



Trsteno

it was a very steep
path down to the
Arboretum so
Doreen stayed in
the shade

Lantarna flowers





Trsteno Arboretum





Most (Bridge) Dr. Franja
Tuđmana
and Viking Venus berthed
at the Gruz cruise port
just north of Dubrovnik



a coffee in Mamsen's Lounge



Pilot boat Garofalin
as we leave Dubrovnik



Saturday 28th August
VIKING DAILY



a walking tour of Split
in the morning





lunch in the Pool Bar on Viking Venus
..... but they do serve large portions





a trip on the Cetina River
starting at Omiš







departing from Split





Sunday 29th August

ZADAR



Zadar is the oldest continuously inhabited Croatian city starting in the Stone Age then through a variety of occupiers. It became part of the Republic of Venice and after the fall of Venice in 1797, Zadar came under Austro-Hungarian rule until the end of the First World War, in 1918.



Novigrad - New Town

The town is not on a river but on an inlet of the Adriatic Sea.

In 1386, the Hungarian and Croatian sovereign Mary and her mother, Elizabeth of Bosnia, were imprisoned in Novigrad. Elizabeth was strangled in Novigrad in 1387 but Mary was liberated.

It was part of Republic of Venice in 1409.









"Save water drink wine"

"Senit 1825 FAMILY MANUFACTURE
of NOVIGRAD TESTING Sale"





Odžaković farmhouse
in the village Nadin



in Zadar







Zadar







Tvrđava sv. Nikole (St. Nicholas fortress) was built in the 16th century, when this area was part of the Republic of Venice, for the purpose of defence against the Ottoman Empire



6.50am an early arrival at the very narrow channel to Šibenik but camera ready

Kanal svetog Ante (St Anthony Channel) connects Šibenik Bay to the Adriatic Sea. The sea shows the ship's track past the fort. There are many rocky parts indicated by buoys and lights.





the small Pilot boat



so close to the rocky shore that we could say "Good Morning!"





A 200-metre-long sea tunnel and bunker, dug in the Second World War later used by the Yugoslav Navy to hide and protect submarines from air raids. The name "Hitler's Eyes" is a local name as there are two entrances close by.



the buyer will get a good view of the ships passing by

notice the man standing on the rocky shore





three tourist yachts had been waiting for Viking Venus to navigate the narrow part of the channel



Šibenik





Amor De Cani (for the love of dogs) water source





Peter Krešimir IV was King of Croatia and Dalmatia from 1059 until his death in 1074/1075. (William, Duke of Normandy became King of England in 1066)





Perivoj Roberta
Visanija Park

Daphnis nerii,
oleander hawk moth,



the Lion Gate of Katedrala sv. Jakova, St James
cathedral,
Why have Adam and Eve got a belly button?







Krka National Park





the Skradinski Buk waterfall





Skradin,
(Scardona)





departing from Šibenik and a twisting course for the Pilot through the 460 feet-wide gap in the St Anthony Channel



"dobro došli Welcome to Šibenik" (did we miss the "Goodbye" sign?)

the balcony handrail shows how close we are to the shore



Tvrdava sv. Nikole (St. Nicholas fortress)





Tuesday 31st August

a day crossing the Ionian Sea and a change of stateroom for our second part of the cruise - but just to the stateroom next door



We had booked this cruise for 11 days from Malta to Montenegro and Croatia but the UK Government changed the Covid status of Montenegro to the Red List. so now we start the second cruise, to Greece, in a couple of days time.









Krabin, staff member from Albania, in Gozo and at Corfe Castle in June





Most guests have finished their cruise and are disembarking but we are staying for the next cruise, to the Hellenic Republic - Greece



The ship is now quite empty, awaiting new guests later in the day but Viking has laid on a complimentary tour for us to Maġar Qim and Marsaxlokk. Very much a repeat of the previous tour but very acceptable





Marsaxlokk





in the Explorers' lounge



Costa Firenze arriving





Friday 3rd
September

the start of the
second cruise,
to Greece



Xemxija across Xemxija Bay





a drink of Kinzie, a product of Malta, at the Malta National Aquarium



Afternoon Tea in the Wintergarden





departing Valletta





nuts and water in the refrigerator

Saturday 4th September
a day at sea



Kalamata, the Hellenic Republic - Greece

early morning at Kalamata and the start of the included tour to the Palace of Nestor





Kalamata



a typical view across Greece
and Croatia

Hellenic 120 Air Training Wing at Kalamata Air Base

Cessna T-37B aircraft





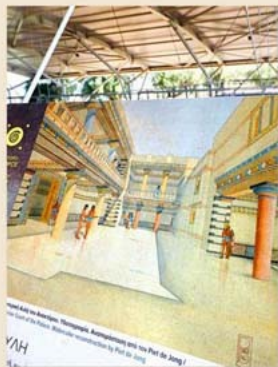
olive trees producing the "Kalamata olive"





Palace of Nestor
a late bronze-age
Mycenaean structure





Lantana
flowers



Opuntia, commonly called prickly pear cactus





back on the ship and room-service lunch





Monday,
6th September
Viking
Viking Daily

Berthed in the huge and busy port of Piraeus today and until tomorrow evening.

We have included tour to Athens to visit the Hellenic National Archaeological Museum and will see the Panathenaic Stadium, driving through the extremely busy roads.

The UK is almost twice the area of the Hellenic Republic (Greece) and has nearly six times the population. Despite the financial crisis only a few years ago, everywhere was frantically busy and money appeared to be no problem at all.



