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Dear reader,

As the 2023 season came to an end, we are proud to reflect on the hard work we put into our well-deserved achievements. Throughout 2023, our team has demonstrated dedication in completing all the challenges that were put before them. We have successfully expanded our fleet, confirmed our position at the top of the market and strengthened connections with our valued clients and partners. With great joy, we announce that this year marks the 20th anniversary of Croatia Yachting. With new additions to our fleet, we are proud to announce that we now have a total of 160 boats, suitable for any preference. In line with our commitment to innovation, we are introducing new models, with the latest ones being the Hanse 410 and Bali Catsmart, the perfect family cruisers. Due to the growth of our yachting firm, we have opened new positions and hired experts for roles we did not have before. Our goal is to ensure that every aspect of our business is focused on providing top-notch service, meeting the expectations and desires of our clients. Up until now, preparations for the upcoming season were in full swing. Our team was constantly working to ensure that everything is ready, so that our guests have an unforgettable "Yachting at its best" experience. We are thankful for your support over these 20 years and look forward to continuing this journey together on the waves of the Adriatic Sea.

DOMAGOJ MILIŠIĆ, Managing director



## National awards The best company in nautical tourism

We proudly announce receiving the national award for the best company in nautical tourism, securing this prestigious title for the second time in row and the third time overall, solidifying our position as a leader on the market. Simultaneously, at the Boot Düsseldorf boat show, we were honored with the title of the Hanse Dealer of the

Year, achieving a high third place in the category of best overall turnover. These awards cater to our continuous dedication and excellence in providing "Yachting at its Best" experience. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for placing your trust in us and making us motivated for new challenges that 2024 season brings.



# 20 Years of *Excellence*

For the last 20 years our company, proudly leads the yachting industry on the Adriatic, earning prestigious awards and recognition for our outstanding charter services and top quality management.

We take great pride in our recognition as one of the leading Croatian yachting companies. This status has been honored by the Croatian Chamber of the Economy and Commerce with four prestigious awards: we were named the best charter company in Croatia in 2023, 2022, and 2017, and received special recognition in 2018 for developing and implementing the best quality management system. Continuing in the same tone, by securing the Best Company in Nautical

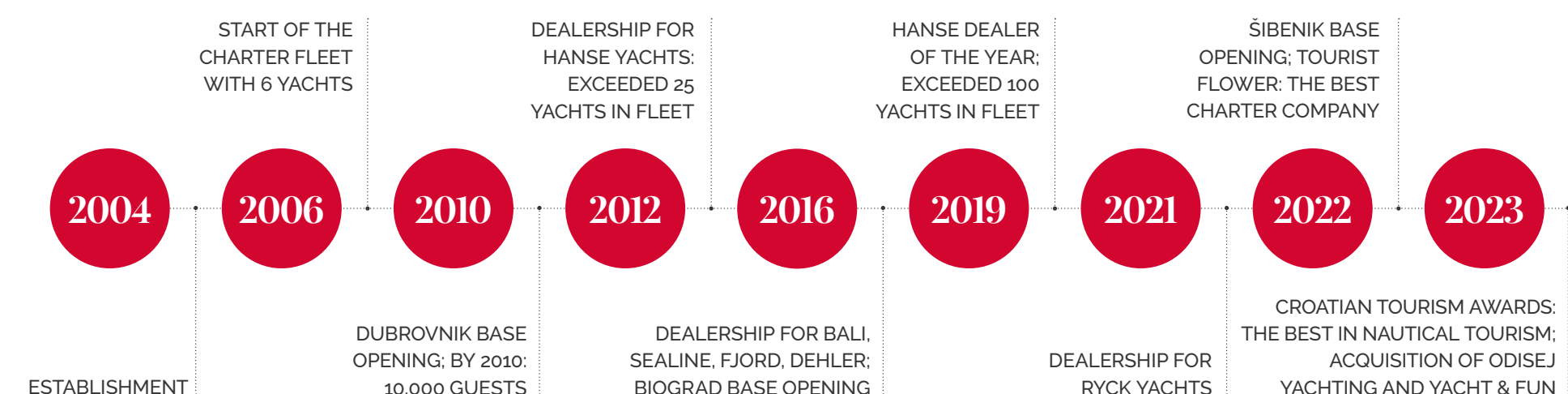
Tourism award in 2023, honored by the National Tourist Board and the Ministry of Tourism and Sport, we affirm our achievement of the final Tourist Flower in the Best Charter Company category in Croatia that we received three times in previous years. Additionally, we have twice been ranked in the top three dealers of the year for the Hanse group, highlighting our prominence in the industry. By continually striving for excellence, we ensure an exciting experience for

every client who chooses to sail with us, whether as a boat owner or as a charter guest. Celebrating 20 years of excellence in the nautical industry, our company proudly operates a dynamic charter fleet comprising 160 yachts. With strategic offices in six key locations, Split, Kaštel Gomilica, Biograd na Moru, Dubrovnik, Trogir, and Šibenik, we are positioned to serve our clients effectively across the Croatian coast. As a dealer for six yacht brands, in our 20 years, we have successfully

sold over 400 yachts so far, creating a strong market presence and customer trust. With over 130,000 clients enjoying more than 16,600 charter weeks we create yachting experiences year after year. Our team of 65 dedicated employees represents a balanced workplace. As we continue to set sail towards the future, we are here to guide you every step of the way, whether you are seeking an award-winning charter experience or looking to invest and create unforgettable experiences.



## Milestones







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## Your holiday starts here

This season, as we renovate our charter offices, we always prioritize the needs and expectations of our charter guests. This commitment is reflected in our decision to expand our customer experience presence with a better version of our offices complementing our strategic locations across northern, central, and southern Dalmatia, in Seget, Šibenik, Biograd na Moru, Kaštela and Dubrovnik. Each office is designed to offer an attractive and comfortable setting that accelerates the check-in process, ensuring you your dream yacht and a seamless start to your vacation. Additionally, we have decided to fully digitalize our check-in process in order to make your activities even more convenient. Upon entering any of our Croatia Yachting offices, you're immersed in a serene environment that signals the beginning of your holiday. Each location provides easy access to detailed information about our services, additional offerings, and the specifics of the yachts available for charter. More than just physical space, our offices are brought to life by our dedicated staff. Our friendly receptionists are on hand to assist you with paperwork and hand out advice on routes, weather forecasts, while our base managers and crew are committed to providing information on everything you need to know about your chosen yacht. Together, they ensure that your holiday begins in the best possible way, from the moment you step through our Croatia Yachting doors.



In our yacht range, choose from catamarans, sailing yachts, and motor yachts. There's something for every sailing enthusiast in our collection.

# The finest yacht collection

Within our fleet of over 160 yachts, we offer a diverse selection to suit every sailing preference. From sleek sailboats, including impressive Hanse models, to spacious catamarans and powerful motor yachts, each yacht is equipped to the highest standards, ensuring an exceptional experience on the water. Our commitment to customer satisfaction means that every yacht is fully customized to meet the unique desires and requirements of our clients. Among our offerings, Hanse Yachts stand out for its speed and elegance, representing modern yacht design at its finest. Moreover, we proudly feature Bali catamarans from the Catana Group, with one of the latest and innovative Bali Catsmart model setting the standard for comfort and performance. For motor yacht enthusiasts, our selection includes the sleek

Sealine C335V, and the adventurous Fjord models: 41 XL and a 44. Also, our extensive network of trusted partners ensures we can accommodate almost any request for a yacht charter in Croatia. Ultimately, we emphasize our dedication to providing something for everyone, guaranteeing a memorable journey for all who embark with us.

### Award worthy fleet

Our acclaimed fleet has garnered recognition in recent years. With premier brands exclusively featured in our portfolio, it's no wonder we've received such acclaim. Some of our yachts have been nominated for or won awards in their respective categories. But enough of the prelude - let's delve into the excitement. Here are the standout boats worthy of acclaim.



### Sealine C335V

An elegant option for pure joy of sailing

The Sealine C335V is the perfect all-rounder for your next charter week; it impresses with its thoughtful design, sleek silhouette, and impressive performance. Its elegant exterior is complemented by a practical aft-cockpit and functional sun lounge at the bow area. Powered by two outboard engines of 300 hp each, it can reach a maximum speed of 38 knots. Two sunbathing areas on the bow and a convertible in the aft cockpit provide ample space for the entire crew to bask in the sun. With an awning above the aft cockpit and a sunroof in the saloon, the Sealine C335V is suitable for all weather conditions. Inside, spacious cabins flooded with natural light, thanks to the largest hull windows in its class, and high standing height further enhance the impression of a larger yacht.



### Bali Catsmart

Perfect for sailing catamaran enthusiasts

The Bali Catsmart maintains the brand's signature features while offering improved lifestyle amenities. With dimensions of 11.79 meters in length and 6.46 meters in width, it features the distinctive Bali DNA, including a solid forward cockpit, a cozy saloon that connects to the aft cockpit, and the unique BALI tilting door and two aft cockpits. Its larger mainsail improves sailing performance for a smooth experience on the water, which makes her ideal for those who like catamarans but enjoy sailing. Available for charter in a 4 and 4+1 cabin version, the Bali Catsmart provides a distinctive sailing experience. It's also nominated for Multihull of the Year at the 2023 British Yachting Awards.



### Hanse 410

A harmony of performance and comfort

Hanse 410, a new addition to our fleet for the 2024 season. This 41-foot yacht nominated for the European Yacht of the Year Award 2024, has an optimized hull design, with chines at the bow and stern, ensuring a smooth waterline and solid performance. With its class-first dual cockpit tables, there's an abundance of space and luxury seating, amplifying the joy of a wind-driven journey. It features a gourmet galley with ample storage and refrigeration, providing all the comforts needed for a longer voyage. Available in 3-cabin options, the Hanse 410 offers a practical and enjoyable sailing experience. Every inch of this yacht is planned to ensure comfort and performance, making it the choice for any sailing enthusiast.





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# CY Customer Service AT ITS BEST

Every year Croatia Yachting team is working hard on providing the best customer service to our clients. That's why we have team members like Mate from our charter management department, Teo and Antonio, charter base managers, and Martina, our booking agent, who strive to deliver the 'Yachting at its Best' experience

Our committed team is focused on the details, ensuring that every aspect of our service delivers the best possible experience. Mate Balić, our dedicated charter management account executive, oversees all financial aspects related to our charter management program, including settlements and lease payments, alongside managing costs and budgets for boats within our program. His primary focus remains on fostering effective communication between boat owners and various company departments, ensuring smooth operation and coordination of all activities. His goal is to be a liaison officer between the owners and our other colleagues, so that the owners know they have one person they can contact anytime. Meanwhile, our charter base managers, Teo Pračer and Antonio Pauk, bring years of experience in chartering, servicing and yacht maintenance. They are responsible for overseeing yacht upkeep, preparation for charters, and the check-in or out processes. Additionally, they provide telephone technical support to our charter guests. Considering the

reservations, our booking agent Martina Barač works in the booking department in the office in Split. She takes care of all offers for the weekly rental (charter) of sailboats, motor yachts and catamarans, while communicating with clients or partners waiting on their charter holiday in beautiful Croatia.



