

THE MS AIRON

ARION - description

Arion was constructed in 1965 at Pula , in Croatia , as "Istra" and became very popular and was converted to full time cruising at Trieste in 1969. Purchased by Arcalia Shipping, the ship was completely reconstructed in Lisbon . Her interiors were designed and decorated to create a subtle atmosphere of light blending into soft colours through its new public rooms and passengers cabins, 92 per of which are exterior. The 6000 gross tons Arion was extensively refurbished to offer its 320 passengers an intimate atmosphere on cruises carefully planned to provide a tasting experience to the most discerning travellers, its size making her particularly suited to cruise to the more areas visiting unspoiled, little crowded ports, rarely seen from today's mega liners. The Arion has Portuguese and other European officers and an international crew. Her size and characteristics makes her well appointed to operate destination cruises to unusual places away from the main cruising areas.



SHIP'S PROFILE

Flag: Portugal
 Build: Pula by Brodogadiliste Uljanik, Pula , Croatia
 Rebuild: 2000, Lisbon
 Crew complement: 130
 Air conditioning, 1 lift, Length: 118 m, Breadth: 16,50 m
 Passenger capacity: 320, Passenger deck: 5
 Telephone, television, music, hair dryer and safes in all cabins
 Restaurant: 350 seats, Main show lounge: 300 seats,
 Cocktail bar: 30 seats, Lido lounge bar: 90 seats
 Swimming pool, Boutique, Beauty salon, Medical center



ALONG ADRIATIC COAST - PROGRAM

From Istria to Kotor Fjord (Montenegro)

DESTINATIONS

KOPER – PULA – ZADAR – SPLIT – KORČULA – DUBROVNIK - KOTOR – PLOČE - KOPER

DAY	CITY	FROM	TO	PROGRAM
Sunday	KOPER		24.00	Transfer to Trieste (Italy)
Monday	PULA	07.00	24.00	Transfer to Rovinj / Medieval Istria / City tour
Tuesday	ZADAR	08.00	21.00	Plitvice National Parc / Kornati Island / City tour
Tuesday	SPLIT	07.00	13.00	City tour / Trogir /
Wednesday	KORČULA	17.00	24.00	City Tour
Thursday	DUBROVNIK	06.00	24.00	City tour / Folklore performance
Friday	KOTOR	09.00	24.00	Former capital Cetinje / Beauties of the Riviera
Saturday	PLOČE	06.00	18.00	Mostar
Sunday	KOPER	09.00		

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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 . Embarkation.

Monday: **PULA**

The most stunning towns of the Istra region which also occupy the very top of Croatian and European cultural heritage are situated on the west shore of Istrian peninsula: Pula – with its famed Ancient sites such as the impressive Roman amphitheatre, the Temple of Augustus , the Golden Gate (Porta aurea), the Triumphal Arch of the Sergii...

Tuesday: **ZADAR**

Once a dominant city on the Adriatic coast and rival of Venice, Zadar is now days a "city-treasury", 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, the Benedictine Convent and a permanent collection of church art known as "The Gold and Silver of Zadar". Numerous and rich cultural and artistic programs are also organised. They include the traditional Music Evenings in St. Donat, New Theatre Performances, Zadar Theatre Summer, as well as various visual arts exhibitions. The city celebrate the holiday of St. Kresevan, which is, as the same time, the day of Zadar (24 th of November).

Wednesday: **SPLIT (morning)**

Split , the second largest city in Croatia and "the capital of Dalmatia " had gradually developed around the palace of the Roman emperor Diocletian, built 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 futher up the Marmont street, past the fish-market and all the way to the Theatre: morning in Split brings you atmosphere of a typical Mediterranean city.

Wednesday: **KORCULA (afternoon)**

A historical town of Korcula is known as the birthplace of famous Marco Polo. The town will fascinate you with the 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".

Thursday: **DUBROVNIK**

City-monument, the most beautiful and the most famous Croatian city. Once a famous Dubrovnik Republic , the city was a powerful rival of Venise in the fight over sea rule. Today it still continues to rival Venise 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.

Friday: **KOTOR (Montenegro)**

Early morning entering to Montenegro you will discover by sailing the magnificence of Kotor Fjord which is the only fjord in Mediterranean see, 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 Skurda – 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.

Saturday: **PLOCE (tour to Mostar - Bosnia)**

Ploce is a commercial port located in central Dalmatia . From Ploce, we will provide an optional tour to the famous old city of Mostar (Bosna Hercegovina) where you will see the reconstructed "old bridge" built by the Turc occupants for 500 years ago.

Sunday : **KOPER (Slovenia)**

Arrival in Koper in the morning. You will discover this charming renaissance city.