

# Heavenly Adriatic

Excursions 2025





 Kotor

# Explore with us

Although we say it ourselves, the destinations we visit on a Celestyal cruise are rather special. In fact call us biased but we think they are among the most exciting, historic, iconic and evocative in the world.

And they lend themselves to incredible tales, some true, some fable but all an integral part of our fascinating storytelling.

You can immerse yourself in ancient civilisations, follow in the footsteps of great figures from history, live and breathe the myths and legends of Ancient Greece and the Mediterranean and journey to places where some of the Seven Wonders of the World once stood.

We like to feel that we are taking you on your very own Greek Odyssey across the Aegean and the Mediterranean.

Our specially designed excursions are central to your Celestyal experience with our expert guides taking you step by step through your voyage and really bringing history alive.

Sometimes in the world of history it's not easy to work out where facts end and legends begin.

So please fire up your imagination and join us to find out.

We really mean it when we say 'every moment is a destination' and 'every destination is a wonder'.

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**Kotor**  
Historic Kotor & Budva



**Split**  
Enjoy the best of both worlds



**Venice**  
Explore inside the wondrous Golden Basilica



**Katakolo**  
Olympia & Archaeological Museum

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**Plus, receive a further discount with your complimentary shore excursion voucher**  
(For pre-booking only, must be booked 48 hours prior to embarkation)

# Kotor





📍 Budva - Old Town



📍 Kotor Bay and Old Town, Montenegro



📍 Explore Kotor, Old Town

Embark on a captivating journey through the breathtaking wonders of Montenegro with our exclusive tour featuring the iconic destinations of Sveti Stefan, Budva, and Kotor. Prepare to be enchanted as you delve into the rich history, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant culture that define this extraordinary region.

Our adventure begins in the jewel of the Adriatic, Sveti Stefan, an enchanting islet adorned with medieval architecture and surrounded by azure waters. Immerse yourself in the captivating ambience as you freeze the views of this charming islet.

Next, we venture to the bustling coastal town of Budva, where ancient history seamlessly blends with a modern cosmopolitan atmosphere. Explore the charming Old Town, where medieval walls and cobblestone streets lead you to lively cafes, trendy boutiques, and a vibrant nightlife scene.

As the tour continues, we set our sights on the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kotor, a captivating town nestled at the foot of majestic mountains. Lose yourself in the labyrinthine streets, marvel at the awe-inspiring medieval architecture, and uncover centuries-old secrets within the impressive city walls.

Whether you are a history enthusiast, nature lover, or simply seeking an escape to paradise, our Historic Kotor and Budva promise an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the magic of Montenegro as you discover the allure of these enchanting destinations, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Join us on this extraordinary adventure and let the beauty of Montenegro captivate your heart and soul.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KTR-01

**Prices**

# Kotor walking tour

📍 Romanesque Cathedral of Saint Tryphon



When a town is two thousand years old like Kotor there are plenty of stories to tell, its ancient Roman beginnings; its Middle Ages struggle of ownership between Goths, Saracens and Serbians; its Venetian past. With a history like this, it's no surprise Kotor has got itself a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. And what better way to explore it than with a guided walking tour? In every stone of its timeworn walls, on every fresco painting and every hidden alley, you'll relive its glorious past. The old town center is still really well preserved and the crisscrossed narrow streets and squares have monuments at every corner.

From Prince's Palace and Napoleon's Theatre to the most recognizable symbol of the city - the Romanesque Cathedral of Saint Tryphon - you'll be mesmerized from the word go. And how many towns in this part of the world have preserved their fortifications from the middle Ages? Not many. But Kotor is one of the few.

The chunky walls surrounding the old town are impressive to say the least - at some places they reach 20 meters in height and 16 meters in thickness. If you don't believe us, you'll have plenty of time to measure them in the free time you'll get here. Inside visits will be made to the Cathedral and the Maritime Museum in Kotor.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KTR-04

**Prices**

# Highlights of Montenegro

📍 Cetinje, known as the 'Valley of Gods'



📍 Prosciutto ham and cheese at Njegusi



📍 Budva

The port of Kotor finds a home on the world's southernmost fjord - or the 'Bride of the Adriatic', as it's also known. As places go, it's beautiful. Think blue seas. A stony shore. Green mountains. All drenched in the heavenly scent of lemons, oranges, mimosas and camellias. And here's your chance to explore this gorgeous part of the world.

First you'll stop at the mountain village of Njegusi to taste the region's delicious prosciutto ham and cheese. Stomach full, you're ready for Cetinje. Known as the 'Valley of Gods', it was once the smallest European capital and it's filled to bursting with beautiful buildings. Passing Cetinje, you'll continue your drive to Kotor via Budva - the most popular tourist destination on Montenegro's map. Your tour will end with a coach ride back to Kotor where you will have introductory tour of this unique town. Walk back to the ship at leisure.

