



Magnificent Croatia In-Depth & Venice too!

Enjoy Free Flowing Wine, Beer and Spirits on the Amazing Azamara Quest 5-Star Cruising with only 680 guests and a crew of 400

Featuring: Rijeka, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik & Hvar, Croatia – Venice, Italy
October 8 - 17, 2020 10 Day - 8 Night Cruise/Tour

Join us in spectacular Venice to sail the sparkling blue waters of the Adriatic Sea, while visiting several rarely-offered ports in colorful Croatia!

This uniquely intensive exploration of the marvels of Croatia lets you see its fascinating smaller cities and seldom seen wonders that the mega-ships simply can't visit! Few travelers will ever get to experience the stunning islands dotted all around Rijeka, or lovely Zadar's seven spectacular waterfalls, or the sun-drenched beaches and Provence-like countryside of Hvar. The incredibly well-preserved Roman-era Diocletian's Palace and bright-white Riva seaside promenade combine to make Split unforgettable. Dubrovnik will surely leave you in awe with her stunningly intact walls surrounding a picturesque Old Town that's a sheer delight to simply get lost in. This is the perfect chance to discover the Adriatic while you cruise in true luxury onboard the Azamara Quest! Don't hesitate to sign up today for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel in-depth with us through stunning Croatia, marveling at the great beauty, culture and history of this endlessly intriguing region.

Oh, and did we mention you'll also get to stay in a Venetian countryside villa, and enjoy the grand palaces and canals of Venice too!!

Itinerary

October 8, 2020 - Your Adventure Begins

Today you'll board your overnight flight to Italy, beginning the trip of a lifetime to experience Magnificent Croatia with Venice!

October 9, 2020 - Venice, Italy

Upon arrival into Venice, you'll be met by your TRIPS representative and make your way into the **Venetian countryside!** This is the area of Italy where the **famous prosecco** sparkling wines are produced. So, TRIPS gets your holiday started with a **wine tasting of this very special wine along with some delicious Italian cold cuts and cheeses.** If that's not Italian enough, this evening you'll have the opportunity to **overnight in one of northern Italy's famous castles or villas!** Your **Welcome to Italy dinner** is included this evening, a beautiful way to begin your Venice and Croatia cruise/tour.

Overnight: Venice countryside villa (Wine tasting/D)

October 10, 2020 - Board the Azamara Quest in Venice!

This morning you'll check out of your castle/villa hotel and make your way into Venice, where you'll board the **Azamara Quest** and unpack for the next 7 nights! What better way to travel all around Croatia than from your luxurious floating hotel? Don't forget that **one of the biggest highlights is sailing out from the city of Venice!** It's a must to be up on deck to witness this incredible city as you sail out of the lagoon past St. Mark's and into the Adriatic! The ship sails at **6pm.** (B/L/D)

October 11, 2020 - Rijeka, Croatia

Rijeka may not sound familiar but as the seaport gateway to Croatia's highly photogenic islands, it's a fascinating place to explore. The **Governor's Palace** offers **grand views over the harbor** and features **regal Hapsburg interiors** on display inside. Nearby 19th-century **Zajc Croatian National Theatre** boasts ceiling paintings by famed artist Gustav Klimt. You might decide to climb the 16th century **Petar Kruzic Stairway** up to the hilltop pre-Roman **Trsat Castle** complex with **sweeping views of the islands of Kvarner Bay,** and view the religious shrine at the **Church of Our Lady.** Or perhaps you may choose to **ferry to the islands around the bay** as you cycle around

Kirk, stopping at **Baska Beach** - beautiful sands, clear water and **"ice cream stands galore!"** You'll dock here from **8am to 10pm.** (B/L/D)

October 12, 2020 - Zadar and the Inside Passage of Croatia

Old meets new in **beautiful Zadar** on Croatia's **Dalmatian coast,** where you'll be from **7:30am to 2pm.** Adorned with **picturesque Roman and Venetian ruins in peninsular Old Town,** it's a joy to wander Zadar's quaint cobblestone streets from a bygone era that suddenly give way to modern marvels of architecture and technology. You might decide to escape the city and **explore two national parks** — **Krka,** with seven spectacular waterfalls, and **Plitvice** — both teeming with natural beauty! You can also sample **Maraschino,** the traditional liqueur made from marasca cherries and produced in Zadar distilleries since the 16th century. After sailing from Zadar, you'll get to cruise from about **3 to 5pm** along the **narrow passage of fjords** that make up the **Inside Passage of Croatia,** surely one of the key benefits of traveling onboard a smaller ship able to navigate where the others can't. The stunning scenery of **rugged, mountainous coastline and picturesque islands** as you pass through these fjords is like nothing else you've seen. You'll dock at the city of Split at **10pm** tonight. (B/L/D)

