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## **CRUISE « SOUTHERN PEARLS » - ARCHIPELAGO BETWEEN SPLIT AND DUBROVNIK WITH THE ISLANDS OF MLJET, KORČULA, HVAR AND BRAČ**

### **« ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF ODISEUS AND MARCO POLO »**

With 1.200 islands, one of the clearest waters of the Mediterranean with up to 56 meters of horizontal transparency, the third most indented coast in the world...cruising in Croatia is a dream come true. The program blends culture and nature with opportunities for nice hikes. You will discover one of the most beautiful islands of Croatia, set between Split and Dubrovnik. The coast shelters the most remarkable cultural sites of the country within the cities of Split, Dubrovnik, Hvar and Korčula, the birthplace of the famous traveller Marco Polo. You will also have the opportunity to stroll in Makarska, hike on the impressive Mount Biokovo; the island of Brač and the beach Bol, ranked among the 20 most beautiful beaches in the world, Vidova Gora mountain and the national park on the island of Mljet. During the cruise you will also discover off the beaten path sites and coves, accessible only by sea...



#### **We offer two cruise types:**

***The cruise on a Dalmatian Trabakula boat, recommended for couples or large groups:***

*Our offer is made of boats of A + or luxury category. The vessels have a capacity of 35 to 40 people, granting an intimate atmosphere without crowds and allowing you to know your traveling companions. We guarantee the best comfort and genuine holiday. You will enjoy beautiful Mediterranean scenery, discover magical towns and swim in unusual sites, inaccessible by road.*



The half board (breakfast and lunch) gives you peace of mind and the opportunity to discover local restaurants on our islands.

The Croatian type of vessel is named "trabakula", 45 to 50 meters long with a speed of approximately 10 knots. The boat features 20 air-conditioned cabins located on the lower and upper decks. The main deck has a restaurant / bar with a terrace and the bridge. Diving masks and snorkels are available to travellers.

**The cruise on a chartered sailboat with a skipper, recommended for families or small groups of friends, up to 8 persons:**

Sailboats have up to 4 cabins for travellers and one cabin for the skipper, a common lounge area with a kitchenette. The cooking is done by travellers. The advantage of this type of cruise is the freedom in choosing different itineraries while cruises on the Trabakula have fixed itineraries and schedules.

We can also organize cruises on schooners from 4 to 8 cabins for small groups or on sailboats with a skipper (maximum 4 cabins). This type of cruise is designed for travellers who prefer nature and time at leisure for swimming in the magical Mediterranean scenery.





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## **PROGRAM**

### **Day 1: Arrival at Split airport and cruise SPLIT – MAKARSKA**

Arrival at Split airport.

Private transfer to your boat.

-01:00 p.m. departure from the port of Split to Makarska. Cruise along the Dalmatian coast on the foot of the impressive Biokovo massif, peaking at more than 1700m. Lunch on board.

Swimming stops in the afternoon on beautiful beaches. Opportunity to hike on the Biokovo massif.



Time at leisure to visit Makarska.

Overnight in the port of Makarska, renowned tourist spot with many restaurants and bistros. Discover its alleys, old churches and other cultural and historical monuments.

### **Day 2: Cruise MAKARSKA – MLJET**

Breakfast.

Early morning departure to the island of Mljet. Stop in Lovište, a small village on the Pelješac peninsula. After a refreshing swim, continue towards Mljet. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the beauties of the national park - the salt lakes, old churches and the Benedictine convent on the island set on the Big lake, secluded by calm nature. Overnight in the port of Polača or Pomena.

Lunch on board.

Visit the national park Mljet (entrances not included).

According to a legend, Odysseus spent 7 beautiful years on the island of Mljet, in the arms of the nymph Calypso. Mljet is covered in pine and oak forests. The main feature of the island are the two joined lakes, connected with the sea by a narrow passage. On the bigger lake there is another island, so we have an island on the island! This spot is perfect for swimming as the water temperature of the lakes is at least three degrees higher than the sea temperature. The entrance to the national park includes a boat ride to the Benedictine monastery on the Big lake.



