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**Cruise the Croatian Islands on Friendly Planet Travel's Newest Exotic Tour** Sail the Croatian coast on 11-day cruise, starting at \$3,299

**JENKINTOWN, Pa.—December 30, 2014**—Croatia is the hidden gem of Europe. Nestled along the coast of the Adriatic Sea, Croatia is a land kissed by the Mediterranean sun. One defined by turquoise waters, white-sand beaches, picturesque islands, and quaint medieval villages, making it one of Europe's most idyllic and on-the-rise destinations.

To keep pace with growing demand for this travel hotspot, <u>Friendly Planet Travel</u> has unveiled a brand new Croatia tour package: <u>Croatia Cruise Adventure</u>. The 11-day tour will sail travelers to some of country's most vibrant cities and stunning islands, all starting at just \$3,299. Visitors will begin their trip in the romantic coastal city of Split, where they can take in the city's distinct Roman heritage. Then travelers will hop aboard their cruise ship, and spend the remaining days exploring the timeless isles of Korčula, Mljet, Hvar, Pakleni, Šćedro, and Brač, and the scenic coastal cities of Trstenik and Dubrovnik.

"Croatia is the jewel of the Mediterranean, yet a destination that was long overlooked by Western travelers," said Peggy Goldman, President of Friendly Planet Travel. "But as more and more visitors begin to realize the wonders of this breathtaking land, we're seeing huge demand for tours that allow travelers to fully explore this once-bypassed European oasis. With hundreds of islands and islets situated off its coast, touring by boat is the perfect way to truly experience this world-class destination. Our team at Friendly Planet Travel has crafted this unforgettable package to provide visitors with a full introduction to the beauty of Croatia."

Travelers can explore the natural splendor of Croatia by hiking the rolling hills of Mljet National Park, kayaking through the Adriatic's crystal-clear waters, and swimming at Zlatni Rat, one of the most famous beaches in Dalmatia. Visitors interested in the culinary traditions of Croatia can sample fresh food from many of the local restaurants that dot the islands. Plus, all travelers will receive a complimentary winery tour in Korčula, where they'll be able to savor bold Croatian wines.

Friendly Planet Travel's <u>Croatia Cruse Adventure</u> includes round-trip flights from JFK or Newark airport, and select departures from other gateways at low through fares; two nights in first-class accommodations in Split; seven nights in superior cabin accommodations aboard a deluxe 19-cabin yacht; 18 meals, including nine breakfasts, five lunches, and four specialty dinners; a winery tour with appetizers and tastings; guided walking tours in Dubrovnik, Hvar, Korčula, and Split; all taxes and fees; and all arrival and departure transfers.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 40 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit the company at <u>www.friendlyplanet.com</u>. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

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