

# *Croatian Experience*

*May 16-26, 2013*



Join us for 7 nights aboard the S/Y Barbara sailing from Dubrovnik and island hopping throughout the Dalmatian coast and its best islands. Enjoy three 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 through Dalmatia at its finest with a maximum passenger capacity of 34. Small, intimate, personal, and perfect cruising through the Turquoise waters of the Adriatic. Spacious cabins, excellent Dalmatian specialty meals prepared daily. Day trips on shore including small local village wine tastings and fine seafood restaurants. Daily visits to small historic Roman influenced Croatian communities and villages far off the beaten tourist track. If you've been dreaming of seeing Croatia by water, this cruise program will leave you transformed.

Mark your calendar as this trip is gaining popularity rapidly. See this heart-warming itinerary on the subsequent pages and make your plans to join us next year!

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# *Your Croatian Experience Itinerary;*

## **Day 1**

**Thursday May 16, 2013 –**

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 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's historic “Pile Gate”

## **Day 2**

**– Dubrovnik, Croatia - Friday May 17**

This morning relax 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 awhile & visit with 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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Bon Apatite or "Dobre Tek"



Dubrovnik's main street "Placa"

## Day 3

Saturday May 18 - **Montenegro**

Today, after 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 on the incredible Fjords on the Bay of 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.

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Kotor's old cathedral dating from the year 809



Budva on the Adriatic mixes old & new

## Day 4

### Cruise Day 1- 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, 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 a captain's reception and dinner on board this evening. (B, D)

## Day 5

### Cruise Day 2 - May 20 Peljesac Peninsula

Today we sail & dock in a small village called Slano and visit the long peninsula called Peljesac – this destination is some of the best grape growing land in all of Dalmatia. Wine tasting is on the agenda today in a small village with local farm raised “organic” Croatian “snacks”. Also 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 an opportunity to visit one of the region's finest restaurants. Take time this morning to walk along the longest medieval wall on the European continent. Small, quaint, and old world with a few surprises along the way.

This evening we sail to the island of Mljet, across the peninsula straits with time to enjoy an evening walk on the small island and take a stroll through the small port of Pomena. Dinner is on board this evening.

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Back in the day



Experience Korcula's finest award winning wine



## Day 6

– Cruise Day 3 - May 21 **Mljet & Korcula**

This day finds the ship sailing to 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 islands historic old city, the said home and birthplace of legendary explorer, Marco Polo. Take the opportunity to visit the home of Marco Polo and enjoy wandering the old city on your own. Late this afternoon enjoy an exclusive wine tasting and village dinner in the famous Lombarda wine region on the island. Our vintner host will have his award winning wines on hand for us to taste as well as serving us dinner in his unique home.

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## Day 7

– Cruise Day 4 - May 22 **Island of Vis**

Midway through the cruise, we sail to the small Island of Vis and the village of Komiza, only open to tourists since 1989. Vis has historic significance dating to the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC including a strategic military outpost in WWII for Marshal Tito. Stroll the historic streets of Komiza, a 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. Enjoy 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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One of many historic medieval sites to be seen on Vis

## Day 8

### Cruise Day 5 – May 23 **Island of Hvar**

As you awake this morning the S/Y Barbara sails for the island of Hvar just across the short straights. 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 as you'll see on the small promenade full of luxury yachts. Perhaps you'd like to get away and hike up to the medieval Venetian Fortress overlooking the village. A short guided city tour is included on the island visiting a few of the village highlights. A leisurely day in this small island village is a sheer joy.  
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The imposing Venetian fortress overlooks the promenade on Hvar

## Day 9

### Cruise Day 6 – May 24 **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 overlooking 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 served on board this evening.  
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Typical Croatian coastal village with medieval fortifications perched above

**Day 10**

Cruise Day 7 - May 25 **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 former mill just outside Trogir along the bay. Enjoy time on your own this afternoon in Split along the promenade or wander inside the former palace. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner on board with your fellow travelers and reminisce about the past 10 days spent in Dalmatia.  
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Diocletian's Palace in Split is the true heart of the city

**Day 11**

– Final day – May 26, 2013 **Split**

After breakfast on board this morning, disembarkation begins and transfers to the airport for flights returning to the US & Canada. Those wishing to extend their stay in Croatia transfer directly to the hotel of choice.

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Gregory of Nin by Ivan Mestrovic just outside the walls of Diocletian's Palace. Ensure you rub his toes when you see him

### 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 with meals on board
- Wine tastings with snacks on shore
- Professional and knowledgeable 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 transfer to hotels & airports on arrival & departure days May 16 & 26
- Group transfer to S/Y Barbara on embarkation day from Hotel More
- All hotel & yacht portorage/luggage handling
- Coach driver gratuities on sightseeing days
- Free time on your own to sightsee, explore, & shop or relax on board
- Veteran Travel director, Mike Jensen, to accompany and oversee all aspects of the program from beginning to end
- Destination managers to accompany and meet the group when necessary in Dubrovnik, day trip to Montenegro, and Split.

### 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
- Gratuities to local guides
- Yacht Crew gratuities
- 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 not listed in "included in program".
- Medical services or emergency evacuations
- Personal travel insurance

- Price per-person based on double occupancy and upper cabin on S/Y Barbara  
\$4395
- Price per-person based on double occupancy and lower cabin on S/Y Barbara  
\$4095

**For further program details & cabin booking, please contact:**  
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*Reserving your cabin for the **Croatian Experience**:*

A deposit of \$750 per-person is due immediately to secure your specified cabin on the S/Y Barbara either upper or lower cabin. Please contact Mike Jensen to receive your initial reservation documents via email. Preferred deposit payment is; Visa, Master, or Discover card. If paying via Check, please make payable to Michael Jensen and return the necessary registration forms via usps mail, fax, or email.

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