Martina: "My favorite month of the year is September because the weather in Dalmatia is nice and warm, but it's a bit less busy. Also, my ideal boat is the Hanse 510. I would describe myself as outgoing, always out and about, balancing work and college life and traveling whenever I can, reading as much as possible, and training as hard as schedule allows."



Antonio: "Considering, we have this beautiful Adriatic Sea this close to us, I spend my free time scuba diving. During offseason, I enjoy playing padel tennis. One of the reasons why I love working here is because it's very dynamic – it's never boring, especially during the summer; and I enjoy seeing all our hard work come to life during the season."



Mate: "Every day, my work exposes me to diverse aspects of the business, particularly the financial management of our wide-ranging charter services which I find incredibly fascinating. When I'm not working, I spend time with my family, watch movies or series, and read books."



Teo: "Family is always my top priority. I love spending time with my loved ones. Beside them, I enjoy watching our local football team Hajduk and going to the gym. Personal favorite boat model is the Catamaran: Bali 4.8."

## Experience these BRAND NEW YACHT MODELS

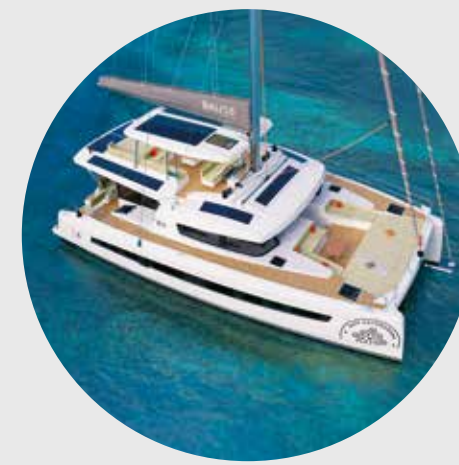
Always dedicated to providing Yachting at its best, our fleet is one of the youngest in Croatia. We are continuously expanding the range of our offer and services by acquiring new yachts models, often among the first!



### Hanse 590

Your private  
paradise

Once you set foot on the Hanse 590, you enter a private paradise. Exceptional layout ideas make the very best of the wide spaces. Various relaxation areas delight family and friends in every moment, and cutting-edge technology supports the helmsman in everything he does. All about this yacht calls out to lift the anchor right away, grip the wheel and let the wind bend the sails. The Hanse 590 catches eyes and turns heads with its Sleek and graceful proportions. Unmatched in size, the hardtop seems to defy gravity, as if it was floating above the cockpit. For many sailors, performance is part of the enjoyment. And the Hanse 590 delivers: With her well-balanced hull, the long waterline and the impressive sail plan you will effortlessly reach a pleasurable cruising speed.



### Bali 5.8

Innovative  
luxury afloat

Introducing the Bali 5.8, an epitome of innovation and comfort in the catamaran world. This vessel is designed for those who seek the perfect blend of performance and luxury. With its spacious layout, the Bali 5.8 offers unparalleled living spaces, both indoors and outdoors, setting a new standard for open-concept sailing. The Bali 5.8 caters to the adventurous spirit and the comfort seeker alike, featuring cutting-edge amenities and a design that maximizes space and light. Its innovative solid foredeck and expansive sunbathing area invite relaxation and enjoyment of the sea's beauty. Embark on a journey of discovery and elegance with the Bali 5.8. Sail into the horizon where luxury meets adventure, and make every voyage an unforgettable experience.



### Hanse 360

High standards.  
Compact size.

Discover the all new Hanse 360, where innovation meets the sea. Designed by the renowned Berret-Racoupeau team, this yacht features a large owner's cabin and salon, offering unparalleled comfort and space. Unique interior layout options and the class-leading fridge capacity ensure a bespoke sailing experience. Externally, the Hanse 360 mirrors the sophistication of its larger counterparts, with a spacious cockpit boasting an optional fridge and the only wetbar and BBQ in its class. The expansive bathing platform invites you to enjoy the ocean's embrace. Experience the pinnacle of sailing luxury and design with the Hanse 360—where every detail caters to an exquisite journey on the water.



### FJORD 39 XL and XP

Elegance & power

Introducing the Fjord 39 XL, a masterpiece of maritime engineering, also available with the thrilling XP outboard version. This yacht redefines luxury and performance, blending sleek design with unparalleled power. The XP outboard version elevates the experience, offering enhanced speed and agility for those seeking adventure on the water. Inside, the Fjord 39 XL boasts a luxurious interior with customizable features to suit every taste. Outside, its spacious deck is perfect for entertaining or serene solitude, surrounded by the sea's majesty. Embark on unforgettable journeys with the Fjord 39 XL and its XP outboard version—where style, speed, and sophistication meet. Experience the ultimate in yachting, designed for the discerning mariner who demands the best.





## Norbert Wintzen

Passionate sailor since age 16, after falling in love with the Croatian coast he fulfilled his dream of owning a yacht through Croatia Yachting's Charter Management program.

I'm Norbert Wintzen, and sailing has been a part of my life since I was 16 years old, long before I even held a driver's license. This is also a passion that I've nurtured and shared with my wife and two lovely daughters over the years. However, it was during a practical course in North Croatia that I truly fell in love with the Croatian coastline, where the vibrant life and diverse array of islands captured my heart and sparked my longed-for dream of owning a sailing yacht. The sleek and modern Hanse Yacht seemed an ideal choice for me, thus, I embarked on a quest, scouring the internet for suitable options, which led me to Croatia Yachting - a discovery that felt almost fated. Promptly, I reached out to them and engaged in a video call to delve into the nuances of their Charter Management program. CY sales team gave me comprehensive insights and guidance strengthening my confidence in the decision-making process.

The process of entering the Charter Management program and purchasing the yacht was remarkably smooth so I was committed to partnering with CY. Their sales team helped me work through all the purchase, insurance, charter, maintenance, and financing matters efficiently, sharing their time and expertise. Shortly after, the eagerly awaited launch of the new Hanse 460 provided an amazing chance for me to become one of its first owners. Having your own yacht brings a sense of familiarity and comfort and being feels like coming home. For this reason, I must commend CY for their excellent care and maintenance of the boat. They consistently provide me with a comprehensive list of upcoming maintenance tasks after thorough checks, making the process transparent, well-prepared, and easy to understand. Their Charter Management Program offers a perfect solution for owning a yacht hassle-free. With this program, I can

enjoy sailing without the burdens of maintenance or repairs during your holidays. Additionally, the income generated from chartering can effectively cover your costs and provide a return on your investment so I would recommend it to any future yacht owners. The owner's weeks are also a tremendous perk, allowing me to fully enjoy my purchased yacht and spend wonderful weeks exploring the stunning Croatian coastline. I would like to point out that Croatia Yachting is a well-run end-to-end business and their Charter Management Program offers a perfect solution for owning a yacht hassle-free. With this program, you can enjoy sailing without the burdens of maintenance or repairs during your holidays. Additionally, the income generated from chartering can effectively cover your costs and provide a return on your investment so Croatia Yachting is an excellent partner to connect with to fulfill your dreams!

# The Easy Approach to Yacht Ownership

Have you ever dreamed of having your own yacht?  
With yachts available for our charter management program,  
your dreams of owning a yacht will easily come true.

Your dream yacht is one request away

BOOK YOUR TRY AND BUY  
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All models can be seen, tested, or chartered in our charter bases in Šibenik, Trogir, Kaštela, Dubrovnik or Biograd.

Brand/Model	Year	List price	* Special offer	Down payment
Hanse 360	2025	281.980,00 €	247.687,60 €	92.882,85 €
Hanse 410	2025	349.340,00 €	306.316,40 €	114.868,65 €
Hanse 460	2025	441.430,00 €	386.832,80 €	145.062,30 €
Hanse 510	2025	662.899,00 €	579.510,60 €	217.316,48 €
Bali Catsmart	2025	450.840,00 €	407.553,00 €	152.832,38 €
Bali Catspace	2025	515.800,00 €	465.977,00 €	174.741,38 €
Bali 4.2	2025	632.190,00 €	572.139,00 €	214.552,13 €
Bali 4.4	2025	825.914,00 €	753.550,00 €	282.581,25 €
Bali 4.6	2025	947.660,00 €	864.282,00 €	324.105,75 €
Bali 5.8	2025	2.119.635,00 €	1.911.502,00 €	716.813,25 €

\* The price does not include VAT. The above indicated prices are valid only if the charter management contract is signed (minimum two-year period).  
Prices are valid at the time of the print and are subject to change with price list changes. For the current prices, please visit [www.croatia-yachting.hr](http://www.croatia-yachting.hr)

## TRY & BUY *option*

It is as simple as it sounds, **you get to try the boat before you buy it**. If you are interested in buying one of our used boats or thinking of ordering a new one, **we have the entire range of Hanse Yachts and Bali Catamarans available for charter**.

Take advantage of our Try & Buy option and **clear all doubts by experiencing your potentially new yacht**, before committing to a purchase. If you decide to purchase the yacht afterwards, the charter fee will be deducted from the sales price.

TO BOOK YOUR TRY & BUY OPTION PLEASE CONTACT US ON  
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# Meet us at boat shows

We are an active member of our local and international community, and we are always happy to accept the invitation to participate on boat shows and festivals. Not only that, but we also organize our own, such as annual Hanse Cup Adriatic regatta!

*What to look  
forward to!*

## Cannes Yachting Festival

10 – 15 Sep 2024

Since 1977, the Yachting Festival takes place every September in elegant, luxurious surroundings in the sparkling bay of Cannes. As the first show in the boating season, the Yachting Festival is Europe's leading in-water boating event and our sales team will yet again be there to represent the brands in our portfolio!

## Biograd boat show

23– 27 Oct 2024

Croatia's largest boat show and Central Europe's in-water show. The event has taken on an international flavor due to the importance of Croatia as a yachting destination, and we will, yet again, exhibit our yachts there. You can expect a vast range of yachts on display and our booking team will participate in another Croatia Charter Expo!

