

# CROATIAN EXPERIENCE

June 12-22, 2025



Join us for 7 days & nights aboard the Sailing Yacht “Barbara” beginning from Historic City of Dubrovnik and island hopping our way throughout the Dalmatian coast visiting its best islands and ports. Enjoy 3 pre-cruise nights in the incredible town of Dubrovnik including a day trip into Montenegro to see the beautiful UNESCO town of Kotor located amongst the tall fjords of Boka Kotorska. (The Bay of Kotor)

Enjoy small ship cruising at its finest through Dalmatia on the **Barbara** with a maximum passenger capacity of 32 in 16 spacious cabins. Small, intimate, personal, and world-class cruising through the smooth turquoise waters of the Adriatic. Excellent Dalmatian specialty meals prepared daily. Day trips and expert guided tours on shore including small local village wine tastings and fine Croatian seafood restaurants to explore. Daily visits to small historic Roman and Venetian influenced Croatian communities and villages off the beaten tourist track. If you’ve been dreaming of seeing Croatia by water, this program will leave you transformed. Mark your calendar and secure your cabin quickly, we are limiting this trip to 28 fortunate guests. Keep reading and see this heart-warming itinerary and make plans to join us next year!

## *Your Croatian Experience Itinerary;*

### **Thursday June 12, 2025 – (depart the States on Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup> or earlier)**

Arrival day into Dubrovnik from US & Canada – You will be met at the airport by Michael and fellow Dubrovnik staff. Transfer directly & check-in to Hotel More and settle in by the sea. Introduce and/or reacquaint yourself with your fellow travelers at the Welcome Reception this evening at the hotel in the unique “Cave Bar”. Enjoy an evening dinner on your own in the hotel or in the nearby promenade village.



### **Dubrovnik, Croatia - Friday June 13**

This morning relax on your own and acclimate at the hotel and take a leisurely afternoon guided tour of Old Dubrovnik including a walk on the ancient ramparts of the old city overlooking the Adriatic. This evening we enjoy a group dinner just outside Dubrovnik in a small Croatian village called Konavle. This area is known for its wine production, small farms, quiet village life, as well as it's warm & genuinely friendly people. Sit for a while & visit with Pero, the former mayor of the region whose family farm dates back 15 generations in the same small neighborhood. Dinner is served at the farm this evening after touring the grounds.

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### **Saturday June 14 - Montenegro**

Today, after early breakfast in the hotel, the group takes a day trip south out of Croatia into Montenegro for a visit to visit the beautiful UNESCO village of Kotor. Situated in the incredible Fjords on the Bay; Boka Kotorska, this is considered one of the most beautiful bays in the world. After touring the old city of Kotor, a short drive away is the oldest city on the Adriatic; Budva. Enjoy an included fresh seafood lunch on the promenade. After a hearty lunch enjoy a guided tour of this small historic town next to the sea. There will be time on your own to wander the streets of Budva and take a stroll along the seafront. Early this evening we are back to our hotel in Dubrovnik

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Kotor's old cathedral dating from the year 809



Budva old town – still standing

### **Cruise Day 1- June 15 Dubrovnik & Elaphiti Islands**

Your morning is free to enjoy the hotel and perhaps enjoy a walk along the sea. Prior to embarking on board, the S/Y Barbara, enjoy an educational lecture from a special guest Croatian history and economics professor and learn first-hand about Croatia's most recent tumultuous history. This afternoon embark upon the S/Y Barbara, begin our cruise around the ramparts of Old Dubrovnik as the Venetian's did centuries ago. The Barbara then sets sail to the quiet & beautiful Elaphiti islands just north of Dubrovnik. Enjoy the captain's reception and dinner on board this evening. (B, D)



