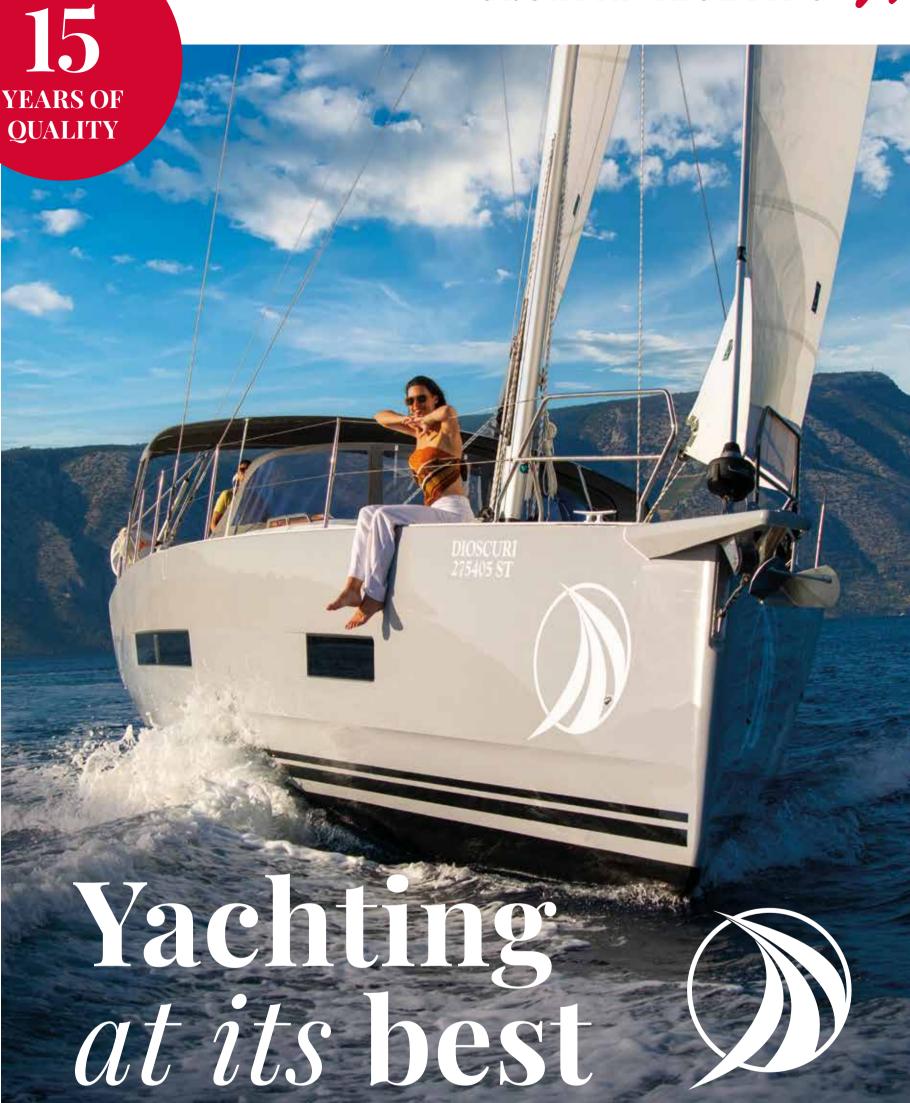


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### SAIL. RACE. SWIM. IN SPIRE. TASTE. RELAX. DREAM.

This is who we are



### Dear reader,

As we kick off a brand new sailing season on the Adriatic, we can't help but reflect back on the achievements that carry our team to enable us to deliver yachting at its best time and time again. And as we enter the 2023 sailing season wearing a badge of honor as Croatia's best charter company in 2022, we have so much to motivate us this year. But winning the Tourist Flower award last October is just part of what drives us to be Croatia's best. It's our loyal charter guests that are the wind in our sails. Because we need to continue evolving as a company and growing with the fast-paced nautical industry, we always remain on top of ways we can be better for you. This is why we have expanded our fleet even further by adding two new yachts the Sealine c335v and Hanse 510. We are now 150 yachts strong, giving our clients a bigger boat selection for their charter trips in 2023. We've also enhanced our charter services for guests, like adding food boxes to the check-in process to give our clients one less thing to consider before getting on board. All you need to do is give us your food box order, and we'll do the grocery shopping for you before delivering the goods to your yacht. Easy? We know. But that's not the only way we have made our check-in process easier - have we told you about our mobile app that lets charter clients seamlessly check in by themselves? Our innovations don't end there, and we are excited to see what else our team has in store this year. We can't wait to hit the Adriatic Sea with you in 2023 for a sailing season we know will be the best yet.

DOMAGOJ MILIŠIĆ, Managing director

Yachting acquires Odisej Yachting

### **Our first acquisition**

Croatia Yachting has further confirmed its mission our position as a yachting leader in Croatia and imto deliver yachting at its best with the recent ac- proves our presence on the Adriatic nautical marquisition of Odisej Yachting, a recognized compa- ket and top nautical centers such as the Šibenik ny operating for 20 years in the Croatian and Pol- archipelago. It also accelerates our fleet expansion ish markets and a dealer for Bali catamarans, with trend and gives us prime access to the Polish mar-18 boats in its fleet housed at D-Marin Mandalina, ket interested in the Bali Yachting World charter Šibenik. The acquisition continues to strengthen management program.

### **Croatia Yachting** in numbers

## Award winning yachting company

### We are proud to be one of the leading Croatian charter operators and agencies, with headquarters in Split and five charter bases along the Dalmatian coast.

Present since 2004, we are proud to be one of the for you to challenge the wind and your colleagues, leading Croatian charter operators and agencies, with headquarters in Split and five charter bases hler, Sealine, Fjord, and RYCK, all part of the Hanse along the Dalmatian coast. Marina Kaštela, Marina Baotić – Trogir, ACI Marina Dubrovnik, D-Marin Mandalina Šibenik, and Marina Kornati Biograd. Our passion and dedication to yachting are shown in over 120.000 satisfied customers across 19 years. We proudly have the world's largest fleet of Hanse Yachts, ranging from the Hanse 325 to the Hanse 675, together with other sailing yachts, catamarans, and motor yachts from top manufacturers. Apart from having our own fleet with over 150 yachts, we work with hundreds of agencies worldwide and offer over 3.000 yachts for charter, located in the most exciting locations along the Adriatic coast. It does the destinations on their charter route? From hidnot matter if you are looking for a motor yacht, sailing yacht, bareboat charter, or crewed charter; we will find the perfect match for you. Our extensive charter fleet includes one design Hanse 460 and You can even chat with our 24/7 support should Hanse 458/455 yachts, which allow us to organize all types of regattas and team-building activities this is one charter holiday you won't be able to beat.

too. We are an official representative for Hanse, Degroup, and boast the entire range of Bali catamarans, part of the Catana group. We don't just sell these yacht brands; we take care of the aftersales and maintenance and provide charter management services. We sustain our yachts to the highest standards, putting cleanliness, care, and technical performance at the forefront to promise our clients the highest quality, exceptional comfort, and excellent sailing performance. We also know how important it is for our clients to get to know the ins and outs of the Adriatic coast, and who better than our team to serve up the best local knowledge of den beaches and bays to traditional taverns and top culinary experiences, our team is always available to make sure you're seeing the best of each spot. you have any questions or concerns, all to ensure