## Boot Dusseldorf

18 - 26 Jan 2025

The 'boot' in Dusseldorf is the world's largest and most international indoor fair for boats and water sports. It takes place every year and is a pure public exhibition. At an exhibition area of 220,000 square meters the visitor got to know all about the services

and products relating to water sports. In particular, innovations and trends are the focus of the show. Of course, our team was there to show what Yachting at its best truly means in all segments: charter, sales, charter management!

## Dalmatia boat show

April 2025

The second edition of the Dalmatia Boat Show will be held in one of our charter bases, Marina Baotić. Over four days, we will showcase our exciting brands: Hanse, Sealine, Bali, Fjord, Dehler and Ryck. Meet us there!

## Hanse Cup Adriatic

May 2025

11th edition of the Hanse Cup Adriatic regatta took place in May 2024. It is getting bigger and more exciting every year and during the last HCA 24 Hanse yachts have joined, counting more than 140 team members from over 10 countries. From May 04 to May 8 we took the regatta contenders around the islands of Split archipelago. The first leg of the regatta sailed from Kaštel to Maslinica, the second from Maslinica to Milna on the island of Brač, and the third from Milna to Palmižana. Three days of sailing and fun are getting better each year, and to be honest we can hardly wait (and anticipate) to see what will the annual 12th edition look.

# Hanse Cup Adriatic

We are excited to start planning the 12th edition of Hanse Cup Adriatic, which will be held in May 2025. Sailing lovers would say it is a proper way to open sailing season each year. The last Hanse regatta was organized by Croatia Yachting in collaboration with Sailing club Zenta, and it took place in May 2024, with the support of OTP leasing as the platinum sponsor, ACI marinas and UNIQA osiguranje as golden sponsors.

20 teams with over 140 team members have participated in the race, which says a lot about the popularity of this regatta among sailing enthusiasts! Under the motto 'Three days of sailing and fun!' participants raced on the routes that explored the beauty of the coast of the Split archipelago and thus opened the sailing season. Our plans got a little bit bigger for each day. On the first day, our contenders set their sails to Solta with good sailing conditions. Afterward, our competitors enjoyed themselves in the unique restaurant within Martinis Marchi Castle placed in Maslinica. The second leg was marked with beautiful Central Dalmatia islands sceneries, while sailing towards Milna, island of Brač. On the last day, we woke up to see good sailing conditions so the race to breathtaking Palmižana was a thrill! Finally, after three days of sailing and fun it was time for the award ceremony and one last celebration! The goal of the Hanse Cup Adriatic regatta was successfully accomplished – that sailing season has been opened in the best possible way!



And now it's time to  
get ready for  
**Hanse Cup Adriatic 2025!**

Don't you need some sailing and fun? You've  
deserved it- for whole three days! So, make  
sure to keep us in your calendar!

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## UNIQA Everything you need for SAFE NAVIGATION

You know that feeling when you set your foot on a boat and start feeling happy butterflies in your stomach? Your vessel takes you into a reality in which only you and the sea exist. There is no world around you to bother you, only the wind that helps you set your course, the sky above you, and the sea below you. Freedom. A rest for your soul. Is there anything more beautiful than that?

No, there is not, while the sea is calm and you are on the mainland during a storm. For you to feel safe while your boat is moored in a port and while you are enjoying the delights of discovering hidden bays and the sunset, it is important to properly insure your vessel. Only thereafter will your navigation be carefree. You can insure your vessel with UNIQA osiguranje from a storm that can damage

it and even sink it, as well as from maritime accidents, while you can also insure your boat equipment—the engine system and accessories, even your belongings on board. The best way to protect your vessel is by arranging all-risk insurance, which covers theft as well as the costs of retrieving and disposing of the wreckage. Because one must navigate, but safely!



## OTP Leasing 18 Years of Smooth Sailing

OTP Leasing firmly holds the leading position in the industry, maintaining a strong reputation for over 18 years. In the nautical sector especially, OTPL is a strong competitor. The ability to respond to market challenges is evident in the diverse range of products, providing financing for both new and used boats, with repayment terms of up to 120 months,

fixed interest rates, and the option to increase the final leasing installment. Furthermore, clients with a seasonal type of business can create repayment plans based on their income dynamics. With a widespread network of branches (9), OTPL ensures high service availability and customer care. OTPL continuously creates and adapts to market trends

and customer needs. Additionally, it is important to note that OTPL attends and participates in major boat shows across Europe, such as the Cannes Yachting Festival, Boot Düsseldorf, Zagreb Boat Show, and Biograd Boat Show, as well as several international regattas like the Hanse Cup Adriatic. [www.otpleasing.hr](http://www.otpleasing.hr)

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# Beaches to Visit on Your Croatia Sailing Holiday

With summer in full swing and holiday plans in motion, there is one dreamy destination travelers don't miss on their must-visit list. Thanks to a coastline decorated with islands and beaches that dazzle in the sweltering sun, Croatia is the summer hotspot, especially if you trust the Adriatic Sea as your guide.

Whether you opt for a solo sailing vacation or choose a yacht charter instead, Croatia's best beaches are always within arm's reach. But how does one choose between bays that have been named Europe's best or hidden gems unknown to the tracks of tourists? Fortunately, you can visit them all. And here is our top selection!

## Saharun (Sakarun), Dugi Otok

There is a reason Saharun is a constant contender for Croatia's best beaches, and with just one glance at this cerulean paradise, you'll know why. Located at the north-western end of Dugi Otok, the last in a series of islands in the Zadar archipelago, Saharun's breathtaking Caribbean-like sea has even been praised by some of the biggest British media. Boasting pearly white sand and an 800-meter-long shoreline, Saharun is protected by a long bay, resulting in pleasant swimming temperatures all summer long. Enveloped by pinewoods that promise shade on a warm day, this summertime oasis is enhanced by only a few beach bars where you can cool off and recharge. But you shouldn't expect any more action than that.

## Lovrečina Bay, Brač

Because nearly all best beach lists in Croatia include the one-and-only Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn), we thought we'd add a lesser-known Brač Island beauty to the mix



Saplnara, Mljet

- Lovrečina Bay. Located between the towns of Postira and Pučišća, Lovrečina beach is set in a deep forested bay, famous for a sandy bottom that runs almost 100 meters. Lovrečina is perfect for those looking for a low-key beach day in the presence of picturesque views, no matter which way you turn. You can also explore the remains of an early Christian Basilica and ancient Roman summer villa nearby!

## Saplun, Lastovo

Saplun beach is located on an island of the same name near the better-known southern Dalmatian Lastovo archipelago. An uninhabited island that belongs to the lower shores of Lastovnjaci, Saplun impresses not only because of its beauty, but because it is the only sandy beach in the Lastovo archipelago. Quite a rare occurrence for islands surrounded by the open sea! The dense forest offers shade to sun-kissed swimmers who won't be bothered by the noise of popcorn machines or ice cream carts, as Saplun is entirely free of beach content.

## Dubovica, Hvar

Located on the southern coast of Hvar, it's no wonder why this Vogue-approved beach is on our list and so

many others. The allure of this pebbled paradise is heightened by the Kasandrić family summer villa, dating back to the 19th century, and a traditional konoba-style restaurant where you can delight in freshly caught fish and local wine while gazing into the turquoise abyss.

## Stiniva, Vis

Europe's best beach in 2016 is also a bucket-list destination for anyone on a sailing holiday in Croatia. Located on the southern part of Vis Island, Stiniva beach sits in a bay of the same name, though hardly visible thanks to its tall rocky surroundings, which also provide natural shade for beachgoers. Because it isn't the most accessible beach to reach, Stiniva has managed to preserve its natural beauty - but it is only gaining popularity with each passing summer.

## Pasjača Beach, Cavtat

Pasjača is yet another award-winning Croatian beach, located in the small village of Popovići, about 30 minutes from Dubrovnik. Tucked beneath sharp cliffs, Pasjača boasts fine sand-like pebbles and unobstructed sea views; a natural bliss further amplified by zero amenities.

## Proizd, Korčula

Located just off of Vela Luka on Korčula Island, you cannot go wrong by choosing to swim on Proizd. With a few bathing areas to choose from, the island offers natural white stone slabs that act as swimming platforms for easy access into the sea. Dense forest covers the area behind you, and while the island is uninhabited, you can find one restaurant open in the summer only!

## Saplunara, Mljet


Named after the Latin word for 'sand,' Saplnara cove is a hidden gem of Mljet island, located on its south-eastern coast. Because the cove itself measures around 1 kilometre, Saplnara is split into two beaches - big and little Saplnara. Ringed by an Aleppo pine forest, fine white sand covers this isolated cove, and the natural world thrives. Legend has it that Odysseus found sanctuary here, too!



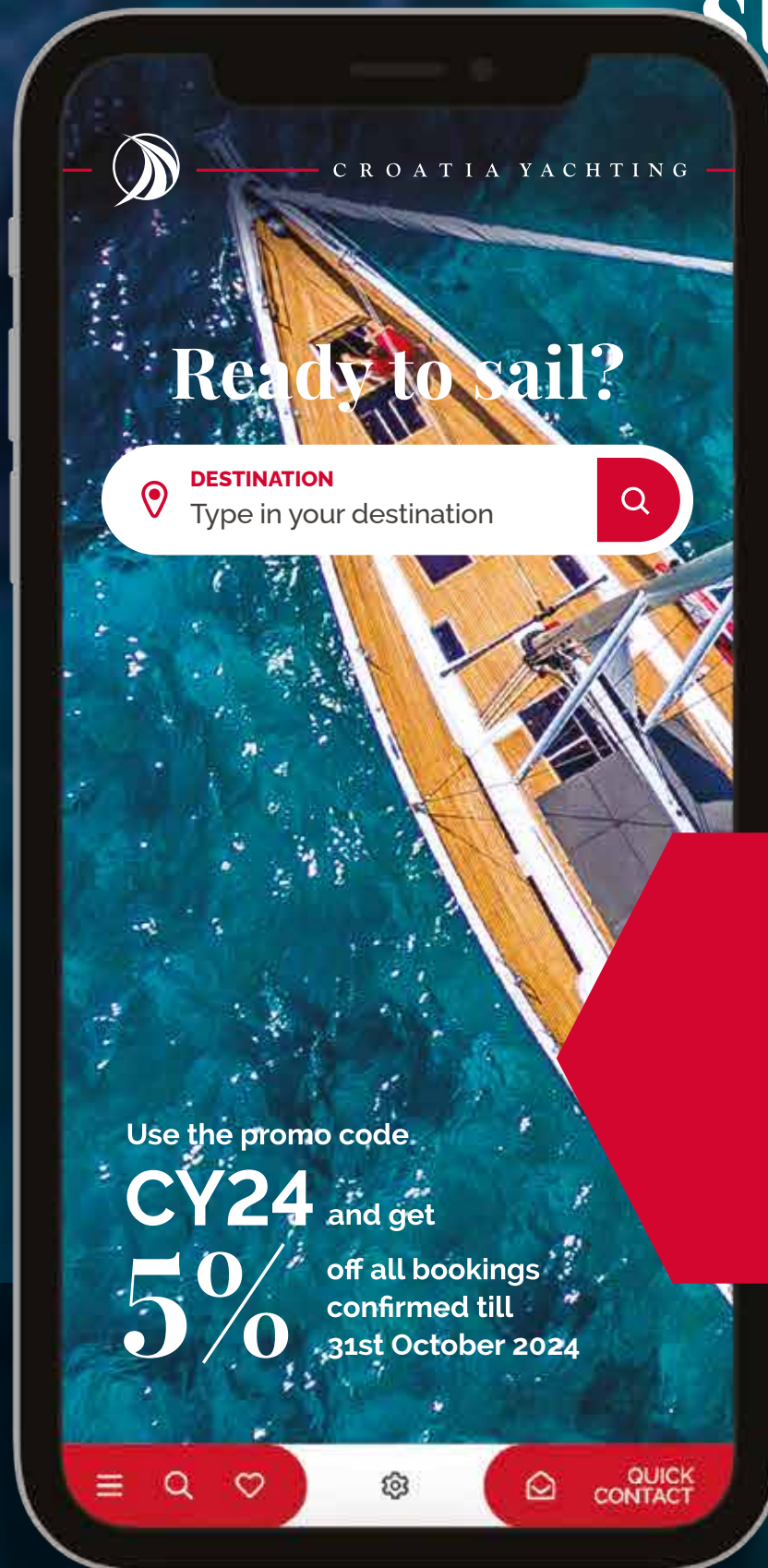
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## North Dalmatia

