

ADRIATIC SEA

This list includes major international services linking Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece. For local services between Italy, Slovenia and Croatia, see '[Italy](#)', '[Slovenia](#)' and '[Croatia](#)'.



A Ships

GALAXY	(CY) 1979	10553 gt	127.4 m	900 pass	C
(previously ADRIATICA I)					
*GOLDEN CARRIER	(CY) 1986	22874 gt	186.0 m	370 pass	T
(previously WOLIN)					

Brindisi - Vlorë (suspended).
 Also owns GOLDEN BRIDGE, chartered to GNV (see '[Western Mediterranean](#)').
 *Not yet in service.

Adria Ferries

A F FRANCESCA	(IT)	1979	19811	gt	148.0	m	2000	pass	C
A F MARINA	(IT)	1994	14169	grt	166.2	m	600	pass	C
A F MIA	(IT)	1997	29968	gt	200.7	m	1528	pass	C

(previously IKARUS PALACE, then CRUISE SMERALDA)

Ancona - Durrës (16 hrs, 🚢);
 Ancona - Bar (13 hrs, 🚢, summer only);
 Bari - Durrës (9 hrs, 🚢), jointly run with GNV.
 Also owns A F CLAUDIA, chartered to Superfast Ferries.

Adriatic Lines (Kompas)

PRINCE OF VENICE	(HR)	1989	369	gt	39.6	m	328	pass	>m
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Poreč - Venezia (3 hrs, May - early-Oct);
 Rovinj - Venezia (3 hrs, May - Sep);
 Pula - Venezia (3 hrs, June - Sep);
 Umag - Venezia (3 hrs, July - Aug).
 Also runs ANDELA of G&V Line Iadera (see 'Croatia').

GNV (Grandi Navi Veloci) - see 'Western Mediterranean'

Bari - Durrës (🚢, 10 hrs), jointly run with Adria Ferries.

Gomo Viaggi

NAUTILUS	(IT)	1992	391	grt	46.9	m	400	pass	>
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(previously DON PAOLO)

Cesenatico and Pesaro - Mali Lošinj and Novalja, Pag (mid-July - early-Sep);
 Cesenatico - Rovinj (mid-July - early-Sep).

Grimaldi Lines

EUROPALINK	(IT)	2006	46124	gt	218.8	m	554	pass	C
KYDON PALACE	(GR)	2001	37482	gt	210.0	m	1718	pass	C

(previously FESTOS PALACE)

Brindisi - Kerkira (8 hrs, late-June - early-Sep) and
 Igoumenitsa (10 hrs) (🚢).
 See also Minoan Lines and 'Western Mediterranean'.

Jadrolinija - see 'Croatia'

Ancona - Split (10 hrs, 🚢);
 Ancona - Zadar (7 hrs, 🚢, late-June - early-Sep);
 Bari - Dubrovnik (8 hrs, 🚢, mid-April - early-Nov);
 Bari - Bar (8 hrs, 🚢, July - Aug).

Minoan Lines (Grimaldi Lines)

FLORENCIA	(IT)	2004	26302	gt	186.4	m	967	pass	C
VENEZIA	(IT)	2004	26302	gt	186.4	m	946	pass	C

(previously ALBAYZIN, then CIUDAD DE CADIZ)

Ancona - Kerkira (19 hrs 30 mins, mid-June - mid-Sep) and
 Igoumenitsa (20 hrs 30 mins) (🚢).

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MSC AURELIA (previously AURELIA)	(CY)	1980	21518 gt	148.0 m	2280 pass	C
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Ancona - Split (11 hrs 30 mins, 🚢, late-April - early Oct).

StarLines

EUROPEAN STAR (previously IBN BATOUTA)	(PA)	1981	12711 gt	129.6 m	1350 pass	C
IONIAN STAR (previously BOHUS)	(PA)	1971	9149 gt	124.5 m	1245 pass	C
*MED STAR (previously VASTERVIK)	(PW)	1986	19413 gt	163.4 m	1212 pass	C

Brindisi - Vlorë (7 hrs, 🚢).

*Not yet in service.

Superfast Ferries

A F CLAUDIA (previously STENA FORWARDER. then CALIFORNIA STAR)	(IT)	2001	24418 gt	186.5 m	950 pass	C
AKKA (previously NILS HOLGERSSON)	(DE)	2001	36468 gt	190.8 m	744 pass	C
ARIADNE	(GR)	1996	30882 gt	196.0 m	2045 pass	C
LEFKA ORI (previously BLUE HORIZON)	(GR)	1987	27230 gt	187.1 m	1488 pass	C
SUPERFAST I	(GR)	2008	25757 gt	199.0 m	938 pass	C
SUPERFAST II	(GR)	2009	25760 gt	199.0 m	938 pass	C
SUPERFAST III (previously OLYMPIC CHAMPION)	(GR)	2000	32694 gt	204.0 m	1850 pass	C
SUPERFAST IV (previously HELLENIC SPIRIT)	(GR)	2001	32694 gt	204.0 m	1850 pass	C
SUPERFAST XI	(GR)	2002	31090 gt	200.0 m	1821 pass	C
new vessel		2027	? gt	239.7 m	1500 pass	C
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Venezia - Kerkira (24 hrs, May - Sep) - Igoumenitsa (25 hrs) and Patra (32 hrs) (🚢);

Ancona - Kerkira (14 hrs 30 mins, July - Aug), Igoumenitsa (15 hrs 30 mins) and Patra (21 hrs) (🚢);

Bari - Kerkira (8 hrs, May - Sep), Igoumenitsa (9 hrs 30 mins) and Patra (15 hrs 30 mins) (🚢).

Venezia Lines

Venezia - Piran, Poreč, Rovinj and Pula (late-April - early-Oct) by air-cushion catamarans SAN FRANGISK and SAN PAWL.

Ventouris Ferries

RIGEL II	(CY)	1980	23842 gt	146.1 m	2300 pass	C
RIGEL III	(CY)	1979	16405 gt	136.0 m	1800 pass	C
(previously REGINA DELLA PACE)						
RIGEL V	(CY)	1992	25125 gt	174.8 m	1030 pass	C
(previously BAJA STAR in Mexico)						
RIGEL VII	(CY)	1994	21646 gt	163.6 m	1500 pass	C
(previously ORANGE 7 in Japan)						

Bari - Durrës (9 hrs, 🚚);

Bari - Kerkira, Igoumenitsa and Kefalonia (Sami) (🚚, July - mid-Sep).

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Operators are listed in alphabetic order. For each operator, the following information is given:

Title - This is the name by which the firm is usually identified and is not necessarily the full legal name or the registered owner of a vessel. A glossary of words used in company names is below.

Name of vessel - If the vessel's name has changed since the 2016 'Trip Out' guides, the previous name is given; other former names are not listed.

Nationality of vessel - The following codes are used:

CY - Cyprus,
DE - Germany,
GR - Greece,
HR - Croatia,
IT - Italy,
PA - Panama,
PW - Palau.

No nationality is given for vessels not yet named.

Particulars of vessel - Year of completion, "gt" or gross tonnage, overall length in metres, and maximum passenger capacity.

Type of vessel - the following codes are used:

C - car ferry,
m - catamaran or trimaran,
> - high speed craft.

Services - Dates are inclusive: thus, "May - Aug" means from the beginning of May to the end of August.

GLOSSARY

Navi [Italian} (Ships),
Veloci [Italian} (Fast),
Viaggi [Italian} (Tours).