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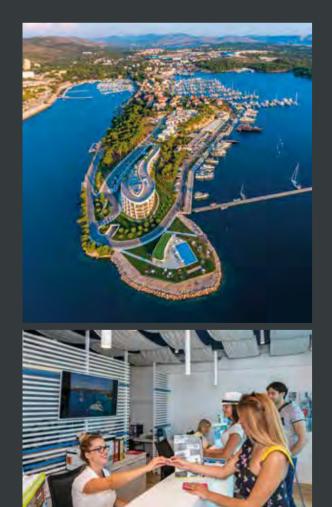
150+ BOATS IN FLEET

**DEALER FOR 6** YACHT BRANDS

Your holiday starts here

When rebuilding our offices, we always have our charter guests in mind, which is why we've decided to open a new office in yet another nautical center. Šibenik is now our fifth office in Croatia! Conveniently located in North Dalmatia with access to the region's most stunning islands, two national parks-NP Krka and Kornati, bays and beaches, our Šibenik office is currently home to 6 yachts, though this is only the beginning.

Our goal is to provide an attractive place for our guests, with attentive in-office receptionists for a seamless check-in process. We want to ensure our guests are relaxed from the moment they join us, and that our office and team kick off your Croatian holiday on a high. Our Šibenik office offers calm and comfort, following the ethos of our existing Croatia Yachting offices. All guests have easy access to information about our services, extras, and yachts available for charter - and we couldn't do it without our dedicated staff. Our friendly and experienced booking agents will effortlessly help you acquire the documents needed while our base manager and crew will show you the ins and outs of the yacht itself, all to guarantee your holiday begins in the best possible way





Our yacht collection is built to cater to our guests' needs. Catamarans, sailing, and motor yachts - the choice is yours to make!

## The finest yacht collection

Our fleet includes over 150 yachts and covers a complete line of new and modern sailing yachts, catamarans, and motor yachts, all equipped and maintained to the highest standards. All of our yachts are uniquely outfitted and perfectly adapted to the needs of our clients. Sailing enthusiasts can enjoy an entire range of fast and attractive Hanse Yachts and monohulls from other top manufacturers. Our Bali catamaran fleet is the top choice among sailors opting for comfort at sea. Boaters that are partial to catamarans should set sail with the 54ft Bali fleet flagships EQ Horizon, Marea and Ocean Lounge, while the motor yacht lifestyle is best enjoyed on the stunning Prestige 520 and Sealine F430. Better yet, the luxurious Fjord 44 Open, Fjord 41 XL and unique Ryck 280 stand out for anyone looking to sail in style. Our yachts are hand-picked to offer unparalleled

design and performance and promise superior comfort and space. If you're interested in alternative starting points and yacht models, we offer almost every type of yacht for charter in Croatia, thanks to the extensive network of our reliable partners. From luxury motor yachts to stunning monohulls and catamarans, an impressive fleet is at your disposal to guarantee the ultimate charter experience on the Croatian coast.

### Award worthy fleet

We've had many reasons to celebrate over the last few years, and that is bound to happen when your portfolio boasts only the best brands. Some boats in our fleet have been nominated or won awards in their respective categories over the last few years, continuing to confirm their excellence at sea.



### Sealine c335v An elegant choice for sheer sailing fun

suitable for all weather conditions.





### **Bali 4.8 Open Space** The star of the fleet

This voluminous and light-flooded vessel is en- The Bali 4.8 is a spacious showstopper that offers 6 We are delighted to introduce the latest modhanced with ergonomics and functionality, while cabins and 6 bathrooms with a mix of layouts that el from the legendary Hanse Yacht brand - the its thoughtful arrangement gives the impression — suit you and your sailing needs best. There is no — brand new Hanse 460. This sailing yacht is the and space of a much larger yacht. Its elegant, wonder Bali catamaran concept has been coined flagship of the Hanse brand and lives up to the clean, and contemporary design amplifies Adri- "Open Space", thanks to the large motorized tilt- company's slogan - Breaking rules. Setting atic views on the Croatian coast, while its sleek and-turn door that fully opens up the space in trends. Radically innovative, agile, and incrediform is put into motion as powerful outboard en- seconds, and the new forward door that provides bly spacious inside and out, Hanse 460 brings gines present a thrilling driving experience up to access to the bows and forward cockpit. Like other unparalleled sailing comfort and provides that 40 knots. The deck layout steeps you into your Bali catamarans models, this beauty and its easi- at-home feeling the moment you step aboard! Adriatic Sea surroundings, with two sunbathing ly-accessible and comfortable cabins offer a warm. This yacht combines maximum innovation and areas on the bow optimized for summer loung- interior design with neutral tones and pops of color, traditional Hanse values, such as fast cruising ing. Its roomy cabins are also bathed in natural while the roomy lounge area and sunbathing deck and easy sailing - all with a modern and sporty light with the largest hull windows in its class and are just some of its built-in perks to help you relax look. A fully equipped galley, saloon made for a high standing height, making this model seem on your sailing holiday. But you don't even need lounging, a teak cockpit with fridge and barbemuch larger than a 36-foot yacht. Lounges and to be outside to enjoy the sea view, as the interi- que, and a large sunbathing area are designed dedicated spaces allow guests to relax through- or windows offer a panoramic perspective of the for a truly royal sailing vacation! After a good out the boat, while an aft cockpit awning and outdoors! This super-sized catamaran is designed night's rest in one of five cabins, have breakfast sunroof in the saloon make the Sealine C335v with comfort and entertaining mind, all it's missing in the cockpit while enjoying the sea breeze and is you and a group of your best friends!

### Hanse 460 The 2022 European Yacht of the Year - the best family cruiser

Adriatic view.



### One step forward to a top customer experience

We always aim to establish our commitment to our clients to ensure that their time with Croatia Yachting is unforgettable. That's why we have team members like Aleksandra from our charter department, and Luka, our aftersales manager, who both endeavor to deliver the Croatia Yachting experience our clients deserve!

We are delighted to announce that Alexandra Borjan has been promoted to Croatia Yachting's Customer Experience Leader! Alexandra has been an active member of our reservations team and a senior booking agent thus far; the face of Croatia Yachting in front of our devoted clients. Alexandra operates from our Kaštela base and oversees all experiences from our five charter bases in Kaštela, Biograd na Moru, Trogir, Šibenik, and Dubrovnik

We are also excited to introduce Luka Ćurin as our Aftersales Manager! Luka plays a crucial role to anyone that has purchased a new yacht with us. Not only does he handle all aftersales relations after our sales department seals the deal with one of the six yacht brands in our portfolio, but he is also the go-to contact to ensure that all yachts are cared for properly during and after the warranty period. As we don't want to leave our clients hanging once the deal is done, Luka is there to free new yacht owners of any worries, from communicating with the shipyards to coordinating and organizing the commissioning and pre-delivery inspection and to handle all warranty claims. Luka handles yachts sold within the entire Croatia Yachting fleet, outside the fleet, and operates in all five charter bases.

