

Croatia is truly a land of **islands** because it has more than a thousand of them and each one is different. Many of them are uninhabited but each and every one is exceptional, with its own story and destiny. To have a weak spot is human and the connoisseurs of **Croatian islands** have thousands of them. To be more precise 1185 of them. That's how many **islands, islets and cliffs** are located in front of 1777 kilometers of the Adriatic coast. The first trip to the Adriatic coast and its islands is a journey into the unknown. Every other trip will be a journey to the already familiar beauty of this country, always different but equally breathtaking, starting with **Brijuni Islands** (National Park) to **Lastovo** at south of **Croatia**.

Cultural Heritage: Historical facts **Croatia** is indeed unique, not only for its **crystal clear, clean blue sea**, but also for a thousand years of different cultures that have replaced each other and sometimes assimilated in these areas. The Adriatic Sea is not only a deep gulf in the **Mediterranean** cut into the Continent of **Europe** thereby creating most economical trade route between Europe and the East, it is also the cradle of ancient civilizations. There is much material evidence about that which is finally beginning to come to light, from the depths of Adriatic caves and from the deep blue sea. The east coast of the **Adriatic Sea** was inhabited as early as the beginning of the early Stone Age, and there is proof that most of the accessible islands were also inhabited (archaeological findings in caves near the islands of Hvar and Palagruza, etc.) Take a tour with our yachts and see born town of Marco Polo, **Korcula** and many other destinations in **Adriatic Sea**. If you are looking for fun, pleasure visit **Hvar** city, one the oldest cities in **Europe** with first theatre in world.....

Nautical tourism certainly represents one of the most attractive forms of the overall tourism offer of the Republic of **Croatia**. We can rightfully say that Croatia, the land of a thousand islands and a beautiful, indented coastline is a "haven for boaters". All of the significant segments of **nautical tourism** have been brought together under the **Croatian Association of Nautical Tourism**, which was established as a professional organization under the **Croatian Chamber of Commerce**. This association includes four groups: the **Croatian Marinas Group**, the **Croatian Charter Vessels Group**, the **Croatian Diving Tourism Group** and the **Cruising and Motor Sailboat Excursions Group**. Considering that nautical tourism represents one of the most attractive aspects of the tourism offer of our country, the **Croatian Association of Nautical Tourism** is a centre for obtaining useful and necessary information for boaters, a place where the profession presents its questions which are then resolved through the Association, and which aims to advance the tourism offer to the delight and satisfaction of **boaters** and guests who have selected our **coast, islands and sea** for their vacation. Croatia is home to 50 **marinas**, all gathered together under the **Croatian Marinas Group**, with a capacity of over 13,200 sea berths and 4,500 dry berths. The marinas are constantly working to upgrade and enrich their services, and to adapt to the modern needs and wants of **nautical** guests. Many nautical tourism ports have further enriched their services: from top **quality traditional** cuisine, water and electricity, health care clinics, charter company services, to the use of apartments, and electronic monitoring and **security** services to protect the property and equipment of guests. **Adriatic Croatian International Club**, better known among boaters as the ACI Club, is the leading **nautical tourism company in Croatia**, representing a unique chain of 21 **marinas** stretching from **Dubrovnik** in the south to **Umag** in the northern **Adriatic Sea**. In its 20 years of operation, the ACI **Marinas** have aimed to develop and popularize sailing, and have achieved a recognizable level of high quality service. Visitors to the modernly equipped Croatian marinas can receive the usual reception service in addition to technical services. Restaurants, snack-bars, shops, laundromats and other facilities have also been added to make the guests' stay more pleasant. Efforts to harmonize the development of nautical tourism in Croatia with the need for environmental protection have been rewarded with the numerous **Blue Flags** granted to our marinas. This prestigious international recognition awarded by the European Foundation for Environmental Education symbolizes a preserved, safe and pleasant environment, which is accompanied by exceptional tourism promotion. **Charter** companies have been united under the **Croatian Charter Vessels Group**. The **world's largest vessel rental companies** also offer their vessels on the **Adriatic Sea**, through our **charter company**. In order to **rent a vessel**, guests must possess a valid recreational craft license, and must also have a radio certificate (can be obtained in all Port Authorities). Upon renting the vessel, it is necessary to fill out and certify the crew list. All changes to the crew while sailing must be reported to the Port Authority.

