

# Along the ADRIATIC COAST

Koper  
Zadar  
Ploce  
Korcula  
Kotor Fjord  
Durrës (Tirana)  
Dubrovnik  
Split



On board of M/V ARION

8 days / 7 nights CRUISES

April, May, June, July, August, September 2009

*Rivages* du Monde

LES CIVILISATIONS AU LONG COURS



Our cruising program « Along the Adriatic Coast » is now welcoming guests from around 20 countries. In 2009, we invite you to an extended exploration of this wonderful coastline. Starting from Koper in the Slovenian Riviera, you will explore the magnificent Dalmatian coast then the gorgeous scenery of the Fjord of Kotor, gateway to the rising Montenegro and further down the Albanian port of Durrës before sailing back to Dubrovnik, pearl of the Adriatic, and Split, capital city of Dalmatia. All the ancient cultures from the Mediterranean have shaped the coastal cities we propose to your discovery, Greek, Roman, Turkish and the Austrian Empire. Thanks to her small size, the vessel can access all the tiny ports of the coast, getting access to the very heart of its wonderful cities and bringing you the opportunity of new sights. You will get a taste of the French Touch aboard the charming M/V Arion where you will be delighted at the attention and the service provided by our onboard staff.



## CRUISE DEPARTURE DATES FOR 2009

All sailings are Sunday-Sunday

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
26	3	7
	10	14
	17	21
	24	28
	31	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
5	30	6
		13
		20
		27

## CRUISE M/V ARION 8 days / 7 nights

Koper - Zadar - Ploce (Mostar) - Korcula - Bouches de Kotor - Durres (Tirana) - Dubrovnik - Split - Koper

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### Sunday: KOPER (Slovenia)

Very near from Trieste in Italy is located the small renaissance city of Koper (Capo d'Istria) which is today the most important port of Slovenia. Start of the cruise.

### Monday: ZADAR (Croatia)

Once a dominant city on the Adriatic coast and rival of Venice, Zadar is nowadays a "city-treasure", preserving in its historical core the remains of the Roman Forum, the Church of St. Donat, the Romanesque Cathedral of St Anastasia, the Church of St. Mary and the Benedictine Convent. The city owns a permanent collection of church art known as "The Gold and Silver of Zadar".

### Tuesday: PLOCE

Ploce is a commercial port located in central Dalmatia. From Ploce, we offer an optional tour to the famous old city of Mostar (Bosnia Herzegovina) where you will see the reconstructed "old bridge" built by the occupying Turkish forces 500 years ago.

### Tuesday afternoon: KORCULA (Croatia)

The historical town of Korcula is known as to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. The town will fascinate you with its beautiful historical core, narrow stone streets, museums and churches. Korcula is the town of a long-cherished cultural heritage and one of the most visited destinations on the Adriatic coast. It is famous for the unique and exciting traditional dances "Moreska" and "Kumpanija".

### Wednesday: KOTOR (Montenegro)

Sail in the morning through the extraordinary bay of Kotor to Montenegro, you will discover by the magnificence of its unique Fjord in the Mediterranean, the stunning "Boka Kotorska". Despite all misfortunes, Kotor has preserved the atmosphere of the medieval Mediterranean town. The town is encircled with 20 m high walls that are 2-15 m thick and 4.5 km long. One stem of the wall begins at the harbour, i.e. at the South gate, and the other at the River Skurla – West Gate. They both end at the fort of Saint Ivan. The Fort rises above the town and reaches the height of over 250m. There are 1426 stairs leading to the Tower.

### Thursday: DURRES (Tirana) Albania

Arrival in the early morning at Durres port, the most

important entrance maritime gate of Albania also well known for his nice Riviera. In Durres only 40 kilometres far from Tirana, you will have the possibility to participate at our Tirana's optional tour during the whole day discovering the capital of Albania including local lunch in a typical restaurant.