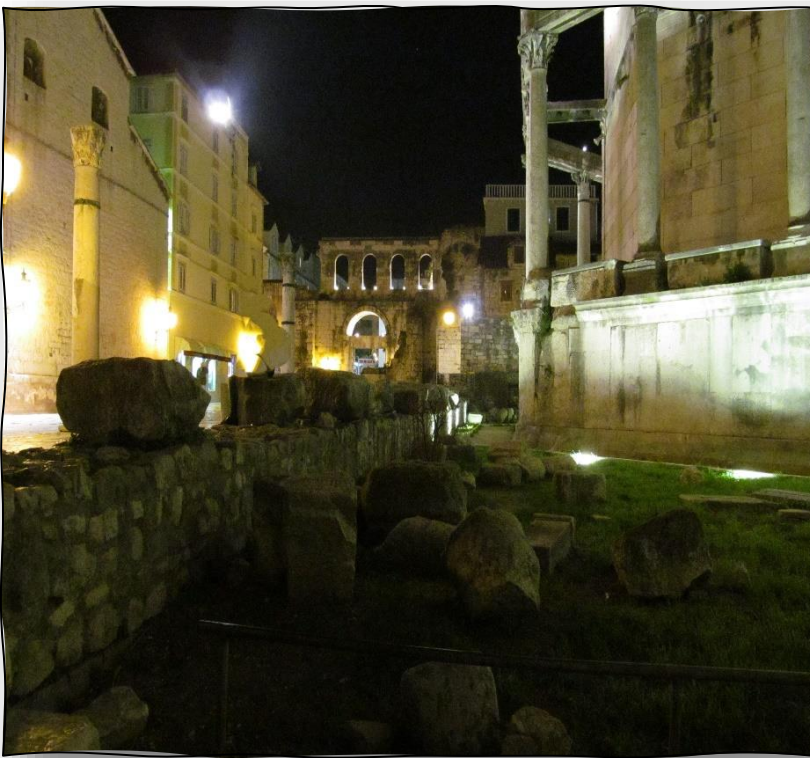
Barbara in port



## Cruise Day 2 - June 16 Peljesac Peninsula

Today we sail & dock in a small village called Slano and visit the long peninsula called Peljesac – this destination is part of the best grape growing region in all of Dalmatia. Included in today’s itinerary are visits to the small medieval villages of Ston & Mali Ston known for oyster & mussel farming –said to be the best in the entire Adriatic region. You will have a chance to make that decision yourself. An amazing gastronomic experience is to be enjoyed today including a visit to one of the region’s finest restaurants. Take time this morning to walk along the longest medieval ramparts on the European continent. Small, quaint, and old world with a few surprises along the way. This afternoon we sail to the island of Korcula, across the peninsula straights with time to enjoy an evening walk on the small island and take a stroll through the small port of Pomena. Dinner is on your own this evening.

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Diocletian's Palace



Split Cathedral Tower inside the Palace grounds

## Cruise Day 3 – June 17 Island of Korcula

This day finds us on the unique and historic island of Korcula (pronounced; Kor-Chula). Today is a bit more relaxed yet still taking time to have a guided visit to the island’s historic old city, the said home and birthplace of legendary explorer, Marco Polo. Our guide will take us on a “secret tour of Korcula with an amazing take on the island’s history as well as a fun educational adventure. Late this afternoon enjoy an exclusive wine tasting with some of the famous Croatian award winning wine from the Lombarda region on the island. There will be time on your own in the evening to further discover the island and enjoy a Croatian meal in a cozy Konoba. A day to remember!

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### **Cruise Day 4 – June 18 Island of Vis**

Midway through our cruise, we sail to the small Island of Vis and the small village of Komiza, only open to tourists since 1989. Vis has historic significance dating to the 4th century BC including a strategic military outpost in WWII for Marshal Tito. Stroll the historic streets of this famous fishing village. Take time and enjoy a fresh seafood and Lobster lunch on your own in one of many great restaurants by the sea. We also have a short walking tour of Komiza and experience firsthand the uniqueness and beauty of this quaint & small island. A great leisurely day here is an easy task. Dinner is served on board this evening.

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### **Cruise Day 5 – June 19 Island of Hvar**

As we awake this morning the S/Y Barbara sails for the island of Hvar just across the short straits. Wander & tour the quaint streets of this island village known for its harvesting of Lavender. Hvar is a getaway for many Croats as well as Europeans when you see the small promenade full of luxury yachts. Perhaps you'd like to hike up to the medieval Venetian Fortress overlooking the village. A possible short-guided city tour is available & included visiting a few of the village highlights. A leisurely day walking in this small seaside village is a sheer joy.