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### **Day 3: Cruise MLJET – DUBROVNIK**

After breakfast sail to Dubrovnik.  
Lunch on board.

Discover Dubrovnik in the afternoon. The boat is docked in the port of Gruž. The medieval city is easily accessible by regular bus lines (10 minutes travel time). There are bus stops in the port.

Time at leisure in Dubrovnik.

We recommend visiting the Rector's palace, the franciscan monastery with the old pharmacy and the dominican monastery.

*Dubrovnik was a Mediterranean city-state which managed to preserve its freedom and avoid conflicts by means of a very skilful diplomacy. The prosperity of the old Republic is palpable on every stone in Dubrovnik, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the world. "The Pearl of the Adriatic" is part of the UNESCO World Heritage.*

*We suggest to visit the Rector's palace, the Dominican and Franciscan monasteries, the old pharmacy and of course the outstanding walls.*



Things to do from Dubrovnik:

- swimming on Banje beach, located just on the eastern part of the old town. It is the most famous beach of Dubrovnik where celebrities such as Jackie Kennedy, John Malković, Nick Nolte, Roger Moore and the Queen of England went for a dip in the blue Adriatic Sea.
- take a 15 minutes boat ride to visit the island of Lokrum, a hidden gem of nature famous for the 11th century Benedictine monastery. Napoleon built a fortress on the top of the island which later belonged to the Habsburgs. The island of Lokrum also offers a rich botanical garden which is today a protected nature reserve, uninhabited, with pretty walks, a cafe and a restaurant. Lokrum is the favourite swimming spot for the local population.
- sea kayak tour departing from the old town, around the city walls and to the island of Lokrum or other sports activities (jet ski, parasailing, diving...)



Overnight in the port Gruž in Dubrovnik.

**Day 4: Cruise DUBROVNIK - ŠIPAN/TRSTENIK**

Breakfast.

Morning at leisure. Discover the history of this magical town, written on the monuments, churches and narrow alleys...

At lunch time, departure towards the island of Šipan or the port of Trstenik on the Pelješac peninsula. Enjoy an afternoon or a night swim.

Captain's dinner will be served on board.



**Day 5: Cruise ŠIPAN/TRSTENIK – KORČULA**

Breakfast.

Sail to the island of Korčula.

Lunch on board in the Lumbarda bay on the island of Korčula.

Arrival to the town of Korčula in the afternoon.

Time at leisure to discover the old town.

We recommend visiting the Icons museum, the City museum, the cathedral and the Palace of bishops. If possible, attend the sword dance show of Korčula called “Moreška”.

*Korčula embodies the spirit of the Dalmatian islands marked by the Venetian domination. Its history is marked by the still active brotherhoods. Korčula is the birthplace of the great merchant and traveller Marco Polo.*



Opportunity for a hike from Korčula to Lumbarda.

Overnight in Korčula.

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**Day 6: Cruise KORČULA – HVAR**

Breakfast.

Morning departure to the island of Hvar.

Stop on the Pakleni Otoci archipelago for a swim and lunch. Arrival to Hvar in the afternoon.

Time at leisure in Hvar.

*Hvar is an island with a very mild climate and lots of sunshine, favourable for lavender growing and extraction of essential oils used in medicine and perfume industry. Tourism developed in Hvar at the end of the 19th century, similar to Opatija and Dubrovnik. The town of Hvar is a typical Dalmatian port built in stone houses and palaces with strong Venetian influence. Hvar is an elite tourist destination attracting the world's jet setters for more than a century.*



**Day 7: Cruise HVAR (Bol) - SPLIT**

Breakfast.

Sail to the island Brač. Swim on the Zlatni Rat beach, near the town Bol.