Croatian cuisine is heterogeneous, and is therefore known as "the cuisine of regions". The coastal region bears the influences of the **Greek**, Roman and Illyrian, as well as of the later **Mediterranean cuisine Italian and French**. Visit hidden Taverns on **Islands** with a yachts and discover new unique tastes of **Croatian cuisine**...

The cuisine of **Dalmatia** and the **islands** follows the trend of modern nutritional norms. The brief thermal preparation of foodstuffs (mainly boiling or grilling) and plenty of fish, olive oil, vegetables and self-sown herbs found near the sea is why this cuisine is considered to be very healthy. **Dalmatian** wines, like olive oil and salted olives, have been highly esteemed since ancient times, which the present names of some of the indigenous grape sorts reveal (Grk : **Greek**, from the **island of Korcula**; Prc from the island of **Hvar**). Famous wines include Dingac and Postup from the **Peljesac Peninsula**; Babic from **Primosten**; **Vugava** and **Plancic** from the island of **Hvar**... then there are **Posip** and **Grk** from **Korcula**; Marastina from the island of Lastovo; Malmsey from Dubrovnik, etc., and also Prosecco (a sweet dessert wine), the very strong grape (loza) and herbal brandies (travarica, grapes with medicinal herbs) and liqueurs (Maraschino, Vlahov). Although even today every area has its own way of preparing certain dishes, the cuisine of the **islands** represents a separate world, their distinguishing features having been discovered only recently, such as the cuisine of the **islands of Hvar, Korcula, Brac** (vitalac, a dish made from lamb offal wrapped in lamb gut and spike-roasted), Vis (spike-roasted pilchards, as during the **Ancient Greek period**; flat cake with pilchards from Komiza and Vis, related to the modern-day pizza). Fresh sea fish (dog's tooth, gilthead, sea-bass, grouper, mackerel, pilchards) grilled, boiled or marinated; then there are molluscs (squid, cuttlefish, octopus), crustaceans (shrimps, lobsters) and shellfish (mussels, oysters, date-shells) boiled in a fish stew or as a risotto. Of the meat dishes, prosciutto is unarguably unrivalled - pork leg smoked and dried in the bora (from Drnis), served with dry, mostly sheep's cheese (famous sorts of cheese are those from Pag and Dubrovnik) and salted green and black olives, capers and pickled onions. Lamb is also very highly valued, especially boiled or baked on an open fire (Franjevačka begovica from Visovac, or lopiz from the island of Iz); also, dried mutton (kastradina), roast beef, Dalmatian stew (pasticada) with gnocchi, offered by many restaurants. Lightly boiled vegetables are also favourite dishes (Swiss chard with potatoes, tomato sauce) often a mixture of cultivated and self-sown vegetables, spiced with olive oil and wine vinegar, or served with meat (manestra - pasta with minced meat; arambasici - stuffed vine leaves). Regions with an abundance of fresh water are famous for their frog, eel and river crab dishes (the **Neretva** valley, **Trilj** and the **Cetina** basin). Typical Dalmatian desserts win the heart with their simplicity. The most usual ingredients include Mediterranean fruit, dried figs and raisins, almonds, honey, eggs (rafioli, mandulat, smokvenjak, the gingerbread biscuits from the island of **Hvar** - **rozata**).

7 days cruise: Šibenik, Murter, Biograd, Zadar, Telašćica, Žut, Vodice, Skradin, Šibenik or Split, Primosten, Trogir, Split, Milna, Hvar, Rogoznica, Zlarin, Split or Itinerary: Split, Kaprije, Zirje, Sakan, Kornati, Telašćica, Zut, Murter, Vodice, Skradin, Split.

Places to see: When you come to Telascica be sure to visit Lake Mir, one of the two salt lakes in Croatia, and climb on the rocks on the outer side. From the peak of Zut there is a magnificent view of the open sea on Kornati with line of 93 islands, islets and cliffs which are slipped in a National Park. Kornati are themselves unique, consisting of 93 islands, islets and cliffs which are included in a National Park.

14 days Itinerary: Sibenik/Split, Vis, Komiza, Lastovo, Mljet- Pomena, Mljet-Pola Sobra, Dubrovnik, Lopud-Sipan, Korcula, Hvar, Split, Trogir, Rogoznica, Vodice, Sibenik or Šibenik, Kornati, Telašćica, Sali, Iz Veli, Molat, Premuda, Ilovik, Mali Losinj, Susak, Silba, Olib, Novalja, Zadar, Biograd, Murter, Kaprije, Vodice, Skradin, Jezera, Tisno, Sibenik.

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