This promotion is crucial in confirming Croatia Yachting's dedication to our client's satisfaction; in our mission to solidify our place as one of the leading local yachting companies with one of the largest fleets.

Don't hesitate to contact us with anything you'd like to know about yachting on the Adriatic!



## **Start sailing** Food boxes

Beacuse every moment counts!

Leave the heavy lifting to us, skip unnecessary hours spent at the crowded grocery store, and get your products delivered straight to your yacht.

Start sailing food boxes provide **up to 65 different groceries** suitable for cooking on the boat and enough for: 3-4 lunches on the boat, 3-4 breakfasts on the boat, Up to 50 L of different drinks (water, juice, coca cola, beer, wine...)

Contact our booking team and order Start sailing food box: booking@croatia-yachting.hr

## Experience these **BRAND NEW YACHT MODELS**

Always dedicated to providing Yachting at it's 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 510 Bold and brilliant

Easy Sailing and Fast Cruising in a new, spectacular look: the innovative hull shape and the perfectly placed chine edges ensure ideal water drainage - a guarantee for unrestricted performance and ease of sailing. In addition, the yacht offers the largest tender garage in its class. The renowned design office Berret-Racoupeau has created completely new space dimensions on the 51-foot yacht. The spacious cockpit, unique in this class, is the perfect place to relax. The modern design creates an enormous amount of space inside and offers plenty of room for socializing and privacy. Every area is a true feel-good space, regardless if you choose the luxurious owner's version or any other layout, featuring up to 5 guest cabins and a skipper cabin.

### **Bali Catsmart** The Open Space concept just got smarter

The Open Space revolution continues with the latest model from the Bali Catamarans range - Bali CATSMART. With a length of 11.79 m and a width of 6.46 m, even though she's the smallest vacht of the range she still carries the distinctive Bali DNA and its features such as the solid forward cockpit, a comfortable saloon that merges with the aft cockpit as well as the unique BALI tilting door. The steering has never been easier thanks to two ergonomically designed helm positions on both sides. The layout offers a handful of options from either the owner version with two cabins and sumptuous bathrooms, to the charter version and amazing 4 guest cabins and two additional bow cabins, either for skippers or additional guests.

### Hanse 410 The best is yet to come

With the new Hanse 410, Hanse is now launching the third model in its revolutionary new series in collaboration with the yacht designers of Berret-Racoupeau. The latest development combines radically innovative design with the essential Hanse values: fast cruising and easy sailing. As with her successful big sisters, the Hanse 510 and the Hanse 460, the Hanse 410 also features an unusually large volume for her class. At sign with chines at the bow and stern ensures a slim waterline and thus the uncompromising performance and ease of sailing typical of Hanse. Furthermore, to sail particularly climate-friendly even without wind, the Hanse 410 will be optionally available with a newly developed electric drive system unique in its class.

### FJORD 41XL An iconic powerboat

A showstopper in every sense, the Fjord 41 XL is a powerboat of the superlative. A newly designed hull was developed to implement this ground-breaking concept, providing a thrilling driving experience without compromising comfort and safety at sea. Featuring the world's largest T-top with integrated sturdy roo pillars into the bulwarks completes the design-optimized interaction of hull, superstructure, and helm station. She offers outstanding sun protection. Besides the same time, the optimized hull de- the T-Top the new Fjord 41 XL comes with the largest hull windows integrated in any boat of this class. Thanks to the higher freeboards, she got significantly more volume in the interior to maximize comfort and the sense of space. With this model, Fjord goes one step further in the design concepts of avant-garde boats but also takes a leap into modular design in the deck area and the interior.



### **Ray Ferguson**

After 10 years of chartering in Croatia, Ray has decided to become a part of the Bali Yachting World charter management program

I am Ray Ferguson, and I work on global investments made by my family company in tech/digital, financial services. ESG information, and leisure marine markets. I had been chartering in Croatia for 10 years and had long considered getting my own catamaran. It was during a chartering visit in 2021 I showed my interest in Bali models. I met with Ivan from the Croatia Yachting Sales team. From then on, I worked with Ivan to put the whole purchase plan for Joie de Vivre, a 2021 Bali 4.6, together. He explained everything I wanted to know about the charter management program, in detail from our first interaction. What was important to me was the ability to use quite a lot of weeks for me and my family across the season, as well as the confidence that Croatia Yachting will look after my boat very well, since they are an official Bali dealer, as well as a charter operator. With one designated team member who gets to know the boat,

it's been very effective in having a smooth process of keeping her well cared for as well as managing some additional enhancement works. There is a fully comprehensive plan drawn up and agreed ahead of the winter maintenance period and it is executed without fuss. I have active communications with Jelena in bookings, Natasa in finance, accounting, and Silvio on technical side. All work very tightly together as a team and I think owners benefit from this being a scale business. CY sales team helped me and my lawyer work through all the purchase, insurance, charter, maintenance, and financing matters efficiently, sharing their time and expertise. I purchased the boat via a Croatian company as I am not an EU citizen and also for maximum financial efficiency.

I would add how important it is that there is a team effort across the whole system, to make owners' life easy. Last season we used about 7 weeks ourselves.

The boat was well turned out and the processes of booking, use and hand back were easy. I have had no issues with billing, charter revenue recovery, nor with maintenance cost surprises. Everything from the technical department is minutely itemized to provide transparency. Natasa's team works closely with our company accountant on settlement, both are as required. The charter returns analysis provided by Ivan at the outset ended up being very accurate once a full year's operations were compiled.

I would like to point out that Croatia Yachting is a wellrun end-to-end business and will provide excellent support through the journey even if a future owner has never owned a boat or dealt with the Croatian language financial, and legal processes. I think the Croatian charter yacht market is set for continued growth and happy to recommend Croatia Yachting as an excellent partner to fulfill your dreams!

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**.

TRY & BA

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** sales@croatia-yachting.hr or +385 21 332 348 Charter Management

## 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.

> BOOK YOUR TRY AND BUY WEEK OR ASK FOR MORE INFO sales@croatia-yachting.hr or +385 21 332 348

All models can be seen, tested, or chartered in our charter bases in Šibenik, Trogir, Kaštela, Dubrovnik or Biograd.

Your dream yacht is one request awa

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Brand/Model	Year	* Purchase price	** Annual profit (owner)	Financing down payment
Hanse 418	2024	265.496,00 €	25.210,00 €	99.561,00 €
Hanse 460	2024	400.770,00 €	41.670,00 €	150.288,75 €
Hanse 510	2024	542.942,00 €	60.997,00 €	203.603,25 €
Bali Catsmart	2024	404.891,00 €	41.807,00 €	151.834,13 €
Bali Catspace	2024	469.768,00 €	49.100,00 €	176.163,00 €
Bali 4.2	2024	577.864,00 €	52.618,00 €	216.699,00 €
Bali 4.6	2024	855.361,00 €	88.726,00 €	320.760,38 €
Bali 4.8	2024	1.105.535,00 €	103.778,00 €	414.575,63 €
Sealine C335V	2023	325.754,00 €	30.288,00 €	122.157,75 €

\* Fully equipped for charter and ready to sail/ \*The prices do 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 is subject to change with pricelist changes. / \*\*The profit is based on an average of 20 charter weeks. For the current prices please visit: www.hanseyachts.hr, www.bali-catamarans.hr and www.sealineyachts.hr



## 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 12 – 17 Sep 2023

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 25– 29 Oct 2023 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 boating destination, and we will, yet again, have an exhibition there. You can expect a vast range of yachts on display and our booking team will participate on another Croatia Charter Expo!

