

# Imperial Adriatic Days in Opatija

Special train travel April 28 - May 1, 2022

"The destinations are only so desirable because of the journey that lies between them"

Empress Elisabeth (1837–1898)

# WITH THE MAJESTIC TRAIN DE LUXE - IN THE FLAIR OF THE COURT SALON TRAIN OF EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEPH - FROM VIENNA ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY LINE TO OPATIJA (CROATIA)

Travel as once the fine society of the Fin de Siècle to the former fashionable seaside resort of the Danube monarchy on the Istrian peninsula, to Opatija (Abbazzia). Enjoy a varied train ride along the legendary Southern Railway line with UNESCO World Heritage Semmering Railway and spend early summer days in the noble Heritage Hotel Imperial \*\*\*\*, the original Hotel Stephanie, named after the Austrian Crown Princess. A unique travel experience in the flair of the k&k monarchy awaits you.

## Day 1. Thursday April 28th, special train trip Vienna - Matulji (Opatija) 08:00 am - 06:00 pm

Red Carpet champagne reception at the Kaiser Franz Josef train station in Vienna for the departure in the special train Majestic Imperator from Vienna via UNESCO World Heritage Semmering Railway via Graz - Spielfeld - Maribor - Ljubljana to Matulji near Rijeka, where you change to the bus for the last few kilometers to get to the booked hotel Heritage Imperial \*\*\*\*. Check-in and move into the rooms. Dinner at the hotel.

On the way from Vienna to Matulji you will learn interesting facts about the historical southern railroad and its guests, who came from all over the k+k monarchy to spend their summer holidays in the fashionable seaside resort Abbazzia (Opatija). At that time, the word "vacation" was not yet used. During the trip in the imperial salon wagon we will spoil you with an imperial breakfast and a 3-course lunch. (Drinks are not included and have to be paid on the train).

# Day 2. Friday April 29th- Day at leisure

You can organize this day according to your wishes. Enjoy the amenities of your hotel and stroll along the Emperor Franz Josef waterfront promenade. A 12 km long wonderful walkway directly by the sea, which leads all the way to Lovran. It is also a trip into the past. Along the Lungomare, as the promenade is also called, you will find many well-preserved villas from the time of the Danube monarchy. The small but fine tourism museum in the Villa Angiolina is also recommended. A journey back in time to the "good old days" awaits you here.

Or make an excursion to nearby Rijeka, cultural capital 2020/21. Dinner at the hotel.

# Day 3. Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> - island tour by boat

After breakfast, take a picturesque boat trip to the offshore islands of the Kvarner Bay. Stroll through small coastal towns like Malinska and enjoy freshly prepared local specialties for lunch, accompanied by a glass or two of fruity Malvasian wine. Return to the hotel in the early afternoon. Dinner at the hotel.

#### Day 4. Sunday May 1st- return to Vienna 10:00 am to 08:00 pm

After breakfast transfer to Matulji train station. Take a seat in the salon wagons of the Majestic Train de Luxe for the journey home to Vienna. Enjoy the relaxing ride. As on the outward journey, you will be treated to culinary delights on the return trip. At noon, we will serve you a 3-course lunch and before arriving in Vienna, there will be afternoon coffee and cake. End of the trip

# IT WILL BE VERY BEAUTIFUL, YOU WILL BE VERY HAPPY!

## Majestic emperor - emperor train

With the "Majestic Imperator Train", the original k.u.k. court salon train of Emperor Franz Joseph 1 and his wife Elisabeth from 1891 has been brought back to life.

The k.&k. court salon train (also known as the Kaiserzug) was the imperial Austrian court train used by



Emperors Franz Joseph I and Charles I. It was built in 1891 on behalf of all Austrian railroad administrations by the k&.k. General Directorate of Austrian Railways and built by the Ringhoffer company in Prague. The last trip for the imperial family was on March 23, 1919 when Emperor and King Karl I and his family went into exile in Switzerland. Today, only one carriage of the original train from 1891 exists. The magnificent dining wagon from the court train is exhibited in the National Technical Museum in Prague.

#### Your Hotel Heritage Imperial \*\*\*\*

Hotel Imperial is a listed large hotel from the founding period in the Croatian seaside resort of Opatija (Abbazia). In view of the great success of the Hotel Kvarner, which opened in 1884, the Austrian Southern Railway Company immediately began building another large hotel in the spa town of Abbazia, which it had developed. In 1885, the present Hotel Imperial opened its doors under the name of "Hotel Crown Princess Stephanie". The further political history of the region can also be seen in the changing names. During the Italian period it was called "Regina Elena" after the wife of Viktor Emanuel III, 1945-48 Hotel



"Moscow", after Tito's break with Stalin it was called Hotel "Central", from 1966 "Imperial". The Imperial was considered the leading house of Abbazia in the late 19th century with Kvarner and hosted monarchs and statesmen. Remarkable is the magnificent "Golden Hall".

Today 130 comfortably equipped rooms ensure a relaxing stay. All rooms have air conditioning and heating, balcony or terrace. Other features include carpeting, desk, minibar, TV with satellite cable reception, WIFI (no charge), hairdryer and bathrobe per guest. Bathrooms are equipped with a shower and bathtub. Active recreation can be found in the pool area and various wellness services such as spa, sauna, steam bath, massage and beauty salon. Restaurant, café and bar provide for the culinary well-being of the hotel guest.

# Included services Special cruise with Majestic Imperator Imperial Adriatic Days

- ✓ Round trip in the saloon wagons of the Majestic Train de Luxe from/to Vienna to Opatija
- ✓ Imperial reception with welcome champagne on departure and return journey
- ✓ First-class service during the train ride with breakfast on the outward journey, 3-course menu on the outward and return journey as well as coffee & cake (drinks, if not listed, not included)
- ✓ Transfer and luggage transfer from the train station to the hotel and back
- ✓ 3 nights with half board (breakfast & dinner) in Hotel Imperial \*\*\*\*.
- ✓ Boat trip to the offshore islands incl. lunch
- ✓ Weiss tourism support

Price per person € 1.390,-in a double room Single room supplement € 90

Not included are all not explicitly listed services such as drinks, tips or other expenses of personal use. Service fee € 15,- per person, max. € 30,- per booking order.

Since something can always happen, we recommend the conclusion of a travel and cancellation insurance policy price € 98, - per person

#### Book carefree!

If, contrary to expectations, a quarantine is declared for Croatia at the time of travel, the tour will be cancelled by the organizer Weiss Touristik and deposits will be refunded.

As a traveler you are responsible for compliance with the valid entry regulations for Slovenia and Croatia. A valid passport or identity card is required for the trip:

Subject to route and schedule changes due to the situation. The trip is carried out with a minimum number of participants of 80 travelers. Offer subject to availability at the time of booking. Tour operator Weiss Touristik Weiss & Partner GmbH. Customer money protection according to RSV organizer directory no. 2007/0063 GISA no. 19688442. tariff status August 2021.

The General Terms and Conditions of Travel (ARB 1992), published by the Association of Travel Agencies according to the latest version, apply, with the following exception: up to 90 days before departure 20%, 89 to 60 days before departure 30%, 59 to 30 days before departure 65%. 29 days to 14 days before departure 90%, after that 100%. Deposit 20% per person. Final payment 20 days before departure. We recommend that you take out travel and cancellation insurance.