### Friday: DUBROVNIK (Croatia)

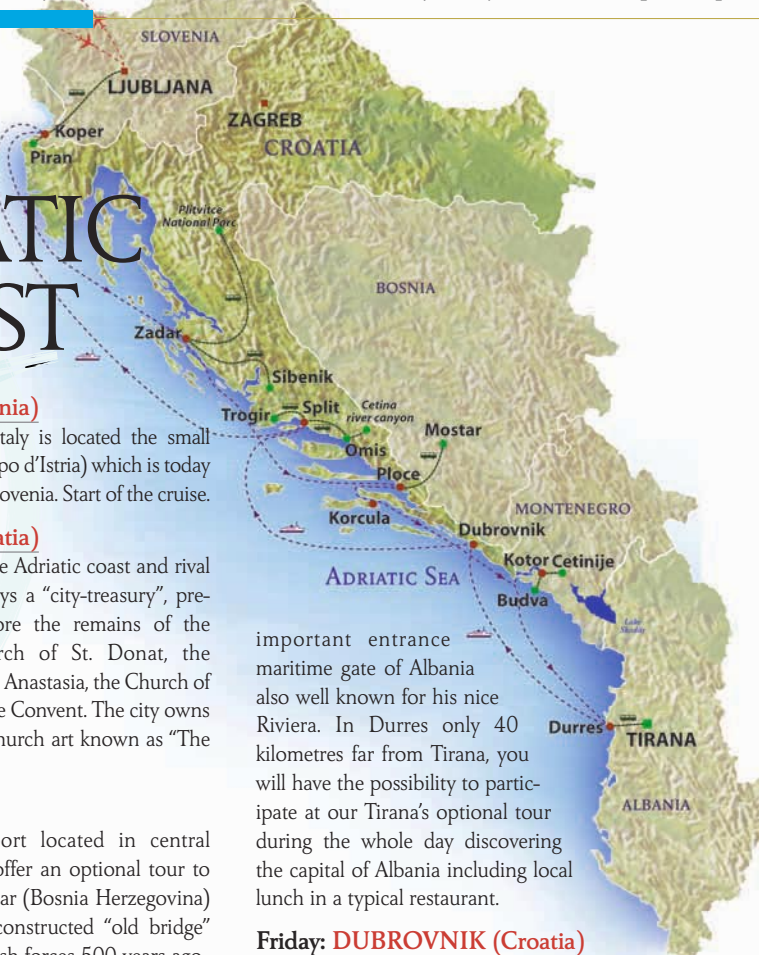
The former "Ragusa" is a town which resembles an open-air museum. This Monument-City is said to be the most beautiful Croatian city. Once a famous Dubrovnik Republic, the city was a powerful rival of Venice in the fight over sea rule. Today it still continues to rival Venice with its beauty and charming atmosphere. It would be really hard to single out the most fascinating piece of architecture. The Franciscan and the Dominican Monastery, The Cathedral, the Rector's Palace, Stradun, grand City walls and St. Blaise's Church, each of these impressive buildings deserves attention and admiration.

### Saturday: SPLIT (Croatia)

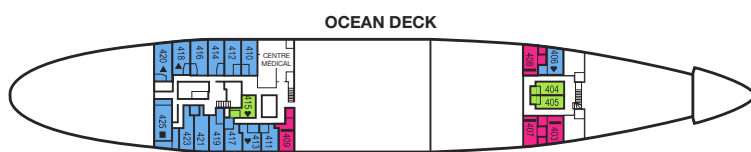
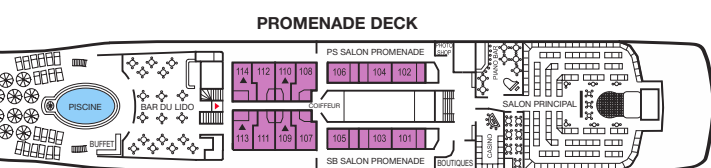
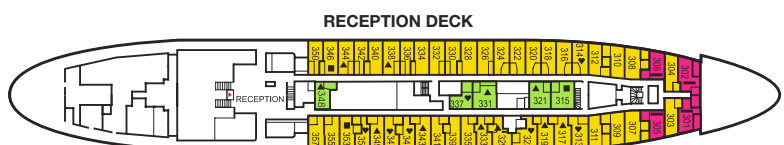
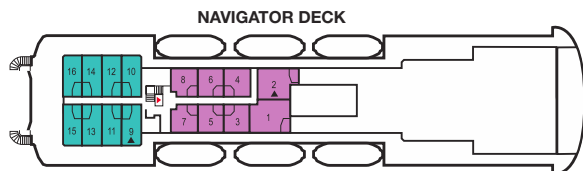
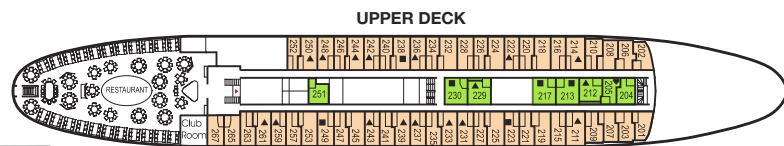
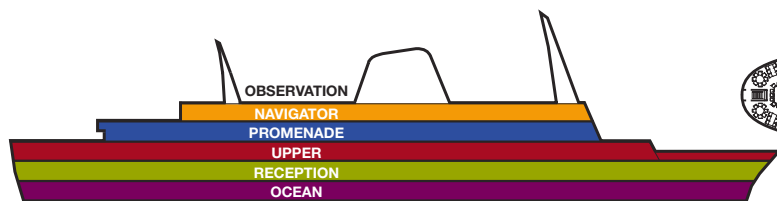
Split, the second largest city in Croatia and "the capital of Dalmatia" had gradually developed around the palace of the Roman emperor Diocletian, erected more than 1700 years ago. From Diocletian's cellars, Cathedral of the Temple of Jupiter to the Golden Gate (Porta aurea), across the Peristyle and the Market (Pjaca) to the sunny sea promenade (Riva) and further up the Marmont street, past the fish-market and all the way to the Theatre: morning in Split brings you the atmosphere of a typical Mediterranean city.