*Note: Weather permitting.*



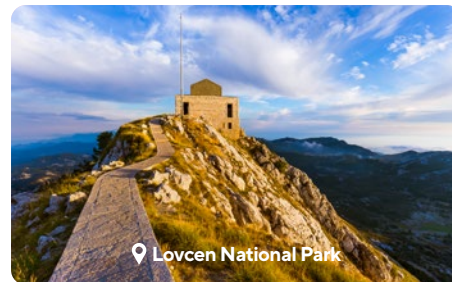
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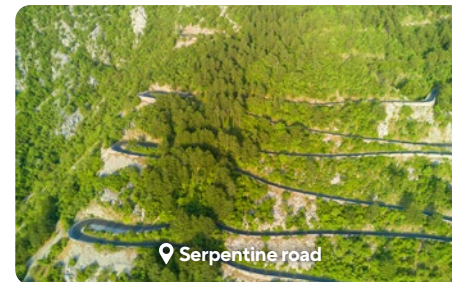
**Prices**

# Kotor off-road adventure

📍 Lovcen National Park



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📍 Serpentine road

Head off-road and discover the beauty of Kotor and the Adriatic coast from a different perspective. Our adventure begins at Boka Bay, weaving through Kotor and into the lush and green Lovcen National Park. As we navigate the serpentine road and its famous 25 curves, our eyes are drawn to the coast, where the emerald water of Boka Bay glimmers below. We continue off-road, toward the traditional villages of Dolovi and Ivanova Korita. Ivanova Korita is 1270m above sea level and boasts clear water flowing straight from the nearby mountain peak of Trstenik.

From this beautiful green valley, we head on to the Lovcen mountain. Njegusi has exceptionally preserved folk architecture, making it the perfect place to enjoy typical Montenegrin cheese and ham.



📍 Bay of Kotor (Boka Bay)



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** KTR-03

**Prices**



# Meet the life of the locals

 Kotor



Get a taste for local life in this extraordinary tour that combines mountainous landscapes, a traditional meal and a medieval town.

You'll start by winding your way up the serpentine roads of Trojica Hill, taking in the panoramic views of Boka Bay (also known as the Bay of Kotor). Look out for Goražda fortress, an attractive yet imposing structure built as a military base during the Austro-Hungarian Empire, sitting 452m above sea level.

When you reach the mountain village of Mirac, you'll be welcomed by the family Kaščelan at their estate. After a refreshing drink, they'll show you the authentic way of life for people in this area, giving you a guided tour of the farm and vineyard. You're sure to work up an

appetite, making this the perfect time to sit down to a feast of traditional Montenegrin food that's all organic and produced on the estate.

Then it's onto Kotor Old Town, and a walking tour of this UNESCO-protected walled city. With its narrow streets, lively squares, cathedrals, monuments and palaces, it's clear why this medieval gem is one of the most popular places to visit in the region.

## Authentic Encounters

Experiences just for you and a few




**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-19 Guests**

**Tour code:** KTR-08

**Prices**

# Markovic Winery and the visit to Budva Old Town

 Markovic Winery



Discover the secrets behind a perfect glass of wine, with an enlightening tour of the Markovic family winery.

Your day will begin with a ride through spectacular scenery overlooking Boka Bay - and of course a quick photo stop to record the view. Then you'll get back on the bus to continue your journey to Cetinje, taking a break in a local restaurant before we reach the winery. There, your welcoming and knowledgeable hosts will take you through the different wine-producing phases, sharing a few secrets about the wines and the local area along the way. You'll taste five different wines produced on the estate - which will be your favourite?



From here, we'll move onto Budva Old Town: an enchanting town that goes back to Roman times. You'll have a guided walking tour and some free time to explore the many attractions of its cobbled streets before the ride back to Kotor.

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**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 8-18 Guests**

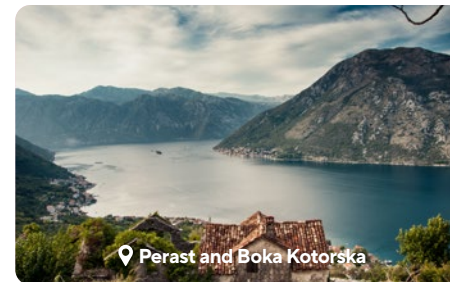
**Tour code:** KTR-09

**Prices**

# Hike and bike



📍 Gornji Stoliv village and church of Sv Ilija



📍 Perast and Boka Kotorska

This is a guided tour with a difference. Instead of jumping on the bus, you'll be travelling under your own steam, with a 15km bike ride from Kotor towards the village of Donji (Lower) Stoliv. Don't worry, the route is flat and scenic, so get ready for an enjoyable ride along the coastal road.

Once we've reached Donji Stoliv, you'll hike for approximately 45 minutes up through the shaded woods of chestnut trees and partially stoned paths until you reach Gornji (Upper) Stoliv. It's one of a number of once-bustling villages above the Bay of Kotor that have been completely abandoned over the decades. Take in breathtaking views of Perast and Kotor Bay, visit the local church, and learn more about this small village and its history, while being treated to locally made prosciutto and cheese. Then it's back to your bike for a leisurely return to Kotor.

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**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-20 Guests**

**Tour code:** KTR-10

**Prices**

# Split





📍 Split's Old Town



📍 Diocletian's Palace



📍 Exploring Split's Old Town

# Walk the wonders of Old Split

Experience the wonders of Split's Old Town on foot, as you navigate its maze of narrow, winding and cobblestoned streets on this intimate walking tour. Magnificent Gothic churches rub shoulders with museums, art galleries and plenty of places to eat in this picturesque Croatian city, steeped in ancient history.

Your tour begins at the pier in Port Split, from where you'll head towards the grounds of the Imperial Palace. Built for the Roman Emperor Diocletian at the end of the 3rd century, the remains of this huge structure make up half of Old Split and are one of the world's best-preserved examples of Roman architecture.

Delve deeper into the inner workings of the palace with an exclusive visit to the cellars, a set of substructures that once supported the Emperor's private apartments. Information boards and artefacts positioned throughout these basement halls provide a fascinating insight into palace life.

Next, it's on to the architectural delights of the Cathedral of St Dominus (known locally as Sveti Dujce) and the Temple of Jupiter – both timeless symbols of Split's cultural heritage and religious significance. Admire the cathedral's church and 12th century bell tower, and the reliefs depicting gods and heroes that stand at the entrance to the temple.

