# CROATIA WONDERS

### BETWEEN DUBROVNIK AND SPLIT



The perfect way to fully experience Croatian islands and coastline is by sailing on an intimate luxury mini cruiser. Spend mornings on spacious decks or swimming in the crystal clear Adriatic Sea and evenings exploring small historical towns. This one-way cruise between Dubrovnik and Split will bring the best of Southern Dalmatia islands with numerous extra services and wine & gourmet experiences included in the package.



ONE WAY CRUISE 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS

DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT Wednesday/Saturday

SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK Saturday

**DELUXE SUPERIOR VESSELS** 

FROM 2,000€ \$2,200 est. USD

### DUBROVNIK – SLANO (STON) – MLJET – KORČULA – VIS – BIŠEVO (BLUE CAVE)/HVAR – (BOL) SPLIT

#### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 – DUBROVNIK**

Transfer from Dubrovnik airport to the Gruž harbor for check-in from 14.00h onwards. After settling in, transfer to the city gates for a guided tour of the city. Meander through the narrow, car-free limestone streets – worn smooth under the soles of centuries of pedestrians, exploring the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Take the cable car from the Old Town to the Srđ mountain to enjoy scenic views of the mighty ramparts and of the Elaphiti Islands. After the tour, return transfer to the vessel to meet the crew and enjoy cocktails and dinner on board, to toast to the upcoming cruise week ahead. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (D)



#### **DAY 2 - DUBROVNIK - SLANO (STON)**

Departure to the small village of Slano on the mainland. Enjoy the magical scenery as cruising around Dubrovnik city walls before continuing to one of the Elaphiti islands for a swimming stop. Afternoon arrival in Slano, a peaceful fishermen's village and our starting point to Ston, once fortified small village, famous for its oysters. After exploring the town's long medieval ramparts, heading for a small village nearby to learn more about oysters and a special tasting of this delicacy. Time at leisure and return transfer to the vessel. Captain's dinner with live entertainment onboard. Overnight in Slano. (B, L, T, CD)

#### DAY 3 - SLANO (STON) - MLJET

In the morning, the cruise continues further north to the Island of Mljet. The legend says Greek hero Odysseus spent years on this island when he was captured by the nymph Calypso. Join the cruise manager for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park and enjoy the boat ride to St Mary Isle to visit an ancient

Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a Church dating back to the 12th Century. Alternatively, you can rent kayaks, bicycles, scooters or convertible cars to roam around the National Park or island on your own, but beware of the nymphs! Overnight in port Polača or Pomena. (B, L)



DAY 4 - MLJET - KORČULA

Early morning departure towards the island of Korčula best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays en route. Afternoon arrival in Korčula Town followed by a guided walking tour of this enchanting place surrounded by walls and one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Mediterranean. Fishbone street pattern was used in the design of Korčula Old Town for a natural cooling effect and it provides citizens with sheltered and comfortable accommodation. Korčula has an abundant choice of restaurants to enjoy a gourmet experience and numerous bars for those looking for evening entertainment. Optional excursion to a small village near Korčula Town for a typical Dalmatian dinner and learn about the history and traditional way of living. Overnight in Korčula. (B, L)



**DAY 5 - KORČULA - VIS** 

Continue to the island of Vis, once, in the 4th century BC, one of the main Greek colonies. Vis is relatively under the

radar for tourists. For a long time, it was in use as a Yugoslavian army base — until 1991. As a result, the culture and architecture are extremely well preserved. Rosemary, capers and sage grow wild around the island. Try some exquisite local wines. If interested, visit the remains of the Roman thermal place, City Museum or simply take a walk enjoying the views of the beautiful Villae Rusticae situated along the waterfront. Overnight in the port of Vis. (B, L, T)