### ILTM Cannes. 4 – 7 Dec 2023

ILTM is a global event for the luxury travel industry that introduces global travel buyers to an the exquisite offer of Croatia Yachting.

### Boot Dusseldorf 20 - 28 Jan 2024

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!

### Hanse Cup Adriatic May 2024

10th edition of the Hanse Cup Adriatic regatta took place in May 2023. It is getting bigger and more exciting every year and during the last HCA 23 Hanse yachts have joined, counting more than 130 team members from over 10 countries. From May 06 to May 10 we took the regatta contenders around the islands of Split and Šibenik archipelago. The first leg of the regatta sailed from Kaštela to Tribunj, the second from Tribunj to Šibenik, and the third from Šibenik to Maslinica, on the island of Šolta. We even organized a 'Baraka dinghy race' in which crews rowed to a case of beer, with the CRO crew "Purple rain" receiving fine wine from Baraka. 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 11th edition look. Salon Nautique de Paris

### December, 2024

The Nautic Paris International Boat Show gathers every year, at the beginning of December and covers all the sectors of the nautical industries. It becomes on this occasion the largest indoor port in France and one of the most important boat shows of its kind in the world.



### Croatia Yachting Calendar

## Hanse Cup Adriatic

We are excited to start planning the 11th edition of Hanse Cup Adriatic, which will be held in May 2024. 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 2023, with the support of UNIQA Insurance as the platinum sponsor, ACI marinas and OTP leasing as golden sponsors, North Sails as award sponsors and Baraka winery as an official wine of the regatta.

23 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 and Šibenik archipelagos 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 Tribunj, with good sailing conditions. Afterwards, our competitors enjoyed themselves in the unique restaurant a few km away from the charming town of Tribunj. The second leg was marked with beautiful North Dalmatia islands sceneries, while sailing towards Šibenik, the city with two UNESCO-protected sights. On the last day, we woke up to see good sailing conditions so the race to breathtaking Maslinica 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!

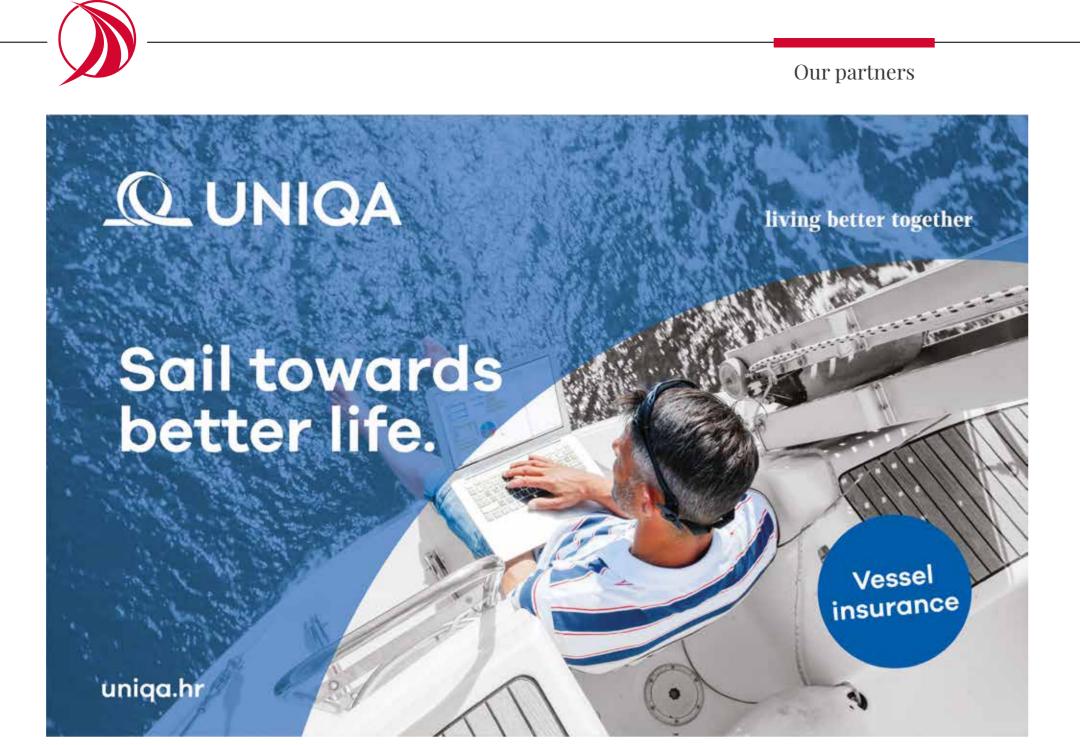




### And now it's time to get ready for **Hanse Cup Adriatic 2024!**

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 No, there is not, while the sea is calm, and you are even sink it, as well as from maritime accidents, boat, and you start feeling happy butterflies in your on the mainland during a storm. For you to feel safe while you can also insure your boat equipment – stomach? Your vessel takes you into a reality in while your boat is moored in a port and while you the engine system and accessories, even your bewhich only you and the sea exist. There is no world are enjoying the delights of discovering hidden longings on board. The best manner of protecting around you to bother you, only the wind that helps bays and the sunset, it is important to properly in- your vessel is by arranging all-risk insurance, which you set your course, the sky above you and the sea sure your vessel. Only thereafter, your navigation covers theft, as well as the costs of retrieving and below you. Freedom. A rest for your soul. Is there is carefree. You can insure your vessel with UNIQA disposing of the wreckage. Because one must navanything more beautiful than that?

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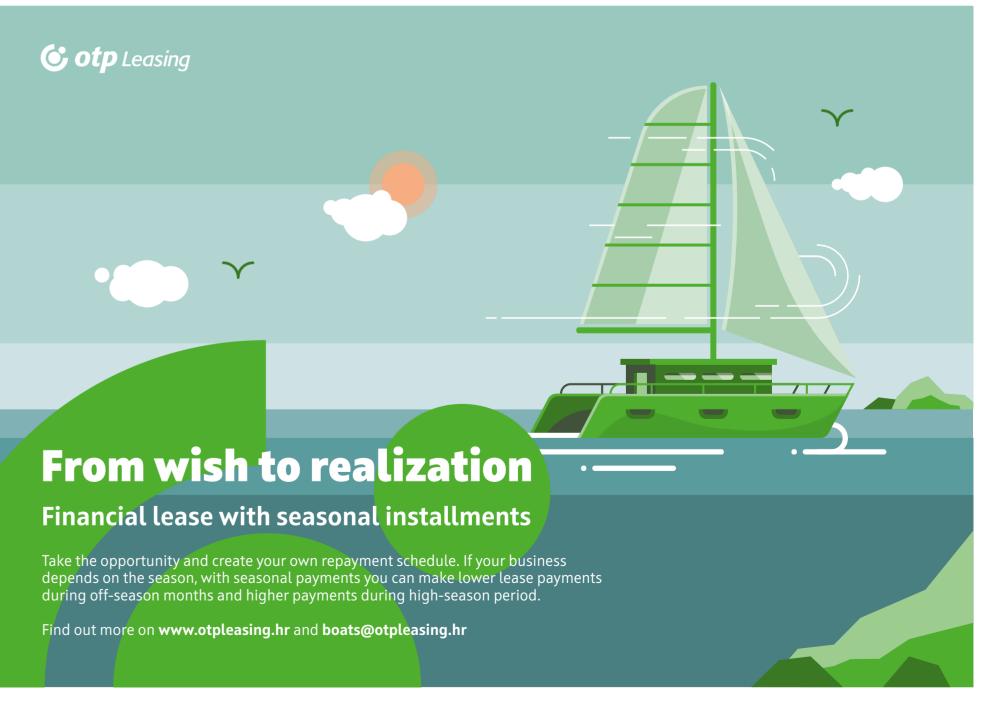