## The home of national parks



## Highlights

- THE ROMAN TOWN CENTRE OF ZADAR**  
*Living and vibrant among the ruins and churches*
- THE NATIONAL PARK KORNATI**  
*Wonderful geological features*
- THE NATURE PARK TELAŠĆICA**  
*Rocks plummeting into the sea*
- THE NATIONAL PARK KRKA**  
*Seven magnificent waterfalls*
- THE FORTRESS OF ST NICHOLAS (ŠIBENIK)**  
*Important example of defense architecture in Dalmatia*
- THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JACOB (ŠIBENIK)**  
*A Renaissance masterpiece*

Sometimes overlooked as a holiday destination in favour of the more famous resorts and islands further along the coast, the North Dalmatian region has much to offer to its visitors. The area contains the beautiful coastal towns of Zadar, Šibenik and Primošten as well as numerous islands and three national parks. The city of Zadar is unique for its thousand-year-old urban existence which makes it one of the oldest cities in Croatia. This is a city filled with cultural and historical heritage that can be seen just by walking through the city. Zadar is not too crowded, it's not overrun with tourists and its two unique attractions – the sound-

and-light spectacle of the Sea Organ and the Sun Salutation – need to be seen and heard to be believed. Šibenik is located in a deep inlet where the river Krka flows into the Adriatic Sea. Its port is very well protected from all winds and is ideal as a starting point of your cruise. Numerous churches, monasteries, palaces and four fortresses 'frame' the city, and also testify to the perseverance, renunciation and faith of generations of people of Šibenik. Primošten is located on a peninsula that was an island once and is one of the most attractive destinations on the Adriatic coast with a typical look of an old fishing town.



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## Base Biograd

**LOCATION** Biograd na Moru - 43°94'2"N 15°44'4"E  
**TRANSFER** Airport Zadar - 28 km  
**SHOPPING** Supermarket nearby  
**PARKING** Inside the marina



## 7 days

From ZADAR

1. Zadar – Muline Bay (9 Nm)
2. Muline – Soline – Molat (19 Nm)
3. Molat – Veli Iž (15 Nm)
4. Veli Iž – Sali – Telašćica (15 Nm)
5. Telašćica – NP Kornati – Ravni Žakan (16 Nm)
6. Ravni Žakan – Žut (16,5 Nm)
7. Žut – Ždrelac – Zadar (15 Nm)

Only boats with mast height up to 16 meters.  
Others must take route around eastern cape of Pašman island what is 10 Nm longer



## Sightseeing spots



Biograd na Moru is located in the centre of the Croatian Adriatic coast, with direct access to the beautiful historical cities of Zadar and Šibenik and their surrounding islands. It is also an excellent starting point for visits to the nearby Telašćica Nature Park, the Kornati and Krka National Parks.





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# Base Šibenik

**LOCATION** Šibenik - 43°43'19"N 15°53'53"E  
**TRANSFER** Airport Zadar - 72 km, Airport Split - 56 km  
**SHOPPING** Inside the marina  
**PARKING** Inside the marina



7 days

From ŠIBENIK

1. Šibenik- Skradin (9 NM)
2. Skradin- Tijašnica Bay (14 NM)
3. Tijašnica- Žut (24 NM)
4. Žut- Sali- Telašćica (16 NM)
5. Telašćica - NP Kornati- Ravni Žakan (16 NM)
6. Ravni Žakan- Stupica Vela- Primošten (24 NM)
7. Primošten- Zlarin- Šibenik (13 NM)

## Sightseeing spots

The coastal gem of Šibenik sits in Central Dalmatia and is revered as the oldest native Croatian town. It is Croatia's only city with two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, St. James Cathedral and St. Nicholas Fortress, and is the hub to visit some of Croatia's famous natural attractions, like Krka and Kornati national parks.



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## Central Dalmatia



### Highlights

- DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE IN SPLIT**  
*The best-preserved Roman building in the world*
- TROGIR OLD TOWN**  
*The very best that history has to offer*
- HVAR OLD TOWN**  
*Vibrant nightlife amidst the medieval streets*
- PAKLENI ISLANDS**  
*Secluded beaches, deserted coves and sun-drenched hills*
- THE BLUE CAVE (BIŠEVO ISLAND)**  
*Breathtaking light effects*
- ZLATNI RAT (BOL- ISLAND OF BRAČ)**  
*Well-known windsurfing destination*

## Genuine Dalmatian lifestyle

Even the ruler of the world at the time, emperor Diocletian, knuckled under the sight of crystal sea, hidden bays, dense woods and rugged karst landscapes of the Central Dalmatia. Historic little towns, beautiful sceneries, authentic cuisine and friendly hosts have helped this region become

one of the most interesting tourist destinations worldwide. The number of islands and the variety of their offer make it a very attractive sailing destination, too. The old TROGIR, often called a museum town, is situated on a small island between the mainland and the island of Čiovo. It has

a rich collection of Romanesque and Renaissance architecture and is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1997. SPLIT is the second-largest city in Croatia and a great place to experience genuine lifestyle in a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments.



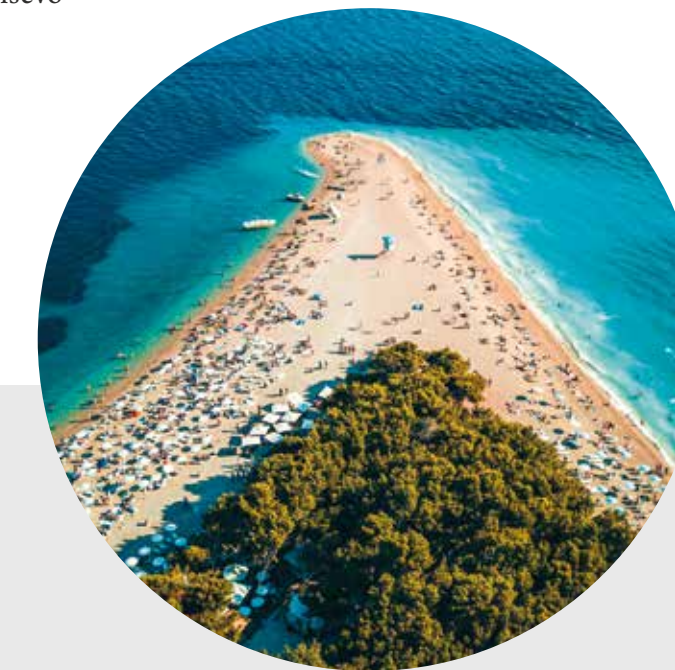
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## Base Kaštela

**LOCATION** Kaštel Gomilica - 43°32'7"N 16°24'4"E  
**TRANSFER** Airport Split - 9,5 km; Port Split - 14 km  
**SHOPPING** Supermarket in the marina and nearby  
**PARKING** Inside the marina



## Sightseeing spots

Placed between two UNESCO-protected cities: Trogir and Dalmatian capital Split - Kaštela is an ideal place from which you can easily explore one of the most exciting sailing areas: Central Dalmatia. From the wild Šolta, to the sunniest island in the Adriatic - Hvar island, and an unique island full of surprises - Vis to the second largest island in Croatia - Brač. These are just small parts of the archipelago and trademarks of Mediterranean true beauty.





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# Base Trogir

**LOCATION** Marina Baotic, Seget Donji - 43°31' 3" N 16°13' 56" E  
**TRANSFER** Airport Split- 73 km; Port Split- 31.5 km  
**SHOPPING** Supermarket in the marina and nearby  
**PARKING** Inside the marina



