

Croatia (Dalmatia) & Montenegro

Eternal Romance

- private tour for honeymooners

Fourteen-night tour: 2 nights in Split, 5 nights in Hvar, 2 night in Korčula, 5 nights in Dubrovnik

HIGHLIGHTS

SPLIT - the Vestibule of Paradise (UNESCO)

HVAR - the sunniest island in Europe

KORČULA - where the Silk Road begins...

ELAPHITI ISLANDS - forgotten in the tides of change

DUBROVNIK - the Pearl of Mediterranean (UNESCO)

MONTENEGRO - Wild Beauty (UNESCO: Kotor)

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

- Cruise around the most beautiful islands of Croatia with a private motor boat
- Private wine tasting at the famous Tomic winery on the island of Hvar
- Private ride with a small traditional boat to the island of Our Lady of the Rock in Montenegro

DAY 1: arrival to SPLIT

Arrival to Split airport; flight details TBA.

Meet your driver for a private transfer to the Vestibul Palace - luxury boutique hotel situated in the heart of the 1700 years old Diocletian's Palace in Split. You will have a unique chance to stay in the former suites of the Roman emperor. Upon arrival, enjoy a special honeymoon room decoration: flowers and candles, as well as complimentary room service should you wish to dine in the hotel.



DAY 2: SPLIT

Meet your guide in the hotel lobby for a private sightseeing tour of **Split**, a 1700 years old town with famous Diocletian's Palace, included in the UNESCO's World Heritage list.





The first inhabitant of Split was the Roman emperor Diocletian who started to build his palace in this friendly bay around 293 AD. After his abdication he withdrew to this luxurious palace to enjoy the rest of his days. Your guide will take you for a walk through this living monument and all its magnificent sights. You will discover the basement halls of the Palace and their unique role in the history of Split. Then you will continue to the Peristyle, the main square of the Palace that preserved the cult of emperor as the son of god. You will visit the Cathedral of St. Domnius, the patron-saint of Split, the temples of the Palaces, as well as the suites of the Emperor. You will explore the waterfront promenade of Split, the lively open green market and the monuments not only from antiquity, but also from the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Baroque. After the tour, you can enjoy some time at your

leisure to immerse your self into town's famous Mediterranean charm, the mixture of historic layers and the silent beats of history.

DAY 3: SPLIT - HVAR

This morning meet your skipper for a private motor boat transfer to the island of Hvar. Enjoy the cruise through the islands with a glass of champagne on board. Hvar is a unique fusion of the luxurious Mediterranean nature and the remarkable cultural and historical heritage.

Upon arrival, check in to the Adriana Hotel – the best luxury boutique hotel in Hvar. In the afternoon, enjoy a complimentary 30-min Steam & Glow treatment in Adriana Sensori Spa and indulge all your senses.

DAY 4: HVAR island tour

This morning you will meet your local guide at the lobby for a full day exploration of the island of Hvar – known as the sunniest place in Europe and one of the most beautiful islands in the world.

You will start your day with the walking tour of the **town of Hvar** – a perfect harmony of the New and Old. Your guide will take you for a stroll through the inexhaustible treasury of the cultural heritage of Hvar.



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You will visit the largest square in Dalmatia, the town loggia and the Gothic and Renaissance palaces, one of the oldest theaters in Europe, the mighty Arsenal, the glorious Cathedral of St. Stephan, as well as the impressive Franciscan Monastery that today houses a collection of lace, manuscripts and books. After the tour of the town, you may wish to visit the Hvar Fortress, a 16th century citadel built in the time of the Venetian rule. Perched on a hill above the

ramparts, it dominates over the town and offers spectacular views of Hvar and the Pakleni islands.

Then, through the beautiful landscape of vineyards, olive-groves and lavender fields you will come to **Jelsa**, a small town with a long winemaking tradition. Throughout the centuries of rich and turbulent history, people on Hvar cultivated their vineyards with great skill and care, blessed with the lushness of Mediterranean. Today you will enjoy a private wine tasting at the Tomić family winery in Jelsa. Following the tradition of their ancestors, Tomić family has dedicated their life to producing high quality wines and promoting wine culture.

