

Croatia **DELUXE** Cruise *Kjazz!*



Discover Slovenia & Croatia!

May 17 – May 28, 2023



Join me, **KJAZZ** host, **José Rizo** on the ultimate journey to Slovenia and Croatia! Your adventure begins in gorgeous Lake Bled in peaceful Slovenia. Then, we head south down the gorgeous Dalmatian coast to the ancient Roman city of Split, where we board our first-class yacht, the MV Nautilus! With our jazz-loving friends, we sail and swim our way through the sunny Dalmatian Islands spending time discovering the walled city of Dubrovnik, tasting local wines and other local specialties, and strolling through sleepy but spectacularly beautiful seaside villages.

Also included, private jazz concerts along the way! Space is limited on this tailor-made KJAZZ expedition. I look forward to seeing you in Croatia and Slovenia!

José



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YOUR JOURNEY TO SLOVENIA & CROATIA

2 Nights on gorgeous Lake Bled, Slovenia
1 Night, the historic seaside town of Opatija
7 Nights aboard the privately-chartered, deluxe MV Nautilus yacht
1 Night Zagreb, Croatia



HIGHLIGHTS

The UNESCO World Heritage site of medieval Dubrovnik ✨ Stunning Lake Bled in Slovenia ✨ The ancient Roman palace of Split ✨ Cruising the islands of Croatia on board the luxurious MV Nautilus ✨ Excursions to wineries and farms ✨ Seaside dining ✨ Plitvice Lakes National Park ✨ Traveling with friends ✨ Four pre and post-cruise nights ✨ Private jazz concerts!

IT'S INCLUDED

- ✨ Guided by an Earthbound Expeditions program director
- ✨ With KJAZZ host, José Rizo
- ✨ Three pre-cruise days exploring stunning Slovenia; post-cruise night in charming Zagreb
- ✨ Seven nights cruising on board the luxurious MV Nautilus yacht
- ✨ Transport by private coach
- ✨ All breakfasts plus 12 additional multi-course traditional meals
- ✨ All shore excursions with knowledgeable local guides
- ✨ All gratuities for your Earthbound Expeditions guide and drivers
- ✨ Alumni discounts applied towards future adventures
- ✨ A donation made to the Carbonfund to help offset our carbon footprint

NOT INCLUDED International Airline tickets, airline luggage fees, any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff or ship crew, port fees, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “Included in your Journey” section above.

TRIP FACTS

12 Days / 11 Nights (not including air travel)
Depart the USA by May 16, 2023
Trip begins: May 17, 2023 in Lake Bled, Slovenia
Trip ends: May 28, 2023 in Zagreb, Croatia
*Pricing and discounts on the last page.



GETTING THERE: Make sure to book your air ticket into Ljubljana, Slovenia and out of Zagreb, Croatia. We suggest researching flight options at www.kayak.com or www.skyscanner.com, but booking directly with the airlines online or through a travel agent to avoid hassles if you need to make any changes later. And, if you have time, arrive in Slovenia early. You will fall in love with this quaint, peaceful country!



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Soak up the beauty of Lake Bled

Your KJAZZ Adventure Begins!

Day 0: May 16 - Depart home city for quaint Slovenia!

Remember, you will need to depart the US for Slovenia no later than today. We highly recommend that you fly in a day or two early. Getting to Lake Bled from the Ljubljana airport is easy, inexpensive and just 30 minutes away. You will absolutely fall in love with this region of Europe. Note: The International **Wild Flower Festival** takes place in Slovenia each year. May is the perfect time to see a bouquet of wildflowers in the Bohinj region of the Alps, which is located just 30 minutes away from Lake Bled. Almost everyone in Slovenia speaks nearly perfect English, so getting around is a cinch.