Your adventure through the city concludes with a chance to explore the bustling market, where you can browse local crafts, fresh produce, and unique souvenirs. Join us on this unforgettable exploration, where each step reveals a new chapter in the city's captivating history.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-01

**Prices**



# Plunge into Croatia's past



For a glimpse into Croatia's rich historical past, a visit to the Roman ruins of Salona and the medieval town of Trogir is a must.

Founded in the 3rd century BC, Salona became the capital of the Roman province of Dalmatia. On this first part of your tour, you'll wander the impressive remains of the forum, amphitheatre, public baths and aqueduct, as well as the early Christian churches that sprang up in the 4th and 5th centuries. Then enjoy the sweeping view of the coast from the charming garden outside the small museum gift shop.

A scenic drive along the Riviera of the Seven Castles will bring you to the charming town and harbour of Trogir. Located on a small island between the Croatian mainland and the island of Čiovo, this cultural treasure trove is packed with palaces, churches and towers built in the Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance



and Baroque styles. A stroll around the town will bring you face to face with landmarks including the three-naved, Venetian Cathedral of St. Lawrence; the Grand Cipiko Palace; and the imposing fifteenth century Kamerlengo Fortress.



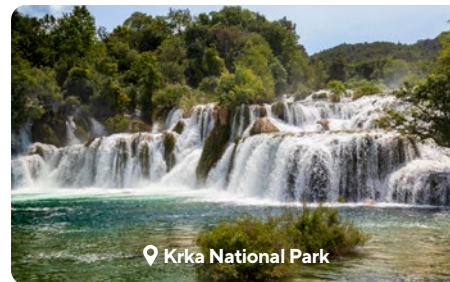
**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-02

**Prices**

# Spectacular scenery at Krka National Park

📍 Krka National Park



📍 Krka National Park



📍 River Krka water mills

The breathtaking Krka National Park is one of seven in Croatia – a magical combination of waterfalls, lakes and rapids.

Originally established to protect the middle and lower stretches of the River Krka, the park covers an area of 142 square miles; running from the Adriatic to the inland Croatian mountains.

Your experience begins in the upper part of the park, where the force of the river was once harnessed to power different mills. Today, these mills have been turned into museums demonstrating the traditional methods of flour production and fabrics softening, amongst other skills.

Take some time to stroll around the upper park or refresh yourself in the mills' cafe before walking down the hill to Skradinski Buk, the biggest and most famous waterfalls in the park. Cascading down 17 steps from a height of 147 feet, these majestic waterfalls are truly a sight to behold.

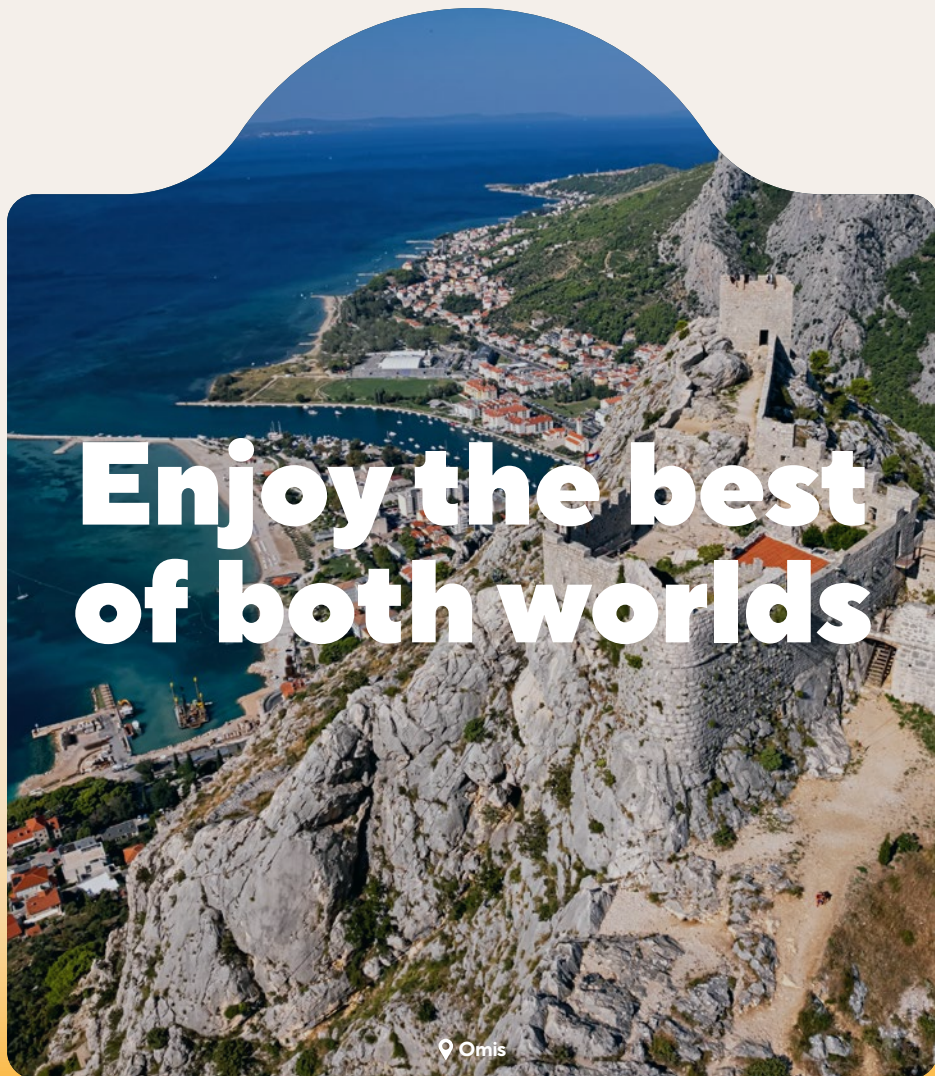
A short boat ride back to Skradin for lunch in a local restaurant, then it's back to the pier for your return to the ship.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-03

**Prices**



📍 Omis

# Enjoy the best of both worlds



📍 Omis

Blending history, culture and the great outdoors, this exclusive river and city tour gives you a little bit of everything, and the very best of Croatia.

