

One way from Dubrovnik to Split



1st day: Saturday / ZATON – ŠIPAN

The check in starts at 5 PM and afterwards you`ll have enough time to make yourself at home and meet the other guests and crew with the traditional welcoming drink. After a short navigation we come to the island of Šipan, where we`re going to spend our first night on board enjoying dinner and company.

Although it`s only 16 km² big Šipan is the biggest of the Elaphiti Islands with only two bigger villages: Šipanska Luka on the west and Suđurađ on the east side of the island. It flourished during the Dubrovnik Republic when the most important and strongest activities were shipbuilding, shipping, olive growing, fishing and wine growing. Today, on this small area, there are 42 old summer residences and 34 churches; proof that this oasis of peace and beauty was recognized as a place of relaxation by Dubrovnik high society. Although many are in bad condition, family castle of Vice Stjepović-Skočibuha is being renewed. In the castle there is a Renaissance square fireplace with preserved plaster-decorated hood (which was an exception in Dubrovnik area), an elegant Renaissance stone sink with relief decorated edges and a rare example of the only preserved wooden balcony in the Mediterranean from the 16th century.

2nd day: Sunday / ŠIPAN – STON

From the quiet and sleepy island of Šipan after breakfast we continue our cruise towards Ston, municipality and homonymous little town on the peninsula of Pelješac. On our way there we`re going to stop for a bath, and after lunch, which will be served on board, you will again have enough time to

relax and enjoy all the benefits of this cruising. We`re spending the night in Ston.

Town of Ston, which has the second biggest city walls in the world and the oldest salt pans in Europe, is also famous for its restaurants where you can enjoy sea food delicacies. We recommend shells. While visiting Ston you must not skip the church of Gospa Nuncijata, the Renaissance palace of bishops of Ston (the Bishop`s Palace), the Palace of the Republic and Ston Town Walls from the 14th century with towers and fortresses, that connect two Stons.

3rd day: Monday / STON – MLJET (POLAČE or POMENA)

After enjoying historical beauties of Ston, today you`re going to see the natural beauties of the most beautiful Adriatic island - Mljet. You`ll spend the day relaxing, swimming and sunbathing. After lunch you`ll have a chance to visit the National Park Mljet (tickets are not included in the cruise price and you`ll have to pay additional 90 kn for adults and 40 kn for children and students). We`re spending the night on Mljet (in Polača or Pomena, depending on the weather conditions) where you can enjoy their extraordinary gastro offer. We especially recommend lobsters, which in restaurants on Mljet you can personally choose before the preparation.

Mljet is very popular among the boaters for its peace and quiet and the beauty of its sea and land.

4th day: Tuesday / MLJET – KORČULA

We`re sailing to the island of Korčula and the birthplace of a famous traveller-writer and adventurer Marco Polo - the town of Korčula. On our way there we`re going to stop for a bath and we`re spending the night in this famous tourist destination of south Adriatic. You can spend the evening walking through this beautiful Dalmatian pearl or enjoying all the gastro offers in numerous restaurants. We warmly recommend restaurant "Aborda" which is situated in the marina and charms its guests with the variety of its gastro offer as well as with its view of the old town and the archipelago of the island of Korčula and the peninsula of Pelješac.

Korčula was firstly mentioned as early as the 10th c. in works of Byzantine historians under the name "Stone Town". It flourished under the Venetian government and later on it spread around the town walls. But in spite of all that, it is still the most famous as the birthplace of Marco Polo who was probably born here in 1254, and reminders of him can be seen all around the town, including the extremely interesting Marco Polo Museum which is something you definitively don`t want to miss when visiting this beautiful Dalmatian town. Today it`s a town where you can vividly feel the Mediterranean spirit of people who live and work in this mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture.

5th day: Wednesday / KORČULA – HVAR

After breakfast we start for Pakleni Islands (the Hell Islands, a group of small, limestone islands just hundreds of metres away from the town of Hvar which charm their visitors with their beauty and the clarity of the sea, in Croatian Pakleni means Hell, but in fact the islands got their name after Paklina, a sort of black rosin which was once used as a protective coat for boats, and with time the word changed from Paklinski Islands to Pakleni Islands), unique and the most recognizable natural beauty of the island of Hvar. Lunch will be served on board, and in the afternoon or in the evening (depending on your request) transfer by dinghy will be organized to the town of Hvar. You will have to take a taxi-boat in the harbour to get back to ship individually, on which you will get additional information by your captain.

Hvar is a beautiful Dalmatian town of wild night life and numerous excellent restaurants specialised in local cuisine (Pasarola, Luna,...), as well as in exotic specialties (Sushi bar Pirate). To the young the town guaranties a great time in bars and coffee shops where many celebrities enjoyed themselves (prince Harry, E. Longoria, Beyoncee,...) and those who prefer more relaxing activities will be swept away with its rich history that goes back to prehistoric times, more exactly to the Iron Age when the

Illyrians built their hill-fort and started the development of this Dalmatian pearl, and with its cultural heritage amongst which the most prominent is the first public theatre in Europe, opened in 1612. We're spending the night anchored.

6th day: Thursday / HVAR – VIS*

After breakfast we sail for Vis - the furthest island of the central Dalmatian archipelago. It is especially well known for its cultural and historical heritage, but also for its natural beauties. Even the Greek writer Agatharchides in his scripts praised wines from Vis as being the best he had ever tasted, in comparison to other sorts he had tried. Their most autochthonous wine is most certainly Vugava which you can try in numerous restaurants and cellars all around the island. We recommend you try their autochthonous Viška pogača which will definitively go well with their wines. Vis is also known as one of "the forbidden islands" during the communistic era. It was the centre of Yugoslav navy and therefore was forbidden to tourists. Even today there are many hidden tunnels all around the island that testify to that fact. Some of them are now tourist attractions and others are used by the Croatian navy. We're spending the night in Vis.

7th day: Friday / VIS – BRAČ OR ŠOLTA

After breakfast we sail towards one of the central Dalmatian islands - Brač or Šolta. depending on the weather conditions. On our way we're going to stop for a bath and lunch, which will be served on board.

8th day: Saturday / SPLIT

Our last breakfast together will be served on board, after which we have to say goodbye to this fabulous ship, the crew and, hopefully, new friends you'll get in these 7 days. Check out is until 9 AM. After the check out you can visit, as we like to say, the most beautiful city in the world - Split! With its 1700 years-long history it offers many things to its visitors, from cultural and historical heritage to entertainment. The place you mustn't, and can't, avoid in Split is definitively Diocletian's Palace. Built in the 3rd century it was designed as a summer residence for the Roman emperor Diocletian, but with time the palace has become a city which today is the administrative, cultural and trade centre of Split-Dalmatian County and second largest city in Croatia. The Palace itself was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1979. Apart from the Palace there are many other things to see in the city, like the Diocletian's substructures (cellars), the smallest and the oldest cathedral in the world - St. Dujice's Cathedral (the patron saint), numerous squares, museums, galleries, city park-forest Marjan,... An interesting stop would be the statue of Grgur Ninski whose big toe you must touch and make a wish to make it come true. Why not wish to come back really soon??

*If the weather conditions don't allow navigation to Vis, given its position of the furthest central Dalmatian island, an alternative route to one of the nearer islands or bays will be suggested. Of course, any changes will be arranged and agreed upon with guests.