking tour of the town where we learn the history and particularly about that one legendary day in June 1981. Afterwards have time at leisure where you may opt to attend a service in the Church of St James, you can relax in the placid Garden of Contemplation or explore the town of Medjugorje, indulge in some local food or a coffee at a restaurant. This afternoon we drive back into Croatia to arrive at the city of Split. **Cornaro Hotel or similar**

### Fri., Sept. 23 - SPLIT\* (B)

This morning we begin with a walking tour of Split, a city with a 1700-year old tradition, and a variety of archaeological, historical, and cultural monuments, among which is the Palace of Diocletian, inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List. We will visit the Emperor Diocletian's Palace, the only imperial palace from Roman times in which residents' dwell. We'll also see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, the Temple of Jupiter, Peristyle Square, and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Split.

### Sat., Sept. 24 - SPLIT/ CRUISING (B,D)

This morning we visit the Ivan Mestrovic Villa and Museum. Ivan Mestrovic is one of the most prominent Croatian artists of the first half of the 20th century, he acted as a sculptor, painter, architect and writer. Ivan Mestrovic Museum is housed in an imposing marble villa planned by the artist himself, the Ivan Meštrović Gallery tells the story of a sculptor who went from humble beginnings as a stonemason's apprentice to an exalted



position in the international art scene. Mestrovic taught sculpture at Syracuse University in New York and Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN where he died in 1962. A short drive will bring us to the pier where, we board our deluxe vessel **MV Futura**, our home for the next seven nights. We meet the crew and enjoy cocktails and dinner on board, the meet and greet party.

### Sun., Sept. 25 - CRUISING (Hvar\* & Vis) (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we set sail for the first island on our route – Hvar, an island covered in vibrant and fragrant lavender fields and olive groves. The historic island town is home to 7th-century fortifications, a Venetian loggia, historic piazzas and the oldest municipal theatre in Europe. Learn more about it on a guided city tour. Back on the vessel for lunch we cruise toward the island of Vis, once one of the main Greek colonies in the 4th century BC. As a Yugoslavian army base for a long period, until 1991, Vis was closed and left untouched by the development of tourism for many years. As a result, its culture and architecture are extremely well preserved. Take a walk, enjoy the views and taste some local delicacies at many excellent restaurants and taverns along the promenade.

### Mon., Sept. 26 - CRUISING (Biševo / Primošten) (B,L,D)

In the morning visit the famous Blue Cave on Biševo, a splendid and unique natural wonder. A hypnotizing silver-blue light illuminates the space inside the cave when the sunlight hits the surface of the ocean through a vault on its arched roof and reflects off the seabed creating an amazing blue color. The possibility of a cave visit will depend on weather conditions. Breakfast followed by a swim stop on the way to Primošten. Enjoy the lunch on board as we continue towards Primošten, a small, picturesque town situated between Šibenik and Trogir, in the central part of the Adriatic coast and surrounded by seven other islets, a wonderful sight and a beautiful place to explore. Late this afternoon we travel inland for an authentic heritage dinner.

### Tues., Sept. 27 - CRUISING (Np Kornati / Zadar\*) (B,L,D)

Early morning departure to the Kornati National Park, which consists of approximately 100 islands, islets and reefs. Enjoy the ruins of the ancient Illyrian fortress, Roman villas, old Christian church of St Mary and medieval fortresses and settlements. Afterwards, we continue to Zadar, for centuries the capital of Dalmatia and the oldest university town in Croatia.

On arrival we enjoy a tour of Zadar, well known for its rich historical heritage of world importance, visible at every step. The Roman Forum from the 1st century, St Donat church from the 9th century - the most famous medieval basilica and the symbol of the city, mighty city walls with a bow and a representative city gate from the 16th century, the Museum of ancient glass, over 30 churches in the old town, many palaces and villas, as well as the famous, contemporary Sea Organs and "Greeting to the Sun" light installation.

**Wed., Sept. 28 - CRUISING (Lošinj) (B,L,D)**

Wake early to admire this morning's sunrise over the Adriatic as you enjoy a hearty breakfast. Today's destination is the island of Lošinj, known as the "sunshine island" with an abundance of pines, wildflowers and herbs. Lošinj is one of the most popular islands on the northern Adriatic because of its hidden coves and cool Mediterranean vibe. On arrival in Mali Lošinj, we visit the Museum of Apoxyomenos. The museum is dedicated to the ancient bronze statue of an athlete found in the sea near the island. Time at leisure to explore this fragrant island: walk up to the Lošinj Aromatic Garden or to the smaller town of Veli Lošinj, both easy to reach on foot.