After the wine tasting, your guide and driver will take you to **Stari Grad** (Old Town), the former Greek colony of PHAROS and the first settlement of the island. A thousand years of history have left many traces in the urban structure of the Town. The Town Walls of Pharos, built by the Greeks the 4th century BC, the Roman mosaics, the early Christian church of St. John, the mediaeval streets and above all Tvrđalj - the Renaissance fortified castle are all the signposts through a millennium long life of the town. A stroll through the town centre, its narrow streets and small squares will bring you the whisperings of the foregone times.

DAY 5: HVAR

Today enjoy the unsurpassed seafront ambiance, first-class amenities and inspiring surroundings of the famous **Bonj 'les bains' beach**. Bonj's exclusive offer includes private stone cabanas, individual and couples massage at Sensori Ô, sun beds, showers as well as dining and entertainment.

This is an exquisite way to enjoy the Adriatic's azure waters and fragrant breeze.



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DAY 6: HVAR



Today you will have an opportunity to experience Hvar in a unique romantic way. After a day at your leisure, your skipper will meet you in the hotel and take you on a one-of-a-kind cruise. Indulge all your sense in a gourmet dinner that will be served onboard. One of Hvar's finest restaurants, Gariful, will cater just for you tonight. As you string up delicious bites on the necklace of pleasure, you

will sail out into the sunset of spectacular views. Immerse yourself into the enchanting flavors and scents and discover the ultimate Mediterranean treasures – the exquisite cuisine and the crystal-clear sea.

After this romantic cruise, you may continue to enjoy Hvar and its dazzling nightlife – in the endless bar, lounges and night clubs.

DAY 7: HVAR

Today enjoy a whole day at your leisure.

DAY 8: HVAR – KORČULA

This morning meet your skipper for a private transfer to the island of Korčula.

Upon arrival, you will check in to the Lesic Dimitri Palace Hotel – a unique property that tells an extraordinary tale of Marco Polo and his Silk Road...

Upon arrival, enjoy your welcome amenities in the room: bottle of the best local sparkling wine and petit sweets.

DAY 9: KORČULA

Enjoy the morning at your leisure.

In the afternoon, you will meet your local guide for a private walking tour of the Old Town of **Korčula**. This secluded part of the world is known as the home town of Marco Polo – the first world traveler. This is where his silk road began. But the visitors often joke that it can't be true – after all, if the famous explorer



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has indeed been born here, he would have never left...

With more than 2000 years of history, the former Greek colony of the "Black Korčula" (Korkyra Melaina) resisted the sieges of centuries and remained a living monument that is now yours to discover... Through the narrow cobblestone streets you will come to the Cathedral of St. Marko, an architectural masterpiece in Gothic and Renaissance style. Its construction is an admirable testimony of

the artistry of the local stone masons and the excellent adamant stone of the island. You will visit also the Town Museum of Korčula, with its interesting exhibits illustrating the island's glorious naval history. Your stroll will finally take you to Marko Polo's childhood home - a modest mediaeval house from which originates this great Venetian merchant, writer and traveler. The mediaeval city walls have surrounded the town since the 14th century and its mighty fortification deterred many invaders.

Enjoy the evening at your leisure in Korcula.

DAY 10: KORČULA - ELAPHITI - DUBROVNIK

This morning meet your skipper for a private transfer to Dubrovnik. You will enjoy the cruise towards the **Elaphiti Islands**, a breathtaking archipelago of thirteen lovely islands, the guardians of Dubrovnik seas. Blessed with lush woodland and white, rocky outcrops that enhance the deep blues and greens of the Adriatic, Elaphiti are the true gems of unique beauty. Cruise around the isles' many coves, hidden bays, sandy beaches and fishing villages, with ample opportunity for sunbathing and swimming in the crystal-clear waters. Only three islands are inhabited: Šipan, Lopud and Koločep. Others are just oasis for the seagulls seldom disturbed by the lonesome visitor in search for tranquil solitude. During the 15th century, many aristocratic Dubrovnik families built their summer manors on Elaphiti Islands. Today, they are just the remnants with a long history full of stories and legends that echo, forgotten in the tides of change.

Upon arrival to Dubrovnik, check in to your hotel - The Bellevue - and enjoy its splendid location, stunning views and chic ambiance. You will be welcomed with flowers, petit



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chocolates and champagne in the room.