#### DAY 6 - VIS - Biševo (Blue Cave)/HVAR

Early in the morning, cruising resumes towards the small island of Biševo to visit the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon (entrance fee to be paid on the spot, € 18\*). As sometimes weather conditions can be very unpredictable, the possibility of a cave visit will depend on those conditions, however, you will be notified in time. Continue towards the jet-set island of Hvar with a swimming stop and lunch on board at the Pakleni Islands. Hvar, the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic is known for glorious lavender fields and breath-taking beauty. Arrive in the afternoon for the guided tour of Hvar - visit the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, and the oldest community theatre in Europe founded in 1612. Hike up the zig-zag path to the town fort overlooking the harbour for lovely scenic views of the vessel and the Paklinski Islands. Hvar offers an



abundance of entertainment in the evening - numerous restaurants, bars and clubs, many open long into the night. Overnight in the port. (B, L)

#### DAY 7 - HVAR - (BOL) SPLIT

Morning departure to Brač island where swimming is planned at the most famous beach in Dalmatia – Zlatni Rat near Bol – whose shingle promontory shifts from side to side as the wind and waves constantly cause the shape to change. Bol is a typical fishermen's village converted into a popular tourist destination yet retaining its charm. Continue to Split to join a guided tour of the city upon arrival in the early afternoon. This historical town under UNESCO world heritage protection will knock you off your feet with its abundance of things to see and do and with its unique lively atmosphere. Overnight in Split. (B, L)



#### **DAY 8 - SPLIT**

One last breakfast onboard followed by goodbyes with the crew and new friends! Check-out by 9.00 am. (B)

Legend: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner, T - tasting, CD - Captain's dinner

#### INCLUDED:

- Welcome reception & cocktail
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Three-course lunch daily + cheese and salad bar
- Captain's dinner with live entertainment
- Olive oil and wine tasting on board
- Abundant fresh fruit
- Professional Tour manager
- Tourist taxes & port fees
- Luggage handling
- Daily cabin service and towel change
- Complimentary wi-fi onboard
- Guided walking tours in English of towns: Dubrovnik, Hvar, Korčula, Split
- Spectacular cruise along the old town city walls of Dubrovnik
- Croatian wine tasting
- Return bus transfer from Dubrovnik port to the Old Town for sightseeing
- Dubrovnik cable car fee
- Half-day excursion to Ston (Oyster farm visit and tasting, walls of Ston and Ston saltworks)
- Mljet National Park entrance fee
- No Additional fees except gratuities and bar drinks

#### **DELUXE SUPERIOR VESSELS**

The most recent class of Katarina Line vessels, crème de la crème on the Adriatic Sea, the 11 Deluxe Superior yachts offer comfort and amenities one expects of high-end vessels. Built with high-quality materials of solid wood, glass, marble, stainless steel and similar materials, these vessels are floating mini boutique hotels. Minimum 47 meters in length, newly built or refurbished, with hot tubs and beautiful sun decks with lounge area, deckchairs and more. Spacious, superbly designed, air-conditioned en-suite cabins with double or twin beds, 15 to 20m2 in size. Cabins are equipped with wardrobes, deposit boxes, hairdryer, bathroom toiletries, bathrobe, slippers, LCD TV, and more. VIP Upper Deck cabins feature balconies.









DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT					
SATURDAY DEPARTURES	Apr 27 May 4, 11, 18 Oct 12, 19	May 25   Jun 8, 22 Jul 6, 27 Aug 3, 10, 17	Sep 7, 14, 21		
WEDNESDAY DEPARTURES	May 1,15 Oct 16	May 29   Jun 12, 26 Jul 10, 24, 31 Aug 7, 21  Oct 2	Sep 4, 18		
VIP upper/main deck DELUXE SUPERIOR	2,700€	3,000€	3,400€		
	\$2,970*	\$3,300*	\$3,740*		
Upper/main deck DELUXE SUPERIOR	2,300€	2,700€	3,050€		
	\$2,530*	\$2,970*	\$3,355*		
Lower deck DELUXE SUPERIOR	2,000€	2,350€	2,650€		
	\$2.200*	\$2.585*	\$2.915*		



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SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK				
SATURDAY DEPARTURES	Apr 20, May 11, 18 Oct 5, 12	Jun 1, 15, 29 Jul 27 Aug 3, 10, 17	Aug 24 Sep 14	
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<sup>\*</sup>ESTIMATED USD BASED ON \$1.10 TO 1€.