**Thurs., Sept. 29 - CRUISING (Pula) (B,L,D)**

While enjoying the breakfast on board, cruise north towards Brijuni, which consists of 14 islands and islets, among which the biggest is Veliki Brijun. Except for its beautiful nature, the archipelago has numerous dinosaur footprints. Lunch on board, followed by the Brijuni National Park visit. Explore this oasis of magnificent harmony between man, animal and plant life. Afternoon cruise towards Pula. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the town. Pula has existed for three thousand years. Settled in the prehistoric era and valued for its strategic location, Pula has been occupied, destroyed and rebuilt numerous times. We will see the Arena in Pula, the only remaining Roman amphitheater to have four side towers entirely preserved. This evening we enjoy a Captain's dinner on board with live entertainment.

**Fri., Sept. 30 - CRUISING (Opatija) (B,L,D)**

Today's destination is Opatija, the Pearl of the Northern Adriatic. The elegant tourist destination, lies at the foot of Učka mountain, with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. Upon arrival, an experienced guide will introduce us to the

magnificent history of Opatija and show the most precious monuments during a guided walking tour, followed by the choco tasting. Evening at leisure to explore, take a stroll on the amazing seaside promenade.

**Sat., Oct. 1 - CRUISING / PLITVICE LAKES\* (B,D)**

A tasty breakfast before bidding farewell to the crew. We travel across Croatia to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Surrounded by dense woods, the Plitvice lakes are a natural phenomenon of rare and unique beauty. A tour of the region will introduce us to the scenery of this natural wonder with crystal blue lakes cascading into spectacular waterfalls. We'll walk on the wooden promenades to view the majestic waters where every turn leads to a vista and yet, another waterfall! **Hotel Jezero or similar**

**Sun., Oct. 2 - PLITVICE LAKES / ZAGREB (B,D)**

Today we drive to the capital city of Zagreb. On arrival we enjoy an introductory tour of Zagreb. In the historical Upper Town, we'll stop at St. Mark's Square and visit St. Mark's Church, the city's most photographed site, best known for its eccentric red, white, and blue tiled roof featuring. In addition, we'll see the Croatian Parliament, the Archbishops Palace, and the Cathedral with its neo-Gothic façade and twin steeples. Then we'll make our way to Ban Jelacica Square, the large piazza that has been Zagreb's main square since the 19th century. From here we'll explore the Lower Town that is a series of green squares rimmed by Austro-Hungarian buildings erected from the 19th century. This evening we enjoy a "Farewell" Dinner at the restaurant Vinodol. **Hotel Esplanade or similar.**

**Mon., Oct. 3 - ZAGREB / CHICAGO (B,I)**

Early this morning we'll travel to Zagreb Airport to begin our transatlantic journey home. No better time to reflect on memories that will last a lifetime and new friendships that we will have made along the way!

**\*\*\* Welcome Home \*\*\***

**I = In flight meals B = Breakfast L =Lunch D = Dinner**

**\* UNESCO World Heritage Site**

**Activity Level: Easy 1 2 3 4 5 Active**

**The Vacation Price Includes:**

- Round-trip transportation from Mundelein to O'Hare International Airport
- Economy-class air transportation by scheduled service traveling enroute Chicago/Dubrovnik - Zagreb/Chicago
- Meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying English Speaking Tour Manager
- Accommodations in first-class and deluxe hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower
- Stateroom aboard the deluxe superior yacht *MV Futura*
- Breakfast each morning, lunch daily during our cruise and evening dinners as indicated in the brochure
- Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary, local guides and applicable entrance fees to included excursions
- Luggage handling and portorage charges for one suitcase per person at hotels and piers
- Services of a Destinations With Nadine Representative
- Gratuities to Ship Board Personnel, Tour Manager, Motor coach drivers and local guides
- Taxes for included ground services and U.S. departure taxes, Customs service charges, airline security fees, and fuel surcharges at \$600 per person.

**The Tour Price Does Not Include:** Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports, laundry and cleaning; optional tours; meals other than those stated above; drinks with meals; and Optional Travel Protection plan (highly recommended) ask Nadine for details.

## TOUR CONDITIONS

**TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:** \$500 Deposit per person with reservation form and optional travel protection to secure your reservation. Reservations may be made by check. Balance due; July 14, 2022. Reservation requests received after Wednesday July 14, 2022, are subject to tour availability.

**TOUR PRICING:** The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of October 12, 2021.

**CANCELLATION:** Cancellations prior to final payment date of July 14, 2022 receive a full refund. For refund after final payment date, cancellations with purchased insurance will be processed through Travel Insured International. There are no refunds for cancellations after the final payment date without purchased insurance.

**IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Destinations with Nadine, P. O. Box 304, Mundelein, IL 60060, or emailed to destinationswithnadine@gmail.com

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS:** Your tour requires a passport valid for at least six months (April 3, 2023) beyond the return date of the trip. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire before your return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

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