

# From the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic

From **30/05/2022**  
to **07/06/2022**

Ship: **LE JACQUES CARTIER**

From **Nice**  
to **Venice**



Discover the beauty of the Adriatic with **PONANT** on an exceptional **9-day cruise** in **Croatia**. Aboard **Le Jaques-Cartier**, to discover natural wonders and cultural treasures of the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coasts.

You will board in **Nice**, then you will set sail to **Bonifacio**, the jewel of the far south of Corsica. A veritable fortress sculpted by the wind and the spray, the “sentinel city” will reveal its historical centre and its long-cobbled streets.

You will discover **Amalfi and its coast**, which are magnificent **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**. Perched between sky and sea, Amalfi presents amazing landscapes.

You will then take the sea once again to discover **Taormina**, overlooking **Etna**'s blanket of snow. Its streets will lead you to its famed **ancient Greek theatre**, where the quality of the acoustics is exceptional.

Your ship will then chart a course south towards Montenegro where the **Bay of Kotor**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** will welcome you for a wonderful journey through four mountainous gulfs where sheer cliffs plunge into a deep blue sea.

You will then head to the aptly named “Pearl of the Adriatic”, **Dubrovnik**, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Surrounded by medieval ramparts, its terracotta-tiled roofs, its palaces, cloisters and fountains are bound to impress you and will plunge you into the heart of Croatian history.

**Le Jaques-Cartier** will then call at **Hvar**, known as the “Croatian Madeira” for its mild and sunny climate, and to **Rovinj**, in Istria. A stroll along the cobbled streets of the Old Town reveals an architecture with Venetian influences, enhanced by the radiant beauty of the Adriatic Sea.

As a grand finale, your voyage will draw an end in **Venice** the Serenissima and its lagoon. Piazza San Marco, the Doge's Palace, the Grand Canal and the palaces along the canals will be your last stops on an unforgettable cruise.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### NICE

Embarkation 30/05/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 30/05/2022 at 18:00

**Capital of the Cote d'Azur**, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

### BONIFACIO, CORSICA

Arrival 31/05/2022 early morning

Departure 31/05/2022 midday

The spectacular town of **Bonifacio** located on the very tip of southern Corsica, clings to a narrow promontory of white rock overhanging the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean. You can admire its limestone cliffs hewn out by the wind, before setting off on a cultural tour of its cultural treasures. From the little paved streets in the ancient **Haute Ville**, to the promenade on the open-air medieval **chemin de ronde**, this stunning town will take you on a journey back in time. Frequented or secluded, there are numerous beaches to choose from, all in keeping with the high standards of the "Île de Beauté".

### AMALFI

Arrival 01/06/2022 midday

Departure 01/06/2022 late afternoon

The little town of Campania gives its name to the region containing the magnificent, UNESCO World Heritage listed, **Amalfi coast**. And for good reason. Located at the foot of Mount Cerreto, against a rock face of a gorge that opens onto the sea, Amalfi's absolutely splendid natural scenery alone is enough to feast your eyes on before making for the medieval streets to explore some of its history. The mix of cultural influences from the Mediterranean Rim is omnipresent here.

### TAORMINA, SICILY

Arrival 02/06/2022 midday

Departure 02/06/2022 early evening

Located on Sicily's eastern coast, in the province of Messina, the seaside town of Taormina is Sicily's Saint-Tropez, boasting heritage sites, secluded beaches and luxury shopping. You can visit its medieval centre, suspended 300 metres above sea level, where terraces offer a spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea. Another vestige from its

past are the ruins of the **Greco-Roman theatre**. This extremely well-preserved site attracts visitors who are fascinated by the natural beauty of the area which overlooks a **turquoise bay**.

## AT SEA

Arrival 03/06/2022

Departure 03/06/2022

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## SAILING IN THE BAY OF KOTOR

Arrival 04/06/2022 early morning

Departure 04/06/2022 early morning

The long walls of the **fortified city** of Kotor unfurl before your eyes as you admire this **medieval construction** enclosed between the sea and the rugged cliffs from the decks of your ship. The still, deep waters of the bay plus the clouds of mist floating here and there create a **surreal and magical atmosphere**. Small islands with churches and fortresses built on them remind us that a proud maritime people has lived here for centuries, in this bay that forms a perfect natural harbour, used by sailors since ancient times. At the crossroads of **Latin and Byzantine cultures**, you will have the pleasure of observing the natural treasures of **Montenegro** during an unforgettable journey.

## DUBROVNIK

Arrival 04/06/2022 midday

Departure 04/06/2022 late evening

Emblem of the Dalmatian coast, Dubrovnik is magnificently positioned on a rocky spur. History is sovereign here, in this ancient city, now a **listed UNESCO World Heritage site**. You will perhaps be surprised by the proportions of La Placa, the central drag through the city. The sheer width of it can be explained by the fact that it straddles a former lagoon. The elegant houses along La Placa are built in the legendary travertine stone. At Pile gate, you will be greeted by the statue of the patron saint of Dubrovnik, and you can admire the coastline as you **walk along the ramparts**. But what's inside **Fort Saint John**, adjoining the outer walls? A maritime museum and an aquarium featuring rare fish from the Adriatic.

## HVAR

Arrival 05/06/2022 early morning

Departure 05/06/2022 early evening

Off the coast of Split, Hvar will surprise you by its traditions that have not changed since Antiquity. The country's

oldest town, **Stari Grad**, is here on this Dalmatian Island. The town nestles by a cove on the north-west coast, surrounded by dry stone wall structures on the Stari Grad plains. These have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site because they were built in the time of the Ancient Greeks. From these parcels of land come wines and olive oil manufactured manually. In the upper part of town, it is possible to discover hams and cheeses made by local producers.

## ROVINJ

Arrival 06/06/2022 midday

Departure 06/06/2022 late afternoon

Rovinj is located in Istria, a region bordering Slovenia. This becomes apparent as you walk through its old cobblestoned town. There are many **monuments of Venetian influence** here. If you study the Balbi arch, you will see the winged lion, symbol of Venice. The bell-tower erected beside **Saint Euphemia Cathedral** was designed like the bell of Saint Mark in Venice. From the top of the tower, you can scan the entire historical district. To absorb its quaint atmosphere, take a walk in the ochre and sepia-coloured streets leading to bustling squares and terraces shaded by canvas awnings.

## VENICE

Arrival 07/06/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 07/06/2022 at 07:00

Proud and eternal, Venice has reigned on its lagoon ever since the 6th century. You may think you know this city before even setting foot here. You will inevitably fall in love with the charm of the innumerable treasures of the Serenissima: **Saint Mark's square**, the **basilica**, **Doges palace**, the **Grand Canal** and the **gondolas**. Yet, secret Venice is also waiting for you to explore its little interlacing streets and canals, to ramble through its squares and to push open the doors of its churches. The city's extraordinary heritage shouldn't stop you from enjoying a glass of Spritz and a few tramezzini.