## Sightseeing spots

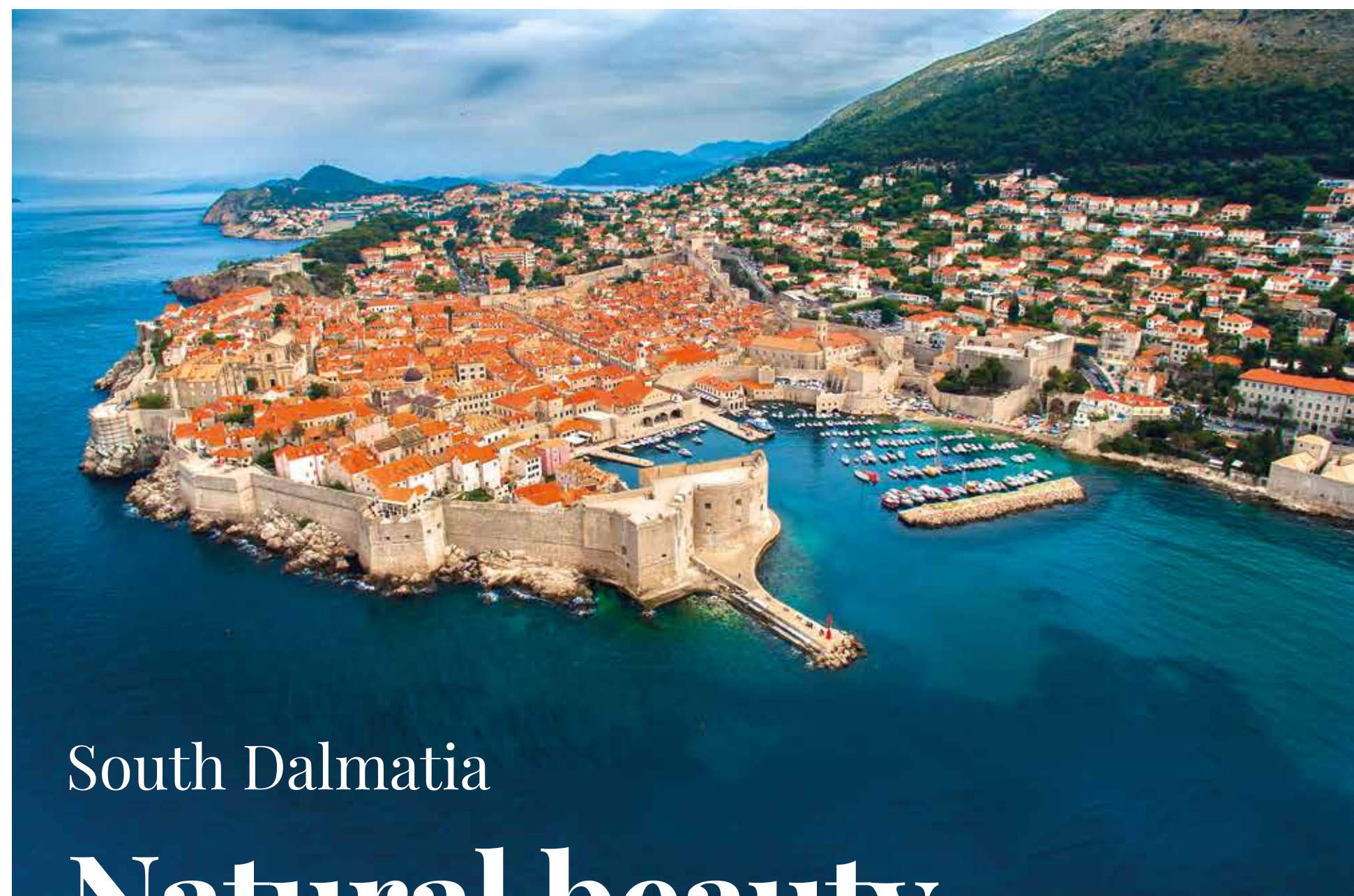
The old Trogir often called a museum town, is situated on a small island between the mainland and the island of Čiovo. It has a rich collection of Romanesque and Renaissance architecture and is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1997. SPLIT is the second- largest city in Croatia and a great place to experience genuine lifestyle in Dalmatia. Diocletian's Palace in the city centre is a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments.

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## South Dalmatia

# Natural beauty

South Dalmatia is Croatia's most important holiday-making destination with the city of Dubrovnik as its capital. Dubrovnik is known worldwide as a true pearl of the Mediterranean, but one must not forget the picturesque towns, replete with history and exquisite natural beauty, which surround the city on both sides and greatly add to its appeal. Remains of fortifications which testify to a long history of repulsed invasions can be found throughout the area. The most known islands of this area are Korčula, Lastovo and Mljet, very popular for sailing.

With its sublime location, overlooking the blue waters of the Adriatic, DUBROVNIK is one of the world's most magnificent walled cities. It's a UNESCO world heritage site and Croatia's most known destination. Don't miss visiting Dubrovnik city walls and the main street Stradun. If you want to enjoy the breathtaking view of the town, take Dubrovnik cable car to the hill Srd. The town of Korčula, known as the birthplace of the adventurer and traveller Marco Polo, is sprung up on a small peninsula overlooking the Pelješac channel. The wealth of its stonemasonry and architecture has been winning visitors over for centuries. The island of Mljet hides under its wing the very first national park of the Adriatic. A heaven for sailors and a common target for pirates, Mljet island is today an essential destination, recommended by numerous global magazines and guides. Many agree Mljet is precisely the place where the mythical Ulysses lived for seven years entranced by the nymph Calypso.

### Highlights

#### DUBROVNIK OLD TOWN

World-famous cultural site

#### MARCO POLO'S HOUSE IN KORČULA

Situated in the very heart of the old town

#### MLJET NATIONAL PARK

Two seawater lakes and a large coral reef

#### LASTOVO NATURE PARK

Reserve of inviolate nature



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## Base Dubrovnik

**LOCATION** Komolac - 42°40'13"N 18°07'32"E  
**TRANSFER** Airport Čilipi - 26 km; Port Gruž - 5 km  
Dubrovnik city centre - 7 km  
**SHOPPING** Supermarket in the marina  
**PARKING** Inside the marina



## Sightseeing spots

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## 7 days

From DUBROVNIK

1. Dubrovnik - Lopud (8,5 Nm)
2. Lopud - Sapunara - Okuklje (15 Nm)
3. Okuklje - Pomena (16 Nm)
4. Pomena - Korčula (14 Nm)
5. Korčula - Orebić - Prožura (27 Nm)
6. Prožura - Šipanska luka (10 Nm)
7. Šipanska luka - Sunj - Dubrovnik (16 Nm)







# Elaphiti Islands

## A dreamy archipelago just north of Dubrovnik

Just north of Dubrovnik is a dreamy archipelago that hits the spot for both ancient aristocrats and today's conscious travelers. Meet the Elafiti islands.

*Did you know that the Elaphiti Islands were named after the Greek word for deer - 'elafos'?*

*The Elaphiti islands are hard to miss on any Dubrovnik sailing route. One of the most convenient ways to reach this beautiful archipelago is from ACI Marina Dubrovnik in Komolac*



*The island of Lopud is known for its car-free policy, making it a peaceful and tranquil retreat where visitors can explore on foot or by bicycle*

trail from Lopud village, or by taking a golf cart for a few euros. The bay is a dream for sailors as it is protected from most winds.

Lopud is also the best island for tourists, thanks to its vibrant history. Lopud was once a regional center for the Republic of Dubrovnik, boasting over 1,000 inhabitants at one time, while the island's shipowners had their own fleet and a shipyard! There are also 36 churches and chapels around the island and Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, but we will get into that later.

And then there is Koločep, the island closest to the Adriatic pearl, just six nautical miles away from Dubrovnik. It's the smallest of the Elaphites' three inhabited islands. Known locally as Kalamota, a centuries-old name the locals still use today. Koločep had been part of the Republic of Dubrovnik since the 11th century. The fact that Koločep is another car-free island doesn't hinder its less than 200 inhabitants, either. There are only two villages on the island that are just 3 kilometers apart, after all. Koločep is also known for its sandy beaches, Dun Djivan and Donje Čelo, which are easy to enjoy given that this island welcomes 250 sunny days a year. Fortunately for sailors, both of the Koločep's villages sit behind coves. Donje Čelo, on the island's western side, is well protected from southern winds and is a great place to drop anchor to gawk at the old village views.

But the archipelago's three biggest islands aren't the only ones with something to offer boaters. The uninhabited island of Jakljan is situated immediately west of Šipan. This small island's northeastern side is the best spot to drop anchor, where the heavily forested island landscape is in view. Kosmec is another popular anchorage, while Veli Jakljan is the island's largest cove and is rarely visited by sailboats.

**But what else can you do on the Elafiti islands?**

Lopud is its own cradle of Croatian history and certainly the most developed in the archipelago, with many Re-

naissance, Baroque, and Gothic attractions to visit. For example, the Lopud Franciscan Monastery was founded in 1483 on the island's east side overlooking Lopud bay. After an incredible (and quite long) restoration, this monastery has been transformed into an exclusive luxury hotel. The Beckhams even celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary there last summer!

You can also visit the beautiful Đorđić-Mayneri garden, grown by the Venetian baron Augusto Mayneri, which sits next to the summer villa of the noble Dubrovnik family built in 1494.

If you don't mind hiking uphill, you can find the 16th-century remains of the Sutvrač Fortress. We promise the views over the island are worth the summer sweat.

Koločep is also great for those looking to stretch their sea legs with a hike, as the highest peak on the island is 380 feet above sea level. The most famous trail leads from Gornje Čelo to the lighthouse. The path heads towards Placet, located on the island's southern side and known for its picturesque beaches at the bottom of dramatic cliffs. Once you arrive at the headland overlooking the lighthouse, you'll find a series of steps leading down to the sea and back up to the lighthouse. Enjoy the views, as you'll be able to see Dubrovnik and Daksia Island.

Šipan is excellent for hikers, too, especially those wanting to hike to the island's highest peak - Veli Vrh. At 243 meters above sea level, this moderate hike leads you through olive groves and Mediterranean flora.

We know these activities will work up an appetite, but don't worry - the Elaphiti Islands aren't shy with their culinary offer. However, a few restaurants are especially worth a shout - and they're both located on the island of Šipan. Like Konoba Kod Marka in Šipanska Luka. A family affair started by father Marko and continued by son Đino, Kod Marka is a casual seaside eatery and haven of local cuisine where seafood is king.

Near Sudurad is another must-try spot - Bowa. Following the 'best of what's around' concept, Bowa was born in 2016, thanks to the shared dream of a sailor, architect, and restaurateur. Located in the secluded Vrbova Bay, Bowa serves only what they can source on the island and modernizes age-old recipes from the region. Pulling up to this seaside joint by boat will make you feel more like James Bond than ever.

No matter where you tempt your taste buds or which island you choose to explore, the Elaphites are one of Dalmatia's dreamiest archipelagos. Don't miss a chance to meet them on your next sailing trip.



Koločep



Sudurad, Šipan



Šipan

The Elaphiti Islands, a dreamy archipelago just northwest of the better-known town of Dubrovnik, are a must-see for boaters traversing the Adriatic. Named after the Greek word 'elafos,' this small island group comprises 13 islands and islets and owes its unique name to deer. Pliny the Elder is credited with saying the hoofed mammal roamed the islands long ago. While there is no evidence of this, we think it adds to their charm.

Of the 13 islands in this archipelago, only three are populated and boast content for visitors - Šipan, Lopud, and Koločep. Interestingly, with a total land area of around 30 square kilometers, the Elaphiti islands have a population of just 850 inhabitants, who mostly spend time there during the warmer summer months.