### Sunday: KOPER (Slovenia)

Arrival in Koper in the early morning.



DAY	PORT OF CALL	ARR.	DEP.	OPTIONAL TOURS
1	Koper		23.00	Embarkment
2	Zadar	10.00	20.00	City Tour - National Park Plitvice - Sibeni
3	Ploce	07.30	14.30	Tour to Mostar (Bosnia)/transfer to Gradac beach
4	Korcula	18.00	23.50	City Tour
4	Kotor	08.00	22.30	Former capital Cetinje/Beauties of the Riviera/Montenegro's Grand tour
5	Durres	07.00	22.00	Discovery of Tirana, Albania's capital
6	Dubrovnik	08.00	23.00	City Tour - Folklore performance
7	Split	08.00	16.00	City Tour - Cetina river canyon - Trogir
8	Koper	09.00		Transfer to Piran Slovenian Riviera



■ Cat 1: Inside, Two Low Beds  
■ Cat 2: Outside, Two Low Beds

■ Cat 3: Outside, Two Low Beds  
■ Cat 4: Outside Superior, Two Low Beds

■ Cat 5: Outside Premium, Two Low Beds  
■ Cat 6: Junior Suites  
■ Cat Sgl: Outside, one Low Bed

# SHIP INFORMATION

## M/V ARION

**SHIP DESCRIPTION.** With the introduction of M/V ARION in May 2000, Arcalia Shipping Company (Lisbon, Portugal) added another beautiful ship to its renowned fleet. Arion was constructed in 1965 at Pula, in Croatia, as "Istra". Purchased by Arcalia Shipping, the ship was completely reconstructed in Lisbon in 2000. The Arion has Portuguese and international crew. Her size and characteristics make her well adequate to operate destination cruises to unusual places away from the main cruising areas.

**Length:** 118 m • **Draught:** 5, 26 m • **Breadth:** 16, 50 m • **Gross tonnage:** 5.888 • **Stabilizers:** 6 decks • **Crew complement:** 130 • **1 lift** • **Flag:** Portugal.

**Ship's amenities.** Traditional English breakfast is served in the dining room or, weather permitting, in our Lido lounge. During lunch you can savour some fresh pasta, light salads, international cuisine or healthy choice that reflects modern tastes; afternoon tea, delicious finger sandwiches and warm scones with Devon-clotted cream and jam and a wide selection of teas. Dinner is a culinary experience with a balanced menu to please even the most difficult diets. Menus are established by our Master Chefs who are members of the most famous culinary associations like "Les Toques Blanches Internationales".

**Lounges and Bars:** there are promenade lounges, including a winter garden for relaxing moments, cocktail bar, and intimate piano bar.

**Entertainment:** main saloon spacious enough for every passenger. There is evening entertainment with musicians, dancers and singers.

**Medical care:** A doctor is available on board but cannot prescribe medicines.

**Dress code :** Casual and simple attire are suggested. For the Captain's and Farewell Dinner we suggest more formal attire.

**Currency on board:** All services on board are charged in Euro. All expenses (except for the excursions) can be charged to your shipboard account.

**Excursions and Daily Programme:** Excursions are offered on every port of call and can be booked on board. A daily programme is prepared on evening for the next day and delivered to passenger cabins.

**Tippling:** the tips amount to 40 € per cruise and per passenger and has to be prepaid when booking the cruise.

**Language on board:** French and English are both official languages on board. All announcements and Daily Programme as well as Information Sheets will be provided in both languages.

You will taste the French touch as the Arion is chartered by the French company RIVAGES du MONDE, managing the cultural and the entertainment program on board.