October 13, 2020 - Split, Croatia

The Quest will stay docked in **Split** for the entire day until **10pm.** This second largest city in Croatia is a delightful **mix of modern lifestyles and ancient history.** Anchoring the center of Old Town is the must-see **UNESCO World Heritage Site of Diocletian's Palace,** built in 305AD as Roman Emperor Diocletian's massive retirement complex! The city gradually grew up around the Palace, many of whose ancient buildings fortunately remain intact. You can easily spend the whole day meandering through **Old Town's picturesque cobblestone streets,** where if you lose your bearings, one of the locals will be happy to point you in the right direction. Down by the water's edge, Split enjoys a bustling waterfront with abundant fresh seafood, where you can **stroll along the Riva,** a spectacular white marble-esque promenade! (B/L/D)

October 14, 2020 - Dubrovnik, Croatia

George Bernard Shaw was enchanted by this beautiful city, stating **"those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik."**

This truly is a stunning city with a simply amazing **Old Town**, so you must come ashore and see it for yourself! From the moment you step beyond the massive stone walls that protect **Dubrovnik**, you'll understand what makes it so special. This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** is richly gifted with charming squares and centuries-old red-roofed buildings. The famed **Stradun** pedestrian boulevard is the perfect scenic spot to stroll or linger over a cup of coffee and just watch the world go by. Walk along the impressive walls for a spectacular view of the city, and if anything looks familiar, it's probably because Dubrovnik has been the **home of King's Landing on HBO's Game of Thrones!** As you stroll the ancient walkways of **Dubrovnik**, known as the **Pearl of the Adriatic**, you'll no doubt come across an **800 year old Gothic church** and **Europe's oldest pharmacy!** Your time spent here will still surely seem too short, as you're tendered from **9am to 10pm** today. (B/L/D)

October 15, 2020 - Hvar, Croatia

Known as **"the Sunniest Place in Europe,"** Hvar receives an average of 7.7 hours of sunshine per day. That makes sunbathing a favorite pastime here, especially at the **beaches of Dubovica and the Pakleni Islands.** This locally popular summer resort town is also notable for its 13th-century walls, a hilltop fortress and a main square dominated by the **Renaissance-era Hvar Cathedral.** But there are more jaw-dropping sights to see in its countryside too: **lush olive groves, fruit orchards, fields of lavender, and dozens of vineyards,** since **Hvar is one of**

the top winemaking regions in Croatia. You'll be tendered here from **8am to 6pm.** (B/L/D)

October 16, 2020 - Venice, Italy

Today the Quest returns to **Venice** at **1pm**, where you'll stay docked overnight. Here you'll have the afternoon and evening to experience **one of the most captivating and romantic cities in the world** in exactly the way you want to do it! Feel free to wander the city's cobblestone streets and overarching bridges, or perhaps you'll **ride the canals in classic style on a gondola!** As you make your way through the city, you'll find abundant opportunities to shop, sample **delicious Veneto wines** and other delicacies, or simply people watch in the iconic **Piazza San Marco.** The possibilities are endless in **magical Venice!** (B/L/D)

October 17, 2020 - Farewell to Croatia and Venice

You'll disembark in **Venice** this morning after breakfast. Then you'll board your private water taxi to begin **cruising through the famous canals of Venice.** You'll arrive near **St. Mark's Square** to begin your brief **panoramic walking tour** of this very unique Italian city. You'll see not only **St. Mark's Square and Cathedral** but also the **Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace.** Before there was an "Italy," the Republic of Venice ruled the Adriatic and the Doges were the rulers of this powerful Republic. Following your tour, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight home. **Memories of your Magnificent Croatia and Venice cruise/tour will surely last a lifetime!** (B)

**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

Croatia & Venice

If you are interested in this trip email me and I will send you the cabin details.

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Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to Venice, Italy (checked baggage fees are not included)
- All transfers from airport to hotel, hotel to pier and pier to airport
- 1 night in Venice countryside villa hotel with breakfast
- 7 nights cruise on board the Azamara Quest in your selected stateroom category
- All meals while onboard the Azamara Quest **including free flowing wine, beer and spirits**
- Gratuities for dining, housekeeping and bar staff included
- Select standard spirits, international beers and wines at all ship bars
- Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffees and teas included
- **Special AzAmazing Evening one night during cruise**
- Post-cruise sightseeing canal and walking tour of Venice
- All ports of call as listed in the itinerary
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, port charges and fees

Passports are required for this trip!!

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Check with your club representative for details.

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- 235 complimentary internet minutes per guest
- One free bag of laundry service
- Complimentary seating in specialty restaurants
- Afternoon tea service in-suite

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An initial **\$750.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour, of which **\$75.00** is non-refundable (\$150.00 for single occupancy). The remaining **\$675.00** of this deposit is fully refundable up to March 23, 2020. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before March 23, 2020.**

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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