### **OTP Leasing** *Wind in sails* of nautical sector

OTP Leasing has been existing on the Croatian market since 2006 with progress rate growing constantly as well as increased market shares, whilst their engagement in the nautical sector has been more powerful in the last few years. OTP Leasing has more than the market leader in vessel financing on the Croatian

They offer their services in nine branch offices across Croatia, five of them on the Adriatic. They take an active part in all relevant nautical fairs like Yachting Festival in Cannes, Boot Düsseldorf, Budapest Boat Show, 350 vessels in its portfolio and in last 2 years has been Zagreb Boat Show, Biograd Boat Show, including B2B events in Croatia and Europe. They constantly attend market. Cooperates with the largest charter opera- a few premier league international regattas like Adri-

tors, general importers, vessel producers and others. atic Lagoon Regatta and Hanse Cup Adriatic. Aiming at meeting quality, simple and fast financial solutions for their business partners, OTP Leasing finances new and used vessels with a fixed or floating interest rate in EUR or HRK, to companies and individuals for charter and private purposes through operational and financial leasing up to 84 months, different amounts of deposits, and numerous other possibilities.





## The most interesting Adriatic islands

Your *guide for yacht charter* in Croatia

an Adriatic sailing holiday, Croatia

A dream for yachters on an Adriatic sailing holiday, Croatia abounds in seaside charms-and some of the Adriatic Coast's most alluring attractions are the extraordinary shapes, scenery, and stories of the islands themselves.

### Galešnjak

### (Croatia's heart-shaped island)

Galešnjak, Croatia's famous heart-shaped island, has gained popularity not only for its frame - while there are only three heart-shaped islands in the world, Galešnjak is the only to continuously maintain its shape! Located south of Zadar, Galešnjak is one of Croatia's uninhabited islands that has protected the island of Pašman with envy for thousands of years. Not only is it popular amongst romantic tourists, but Beyonce is said to have celebrated her birthday there this year! Because it's only reachable by boat with no tourist facilities on land, its exclusivity certainly adds to its romanticism. Once you're there, you'll see why.

### Gaz (Croatia's fish-shaped island)

For those of you looking to capture a true symbol of the Mediterranean, there is no better island than Gaz, which resembles a fish - one of the most important factors of Mediterranean food. Another un-



inhabited Croatian island, Gaz is one of the islands that make up Brijuni National Park, so it is best-visited if you're sailing the northern Adriatic Sea and find yourselves near Pula (just 3 miles away). Because no public transportation is available to Gaz, visiting this fish-shaped island is a must on your next yacht charter, as private boats get the perks.

### Baljenac (Croatia's fingerprint island)

It's not every day you find something in nature that resembles perhaps the most intricate detail of humans, that is, until you've met Baljenac Island. Located on your Šibenik sailing route, Croatia's fingertip island got its nickname thanks to the help of nature and the human effort of dry-stone walling, a traditional method used to cultivate grapevines and fruits. Human hands thus assembled 23 kilometres of dry stone wall on Baljenac's tiny area of only 0.14km2, which is fitting, given the island now resembles the very thing that brought it to life. While Baljenac is best seen from above, the view from your sailboat does this stone paradise justice.

### Vela Stupa

This tiny islet near Korčula Island is known for its unparalleled beauty, blissful beach scenery, and unaffected nature. It has also become one of Croatia's most Instagrammable locations in recent years. Vela Stupa today is best-known for Moro Beach Stupe, a unique concept that joins local cuisine and chilled vibes with the striking Stupa setting, and all of this just two nautical miles south of Korčula town. For gourmands, hedonists, and melophiles, Vela Stupa is one of the hottest summer locales you'll visit on your yacht charter. We promise you'll get a few Insta-worthy posts to share, too.



#### Are you ready to explore the unrivaled gems of the Croatian coast? Contact our charter specialists to choose the best yacht for your sailing adventure, from

best yacht for your sailing adventure, from one unique Croatian island to the next.





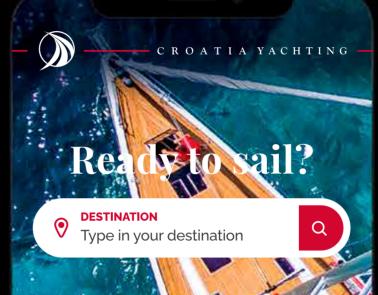
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Your Korčula sailing route doesn't stop at Vela Stupa. At the entrance to Vela Luka bay is Proizd, known as the 'magic island' for its spellbinding scenery. No stranger to international media which has praised it as one of the Adriatic's most beautiful beaches, Proizd's whimsical white stone slabs meet the cerulean sea to form an unforgettable ambiance that's more than easy on the eyes. Proizd beachgoers can also enjoy local specialties and refreshing cocktails to enhance the already unrivaled experience, all of which helps it earn its name as Croatia's island of magic.

### Mrduja

Located between the islands of Brač and Šolta, Mrduja is an uninhabited islet that boasts a single lighthouse and fort ruins, and has become famou thanks to two events - a regatta that will celebrate its goth edition this year, and a 'tug of war' event between the inhabitants of Brač and Šolta. The Mrdujska Regatta has been ongoing since October 1927, following the example of the famous America's Cup, and is one of the oldest sailing regattas in Europe. Hundreds of boats join in the local festivity, creating a sailing spectacle on the 22-mile route from Split- Mrduja-Split. And if regattas aren't your thing? Milna and Stomorska locals from the islands of Brač and Šolta take part in a satirical boat tug-ofwar, all in an effort to 'pull' the islet of Mrduja closer and claim it as their territory! One thing is for certain - there is never a dull moment if your Solta sailing route comes across either event.