From our starting point in Port Split, we'll travel to the picturesque resort town of Omis, at the mouth of the Cetina River. Once a famous pirate town, Omis is now better known for its wealth of outdoor activities – from sea kayaking to scuba diving – as well as its historic forts and churches.

From Omis, it's all aboard a river boat for a leisurely cruise to Radman's Mills, where we'll enjoy a forest hike along the stunning Cetina Canyon and an opportunity to drink in the unspoiled beauty of the area.



📍 Split Old Town

Finally, it's back to Split for a walking tour through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, where your knowledgeable guide will lead you through the extensive grounds of Diocletian's Imperial Palace. Explore the well-preserved remains of this massive structure, which encompasses temples, cathedrals, town gates and ancient cellars, as well as cafes, restaurants and shops.

Experience the cultural and natural beauty of Croatia on an unforgettable tour of the country's highlights.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-04

**Prices**



# Immerse yourself in Croatian culture

Trogir



Savour a glass of Babic wine



Trogir

Explore the very best of both rural and urban Split as we delve into the culture and traditions of Dalmatia.

We'll start by driving inland from the pier, travelling through spectacular scenery as we move from rocky coastal landscapes into green and fertile land, heading to the charming village of Burni. Here, you'll learn about the local customs as you enjoy authentic local cuisine and savour a glass of Babic wine, made from locally-grown grapes, under the shade of ancient trees.

Our next stop is the tiny medieval town of Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Situated on a small island that's linked to the mainland by bridges, the town is famous for its eclectic mix of Romanesque churches and Renaissance and Baroque buildings. It's like an open-air museum: stroll through its streets and admire stone houses, palaces, churches and the iconic 13th-century Cathedral of St. Lawrence. Built over four centuries, it combines several successive architectural styles – and offers incredible views from its bell tower. Join us on this journey into the cultural heart of Split, and make memories to last a lifetime.



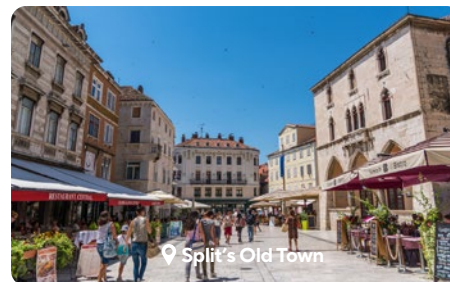
**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-05

**Prices**

# Ancient buildings, boats and beaches

📍 Olife Beach Club, Brač



📍 Split's Old Town



📍 Olife Beach Club, Brač

See Split from two different perspectives, as you explore the heart of the city before travelling by boat to relax on one of the stunning nearby islands.

Your journey begins with a guided tour of the city centre, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's built on the ancient settlement of Spalatos (where the city gets its name), with the incredibly well-preserved 1,700 year old Diocletian Palace at its heart.

Explore the ancient cellars, town gates, peristyle (courtyard), temples and cathedrals alongside welcoming cafes, restaurants and shops. Soak up the relaxed urban atmosphere and marvel at the mix of ancient ruins and modern life before boarding the boat for your next destination.

A panoramic cruise over emerald green seas will take you to the island of Brač, the largest island in Dalmatia and source of the white stone used to build Diocletian's Palace. Once there, it's a short walk to the luxurious Olife Beach Club, where you'll have three hours to relax and recharge on a sunlounger, or swim and snorkel in the crystal clear water, before your return to the ship.

From Roman buildings to boats and beaches, this is sure to be a day to remember.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** SPL-06

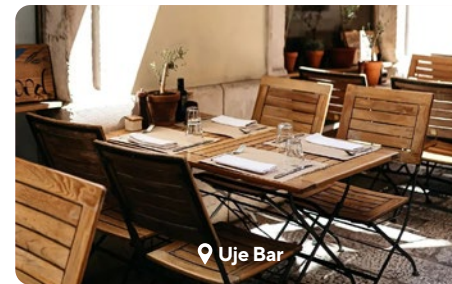
**Prices**

# Diocletian's Palace and the Olive Oil Experience

📍 Olive oil tasting at Uje Bar



📍 Split's Old Town



📍 Uje Bar

Step into history, with a captivating journey to Split's Old Town, followed by a taste of traditional Dalmatian cuisine: olive oil.

Your experience starts with a scenic walk into the city, where you can immerse yourself in the grandeur of Diocletian's Palace – one of the most extraordinary Roman structures still standing today. More than just a palace, it was originally built as a sprawling complex, big enough to house a full military garrison. Today's city has been built up over the centuries around its remains: you'll see original pillars and arches alongside the shops and restaurants. Take time to explore its ancient marvels, including an exclusive visit to its intriguing cellars.

Within the walls of the palace, you'll find Uje Bar, where you'll take part in a guided tasting of Croatia's finest olive oils. Learn about the different oils, pairing them with local delicacies to get a true taste of the region. Once you've had your fill, it's a gentle stroll back to the port to continue your journey.