(B,L) Dinner is on your own this evening

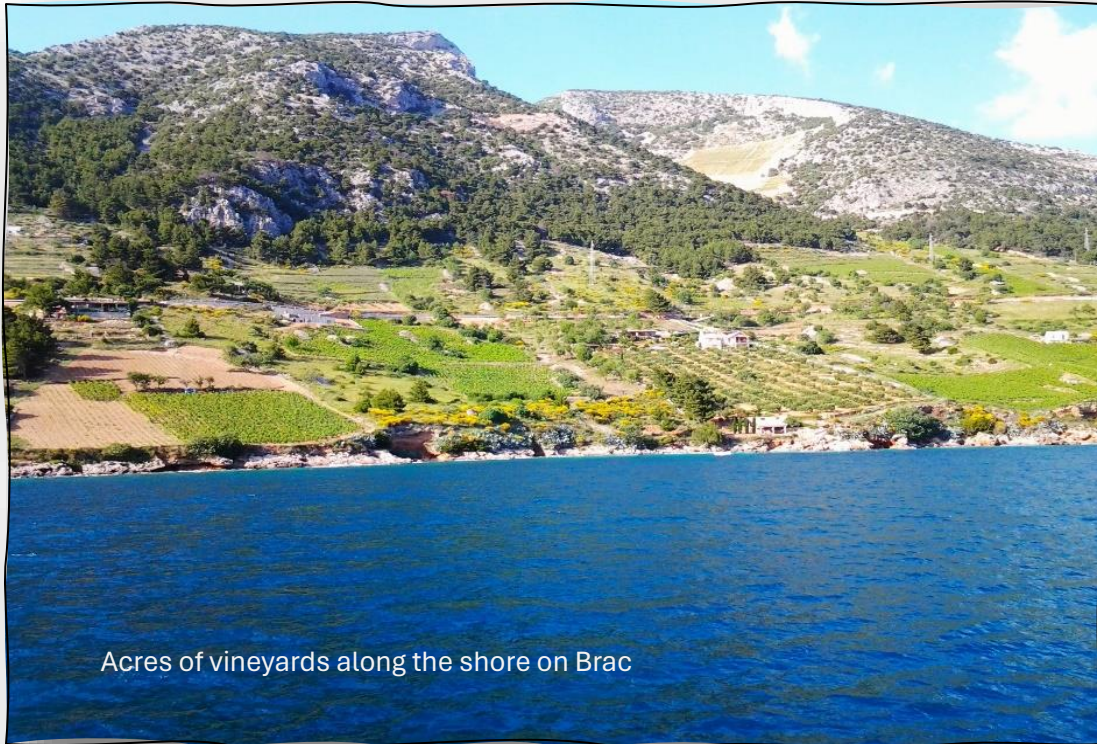




### **Cruise Day 6 – June 20 Island of Brac**

Today's destination island is called Brac (pronounced Brach). Sail around the island to a small inlet and experience how stone masons perfect their craft working with rock. Many palaces and monuments around Croatia and other parts of the world were made with stone from Brac. Travel to the top of the island for a bird's eye view of Dalmatia and afterwards experience Dalmatian cuisine at a local restaurant of your choice by the sea in the village of Bol. Enjoy time along the waterfront this afternoon or simply relax on board, it's your choice. Dinner is on your own this evening.

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Acres of vineyards along the shore on Brac