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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)

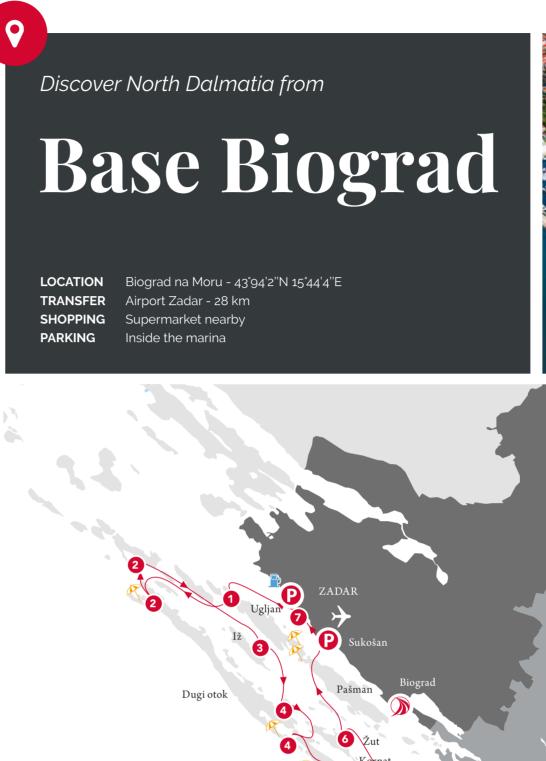
A Renaissance masterpiece

vour 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 as numerous islands and three national parks.

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- Adriatic coast with a typical look of an old fishing town.

Sometimes overlooked as a holiday destination in fa- 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 protectcoastal towns of Zadar, Šibenik and Primošten as well ed from all winds and is ideal as a starting point of your cruise. Numerous churches, monasteries, palaces and The city of Zadar is unique for its thousand-year-old four fortresses 'frame' the city, and also testify to the urban existence which makes it one of the oldest cities 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







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 heigh 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

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SHOPPING PARKING

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



### 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 one of the most interesting tourist destinations Dioclatian, knuckled under the sight of crystal sea, hidden bays, dense woods and rugged karst ety of their offer make it a very attractive sailing landscapes of the Central Dalmatia. Historic little destination, too. The old TROGIR, often called a

worldwide. The number of islands and the vari-

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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 lifetowns, beautiful sceneries, authentic cuisine and museum town, is situated on a small island be- style in a UNESCO world heritage site and one of friendly hosts have helped this region become tween the mainland and the island of Čiovo. It has the world's most impressive Roman monuments.



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## Base Kaštela

PARKING

LOCATION Kaštel Gomilica - 43°32´7<sup>°</sup>N 16°24´4<sup>°</sup>E TRANSFER Airport Split – 9,5 km; Port Split – 14 km **SHOPPING** Supermarket in the marina and nearby 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**

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LOCATION Marina Baotić, Seget Donji - 43°31' 3" N 16°13' 56" E TRANSFER Airport Split- 7.3 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- With its sublime location, overlooking the blue waters making destination with the city of Dubrovnik as its of the Adriatic, DUBROVNIK is one of the world's most capital. Dubrovnik is known worldwide as a true pearl magnificent walled cities. It's a UNESCO world heritof the Mediterranean, but one must not forget the age site and Croatia's most known destination. Don't picturesque towns, replete with history and exquisite miss visiting Dubrovnik city walls and the main street natural beauty, which surround the city on both sides Stradun. If you want to enjoy the breathtaking view and greatly add to its appeal. Remains of fortifications of the town, take Dubrovnik cable car to the hill Srd<sup>-</sup>. which testify to a long history of repulsed invasions The town of Korc<sup>\*</sup>ula, known as the birthplace of the can be found throughout the area. The most known adventurer and traveller Marco Polo, is sprung up on islands of this area are Korc´ula, Lastovo and Mljet, a small penninsula overlooking the Pelješac channel. very popular for sailing.

### Highlights

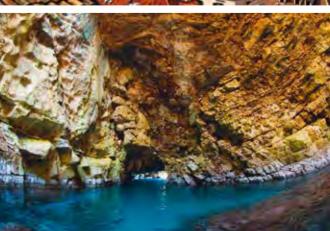
DUBROVNIK OLD TOWN World-famous cultural site MARCO POLO'S HOUSE IN KORČULA Situated in the very heart of the old town **MLJET NATIONAL PARK** Two seawater lakes and a large coral reef LASTOVO NATURE PARK Reserve of inviolate nature

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.









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### **Base Dubrovnik**

PARKING

Sušac

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



### Sightseeing spots

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 the Dubrovnik cable car to the hill Srđ.







Natural wonders

# Flafti Islands

A dreamy archipelago just north of Dubrovnik

The Elaphiti Islands, a dreamy archipelago just northwest pristine beaches. Today, the Elaphiti islands are hard to miss find the remains of a Roman villa and a 15th-century Gothic of the better-known town of Dubrovnik, are a must-see for on any Dubrovnik sailing route, and with three marinas in the duke's palace. Records show that there are around 42 sumboaters 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 of Šipanska Luka, on the other side of the island, you can

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, Sipan'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 Suđurađ, one of the two only settlements on this island. In the village

mer 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 Sipan 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 Sunj. It can be reached by boat, on foot following the marked and wooded

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 vou 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 way to reach this beautiful archipelago is from ACI Marina Dubrovnik in Komolac







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 carfree 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 vou 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 Daksa 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 Dino, Kod Marka is a casual seaside eatery and haven of local cuisine where seafood is king.

Near Suðurað 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.

Adriatic gastro moments

## **Martinis Marchi** Restaurant



Situated in the charming Maslinica Bay, on the west side of the island of Šolta, just above the awarded modern marina and luxurious heritage Castle hotel, times, creating the unforgettable smells, colours, nean-inspired restaurant.

tastes of Dalmatia. All dishes are often accompanied by a respectable wine list of the best domestic and international wineries. Awarded for the impeccable MARTINIS MARCHI Restaurant is one of the perfect service, their passion for high-quality local and seayachting destinations for peaceful Mediterranean sonal products and rich cuisine creates amazing molifestyle lovers. The restaurant is led by the expe- ments of absolute culinary pleasure. Fresh fish, olive rienced chef Toni Miloš with his team, and they are oil, wine, and honey from the island are the chef's combining modern culinary trends with domestic favourite ingredients with which unique, mouth-warecipes that have been in these areas from ancient tering, hearty dishes are prepared in this Mediterra-





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### "Popara" a'la Martinis Marchi

Recipe

Ingredients White wild fish from the Adriatic Sea 800 g Potatoes 200 g Red onion 200 g Carrot 200 g Garlic 3 cloves Parsley 30 g Salt, pepper White wine "Pošip Dom Kalebić" 100 milliliters "Olynthia" extra virgin olive oil 50 millilitres Fish stock 600 millilitres

Instructions: Parsley, potatoes, red onion, garlic, and carrot wash out, peel and cut into pieces (size of a coin, 5-6 mm wide). Clean the fish and cut it into mid-size pieces. Saute the vegetables spiced with salt and pepper in the pan on the extra virgin olive oil until brown-colored. Cover with the fish stock and cook until the vegetables are half-cooked. Add the fish slices to the boiling vegetables and add also the remaining part of the fish stock to cover the fish pieces. Cook for approx. 10 mins until vegetables soften. While cooking, add white wine, "Pošip Dom Kalebić" and let it boil shortly.

Serving: Before serving, sprinkle with freshly cut parsley and add a few drops of extra virgin olive oil.