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**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-25 Guests**

**Tour code:** SPL-07

**Prices**

# Explore the wondrous wines of Croatia

📍 Wine tasting at Split & Sip Wine Bar



📍 Split & Sip Wine Bar



📍 Split's Old Town

Take your taste buds on a tour around Croatia's vineyards, with a wine-tasting experience that showcases the very best of Croatian vintages.

Your day starts with a guided stroll into Split's city centre, where you can admire the well-preserved remains of the ancient Diocletian's Palace. Wander through the winding streets until you reach your destination: Split & Sip Wine Bar, a hidden gem dedicated to rich reds, crisp whites and refreshing rosés.

In this stylish, intimate atmosphere, surrounded by more than 200 wines from different regions and grapes, you'll taste a delicious variety of Dalmatian and Croatian wines. An expert sommelier will guide you through a carefully curated selection, with flavours complemented and enhanced by local cheeses and artisanal olive oils.

Following this delightful tasting journey, you'll have some free time to take a leisurely walk through the city, seeing the sights or shopping before you head back to the ship. With its combination of history, culture and local cuisine, this is sure to be an unforgettable excursion.

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**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-20 Guests**

**Tour code:** SPL-08

**Prices**

# The legacy of Dalmatia's Heritage Recipes

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📍 Olive Oil tasting

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DAY TOURS

Growing up amid the olive groves and orchards of her family farm on the island of Mljet, Melita Dabelić once dreamt of bringing the agricultural traditions and classic recipes of her region into the modern age. She hoped to find new ways to showcase products rooted in traditional ingredients like olives, figs, oranges, and almonds. Through her efforts, these traditional flavors have been revived in the Stella Croatica range, carefully crafted by local women using sustainable methods.

National Geographic travelers will enjoy an eco-conscious experience, including an olive oil tasting that celebrates the subtleties of sustainably grown olives. You'll also get to tour the Olive Museum, a candidate for the European Museum of the Year award 2023, to discover why olives are so important to the people of Dalmatia.

During your time at the Stella Croatica estate, you will get an in-depth look into Dalmatia's history and culture from your specialist guide. Watch the production of homemade jams, sugared almonds, honey, cookies or fig cake – every day there's something different being made in the factory.



You'll also enjoy an exclusive visit to the botanical gardens with a collection of over 500 plants used in Stella Croatica's natural cosmetics. Hear an introduction to key plants native to Dalmatia, with an emphasis on their medicinal properties. Learn which plants have the highest antioxidant values and find out about the 'Mediterranean factor,' an integral component of the Stella Croatica dietary supplements.



**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 10-25 Guests**

**Tour code:** SPL-09N

**Prices**

# The story of Polijca

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## DAY TOURS

This immersive tour centers around the fascinating story of Mila Gojsalić, a heroine who saved the Poljica Republic by dedicating her life in exchange for her people's freedom. This small yet resilient collective of 12 villages managed to uphold its autonomy against numerous threats over centuries.

Your National Geographic-trained and specialist guide, Professor Nikolina Radmilo Pivčević, will reveal the story of the 'peasants republic', starting with a visit to St. George's Church, where you'll have time to soak in the views across the Cetina canyon – you may even spot the Dalmatian Islands in the distance.

Next is a stop by the Poljica Museum. Learn about the remarkably progressive Poljica Statute of 1440 that championed equality and democracy long before such concepts became widespread.

The tour then takes a culinary spin with the chance to try Soparnik – a well-loved local speciality recognised by UNESCO as an 'intangible cultural asset' due to its unique cooking methods. Watch as the dough is rolled out and the filling prepared, a technique designed to feed the many hungry families it traditionally fed.



Afterward, experience the local customs hands-on with a Dalmatian silent circle dance, where you're invited to learn the steps and join in. You'll finish off with a special workshop exclusively for National Geographic travelers, where you can create your own piece of jewelry inspired by Poljica's cultural symbols – a perfect memento to take home.



**Duration:** Half day  
**limited availability - for 8-15 Guests**

**Tour code:** SPL-10N

**Prices**

# Venice



# Step back into the Venetian Renaissance

Scuola Grande di San Rocco



Giudecca Canal



Scuola Grande di San Rocco

Take in views of Venice by boat, and explore the stunningly ornate Scuola Grande di San Rocco. Home to some of the Renaissance painter's best works, covering the walls and ceilings, this is a truly unique site.

In true Venetian style, you'll begin this tour on the water, departing the pier by gran turismo boat or water taxi with your knowledgeable local escort. As you leave the port, your boat will cross the Giudecca Canal - one of the major waterways in the city. As you sail along, you'll have a perfect view to admire the stunning Venetian buildings. Your guide will be on hand to let you know more about Venetian history, as well as tell plenty of fascinating stories about this unique town.

Once you arrive into the centre of Venice, your boat will dock. There's then a gentle walk through the historic streets for about 15-20 minutes to Scuola Grande di San Rocco. A 'scuola' is the headquarters of a religious guild, and this lay confraternity was founded in 1478 - the richest scuola in Venice. There are more

than 60 paintings by Tintoretto preserved in their original setting, in a beautiful Renaissance building with the same delicate decoration and ornate carving that has been there since its construction.

After the guided tour, it's time to head back to the boat and begin your journey back to the ship.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** VCE-01

**Prices**



# Discover centuries-old crafts on Murano and Burano

 Burano



Get ready to be wowed. Murano and Burano are two of the main islands in the Venice lagoon, and while their names are similar, they're both unique and historic in their own ways. Enjoy a relaxed day visiting both islands.

Your trip will start at the pier, departing on a motor launch. You'll travel along the Giudecca Canal to Murano, famous for its glass. In 1291, all Venetian glass manufacturing was moved to this island when the city leaders became concerned about the furnaces causing a fire that could burn down the entire city. For a long time, the secrets of Murano glass stayed on the island, and they still use the same thousand-year-old methods today. You can watch some of the modern masters at work during a visit to a leading factory.