A go-to for sun-seekers since ancient times, the Elaphiti islands have always been a popular vacation destination. A place where old aristocrats and modern travelers could kick back in nature, surrounded by dense pines, olive groves, and

pristine beaches. Today, the Elaphiti islands are hard to miss on any Dubrovnik sailing route, and with three marinas in the area, it's easy to see why. However, we think it's best to dive into this archipelago from ACI Marina Dubrovnik in Komolac, just 6 kilometers from Dubrovnik at the mouth of the Ombla river. And once you've set sail? Here's what you should explore on your sailing tour.

Let's start with Šipan. Coming in at 16 sqm, this island is known for more than being the archipelago's largest. Šipan is also in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most olive trees per square meter! Historically, Šipan's fertile plain was used as a reserve field by the Republic of Dubrovnik long ago. This island was also famous for Dubrovnik aristocrats who used the island to build their summer homes, the most famous of which is the 16th-century summer residence of Vice Stjepović Skočibuha in Sudurad, one of the two only settlements on this island. In the village of Šipanska Luka, on the other side of the island, you can

find the remains of a Roman villa and a 15th-century Gothic duke's palace. Records show that there are around 42 summer homes on the island today. Šipan is also home to more than 30 churches that once served as shelters from pirate raids. You can find the remains of them scattered around the island, though under 20 are still in operation today. It's easy for boaters to explore Šipan by heading to the island's eastern coast. You can moor on the small stone waterfront there or head to the island's southwestern side, where you'll find a 20-meter-long dock.

The car-free Lopud is the second-largest of the Elaphiti islands, just seven nautical miles from Dubrovnik. The most developed island in this archipelago is also considered the prettiest, decorated with stunning stone houses, Mediterranean gardens, and old fortresses. The island's western side is adorned with sandy beaches, though the island's most popular beach is undoubtedly in the bay of Šunj. It can be reached by boat, on foot following the marked and wooded





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## Recipe

### Lobster in dalmatian buzara

#### Ingredients

Fresh lobster 1500 g (2 pieces, cut in half lengthwise)

Red onion 150 g (chopped)

Garlic 50 g (peeled, tightly pressed)

White wine 200 ml

Olive oil 50 ml

Parsley 50 g (finely chopped before the end of cooking)

Homemade salad 200 ml

Fish soup 300 ml

Spaghetti 250 g (cook separately in boiling salted water)

Raisins 50 g

Prosecco 100 ml

#### Preparation:

Begin by sautéing red onion and garlic in medium-heated olive oil until they turn golden. Once they're nicely browned, pour in some white wine and let it simmer gently. Add your homemade salsa and bring the mixture to a boil. Next, add the lobster, which should be cut in half, and cook over low heat until the lobster meat is just medium-cooked. Season the dish with salt and pepper, then add the cooked spaghetti, allowing it to cook for a few more minutes to ensure the pasta absorbs the flavors of the sauce. Just before finishing, pour in Dalmatian Prosecco and let the dish boil over high heat for up to two minutes. To finish, drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with freshly chopped parsley, and serve. It's recommended not to stir the dish with a food processor but to shake it by hand frequently to keep the lobsters intact.

Martinis Marchi team wishes you Bon Appetit!



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Restaurant Taverna Riva is located on a Bol promenade, thus justifying its name. On the ground floor you'll find bistro-café, it's the perfect place for your morning coffee and have a breakfast of your liking. Imagine this – fresh croissant or rich breakfast while enjoying the morning view on anchored boats. Vacation mode activated! On the first floor you'll find a restaurant with a spacious terrace traditionally made of stone, and a true Dalmatian view – harbour of Bol, Adriatic Sea and the island of Hvar.

Chef – owner Josip Eterović took over the family business and turned the old tavern into a modern restaurant with an amazing selection of traditional dishes with a high-end touch. Daily procured fresh sea food, fish, scampi, lobster, and if by any chance that isn't enough to make you hungry there is a vast selection of authentic Brač food on the menu – lamb dishes, octopus under the peka and all kinds of delicious sweet treats! Chef puts an extra effort into food serving so there is a dose of creativity put into plate decoration!



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## Recipe

### Gnocchi with grancigula crab

Homemade gnocchi with grancigula crab is one of their most sought after dishes, and chef was kind enough to share the recipe! With just a couple ingredients being necessary for this dish, it's perfect to prepare it even on your sailing vacation!

## Ingredients

Olive oil  
Garlic  
Crab meat  
White wine  
Drop of cream  
Crab caviar (if available)

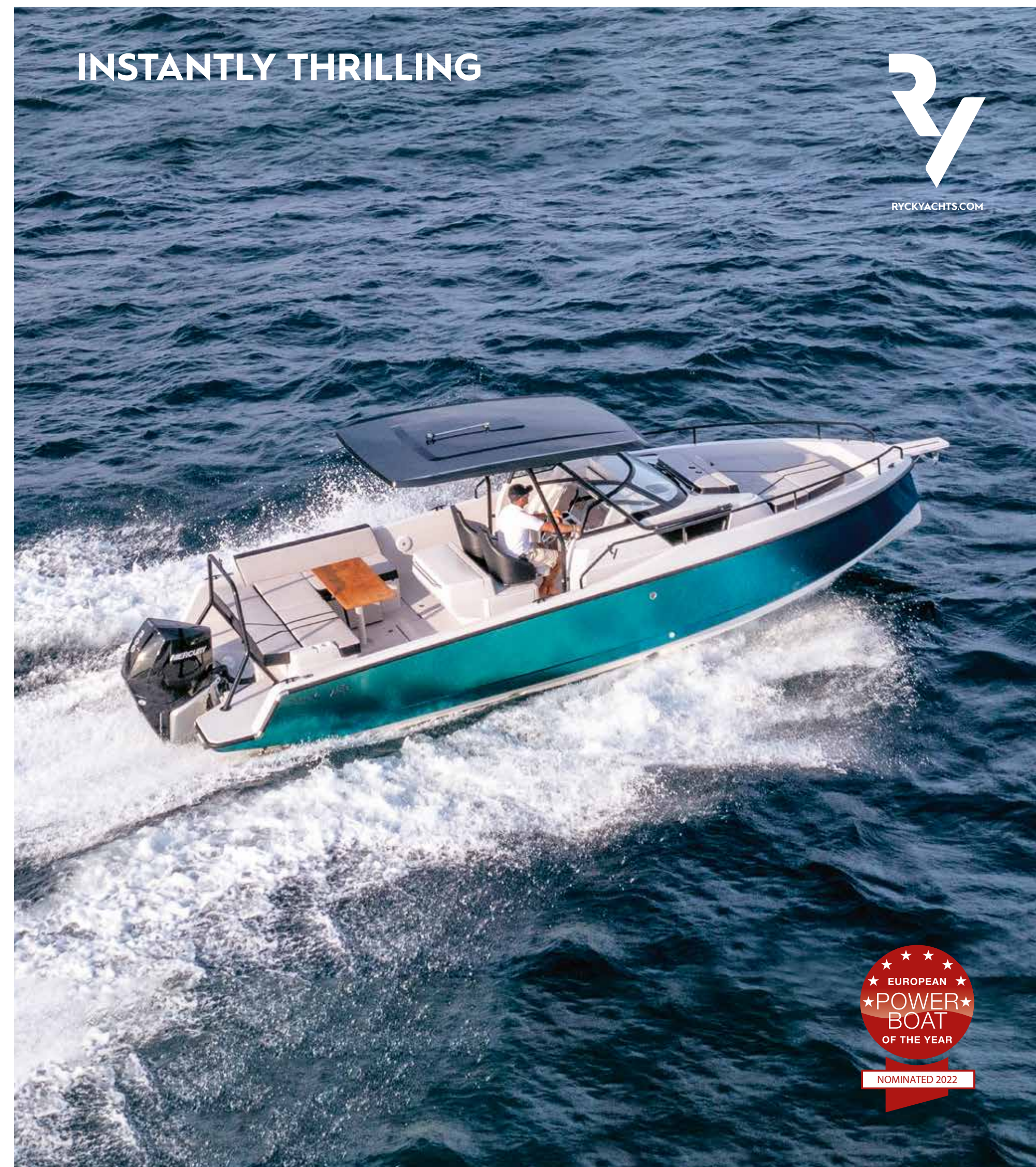
So, you'll need olive oil, garlic, crab meat, white wine, drop of cream, crab caviar (if available). First things first, over a medium heat fry the garlic on olive oil. Then, add crab meat and a glass of white wine, the good kind – if it's good enough to drink it, it's good enough to cook with it. When the alcohol evaporates, pour in the cream, add the caviar and stir until the sauce is combined. Cook the gnocchi and add them to the rest of the dish, grate some parmesan cheese over the dish, a bit of freshly ground pepper and a tiny bit of salt! That's it – you have your proper Dalmatian dish ready and served!



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# Top 5 Dalmatian Seafood Delicacies

There is something special about seafood, and not just because its name pays tribute to the authentic edible experience you'll encounter. Seafood seduces foodies far and wide thanks to the colorful marine life found in each environment, with fish and shellfish transformed into culinary creations carved by country. And it is not difficult to see why the Croatian coast is the captain of this cuisine.

Seafood is best indulged at sea, where sailing holidays are designed to whisk bon vivants from one island restaurant to the next. And should you wish to shuck oysters on your sailboat instead? Sailing Croatia ensures that the idea of the sea - and food - is never sundered, no matter where you are. In an effort to present the best of Croatian coastal cuisine and primarily the most divine dishes in Dalmatia, here are five must-eat menu items on your next Croatian sailing vacation.

## Octopus salad

Not only is the octopus an animal of mystery, but Croatian chefs go to great lengths to ensure no octopus salad in Dalmatia is the same. And if you were to try the octopus salad at a different restaurant each day of your sailing trip, we guarantee you'll discover something different about each dish. However, the foundation of Dalmatian

octopus salad lies in cooked octopus, olive oil, vinegar, salt & pepper, red onions, and boiled potatoes. But as a way to use culinary creativity, it's not uncommon to decorate octopus salad with tomatoes, chickpeas, apples, garlic, capers, or olives, while many are served on a bed of rocket and dressed with parsley.

## Black risotto

This savory and silky risotto may leave a dark stain on your tongue, but we promise there is no better way to paint your tastebuds than with black risotto. Using the ink sac from squid or cuttlefish as the base of this black beauty, the Dalmatian way also calls for prošek, or Dalmatian dessert wine, which contributes to its rich and decadent flavor. Decorated with parsley to heighten its obsidian hue, black risotto can be enjoyed at most taverns (or konobas) on the Croatian coast. Your only job is to judge which one is best.