Day 1: May 17 - Arrive in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Welcome to the quaint and mountainous country of Slovenia! After flying into Ljubljana, plan to meet your guide and fellow travelers in Lake Bled, a 30-minute taxi ride northwest of the airport. Enjoy a welcome feast together this evening. *Sleep near Lake Bled (D)*

Day 2: May 18 - Villages, Castles and Stunning Mountain Vistas

Breathe the sub-Alpine air and luxuriate in the gorgeous surroundings! You're at the foot of the towering Julian Alps. Lake Bled offers us stunning scenery and a perfect location to explore the mountains, lakes and meadows of this magnificent region. After a morning orientation, it's time to explore! Options today include a lake cruise, a mountain hike, a stroll along the shores of Lake Bled, or an excursion to the well-preserved ruins of the 11th century castle of Bled. Some of you may wish to relax and visit the nearby thermal springs. *Sleep near Lake Bled (B, L)*



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Croatia & Slovenia



Visit the town of Korcula, birthplace of Marco Polo!

Day 3: May 19 - South to Opatija

Enjoy a leisurely morning, then drive south to the elegant seaside town of Opatija. Before World War I, this was Austria-Hungary's most fashionable seaside resort and the place to "see and be seen" for the czars of Russia and luminaries such as Isadora Duncan and Gustav Mahler. The grand residences of the wealthy and noble are now elegant hotels that offer the grandeur and sophistication of a bygone age. Stroll the regal waterfront promenade this afternoon—it stretches nearly nine miles. Then join your happy comrades for a dinner together. *Sleep in Opatija (B, D)*

Day 4: May 20 - South to the Roman city of Split

Our expedition continues south to Split. As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Split has an abundance of Roman architecture including the magnificent Palace of Diocletian, once inhabited by the Roman emperor. Enjoy a guided tour of the city with a local expert. Afterwards, we board our private yacht, the MV Nautilus, for a welcome drink, followed by our first delicious dinner on board. *Sleep on board near Split (B, D)*



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Day 5: May 21 - Split to Korcula, Home of Marco Polo

This morning, we depart Split and continue our cruise towards the Island of Korcula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. We'll stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route to Korcula. Upon arrival, we'll have a guided walking tour of this enchanting town with fortified walls and unique herringbone-patterned streets. Korcula also has an abundance of restaurants where you can opt for a gourmet or casual dinner experience. There are many bars and clubs for those looking for evening entertainment. *Sleep on board near Korcula (B, L)*

Day 6: May 22- Korcula to Mljet to Dubrovnik

Today, we cruise farther south to the island of Mljet. We'll make a moderate hike to visit the salt lakes in Mljet National Park and take a boat ride to St Mary Isle where we visit the 12C church and Benedictine monastery of St Mary. Following lunch aboard, we'll depart for Dubrovnik. We'll enjoy an evening cruise alongside the old city walls before docking near Dubrovnik. *Sleep on board near Dubrovnik (B, L, D)*

Day 7: May 23 - The Walled City of Dubrovnik

This morning we'll have a guided walk of the old town of Dubrovnik including a cable car ride to Srđ Mountain for scenic views of the walls and Elaphiti Islands. Don't forget to bring your camera! The afternoon is at your leisure. For those of you with more energy, we highly recommend walking the famous walls. This 1.2-mile-long walk is actually on top of the surrounding city walls and provides a unique perspective to the city. *Sleep on board near Dubrovnik (B)*

"If I have to rate this trip from 1 to 10, ten being the best, I would rate it 15!!!!"
Sirpa H. - Earthbound Expeditions Croatia & Slovenia trip guest





Day 8: May 24 - Dubrovnik to Piljesac Peninsula

Our destination today is the Peljesac Peninsula, best known for its excellent wine. We'll go inland to explore the rural areas, visit a local farm, and enjoy an all-inclusive dinner with traditional Croatian dishes made from local produce. *Sleep on board near the Peljesac peninsula (B, L, D)*

Day 9: May 25 - Peljesac Peninsula to Hvar

Today, we'll enjoy lunch and a swim in the Pakleni Islands as we sail up to Hvar. The longest island in the Adriatic, Hvar is renowned for its sunny weather, lavish lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. The island is also home to many historical landmarks, including a Renaissance cathedral with its original tower and the oldest community theatre in Europe, founded in 1612. Those wanting to stretch their legs can hike up to the town fort overlooking the harbor for lovely scenic views of the ship and the Pakleni Islands. In the evening, Hvar offers an abundance of entertainment - many restaurants, bars and cafés are open long into the night. *Sleep on board near Hvar (B, L)*