Your second stop will be the famously colorful island of Burano. This former small fishing village has streets of houses painted in bright hues. Apparently, fog used to get so bad around the island, the fishermen painted their houses in easy-to-spot colors to find their way home more easily. Burano is also home to a



centuries-old lace industry. Take some time to walk around and find shops where the lace is still being hand-stitched in the same tradition.

You'll have free time to explore both islands on this trip, and both are easily walkable with lots of great places to grab lunch or a quick bite. And don't forget to pick some hand-crafted souvenirs before boarding your boat back to the port.



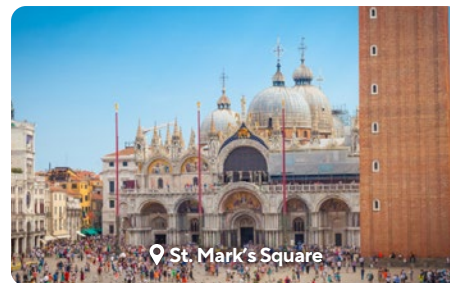
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**Tour code:** VCE-02

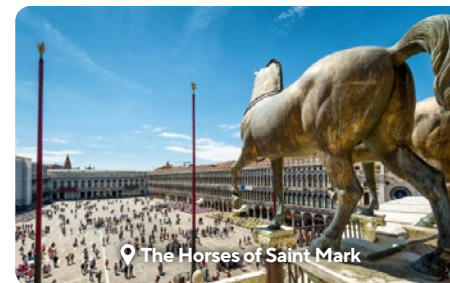
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# Explore inside the wondrous Golden Basilica

📍 Saint Mark's Basilica



📍 St. Mark's Square



📍 The Horses of Saint Mark

Enter the so-called 'drawing room of Europe,' St. Mark's Square. It's also known locally as 'the Piazza' by the Venetians, and let our expert guide show you around one of the most-visited sites in the world - St. Mark's Basilica.

Arriving in the centre of Venice by boat, you'll see the the majestic Dome rising above St. Mark's Square. Also known as the Golden Basilica, it was named for the abundance of golden leaves covering the church. Attached to the Doge's Palace, it was originally the Doge's private chapel. St. Mark's Basilica became Venice's cathedral in 1807, when it took on the role of the Patriarch of Venice.

During the tour, you will explore the entire church and hear fascinating stories about its construction and history. The present structure is the third church, and, like the two earlier churches, it was modeled after the sixth-century Church in Constantinople. Many pieces, reliefs, and sculptures in the Basilica were spoils stripped from the churches, palaces, and public monuments of Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade.

Among the plundered artifacts brought back to Venice were the four ancient bronze horses placed on the terrace.

After the guided tour of the church, you'll have some free time to enjoy the city before returning to the boat and heading back to the port.

*Please note: The visit to the Basilica does not include access to the Pala D'Oro, Museum, and Terrace.*



**Duration:** Half day

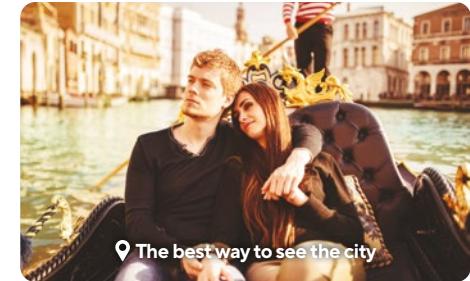
**Tour code:** VCE-03

**Prices**

# Meander the canals in a traditional gondola



📍 Narrow Venetian canals



📍 The best way to see the city

When you think of Venice, you think of gondolas. Synonymous with the city, no visit to Venice is complete without enjoying a magical gondola ride.

You'll depart by motor launch to Venice, where our local guides will share the captivating history of Venice and the gondola. It's short, pleasant stroll to the gondola pier, where you'll be guided onboard your traditional gondola. Your skilled, striped-shirt gondolier will take you on an enchanting 30-minute journey, manoeuvring through the narrow Venetian canals, immersing yourself in the dreamy atmosphere. This truly is the best way to see the city of Venice. After your gondola returns to the pier, you can indulge in some leisure time to explore the charm of the city. It's then time to head back to the boat for a scenic sail back to the port.

*Please note: Due to the gondola's balance and asymmetrical shape, the maximum capacity is limited to 5 people per gondola. The gondolier will provide instructions on seating positions to ensure stability and balance.*



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** VCE-04

**Prices**

# Discover the oldest coffee house in Italy

📍 Caffè Florian



📍 Caffè Florian sits in majestic St. Mark's Square

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable experience at the world's most beautiful café. Opened on December 29th, 1720, Caffè Florian is the oldest continuously operating coffee house in Italy, and one of the oldest in the world (after Café Procope in Paris, established in 1686).

Initially named 'Alla Venezia Trionfante,' or 'Triumphant Venice,' locals soon began simply referring to it as 'Florian's' after its founder, Florianio Francesconi. This illustrious establishment, with a history spanning over 300 years, remains a place where Venice and the world converge.