## Buzara

Buzara is more than just a fun word to say - it's one of the essential menu items you'll be digging into on your Dalmatian sailing holiday. And it's simple. Using scampi or mussels as the star, buzara is a sauce that mixes olive oil, wine, garlic, parsley, and breadcrumbs. Now, you should be made aware that there are two types of buzara sauces - white or red - with the latter calling for a touch of tomato sauce to enhance this brilliant bread-dipping dish. You'll want to make sure you have enough crusty bread to go around.

## Brujet

This dish of many names (brujet, brudet, or brodet) is one Dalmatian classic you'll likely enjoy on an island, at a family-run konoba, from a pot as big as the wooden table it sits atop. A traditional stew that uses three types of the freshest fish you catch that day is given life thanks to olive oil, garlic, and onions, with tomatoes and white wine as an acidic flavor enhancer to complete this seafood delicacy. Brujet is usually served over a bed of polenta, which soaks the stew into each granule, allowing

for an aromatic edible experience you'll be hard-pressed to find on any other sailing holiday.

## Gregada

It's not often you come across dishes dating back to ancient Greece, but when your sailboat takes you to the island of Hvar, you'll indulge in one specialty that brings you back in time. Gregada, or forska gregoda (Hvar gregada), was beloved in the days of Pharos (Hvar), especially in the 2400-year old town of Stari Grad. And we wouldn't name two fish stews in one list if it wasn't worth it. Unlike brujet, gregada is founded on white fish, garlic, onion, and potatoes, with only a few necessary spices needed to create perfectly-seasoned Pharos fare. This stew is also cooked on high heat, transforming the broth from a soup to the main meal. Topped with homemade olive oil and parsley, gregada will be enjoyed for many centuries to come.

## Bonus tip

No Dalmatian sailing holiday is complete until you've also tried the simplest dish of them all - grilled fish. While these other delicacies entice eaters due to a combination of unique flavors, grilled fish in Dalmatia is prepared with the bare minimum - salt, garlic, and olive oil. You can always add a few sprigs of rosemary to the process should you feel like branching out. No matter where you're indulging on your sailing vacation, should you be offered the daily catch at one of the many seaside restaurants you'll visit, don't hesitate to ask your waiter to find out more.

Ready to book your next yacht charter, sailing from one Dalmatian delicacy to the next? Get in touch - we have you, and your appetite covered.



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# A Dalmatian wine odyssey

Did you know that Croatia has more than 130 indigenous grape varieties? An astounding fact that many travellers don't know. And the best part? As you sail the coast of Croatia, you can see the patchwork of vineyards on the islands, and visit many unique wineries along the way. That is why we wrote the 'Adriatic Wine Odyssey'.



There you have it, a brief introduction to some Croatian wine varieties you can expect to find on your sailing adventure. Now, read our Wine Odyssey to start planning your sailing route!



Tomić Winery



Grgić Winery



Korta Katarina

Our Wine Odyssey will guide you to some of the best wineries on your sailing route in central and southern Dalmatia. In the meantime, let us give you a quick introduction to some Croatian wine varieties.

## White Grape Varieties

As it's summer, we'll start with some crisp whites to delight; the perfect pairing to your fresh grilled fish and summer salads. Pošip is the Queen of Dalmatian whites, and grows in abundance on the Dalmatian islands. Vugava is indigenous to the island of Vis, and like many grapes, it is thought to have been brought to Croatia by the Greeks who first inhabited the area. Grk is a unique wine, the grape grows exclusively in a small town called Lumbarda on island Korčula, just outside of Korčula town. Notes of melon, pear, stonefruits and salt are what you will find in a glass of Grk; it pairs well with a plate of prosciutto and cheese. Debit is a dry white wine, with deep colour and full aromas, from the Šibenik area. Lighter in alcohol content than typical Dalmatian whites, Debit is perfect for a relaxed summer afternoon.

## Red Wines

Crjenak Kaštelanski is the origin of the famed Californian Zinfandel and grows in the hills above Split. Plavac Mali is the King of Dalmatian Reds. Plavac Mali is the dominant grape variety in Dalmatia, grown on the mainland and islands in abundance. A rich wine with forest berries, pepper and spice; when oak-aged it can develop beautiful depth and elegance. Be sure to try the famous appellations Dingač and Postup from the Pelješac Peninsula. Enjoy alongside your lamb peka. Babić is a ruby-red gem grown in Central Dalmatia, most well-known in the Primošten area.

## Putalj Winery, Kaštel Sućurac (Split)

Let's start in Kaštela, near Split which is home to the grape Crjenak Kaštelanski – known better as Zinfandel. Through genetic profiling, it was discovered that the origin of the famed Californian Zinfandel is Crjenak Kaštelanski (impress your wine friends with this knowledge when you return home)! Winemaker Anton Kovač blends 85% Zinfandel with 15% Plavac Mali (Zinfandel's off-spring) and the wine is aged in oak barrels for 6 months, then in the bottle for a year before release, creating a wine of rich character and depth.

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## Stina Winery, Bol, Brač island

Brač is famous for its white stone (rumoured to be in the White House), hence, this winery and wine is aptly named Stina (which translates as stone). The beauty of Brač stone is an inspiration for Stina Winery and Stina's label has won many awards; the label is white acrylic paper and printed in the corner it says "za inspiraciju" – for inspiration. The idea is that wine invites cre-

ativity, so the label invites you to drink the wine then paint your own label – the shelves at Stina Winery are filled with inspired creations! Stina Winery sits proudly on Bol's main promenade, making it a perfect stop for thirsty sailors. Here you can try Plavac Mali, Pošip and a Rose, all of which have won several awards – especially their barrique Plavac Mali. Stop in and be inspired.

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## Senjković Winery, Brač island

If you moor in Milna, Sutivan or Supetar, it is only a 15 – 20 min taxi drive to Senjković Winery. Senjković is run by a husband-and-wife duo with a passion for wine and gastronomy. Saša's family have a long history in winemaking which is why he named his flagship Barrique red wine 'Bosso' after his great-grandfather. Saša continues this tradition while his wife Magdalena delights guests with stories and culinary delights matched to the wines. Set in a darling stone house and courtyard, this is a unique and intimate experience that lovers of food, wine and tradition won't want to miss.

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## Tomić Winery, Jelsa, Hvar island

Greeks first sailed into Hvar in the 4th century BC and vineyards have been cultivated here ever since. Andro Tomić was born on Hvar and is a legend in the winemaking world. Andro has 20 years of professional training in France and elsewhere before he returned to produce his own wine – following a 150-year family tradition in winemaking. Island Hvar is known as one of the sunniest islands in Croatia and provides perfect conditions for vines, producing rich and robust Plavac Mali, Pošip and other autochthonous varieties. The new Tomić winery is located in Jelsa with a brilliant tasting room modelled on an ancient Roman dining room.

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## Plenković Winery (Zlatan Otok), Hvar island

The southern slopes of Hvar island are blessed with sunshine and breathtaking sea views, and this is where you will find Plenković vineyards. The Plenković family established their vineyards in 1986, and they already received recognition by 1989 for top-quality wine. In 1993 they changed the name to Zlatan Otok and have since received more than 100 National and International awards, medals, and recognition, including being nominated twice for 'Best Winemaker'.

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## Lipanović Winery, Vis island

Lipanović winery is one of the family which has winemaking written in their DNA. Ever since the first family member has arrived to the island of Vis and planted a wines, this

family has nurtured traditions from which some of the best Vis wine has originated. The one thing important to mention is the fact that Lipanović wine cellar is located in former army tunnel (mine) which provides ideal conditions for keeping and preservation of the finest wines.

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## Miloš Winery, Pelješac Peninsula

The Pelješac peninsula is rich in natural beauty, historical sites and you guessed it – vineyards! The south-facing slopes of the peninsula have the perfect conditions for vines which is probably why they are some of the largest wine-growing hills in Croatia. This area produces some of the highest quality red wines in Croatia and Plavac Mali is the king of these southward hills. Dingač and Postup were the first appellations (defined and legally protected area for winegrowing) in Croatia. The Miloš vineyards stretch between Prapatno cove and Ponikve village; this is where you will find a passionate family with a commitment to the art of viticulture. Anchor in the Prapatno bay and Miloš winery is only a 7 min drive. Become enamoured with their award-winning wines, particularly Stagnum.

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## Grgić Winery, Pelješac Peninsula

Grgić is a name synonymous with winemaking. Mike Grgich (Miljenko Grgić) is the legendary Napa Valley winemaker behind the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay; this is the wine which bested several white Burgundy wines in a blind tasting – which was later dubbed 'The Judgement of Paris'. In 1996, Miljenko moved back to Croatia and established Grgić wines; together with his daughter and nephew, they started producing fine wines from Dalmatian grapes. Grgić Pošip (white) and Grgić Plavac Mali (red) are known world-wide and feature on the wine list of many prestigious restaurants. Anchor in any of the coves surrounding Trstenik and sample wines from one of Croatia's winemaking legends.

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## Korta Katarina, Pelješac

As you can see, we are still on the Pelješac which should tell you there are excellent wines and wineries in this region. Perhaps take a full day to tour the peninsula and wineries. Villa Korta Katarina and Winery is unlike any other property in Croatia. Korta Katarina Villas are a member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux; so, the property, service, and attention to detail are unparalleled. If you love fine wine, gourmet cuisine, spectacular scenery, luxury, and service, this winery is for you. Try award-winning Pošip, Plavac Mali and Rosé.

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Stina Winery



Miloš Winery

## Bire Winery, Korčula island

A visit to Bire winery in Lumbarda (just outside of Korčula town) is almost a must for wine lovers. It is at Bire winery where guests can try Grk – an indigenous white grape variety that grows only in Lumbarda! Here, passion, family tradition and nutrient-rich sandy soil produce a unique white wine. A tasting here brings guests to a gorgeous winery set atop a hill, overlooking the Adriatic, surrounded by vineyards and gardens (tomatoes, beans, Mediterranean herbs). Tastings take place inside a quaint stone house and are accompanied by small bites – like homemade goat's cheese and pršut. Wine tastings are only during certain hours, be sure to call and book a spot beforehand.

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## Krajančić Winery, Korčula island

Luka Krajančić is the owner and winemaker at Krajančić winery, located in the seaside village of Zavalatica on the south side of Korčula island. As a poet, Luka brings his art to winemaking – in fact, one probably inspires the other! Most of the top restaurants in Croatia have Krajančić wines on their list. Luka's Pošip is often called the best Pošip in the world, so it would be foolish not to anchor nearby and drop in.

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Plan your sailing holiday

# A day in the life of a crewed yacht charter

by *Nikolija, yacht hostess*



Have you ever wondered what it's like to be worry-free at sea? Opting for a crewed yacht charter on your next sailing trip along the Adriatic promises the ultimate escape into leisure. Leave your worries behind and listen closely to why you should choose a crew over you.