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Day 10: May 26 - Hvar to Bol

Our final stop is the island of Brac and the picturesque town of Bol. Walk along the promenade or swim at one of the most famous beaches in Dalmatia, *Zlatni Rat*. Translated to "the Golden Horn," this beach is known for its distinct gravel promontory and stunningly clear water. Bol is a typical fishermen's town turned into a popular tourist destination. After lunch on board, enjoy a wine tasting in the facilities of the oldest Dalmatia wine cooperative, dating from 1903, followed by the Captain's farewell dinner on board. *Sleep on board near Bol (B, L, D)*

Day 11: May 27 - North to Zagreb via Plitvice National Park

We disembark the MV Nautilus after breakfast today. Our drive across Croatia will take us to the world-renowned waterfall park of Plitvice. Explore the park by foot before journeying on to Zagreb. We'll have a farewell feast this afternoon and toast to our fabulous journey! *Sleep in Zagreb (B, L)*

Day 12: May 28 - Your Journey Concludes

Your adventure concludes after breakfast today. Return home with a lifetime of memories!

Have a bit of extra time? Zagreb is the quaint and lively capital of Croatia. If you have time, consider staying on a day or two. There are many lovely cafes, markets and museums to see!





The MV Nautilus!

Your Luxury Small Yacht Home

Newly built in 2019, the MV Nautilus is ready for exploring the stunning Adriatic Coastline. With plush furnishings and stylish decor, the MV Nautilus is the perfect home-from-home for a small-ship cruise in Croatia. 19 cabins cater for up to 38 passengers on board. Each modern and bright cabin features twin or double bedding, individually controlled AC, private en-suite bathroom with hairdryer, reading lights, charging ports and ample storage space. Main deck cabins have picture windows with ocean views.



Social areas aboard the MV Nautilus include the contemporary indoor restaurant and bar and gorgeous outdoor terrace, ideal for enjoying the sea breeze and taking in the surrounding views. The top deck is home to the sun deck with plenty of comfortable loungers and hot tub. Highlights include a spectacular evening dinner cruise along the old town city walls of Dubrovnik, swimming in the turquoise waters off Brac island and sampling the local gastronomical delights in the quaint villages along the way. A full buffet breakfast is included every morning and lunch or dinner as per the itinerary.

Photo: Captain Denis and his wife Anja, proud designers and owners of the MV Nautilus. They cannot wait to show you their home and the islands of Croatia!