### 2009 GROSS RATES IN EURO

(Cruise rates are per person/Sharing a twin cabin)

CAT.	CABINS	DECKS	PRICES
Cat. 1	Inside cabin	■ Ocean Deck ■ Main Deck ■ Upper Deck	1.050
Cat. 2	Outside, port-hole	■ Ocean Deck	1.190
Cat. 3	Outside, port-hole	■ Main Deck	1.330
Cat. 4	Outside, window	■ Upper Deck	1.490
Cat. 5	Outside, window	■ Promenade Deck ■ Navigator Deck	1.580
Cat. 6	Outside superior window	■ Navigator Deck	1.690
Cat. single	Single outside, port-hole	■ Main Deck ■ Ocean Deck	1.445
Supplement for single occupancy			Only on request 890

### SERVICES INCLUDED IN PRICES

- 7 nights accommodations on board M/V Arion in cabin category of your choice
- Full English breakfast • 3 meals daily plus early morning coffee and midnight snacks • Welcome cocktail on board & Captain's Farewell Dinner • All shipboard activities, live entertainment and 3 cabaret style revues during sailing • English speaking local guides in cities and Cruise Guides on board the ship • All information provided in English on board the ship • Entertainment program on board of M/V Arion

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICES

- International transportation • Transfer from Airport to the ship • Optional tours • Insurance • Tips (€ 40) • Port taxes (€ 52)

### OCCUPANCY DISCOUNTS:

- Children between 2 and 4 in cabin with parents - gratis • Children under 18 in cabin with 2 adults - € 370 • Children under 18 in cabin with 1 parent - 50% discount • 3/4 Adult (less 10% discount cat. Rate)

Optional tours are only sold on board (payable by cash or credit card Visa and MasterCard).



# SHORE EXCURSIONS

## Available Optional Tours



### City tour of Zadar:

Guided walking tour of Zadar including the visit of the Church St Donat. Price: 25 €.

### National park Plitvice:

Transfer by bus to the park. Entrance fee to the national park including licensed guide. Picnic with lunch packet. Price: 80 € (including lunch box).

### Discovery of Sibenik:

Guided tour.

Around 80 km far from Zadar, Sibenik is one of the most important city from Dalmatia, built in renaissance style: 40 €.

### Excursion to Mostar:

Guided tour.

Transfer by bus to Mostar, severely destroyed during the last Balkan war but reconstructed step by step. You will admire the famous newly reerected Turkish Bridge. Price: 65 €.

### Gradac:

Escorted transfer to the beach of Gradac. Price: 15 €.

### City tour of Korcula:

Guided walking tour of the old city. Price: 20 €.

### Former Montenegro capital Cetinje:

Guided tour.

Transfer by bus to Cetinje the former capital of Montenegro at the end of XIX century. Visit of the Royal Palace –Taste the national food of “ham and cheese” in a nice local inn. Price: 55 €.

### Budva (Riviera of Montenegro):

Guided tour.

Visit of the small town of Budva, a former Greek colony, built at the foot of a hill, enclosed by stone walls. Visit of the Museum and time at leisure (possibility of swimming). Price: 45 €.

### Montenegro's Grand Tour:

Guided tour.

Departure in the morning to explore the medieval city of Budva. On the way, you will have a short stop in front of the former fishing village of Sveti Stefan. You will after enjoy a sailing on the famous Skadar Lake and have a lunch in a typical fishermen restaurant. On your way back to Kotor, you will have a splendid panoramic view on the Fjord of Kotor. Price: 75 € (including lunch).

### City tour of Tirana (Albania):

Guided tour.

From Durres, departure to Tirana, Capital of Albania. Walking through Skanderberg Square including the Moshe of Ethem Bey and visit of National Museum. Lunch in a local restaurant. Price: 75 € (including lunch).

### City tour of Dubrovnik:

Transfer by bus from the harbour to the old city and guided tour including the Franciscan monastery, the Rector's Palace and the Treasury of the Cathedral. Price: 30 €.

### Folklore performance:

Private concert of traditional music and dances of Dalmatia. Price: 35 €.

### Cetina Canyon:

Guided tour

Around 80 km far Southern from Split you will descent by boat the Cetina River and have a local lunch in a typical Croatian village. Price: 55 € (including lunch).

### Trogir:

Nearby North of the city of Split, Trogir is a small Venetian style city. Transfer by bus and city tour provided by licensed guide (3 hours). Price: 30 €.

### City tour of Split:

Guided tour

Walking city tour of Split including the Diocletian Palace. Price: 30 €.

### Koper:

Escorted transfer to Piran (Slovenian Riviera) accompanied by one member of our staff. Price: 20 €.

All optional excursions are escorted.



## INFORMATION AND BOOKING

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