### **Cruise Day 7 – June 20 Split & Trogir**

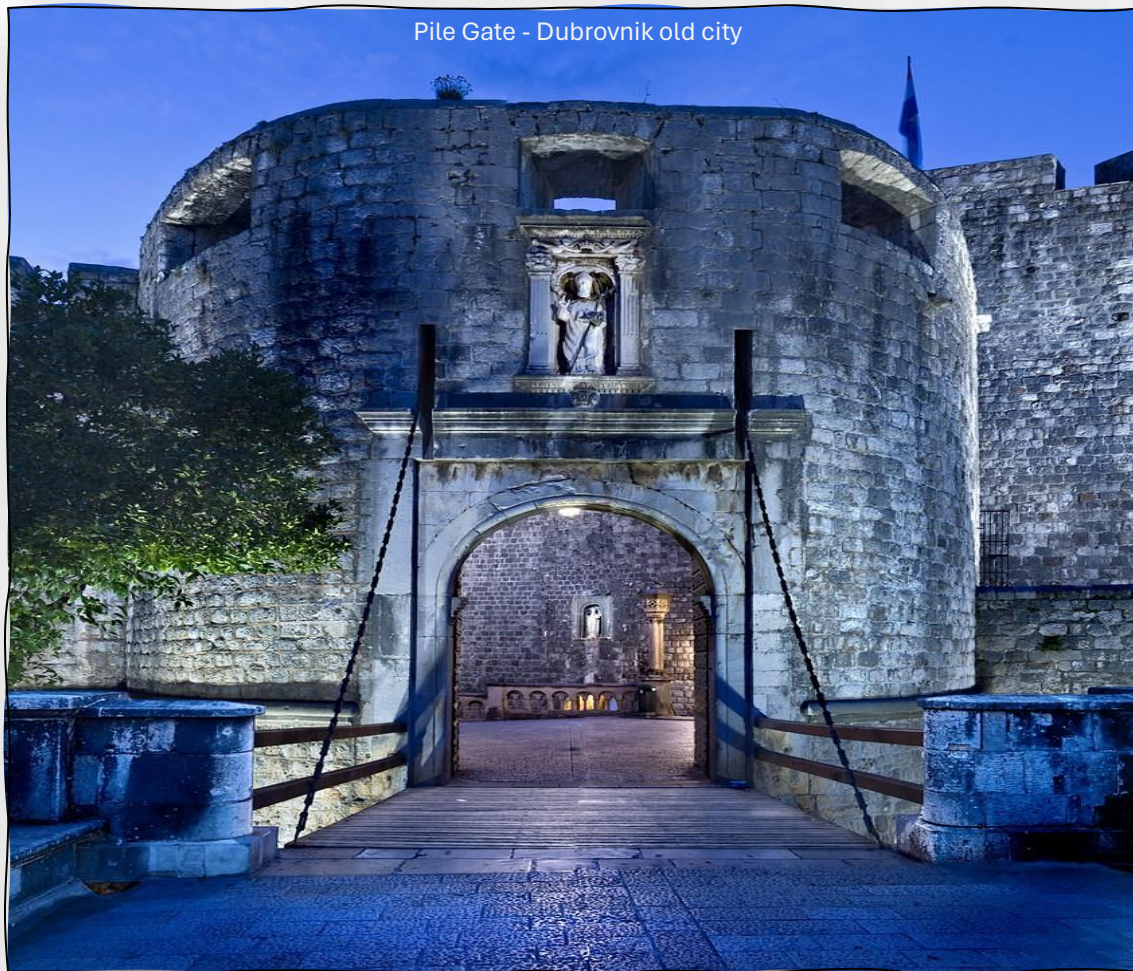
Today is onto the mainland to Dalmatia's largest city of Split – see & tour Roman Emperor Diocletian's massive retirement Palace – Travel to the historic UNESCO city of Trogir located around the bay from Split. A wonderfully preserved Roman city perched on the bay of Kastela. A unique lunch venue is included today in a lovely Konoba just outside Trogir along the river in a 16<sup>th</sup> century mill. Enjoy time on your own this afternoon in Split along the beautiful promenade or wander inside the former palace. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner on board to celebrate with your fellow travelers and reminisce about the past 10 days spent in Dalmatia.

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### **– Final day – June 22, 2025 Split**

After breakfast on board this morning our program concludes & disembarkation begins with transfers to the airport for flights returning to the US & other destinations. Those wishing to extend their stay in Croatia and join the optional program to Platvice National Park will transfer directly to the hotel.