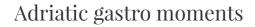


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## **Bowa Restaurant**

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### Recipe Dubrovnik fish stew 'Popara'

Ingredients 2 large onions 0.5 kg potatoes 0.2 kg carrots 0.1 bunch of parsley Root of parsley 3 cloves of garlic Fish stock 1 kg white fish Salt, pepper

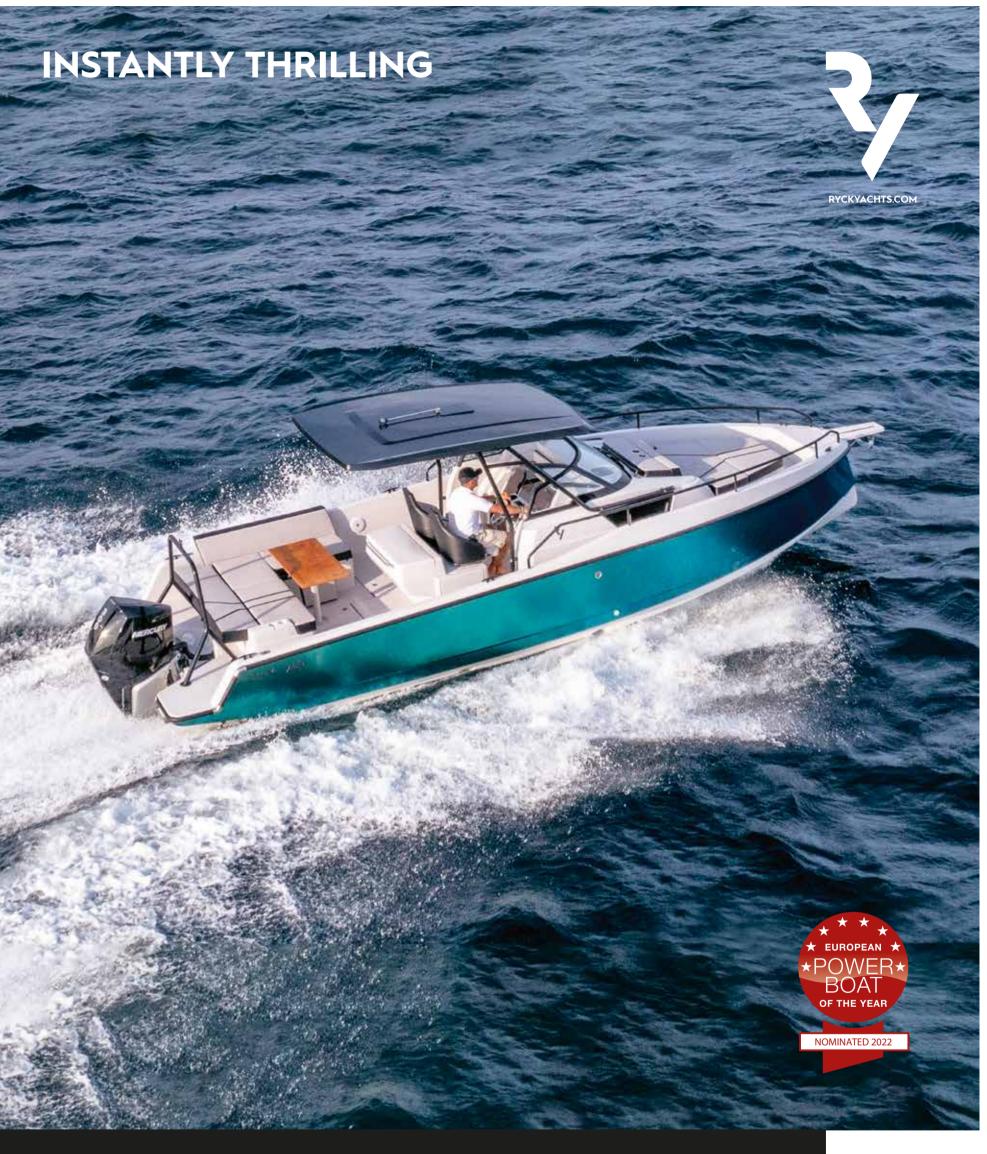
Place a large pot on the stove, add olive oil, and sauté the onions sliced in "half-moon" shapes. tatoes sliced into rounds. Let the potatoes release their starch, then add finely chopped garlic and parsley root. Once everything is well sautéed, add the fish stock and 0.1L of white wine. Season with salt and let it come to a boil. Monitor the tenderness of the potatoes and once tender, add the fish. It's best to use a mix of fish, such as mackerel and scorpionfish or hake, for the richness that enhances the broth's flavor. For example, mackerel is very tender, so it should be added to-wards the end. Towards the end, add a little mix of pepper and olive oil according to your preference (we recommend using a generous amount). Rustically serve the dish in the pot.





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island olive oil. Between courses, enjoy a dip in the Adriatic sea – the perfect palate cleanser during your long, sourced, organic ingredients, supporting local farmers



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# **Traditional Dalmatian Desserts**

In a country abounding in history, it's no surprise that ancient customs carry many culinary traditions, and the desserts of Dalmatia will undoubtedly be the sweet cherry on top of your sailing vacation. But what should you taste to tempt your sugary palate while at sea? We have a list of Dalmatia's top desserts you won't want to leave the county before eating.

### Paradižot

This decadent yet delicate Dalmatian dessert is a favorite after-dinner treat found on many traditional dining tables. With eggs in focus, likely retrieved that morning, there is no better feeling than your grandmother's warm and welcoming hands serving you paradižot. But what is it, exactly? You may recognize it better in variations seen around the world. The English, for example, call it 'floating island', the French 'les œufs à la neige' (snow eggs), the Germans Schnee-Eier (also snow eggs), and the Poles zupa nic (bird's milk). Layered with Maraschino-cherry soaked biscuits (usually Petit Beurre), sugared and whisked egg-white

dumplings dropped in warm milk, and a lemon-hinted egg-yolk custard, this dessert is sprinkled with shaved chocolate before it's cooled to refresh you on a warm summer day.

#### Rožata

Rožata is part of the gastronomic heritage of medieval Dalmatia, especially Dubrovnik, and is said to have survived the threat of Venetians and Ottomans. While this recipe has been passed down by generations for centuries, it has maintained its original form, which you may find similar to flan, creme caramel, or creme brulee. The base of the recipe is milk, eggs, and sugar, with lemon zest and caramel. Should you wish to keep the traditions of Dubrovnik alive, you can enrich your rožata with rose liqueur. Former US President George W. Bush was even served rožata for dessert at a gala dinner in Zagreb during his visit in 2008!

#### Arančini

Because any candied fruit peel is worth trying. Perhaps the simplest dessert dish on the list, arančini is said to be a specialty of the Neretva Valley, which wouldn't be far off thanks to their mandarin harvest each year. To make arančini, all you need are orange peels, sugar, and water. Yes, that's it. And in addition to being that simple, arančini are a great way to limit waste. So why not put those orange peels to good use for this sweet and sour Dalmatian treat? But the fun doesn't stop there. Limunčini is also popular, which is essentially lemon peels made the same way!

#### Split cake

Splitska torta (or Split cake) gives away its origins in its name. This heavenly cake uses fruits you'll typically find in the Dalmatian climate, like walnuts, figs, and raisins. The cake part itself is pretty simple. Chop walnuts, figs, and raisins and mix with flour, sugar, and

egg whites. Bake for 20 or so minutes while preparing a cream of egg whites, sugar, and butter. This layered cake boasts bites of cream and an explosion of Dalmatia's best flavors in each bite.