Bol is a typical fishing town made of stone houses. The island of Brač is known for the quarries of the renowned “Brač stone” used for building monuments not only in Croatia but also in the world, such as Vienna’s and Budapest’s parliaments, the upper part of the Sacred Heart basilica in Paris and the facade of the White House in Washington. Stone masonry is a living



tradition and attracts numerous artists from around the world. The beach Zlatni Rat in the town of Bol is ranked among the 20 most beautiful beaches in the world, a dreamlike setting for taking a brake...

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Opportunity for a hike to the mount Vidova Gora.  
After lunch sail to Split with a swim stop in a bay on the island Brač.

Time at leisure in Split.

We recommend visiting the cellars of the Emperor Diocletian Palace, the cathedral and the temple of Jupiter. The protected park Marjan hill offers nice walking opportunities and beautiful views of the city.

*Split is a unique living monument. The original Roman palace was repeatedly transformed throughout history, each era leaving a mark resulting in an astonishing fusion of architectural styles in constant turmoil. This apparently contradictory way of preserving the Emperor Diocletian's palace earned it its UNESCO World Heritage status. Split today is the second largest city of the country and the biggest passenger port.*



Overnight in Split.

**Day 8: Departure from Split airport**

Breakfast.

Private transfer to Split airport.

Departure flight.

**PRICE TABLE FOR THE CRUISE ON A « TRABAKULA » TYPE BOAT RECOMMENDED FOR COUPLES AND GROUPS**

The price is in Euros, incl. taxes, per person in a double cabin:

Cabin type	Departure dates for 2020					
	11, 18, 25 April 26 September 03, 10 October	02, 09, 16, 23 May	30 May ; 06 June ; 19 September	13 June ; 29 August ; 05, 12 September	20 June ; 15, 22 August	27 June ; 04, 11, 18, 25 July ; 01, 08 August
Cabin on deck	746 €	814 €	876 €	969 €	1030 €	1055 €
Cabin below deck	716 €	772 €	809 €	906 €	969 €	983 €

+ 50 % for a double, single use cabin

**THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- private transfers from Split airport to Split (arrival day) and from Split to Split airport (departure day)
- cruise on a A+ (premium) category cruise ship with AC cabins on half board basis (breakfast and lunch with 1 l of water per day) + Captain's dinner of local specialties + tea or coffee in the afternoon, olive oil and wine tasting on board
- A roadbook including the detailed itinerary, a presentation of tourist sites to be visited (history and information) and various practical information on the town or site you visit (references of restaurants, tourist offices...)
- 24/7 assistance in English by Sveta Ana travel agency. You will be provided with an emergency telephone number in case of incidents or any other major problem
- Assistance, insurance and organization costs of Sveta Ana travel agency

Please note you will be asked to pay 40,00 € of port taxes upon arrival

**NOTE:**

- Sveta Ana travel checks available cabins on cruise ships and takes options before writing the offer. The options are valid for a limited time period after which the cabins are put on sale again. Therefore, the traveller is asked to make a decision during this time period or to renew the request after the option period expires.
- Cruise departures are from the port of Split on Saturdays.



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**PRICE FOR A CRUISE ON A CHARTERED SAILBOAT FOR SMALL GROUPS OF 4 TO 8 PERSONS**

**For 4 persons on a 3 cabins sailboat: 1135,00 €**

**For 6 persons on a 4 cabins sailboat: 940,00 €**

**THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- private transfers from Split airport to Split (arrival day) and from Split to Split airport (departure day)
- sailboat charter and charter pack (cleaning, bed linen, set of bath towels per person), an English-speaking skipper and his food expenses
- A roadbook including the detailed itinerary, a presentation of tourist sites to be visited (history and information) and various practical information on the town or site you visit (references of restaurants, tourist offices...)
- 24/7 assistance in English by Sveta Ana travel agency. You will be provided with an emergency telephone number in case of incidents or any other major problem
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**THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Entrances to monuments and national parks mentioned in the program
- Flights and airport taxes
- Fuel for the sailboat
- Food
- Repatriation assistance / insurance
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Tips
- Port taxes (approximately 40 € payable on the spot)
- transfers from the airport to the boat

