

CroisiEurope, Kompas Debut New Small Ship Med Cruises for 2018



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The Mediterranean is a crowded cruise market, with both large and small ships and a plethora of brands with extensive itineraries. But there are still a few brands that you and your customers may not know much about that go to places that many of the big ships don't go to.

For example, CroisiEurope, known for its river cruises, is celebrating Valentine's Day in 2018 with an eight-day Mediterranean cruise priced at \$1,486 per person. The itinerary travels round-trip from Naples on Feb 9, February 16 and February 23, 2018. CroisiEurope's small ship *La Belle de l'Adriatique* (pictured above) cruises from Naples to Sicily and Calabria this February, stopping to visit the ruins Pompeii, the Aeolian Islands and the Strait of Messina. The ship offers the company's signature cuisine, presentations on Southern Italy's cinema and popular music as well as romance-themed events.

Highlights of this Valentine's cruise include: two days in Naples where guests can tour of the ancient archaeological site Pompeii or join a tour of Herculaneum, another ancient Roman town located in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius. The cruise spends one day in the Aeolian Islands, a UNESCO-protected site with views of the Sicilian coastline and an excursion to Tindari.

Guests spend one day in Messina exploring mythical Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, and see the lava wilderness around the summit first-hand. They spend another day in Vibo Marina to visit Calabria with its seaside resort of Tropea before continuing on to Capo Vaticano.

Guest spend another day in Salerno on the Amalfi Coast, also a designated UNESCO site, while touring town and its port and enjoying local food in Campania. The yalso spend a day discovering Capri, made famous by Hervé Villard 1965 summer hit "Capri, C'est Fini," and visit the village of Anacapri in the highest part of the island.

All meals and drinks from a French menu are included, with meals served at onboard bar. Travel assistance, repatriation insurance and all ports fees also are included. A third person in triple cabin is 30 percent off and children of 2 to 9 years are 20 percent off. For more information, click on [CroisiEurope](#).

On the other side of Italy up in the Adriatic, Kompas Holidays International is introducing a new 18-cabin MS Stella Maris that will sail the Adriatic coast. Kompas is offering a special Early Booking Discount on selected April and May cruise departures for a savings of \$300 per person or \$600 per cabin for bookings received by Dec. 15, 2017. The departures are all eight-day Adriatic Cruise programs scheduled between April 28, and May 26, from Dubrovnik to Porec.

Kompas is the only small ship cruise company to sail Dubrovnik-Porec and Porec-Dubrovnik route in 2018. The cruises visit UNESCO World Heritage sites such as Dubrovnik's Old Town, Diocletian's Palace in Split, Sibenik's Saint James Cathedral and the Euphrasian Basilica of Porec, stopping on the island of Mali Losinj, known as the Island of Miracles and Wellness, and the National Parks of Mljet, Brijuni, and Kornati. Fully-escorted sightseeing programs take guests to the island of Korcula, Marco Polo's birthplace or "Little Dubrovnik," and the island of Hvar, famous for its lavender fields.

The exclusive eight-day programs aboard Kompas' 36-guest MS Stella Maris for 2018 are priced from \$1,760 to \$2,078 per person double. Scheduled departures take place from April 28 through Oct. 20, 2018 with the exception of the Aug, 25 and the Sept, 29 departures, which are sold out.

MS Stella Maris is outfitted with deluxe amenities, such as LCD TV, fully air-conditioned cabins furnished with either queen-sized or twin beds with windows or portholes and en-suite bathrooms. The ship features a salon/restaurant, swimming platform and outdoor showers, complimentary Wi-Fi and direct internal telephone communication from cabins to the bar.

The 160-foot-long Stella Maris as well as Kompas' other five-star small ship vessels—the MS Adriatic Queen, MS Arca, MS Desire, the MS Karizma, and the MS Prestige—allows them to move freely and easily into the intimate ports of Croatian Islands. For more information, click on [Kompas](#).