

# Dalmatian Shores

From **25/09/2021**  
to **02/10/2021**

Ship: **LE BOUGAINVILLE**

From **Venice**  
to **Athens**



**PONANT** invites you on an unforgettable circuit that will take you from the **Adriatic Sea** to the **city of Gods**, discovering the unmissable sites of Greece and the Dalmatian coastlines. Enjoy this **8-day cruise** aboard *Le Bougainville*, between **Venice** and **Athens**.

Following a first port of call in the picturesque port of **Hvar**, you will continue to sail along the Dalmatian coastlines to **Dubrovnik**. Sitting high on a rocky outcrop, its old town, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, watches the world go by.

Your ship will then set sail towards **Montenegro**, for an unforgettable cruise in the **Bay of Kotor**. This impressive gash between two mountain ranges is home to a veritable inland lake with a magical atmosphere; the medieval city of Kotor and its many historical monuments are its jewels.

Then it will be on to Greece with a first stop in **Corfu**, the most famous of the Ionian Islands. Once Byzantine and later Venetian, the island was visited by Ulysses and was a favourite holiday spot of Empress Sissi. Its sumptuous Neoclassical buildings and its lush and flowery vegetation are just some of its attractions.

Your cruise will end in Athens, the mythical city dominated by the Acropolis and its monuments that form the **most extraordinary architectural and artistic collection** bequeathed by Ancient Greece to the rest of the world.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### VENICE

Embarkation 25/09/2021 from 15:00 to 16:30

Departure 25/09/2021 at 18:00

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.

### SPLIT

Arrival 26/09/2021 midday

Departure 26/09/2021 late evening

On the Dalmatian coast, the town of Split offers cultural visits in a seaside atmosphere. Close to the seafront shaded by palm trees, the historical centre listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, boasts a unique building: **the Diocletian's Palace**. Here you will explore its galleries, courtyards with carved columns, as well as a former mausoleum converted into a church, namely **Saint Domnius Cathedral**. If you get peckish, stop off at a terrace in the **Pjaca**, the main square in the old town, where you can try a palacinka, a kind of pancake topped with melted cheese.

### HVAR

Arrival 27/09/2021 at night

Departure 27/09/2021 midday

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.

### KORCULA

Arrival 27/09/2021 early afternoon

Departure 27/09/2021 late evening

This harbour town has a very special location, presiding on a spur on the north-eastern coast of the island of Korčula.

The ramparts in its medieval district provide perfect vantage points over the Pelješac peninsula. To get there, you can take the monumental staircase in the **Revelin Tower**. Another way is to climb the steps in the shade of palm trees from the **Morska Vrata** (Marine portal). As you make your way through the little streets, you'll see the bell-tower of **Saint Mark's cathedral** rise above you. This landmark will help you locate the **house** where **Marco Polo** was born. The island also has some of its own famous wines like the red Plavac and the white Posip.

## DUBROVNIK

Arrival 28/09/2021 early morning

Departure 28/09/2021 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.

## KOTOR

Arrival 29/09/2021 early morning

Departure 29/09/2021 mid afternoon

Situated in one of Montenegro's most beautiful bays, **the medieval city** of Kotor is a small town full of charm, truly imbued with the traditions and stories of another time. Built between the 12th and 14th centuries, this village, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, has preserved many historical monuments from this epoch. During your stop, be sure to admire the impressive castle that dominates the town, and let yourself fall under the charm of its maze of small streets and intimate squares on which folk festivals featuring magnificent colourful costumes are often organised.

## CORFU

Arrival 30/09/2021 mid morning

Departure 30/09/2021 late afternoon

Named after the island, Corfu is the most famous city in the Ionian islands. Protected by citadel fortifications, its old city, designated UNESCO World Heritage, displays unusual **Greco-Byzantine and Venetian architecture**. Above the water stands Saint George's church, looking uncannily like a classical temple. The picturesque **Pontikonisi**, a stone's throw from the southern point of the town, is the legendary island where Odysseus landed.

## KATAKOLON

Arrival 01/10/2021 early morning

Departure 01/10/2021 midday

This picturesque village stretches along the Ionian sea in the west of the Peloponnese. Its main harbour offers a vast panorama of the coastline's wooded hillsides. Dazzling white, the **church of Saint-Nicolas** houses a selection of

sumptuous icons. You can also pay a visit the **archaeological site of Olympus** on the slopes of Mount Kronos.

## AT SEA

Arrival 01/10/2021

Departure 01/10/2021

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.

## ATHENS

Arrival 02/10/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 02/10/2021 at 08:00

The Greek capital city is located on the edge of the Saronic gulf, in the east of the country. It bears a plural name in reference to the first villages that surround the **Acropolis**. You will be enchanted by the rocky plateau presided by its monuments listed as UNESCO World Heritage. In the city below, you can visit some of the liveliest districts in Athens: **Plaka**, with its maze of colourful streets, and where, in the evenings the drifting aroma of moussaka and garlic prawns will tickle your taste buds. The **National Archaeological museum** and the Cycladic Art Museum are also some of the city's key attractions and allow visitors to discover Athens' cultural past.