Your next sailing charter should be an effortless escape into the Adriatic - and who better to detail out the experience than your hostess? Let's spend the day together on the Bali 5.4 EQ Horizon, a stunning 16.80 meter catamaran with 5 cabins perfect for 12 best friends or an extended family getaway.

So, what does it look like with me on board? Before your trip, I talk to my future guests about everything they need for their charter, considering all food preferences and dietary restrictions, so we are fully prepared once you arrive. Once that day has finally come, your yacht charter begins in style, greeted by me, and a welcome drink to kick things off. We'll also host a general briefing with the skipper to discuss the sailing plan and daily meal schedule before you fully settle into a week at sea. The mornings on the Bali 5.4 EQ Horizon are made for you to sleep in, so don't worry about waking early. I am always the first to rise, so I can be fully available to you when you do. I use the mornings to inspect all corners of the yacht so that it's in perfect condition for you and your group. This means you get to wake up and enjoy a space that is as flawless as when you first stepped on. Then it's time to eat. I take great pride in preparing meals for my guests, served at an agreed time each day. Breakfast spans a tasty selection of local delicacies, fresh fruits, and a fresh pot of coffee, while lunch or dinner showcases simple Mediterranean meals. Once

*'People often ask me about the clothes they should wear during their boat trips, and I always advise to have enough light clothes as well as some jackets for evenings outside. Bringing some sunscreen products is highly recommended as time spent on the boat usually means an entire day in the sun'.*

you're done eating, don't worry about tidying up, as I take care of cleaning the interior areas of the yacht, from the kitchen to the bathrooms, rooms, and saloon. This means you get to swim and enjoy the peace of the sea worry-free. I even serve small refreshments during your sailing and swimming breaks to keep you recharged throughout the day! In the evenings, we'll chat to confirm a breakfast, lunch, or dinner time for the following day, and the skipper will let us know where we're sailing next. Remember that schedule changes are possible due to weather and other events, but we ensure we have enough food to keep you happy for at least two days. I take care of the daily shopping and promise that no one will ever go hungry with me on board. The comfort of your Bali 5.4. EQ Horizon also means you get to explore stunning islands from your ACI Ma-

rina Dubrovnik base, like Elaphiti islands or the many treats sprinkled on Korčula or Mljet, from the vivid City of Korčula to laid-back Pomena. I always openly communicate with my guests and promise they have the most credible information about the destination, from the availability of anchorages, moorings, and marinas to expected prices and the best restaurants and recommendations only a local can know. I am also well accustomed to life on a yacht and can even help your skipper with moorings while entering marinas. You don't have to lift a finger during your time with me, and I am always available when the guest calls. There are plenty of perks to hiring a crewed yacht charter when planning your next sailing holiday on the Adriatic. Leave your worries behind and join me on the Bali 5.4 EQ Horizon.

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## Interesting facts about Croatia

Thinking about coming to Croatia? This is a small country with a lot of fascinating facts and more. Ever tried to translate any of our sayings?

- Croatia has the highest number of UNESCO Intangible Goods of any European country.
- Hvar enjoys over 2,800 hours of sunshine per year, which is more than in Sydney, Australia.
- Croatia has 41,188 winemakers and 20,855 hectares of vineyards.
- Croatia has 1,246 islands, isles and islets; counting separately it is 79 islands, 525 islets and 642 reefs and ridges.
- The island of Biševo has only 13 residents.
- The island of Cres is home to the last remaining colony of griffon vultures.
- The last specimens of the Mediterranean seal live in the Croatian aquarium.
- The world famous beach Zlatni rat, located on the island of Brač changes its shape and colour depending on the winds.
- On the island of Susak women wear the shortest folk costumes in Europe having the only national costume that sits above the knee.
- The Croatian coastal area named Dalmatia is also the homeland of the dog breed Dalmatian, officially been recognised as Croatian. The origin dated from the church chronicles of the 16th century.
- Zadar has the world's first pipe organ played by the sea. It is an architectural object and musical instrument played by the sea's waves entering the tubes located underneath a set of large stone steps.
- Split's Diocletian Palace, among the historic ruins and remains dated from the Roman Empire also features a genuine Egyptian sphinx over 4000 years old.
- The Walls of Ston are the longest preserved fortification system in the world after the Great Wall of China, with a total length of 5.5 km, reinforced with 40 towers and 5 fortresses.
- Dubrovnik fortified walls is one of the most preserved fortification systems in Europe. They are also the true spot of the King's Landing, as the HBO series Game of Thrones series was filmed here, as well is Split town.
- Croatia has also the 6th largest Roman amphitheatre in the world and the only one with all 3 rows preserved in the world located in Pula.

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### 5 simple steps for clean and beautiful Adriatic



#### BE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR WATER AND ENERGY USAGE

This is something you should pay attention anyway since on the boat water and energy are in limited supply. So, make sure you switch off lights and air-conditioning in cabins when you don't need them and on the yacht, when you're leaving it. Use marina facilities for dishwashing, showering etc.



#### SAY NO TO PLASTICS!

Use a refillable water bottle, so you don't have to make plastic waste. Also, carry a reusable bag with you, and of course – even when offered, don't use the straw. These small changes can make a lot of impact on reducing the litter!



#### KEEP IN MIND TO SEPARATE THE WASTE AND RECYCLE!

Separate the degradable waste from plastics! In the marina there are always designated containers for recycling, so put them to good use!



#### YOU HAVE CHARTERED A SAILING BOAT – USE THE SAILS!

This goes without mention on a sailing boat, but here it is anyway. Feel the power of the wind captured in the sails, and make your vacation truly the experience for the lifetime! Oh, and reduce the usage of the fossil fuels in the process.

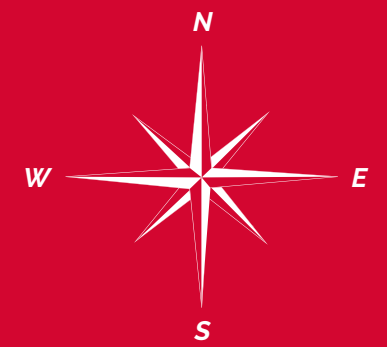


#### MIND THE BLACK WATERS!

Make sure you always use the black water tank when in bays, coves and marinas. Empty the tank in the designated marina facilities, when available, or in the open seas.

## A quick guide to Croatian winds

No matter the season or time of year, while sailing in Croatia, it's inevitable that you'll be greeted by at least one of many Adriatic winds, all of which are defined by distinct characteristics that make them memorable and one-of-a-kind to the Croatian coast. Some are more infamous than others when sailing, as their heavy blows can ultimately halt your plans to your next destination, while others are praised for clearing your mind and the mess that can muddle it. You never really know which wind you'll meet when sailing in Croatia, but we can bet that the northerly bura, southerly jugo, transitional tramontana, and friendly maestral may make an appearance. While mostly harmless, Adriatic winds are the breeze by which your sailing trip is guided, and it's wise to get to know the four most famous before embarking on your next adventure at sea. Impress your skipper or friends with this breezy guide to winds in Croatia.



#### BURA

While it makes way for cloudless skies and open minds, this northeasterly wind is unpredictable, rapid, and not for the inexperienced sailor. Usually lasting only 3 days, you'll notice a change in your mood once it passes!

#### JUGO

Unlike bura, the southerly jugo is the 'moody' wind, usually accompanied by storm clouds, rain, and many irritable and lethargic locals. Sailors, however, use it to achieve high speeds!

#### TRAMONTANA

Bura's much friendlier sister is the transitional tramontana, a northerly wind that arrives to let us know that brother bura is on his way. Sailors use it to reach speeds up to 25 knots.

#### MAESTRAL

A wind that dances between the sun and the sea, maestral is most common in July and August, with steady blows known to help break the summer heat. Maestral promises smooth sailing.

## What our guests say...

#### • Nick H., New Zealand

We have been sailing in Croatia since 2016 and we really enjoy chartering with Croatia Yachting. Their team is very personable and always willing to help. Having an office in Split, as well as Kaštela, made organising our charters really convenient and efficient. Their fleet of boats gives you a wide range to choose from, with both monohull and catamaran options. Their teams work hard to ensure that the boats are well-maintained and clean, fresh for each weeks charter. We love their Hanse fleet, and find that the sleek design of the Hanse boats is complimented by the care and attention to detail that the CY team provides. Their check-in brief is thorough and friendly, and any items noticed to be missing or requiring attention are seen to immediately, as they work as a team to rectify any last minute issues that crop up. We really enjoy chartering with Croatia Yachting. Their professionalism and high standards can be relied upon, they are easy to communicate with face to face or via email, and you can tell that they really take pride in what they do.

#### • Max G., Sweden

Profesional, well organized, very helpful and polite staff with very good quality yacht and equipment. Overall excellent experience. Thanks very much.

#### • Tash P., New Zealand

Recently went sailing on the Hanse 455 with Croatia Yachting. There were 5 of us + a skipper and the Hanse was extremely comfortable and spacious. Easy sailing for one skipper and she even fared well

in the 40-knot winds and 2-metre swells we faced returning from Brac to Split. The team at the office were warm and professional and the whole process was very simple. Our skipper Igor (provided by Croatia Yachting) was friendly and easy to be around - very important when you are sharing a space with someone. We only went out for 3 days, but would definitely love to be on any of the Hanse yachts for a full week sailing the Adriatic.

#### • Manuel D., Italia

Thanks again for excellent and reliable booking. The boat met all expectations based on your description and we all had so much fun. Regards.

#### • Astryd H., Norway

Outstanding service and support.

#### • George H., UK

Croatia Yachting staff was extremely helpful and knowledgeable - all of my questions were answered instantly and accurately. I cannot praise the Croatia Yachting staff highly enough.

#### • Verena S., Italia

Very diligent staff, very friendly and helpful and understanding, explains things very clearly and with great concern. We definitely and highly recommend Croatia Yachting.

#### • Thomas E., Germany

I want to say once again, thank You very much for the great support on the 'Supernova' from 12th May until 19th May this year. Everybody starting from the booking agent Dina, to the office and on the boat Stanko were really great. I will book again at Croatia Yachting, best experience with You all. Many greetings.

#### • Max B., Germany

I just wanted to thank you for your great support during the whole preparation phase! You were extremely helpful and always very kind. The trip was amazing and the boat just perfect! Everytime again!

#### • Emma R., CH

It's already more than a week since we returned from our sailing trip in Croatia. Everything worked perfectly! I'd like to thank you for all your help! It's been a pleasure to work with you.





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