Your visit will start by boat, then a brief stroll with your guide, who will share anecdotes about this ancient café and its city. "Andemo da Florian!" ("Let's meet at Florian's!") - a slogan echoing for almost three centuries - invites both Venetians and visitors to immerse

themselves in its unique atmosphere. Once settled at your table in Florian's, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast. Indulge in fresh and delicious products prepared daily in Florian's laboratory. Your experience includes coffee, hot tea, or cappuccino perfectly paired with biscuits. It will set you up perfect for two hours of free time to explore the streets of Venice, absorbing its charm and beauty, before the boat takes you back to the port.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** VCE-05

**Prices**

# Katakolo





# Olympia & Archaeological Museum

📍 Temple of Zeus



📍 Statue of Zeus



📍 Archaeological Museum of Olympia

Our adventure begins in the ancient city of Olympia - birthplace of the Olympic Games in 776 BC and one of the most important sites in antiquity. We wonder at the Temple of Hera, where the Olympic Flame burns. We will also explore the Temple of Zeus, where the golden and ivory statue of Zeus (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) was housed. We visit the site of the original Olympics Stadium and Bouleuterion, where locals assembled to discuss the topics of the day.



📍 Archaeological Museum of Olympia

Our tour heads on to the Archaeological Museum of Olympia where we'll be amazed at ancient exhibits such as the marble statues of the Temple of Zeus and the unique statue of Hermes carved by the ancient Greek sculptor Praxiteles.

**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** KAT-01

**Prices**

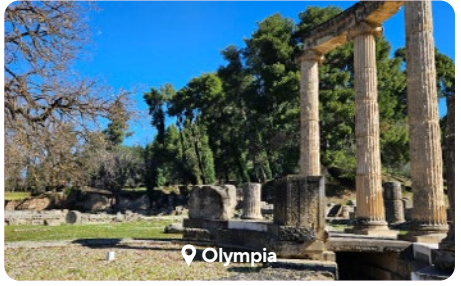


# Olympia & wine tasting

Olympia



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Olympia

We venture to a winery to relish the region's best grape varieties. From a crisp Robola to a refreshing Assyrtiko, we discover Katakolo through our senses and adventures.

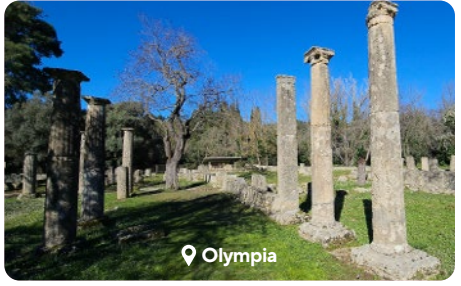
**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** KAT-05  
[Prices](#)




# Olympia & olive oil tasting



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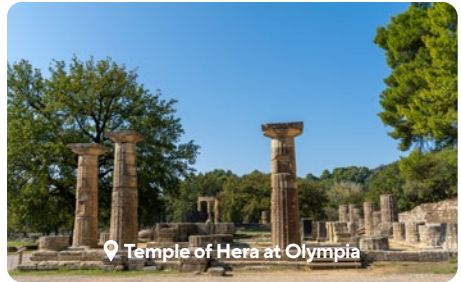
We drive on through the mountains to discover a truly Greek pleasure. We'll learn about the ancient practices of olives and olive oil production before setting our senses alight by sampling some of the local produce ourselves.


  
**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** KAT-03  
[Prices](#)





# Olympia hiking







📍 Temple of Hera at Olympia



We head deep into the countryside in search of soul-capturing views. The rolling Olympian wilderness holds secrets that hark back to true antiquity and we're on a journey to find them all. As we reach 430ft of elevation, we soak up sweeping panoramas and birdsong before venturing on to the ancient temple nearby. Wonder at the Temple of Hera, where the Olympic Flame burns and explore the Temple of Zeus, where the golden and ivory statue of Zeus (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World) was housed.



**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** KAT-04

**Prices**




# Transfer to Kourouta Beach



We make our way to Kourouta Beach, just outside Amaliada. The golden sand here stretches miles along the coast and as we leap straight into the warm Ionian Sea, we know we're set for a day of total relaxation and bliss. *Please note there are no facilities included.*





**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** KAT-06

**Prices**

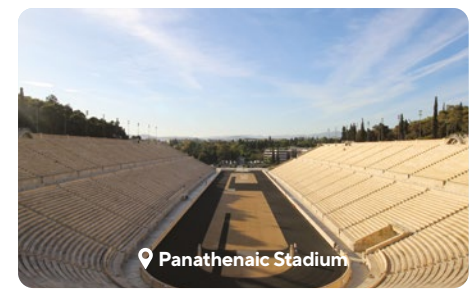
# Athens





# Athens Monuments and the Acropolis

📍 Acropolis



A walk with us through the very heart of Athens brings us to one of most recognisable, historic and most photographed sites in the world, the famous Acropolis with the Parthenon at its summit.

It is a reminder of Ancient Greece’s powerful civilisation and the greatest architectural complex bequeathed by Greek Antiquity.

The monuments on the Acropolis (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) have survived for almost 25 centuries.

On this hill that still dominates Athens, democracy and philosophy were born so it is little wonder that a visit to Classical Athens is quite simply awe-inspiring.

The Parthenon is dedicated to the goddess Athena, protector of the city.

At the foot of the Acropolis and its ancient temples lies the oldest neighbourhood of Athens, Plaka. Visitors are mesmerised and charmed by its beautiful houses, cobblestone streets and tiny shops, architecture, elegant atmosphere and neo-classical colours and the well preserved gardens and Byzantine churches.

As we head away from the Acropolis and Plaka, we pass the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament with the familiar sentries or Evzones, synonymous with the city. No visit to Athens can be complete without a stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896.

We also see the ‘Trilogy of Athens’ which comprises the University of Athens, National Library and the Academy of Athens.

Our three hour odyssey through ancient history ends appropriately at the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma, the very centre of modern day Athens.