(B) Included on board – Lunch and dinner on your own if not transferring to the airport



**\*Please note that minor deviations (and fine tuning) with the current listed cruise itinerary & ports to be visited may occur between now and said cruise dates. This will not affect the inclusions or quality of the itinerary and is intended to enhance our program.**

**Included in your Croatian Experience program:**

- Welcome reception at the Hotel More
- Meals in Dubrovnik during the pre-cruise days
- All breakfasts both pre-cruise & on board
- Most meals on board and on shore (there will be 3 or 4 meals on your own)
- Wine tastings with snacks during the land segments
- Expert, knowledgeable English speaking Croatian guides in each port including Dubrovnik and Montenegro
- All sightseeing activities as outlined in the itinerary, all entrance fees, and guided tours such as Monasteries, museums, etc.
- \*Full program of excursions focused on educational & cultural topics described above from lectures to expert local guides.
- All transfers to hotels & airports on arrival & departure days
- Group transfer to S/Y Barbara on embarkation day from Hotel More
- All hotel & yacht portorage/luggage handling
- Yacht Crew gratuities
- Coach driver & Guide gratuities on sightseeing days
- Free time on your own to sightsee, explore, shop, or simply relax on board



- Veteran Travel director, Mike Jensen, to accompany and oversee all aspects of the program from beginning to termination of the cruise
- Destination managers to accompany and meet the group when necessary in Dubrovnik, day trip to Montenegro, and in Split for departures

**\*Please note- alcohol costs on board are currently “TBD” and likely billed to your cabin**

**Not included in your Croatian Experience program:**

- Your round trip flight inbound & outbound to Dubrovnik & Split, Croatia
- Any excess baggage fees/airline fees-set by airlines
- Passport fees & taxes
- Additional gratuities to local guides (recommended at your discretion)
- Hotel upgrades/suite upgrades (Land portion)
- Added or extra hotel nights outside of scheduled program dates
- Transfer costs outside of scheduled program dates
- Personal amenities such as phone calls, laundry, personal meals/room service, alcoholic beverages, wine w/meals not listed in “included in program”.
- Medical services or emergency evacuations
- Personal travel insurance – Insurance is recommended (recommendations provided)



**Price per-person based upon double occupancy with “main-deck” upper cabin on S/Y Barbara – \$ 4999**



**Price per-person based upon double occupancy with “lower deck” cabin on S/Y Barbara - \$ 4749**

For further program details & cabin booking, please contact:  
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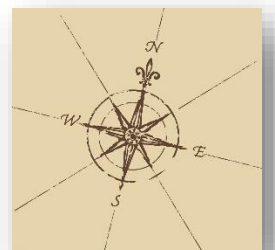
Reserving your cabin for this Croatian Experience 2025;

A deposit of \$1000 per-person is due immediately to secure your cabin of choice on the S/Y Barbara, either upper or lower cabin (see deck plan). Please contact Mike to receive your initial reservation documents via email. Preferred deposit payment is by check, or Zelle, Master, Visa or Discover card. If paying via personal check, please make payable to Michael Jensen and return with completed registration form via snail-mail or email.

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“Gregory of Nin” by Ivan Mestrovic just outside the city walls of Split. Make sure you rub his toes when you see him



#### Notes & FAQ's

- **Tour pace is intermediate on shore and in port with local guides, we ensure all guests are together and walk at a comfortable pace with plenty of stops for explanations of what we are seeing**
- **Amount of walking on shore is “light”, nothing too strenuous. You are welcome to forgo any walking tours throughout the program. Walk or don't walk as much or as little as you wish**
- **Walking/touring on land will be mostly on cobblestone that is centuries old and many times uneven. If you have challenges with this, please advise us before traveling**
- **Free time on shore to explore and discover restaurants, shipping, roman ruins, ancient Venetian Fortresses, cathedrals, as well as mixing with locals**
- **Plenty of leisure time on board while sailing from Island to island**
- **Recommendations for restaurants, shopping, museums, walking areas & various sights to see in port while on your own**
- **The Barbara will be docked in port each night for comfortable sleeping.**
- **Incredible food & drink & and a few pleasant surprises along the way**
- **Vegetarian dishes will be accommodated if/when requested**
- **History comes alive on a daily basis during this amazing program**