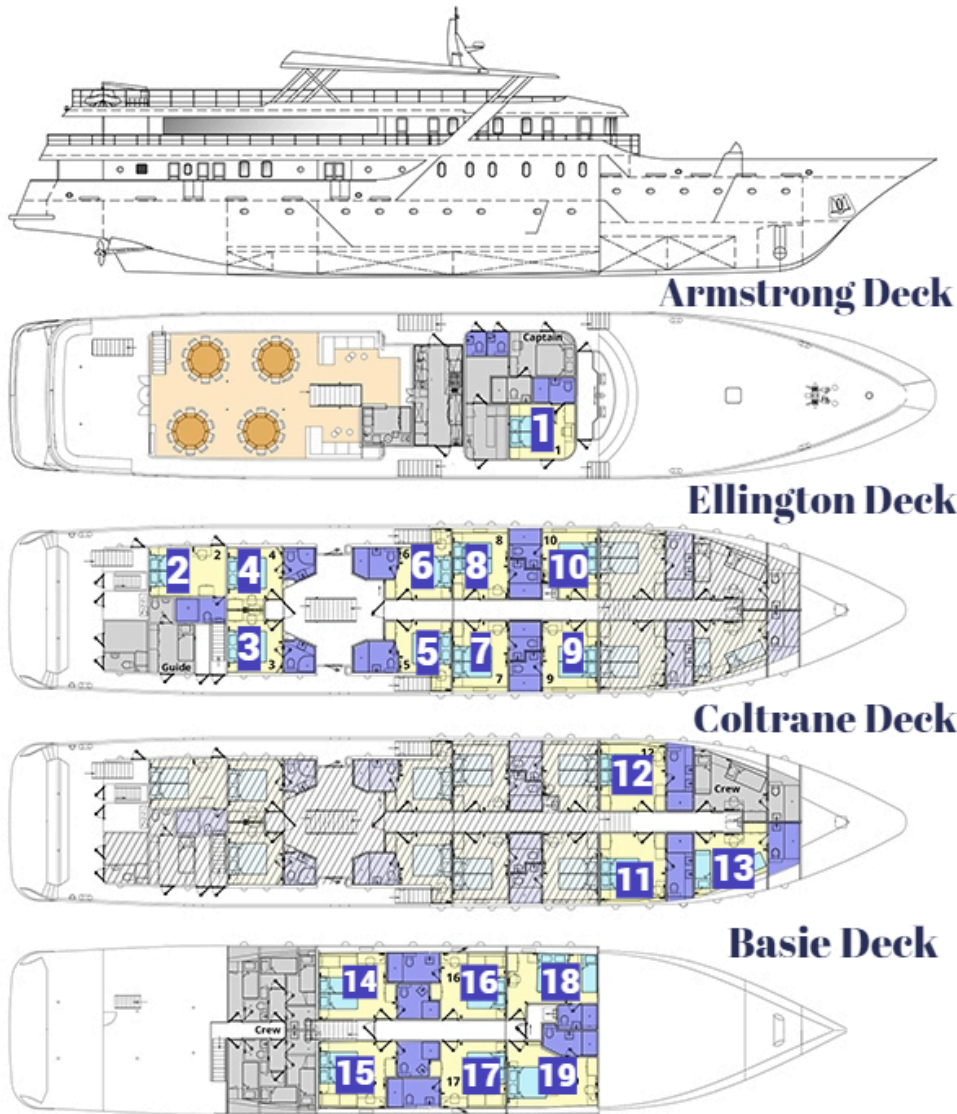
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Coltrane Deck	\$5,199	\$200	\$4,999
Ellington Deck	\$5,499	\$200	\$5,299
Armstrong Suite	\$6,495	\$200	\$6,295

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Meet Your KJAZZ Host, Jose Rizo!



José Rizo was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and raised in Oxnard, California. He played trumpet in high school, but it was not until he was a student at U.C. Santa Barbara that he developed his passion for jazz. In the late 70s, Jose was the founder of “Radio Chicano”, a student and community broadcasting organization based on the Santa Barbara campus at KCSB, where he served as program director for two years. Rizo began hosting “Jazz on the Latin Side” on KLON (now KJazz) in early 1990. He was intricately involved on KLON’s “Latin Jazz Club Caravans” and served as a member of the Grammy’s Screening

committee for Latin Jazz. He has been the artistic director of the Luckman Fine Arts Latin Jazz Concert Series and involved in the “Central Avenue Jazz Festival” since its inception. Note: This will be José’s 9th trip with Earthbound Expeditions!

RESERVATIONS & QUESTIONS

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Know Before You Go!

All Guests & USA-based Staff Must be Vaccinated: These are the rules that have been put in place to insure your and others safety.

Health Matters: It is the responsibility of each guest to be aware of their physical abilities or limitations, and to be in sufficient good health to undertake the trip. To make the most of your journey and participate in the various planned group activities, you should be able to be on your feet and walk unassisted for two to three hours (often over uneven cobblestones or pathways) with frequent standing. If you have questions about the physical requirements for your journey, please email or call our travel office. Any preexisting physical, mental, or emotional disability that may require attention must be reported in writing prior to the beginning the journey. Although it is not mandatory to participate in every planned and included group activity, not doing so isn't cause for a refund. For those desiring additional exercise, our trips allow free time to explore at your own pace. On boats, planes, ships and ferries, guests will need to be able to maneuver unassisted up and down gangways, stairs and in between decks. Smokers may smoke outside and downwind of the group.

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