**We also offer transfers to the airport - see the pricing for PIR-01APT**

**Duration:** Half day  
**Tour code:** PIR-01

**Prices**

# Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum

📍 Acropolis



📍 The Hellenic Parliament building



📍 New Acropolis Museum

We head to central Athens for a panoramic tour of the city named after the goddess of wisdom and warfare.

First we see the magnificent Temple of Zeus, standing at the south east of the Acropolis.

The Temple is dedicated to the father of the 12 gods.

We continue past the Greek Parliament to the Panathenaic Stadium which staged the first modern Olympic Games in 1896.

We arrive at the "Trilogy of Athens": three 19th century buildings, influenced by classical architecture, on Panepistimiou Street.

A trip through Omonia Square and Syntagma Square, the epicentre of modern Athens, will bring us to the beautiful, picturesque preserved quarter of Plaka, beneath the Acropolis.

Our final destination is the modern, bright and imposing Acropolis Museum.

Opened in 2009 and on multiple levels, it houses a whole host of exhibits of classical antiquity and is thematic.

It's the perfect way to draw everything together and give context to the wonderful structures you have just seen.

At the end of our journey we hope you will have a full appreciation of the glories of classical Athens and a sense of one of the most historically important capitals in the world.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** PIR-07

**Prices**

# The Acropolis & the New Acropolis Museum

📍 Odeon Herodes Atticus



📍 New Acropolis Museum

Our starting point for this truly monumental tour is the Acropolis, which means 'high city.'

At the end of our journey we hope you will have a full appreciation of the glories of the very heart of Athens.

This historic hill is the home of the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena, and a number of other monuments.

They include the Propylaea, originally part of Pericles' great rebuilding programme and the Temple of Athena Nike. This once contained a wooden statue of Athena. It was wingless signifying she would never leave Athens.

Meanwhile, the Erechtheion and its marble edifice is an Ancient Greek temple on the north side of the Acropolis. The eastern part is dedicated to Athena Polias and the western part to Poseidon-Erechtheus.

From the hill you can marvel at the glorious stone theatre structure of the Odeon Herodes Atticus on the southwest slope. To bring us up to date, many of the world's biggest names have performed here including Frank Sinatra, Luciano Pavarotti and of course Nana Mouskouri.

The modern, bright and imposing Acropolis Museum is our next stop. Opened in 2009 it houses a whole host of exhibits of classical antiquity and is thematic. It's the perfect way to draw everything together and give context to the wonderful structures you have just seen.

We leave the high city and pass the Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We make a stop at the site of the first modern Olympiad in 1896, the Panathenaic Stadium and then visit the stylish 'Trilogy of Athens', the old building of the University of Athens, the National Library and the Academy of Athens. We end our day with a trip through the epicentre of modern day Athens, the Squares of Omonia and Syntagma.

This is a monumental excursion of discovery, literally and figuratively.



**Duration:** Half day

**Tour code:** PIR-08

**Prices**

## Kotor

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
KTR-01	Historic Kotor & Budva	92	73
KTR-03	Kotor off-road adventure	166	143
KTR-04	Kotor walking tour	SOB	SOB
KTR-05	Highlights of Montenegro	104	79
KTR-08	Meet the life of the locals	169	-
KTR-09	Markovic Winery and the visit to Budva Old Town	219	-
KTR-10	Hike and bike	109	-

## Split

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
SPL-01	Walk the wonders of Old Split	68	57
SPL-02	Plunge into Croatia's past	103	80
SPL-03	Spectacular scenery at Krka National Park	184	115
SPL-04	Enjoy the best of both worlds	115	92
SPL-05	Immerse yourself in Croatian culture	161	103
SPL-06	Ancient buildings, boats and beaches	SOB	SOB
SPL-07	Diocletian's Palace and the Olive Oil Experience	115	-
SPL-08	Explore the wondrous wines of Croatia	161	-
SPL-09N	The legacy of Dalmatia's Heritage Recipes	104	-
SPL-10N	The story of Polijca	244	-

Prices are per person. SOB = Sold on Board.

## Venice

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
VCE-01	Step back into the Venetian Renaissance	115	92
VCE-02	Discover centuries-old crafts on Murano and Burano	138	103
VCE-03	Explore inside the wondrous Golden Basilica	94	71
VCE-04	Meander the canals in a traditional gondola	161	115
VCE-05	Discover the oldest coffee house in Italy	161	115

## Katakolo

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
KAT-01	Olympia & Archaeological Museum	103	73
KAT-03	Olympia & olive oil tasting	143	108
KAT-04	Olympia hiking	118	79
KAT-05	Olympia & wine tasting	103	73
KAT-06	Transfer to Kourouta Beach	SOB	SOB

## Athens

Tour Code	Title	USD	
		Adult	Child
PIR-01	Athens monuments and the Acropolis	115	80
PIR-01APT	Athens monuments and the Acropolis - <b>including airport transfer</b>	196	126
PIR-07	Athens tour and the New Acropolis Museum	115	80
PIR-08	Athens Monuments-The Acropolis & the New Museum	150	103

## Guide to symbols

-  Short or no walking involved.
-  Easy walking: General walking over an even surface.
-  Moderate walking: Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties.
-  Hard walking: High amount of physical activity for extended periods of time. Recommended only for sporting guests with good physical health.
-  Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered.
-  It is recommended to bring your swimming suit and a towel.
-  Shopping with an experienced guide.
-  Meal included on this excursion.
-  Refreshments included on this excursion.

-  Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey.
-  Panoramic, nature, landscapes.
-  Cultural experience: This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion.
-  Folklore: We focus on local habits, traditions, food and tasting.
-  Adventure and fun.
-  Suitable for families travelling with children.

**Half day - up to 5 hours**  
**Full day - 6 hours and above**

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