DAY 11: DUBROVNIK tour



Spend the morning at your leisure.

In the early afternoon, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby for a private tour of **Dubrovnik** – one of the most beautiful stone-built cities in the world.

A town-museum is a one-of-a-kind destination which will make you fall in love with it and come back to it over and over again in an endless pursuit of unique experiences. More than a thousand-year history is reflected in every part of this town. An important maritime port and a one-time state, it has always been a cultural metropolis. As one of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Dubrovnik owes its special charm to the historic monuments which testify to its rich history. The works of artists, writers and scientists of Dubrovnik have been woven into the texture of the town. While

strolling with your guide down Stradun, the main street, you will stop to visit the Franciscan monastery of the “Order of Little Brothers” that preserves one of the three oldest pharmacies in Europe. You will continue down to Orlando Column and the Sponza Palace and visit the Church of St. Blasius, the patron-saint of the town. You will also discover Rector’s Palace, the magnificent structure of the dukes of Dubrovnik, and the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary with a treasury containing the originals by Tiziano and Rafaelo and many other valuable relicts.

The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 12: DUBROVNIK

Spend the day at your leisure. The sun beds at the beautiful sandy beach of the Bellevue Hotel are reserved just for you, for your perfect lazy day in the sun.

DAY 13: MONTENEGRO HIGHLIGHTS

This morning meet your driver in the hotel lobby for a private transfer to **Montenegro** – a mystical land of wild beauties. Your local guide will welcome you at the borderline of Croatia and Montenegro. You will ride



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through **Boka Kotorska**, the only fiord in the Mediterranean, surrounded by high cliffs that reflect in the deep blue sea.



Your first destination is the old town of **Perast**, a sleepy baroque place on the seashore. The strong merchant navy tradition represents the best preserved baroque entity in the Adriatic. At that time seafaring was growing and captains built magnificent villas that even today capture you with their beauty. Perast

also abounds in sacred monuments, such as the Church Sveti Nikola and Our Lady of the rocks, built on the artificial island just opposite of Perast. Following your visit to Perast, your guide and driver will take you to the Old Town of **Kotor**, listed on the World Cultural and Natural Heritage List and protected by the UNESCO. The architecture of Kotor, a post-modern mix of the different epochs and its position at the bottom of the sharp cliffs of the Lovcen Mountain, makes it different from any other Mediterranean town. It is a city of traders and famous sailors, with many stories to tell. The Old City is a well preserved urbanization typical of the Middle Ages, built between the 12th and 14th century. Through the entire city the buildings are criss-crossed with narrow streets and squares. At one of them there is the Cathedral of St. Trifun, a monument of Roman culture and one of the most recognizable symbols of the city. You can also visit the Maritime Museum, situated in the Baroque palace Grgurin, which preserves the fame of Boka navy. The memories on those long gone glorious days, on the successes of the famous Kotor sailors, ship builders and crafts man are all today kept in this museum.

Then you will continue to **Budva**, considered to be one of the oldest settlements in the Balkans. According to Greek mythology, Cadmo, the son of the Phoenician King Agenon, established Budva. This ancient town lies on a little island that was linked to land by a sandbar, and in time became a peninsula. You will get a chance to marvel at its surrounding 15th-century ramparts and medieval fortification system consisting of city gates, defense walls and towers. Inside the walls, you will find the town to be a combination of narrow streets and little squares, with superb monuments of the different Mediterranean cultures.



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Later this afternoon, you will say good-bye to your guide and continue with your driver back to Dubrovnik.

DAY 14: DUBROVNIK

After a day at your leisure, you will enjoy a romantic farewell dinner on the terrace of the Nautika Restaurant. Immerse yourself into spectacular views of the Adriatic and Dubrovnik ramparts.

DAY 15: DUBROVNIK - onward

This morning meet your driver for a private transfer to the airport for and your flight onward.

We wish you a memorable journey...

RECOMMENDED HOTELS	
SPLIT	Vestibul Palace Hotel
HVAR	Adriana Hotel
KORCULA	Lesic Dimitri Palace
DUBROVNIK	Bellevue Hotel

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