This traditional Split dessert is seen on all occasions, from weddings to decked-out Christmas tables, and one thing is for sure - it never goes out of style. The City of Split even promotes this cake as part of its traditional culinary heritage while celebrating its patron saint, Saint Domnius. The tastiest Splitska torta wins!

#### Fritule

There is no Christmas morning in Dalmatia without the smell of fritule, or fried dough balls that resemble donut holes in the United States. With sweet scents of citrus and powdered sugar, these addictive treats are commonplace around the region any time of the year, though they hit differently once you bite into one with that festive Christmas morning dew.

While there are many variations for fritule, with many fun additions discovered over the years, fritule are quite simple in their original form. Perhaps the most common fritule recipe to follow includes yogurt, eggs, vanilla sugar (and regular sugar), flour, baking powder, and, of course, a touch of rakija (the best Balkan spirit). Whisk the mixture in a bowl, heat some oil, and use a spoon to form perfectly rounded balls while frying. Once you pop them out, powder them with sugar and try not to finish them off all at once!









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### Wine inspiration



## ADalmatian 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'.

troduction to some Croatian wine varieties.

### White Grape Varieties

whites, and grows in abundance on the Dalmatian is- Mali is the dominant grape variety in Dalr lands. Vugava is indigenous to the island of Vis, and grown on the mainland an

Our Wine Odyssey will guide you to some of the best is a dry white wine, with deep colour and full aromas, wineries on your sailing route in central and southern from the Šibenik area. Lighter in alcohol content than Dalmatia. In the meantime, let us give you a quick in- typical Dalmatian whites, Debit is perfect for a relaxed summer afternoon

### **Red Wines**

As it's summer, we'll start with some crisp whites to Crljenak Kaštelanski is the origin of the famed Calidelight; the perfect pairing to your fresh grilled fish fornian Zinfandel and grows in the hills above Split. and summer salads. Pošip is the Queen of Dalmatian Plavac Mali is the King of Dalmatian Reds. Plavac like many grapes, it is thought to have been brought — A rich wine with forest berries, pepper and spice; to Croatia by the Greeks who first inhabited the area. when oak-aged it can develop beautiful depth and Grk is a unique wine, the grape grows exclusively in a elegance. Be sure to try the famous appellations alled Lumbarda on island Korčula, just 💿 Dingač and Postup from the Pelješac Peninsula. En oy alongside your lamb peka. Babić is a ruby-red







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!

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 creativity, 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. **€** +385 99 815 5517 **₫** info@stina-vino.hr ♀ 43° 32' 55" N 16° 25' 39" E

Hvar island an ancient Roman dining room.

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### Putalj Winery, Kaštel Sućurac (Split)

Let's start in Kaštela, near Split which is home to the grape Crljenak Kaštelanski known better as Zinfandel. Through genetic profiling, it was discovered that the origin of the famed Californian Zinfandel is Crljenak Kaštelanski (impress your wine friends with this knowledge when you return home)! Winemaker Anton Kovač blends 85% Zinfandel with 15% Plavac Mali (Zinfandel's offspring) 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

#### 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-andwife 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,

#### 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 Peliešac 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 Prapratno 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 Greeks first sailed into Hvar in the 4th century legendary Napa Valley winemaker behind BC and vineyards have been cultivated here the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay; ever since. Andro Tomić was born on Hvar this is the wine which bested several white and is a legend in the winemaking world. Burgundy wines in a blind tasting - which Andro has 20 years of professional training was later dubbed 'The Judgement of Parin France and elsewhere before he returned is'. In 1996, Miljenko moved back to Croatia to produce his own wine - following a 150- and established Grgić wines; together with year family tradition in winemaking. Island his daughter and nephew, they started pro-Hvar is known as one of the sunniest islands ducing fine wines from Dalmatian grapes. in Croatia and provides perfect conditions Grgić Pošip (white) and Grgić Plavac Mali for vines, producing rich and robust Plavac (red) are known world-wide and feature on Mali, Pošip and other autochthonous varie- the wine list of many prestigious restauties. The new Tomić winery is located in Jel- rants. Anchor in any of the coves surroundsa with a brilliant tasting room modelled on ing 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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### 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 at Krajančić winery, located in the seaside gorgeous winery set atop a hill, overlooking the Adriatic, surrounded by vineyards and gardens (tomatoes, beans, Mediterranean herbs). Tastings take place inside a spires the other! Most of the top restaurants quaint stone house and are accompanied in Croatia have Krajančić wines on their list. by small bites - like homemade goat's cheese and pršut. Wine tastings are only during certain hours, be sure to call and anchor nearby and drop in. book a spot beforehand.

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#### Krajančić Winerv. Korčula island

Luka Krajančić is the owner and winemaker village of Zavalatica on the south side of Korčula island. As a poet, Luka brings his art to winemaking - in fact, one probably in-Luka's Pošip is often called the best Pošip in the world, so it would be foolish not to

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## 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 Hanse 675 So-So, a stunning 20.95-meter sailing yacht with three bedrooms perfect for six 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 Hanse 675 So-So 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 get to explore stunning islands from your Marina Kašte-

'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 Hanse 675 So-So also means you

la base, like Lučice Bay on Brač Island or the many treats sprinkled on Hvar and Vis, from the popular Hvar town to the laid-back Komiža. 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 Hanse 675 So-So.

### Swan Croatia Challenge makes Croatia one of world's top yachting centres

Once again, one of the most prestigious regattas in the world - the Swan Croatia Challenge - has taken place ufacturer of luxury sailing boats, ACI has started the centre offers 'turnkey' solutions for boat hire, giving in Croatia, with ACI and ACI Sail as its proud hosts. By unique ACI Sail ClubSwan 36 training centre in Split – its clients the opportunity to participate in exclusive organising this exclusive race, Split and Croatia have one of a kind in the whole world – and today boasts six ClubSwan races without worries and with minimal orbecome yachting centres on the world's nautical elite ClubSwan 36 sailing boats, which is the largest scene, proving once more that they bear comparison such fleet in the world. Owing to the ACI Sail project many other services, such as team building, training with the trendy yachting destinations such as Mon- and the training centre, the experience of top-class sessions and courses taught by celebrated Croatian te Carlo, Porto Cervo and St Tropez. In an exclusive sailing, which, until now, could only be enjoyed by sailing Olympians.

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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 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.

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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 Intan- 🕒 The island of Biševo has only 13 residents. gible 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 vinevards
- Croatia has 1,246 islands, isles and islets; counting separately it is 79 islands, 525 islets and 642 reefs and ridges





The island of Cres is home to the last remaining col-

- ony of griffon vultures.
- The last specimens of the Mediterranean seal live in the Croatian aquatorium.

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.

### 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.

### What our guests say...

### • Nick H., New Zeland

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 Kas<sup>\*</sup>tela, 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 excelent experience. Thanks very much.

#### • Tash P., New Zeland

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

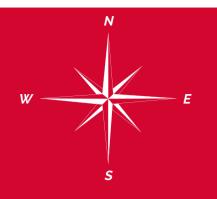
Croatia Yachting staff was extremely helpfull and knowledable - all of my questions were answered instantly and accurately. I cannot praise the Croatia Yachting staff highly enough.

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 Yachtina

#### 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.



#### 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.



#### 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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