

Cruise Croatia by Private Yacht July 27 – August 5, 2023

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Our Glorious AFS Itinerary

July 28th – Arrival to Split

Even flying in, you can peer out the window and see what a gorgeous country awaits. Welcome to Split! Our driver will meet us at Split Airport and take us to our hotel in Split where we'll have time to freshen up and perhaps explore the local area.

In the early evening, join your tour director for some welcome drinks to meet the rest of our fellow AFSers.

Overnight: 4-star hotel (1 Night)

July 29th – Split Guided Tour & Check in on the Bellissima B,D

After a leisurely breakfast, our local guide will meet you and take you on a guided tour of what is one of Croatia's favorite cities. Split is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and boasts an abundance of classic Roman architecture, which includes the splendid Diocletian Palace.

While we are on the tour, our luggage will be transferred to the Bellissima, and we'll go to the port directly following the tour. We'll board your beautiful vessel in the early afternoon, where you will get a chance to meet the crew and check into your cabins before the scrumptious welcome dinner on board.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

July 30th - Trogir & Krka National Park B, L, D

The charming medieval town of Trogir is our first destination today. This UNESCO listed gem with its pristine marina is often compared to a mini-Venice. Before we arrive in Trogir, it's time to enjoy your first swim stop off the back of the boat. The captain will find a secluded spot for you to take a refreshing swim in the beautiful turquoise sea.

We'll arrive in Trogir after lunch and have a fabulous trip to the stunning Krka Waterfalls National Park. Spend the afternoon admiring the beautiful waterfalls and lakes and strolling along pathways winding through the lush flora. In the early evening, return to Trogir with free time to enjoy dinner on your own and explore the labyrinth of backstreets and medieval alleyways in this hidden gem.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

July 31st - Golden Horn Beach & Stari Grad (Hvar) B ,L

We set off from Trogir today during breakfast and sail to the beautiful Island of Hvar. On route we have a swim stop at one of the most famous beaches in the world planned, Zlatni Rat (The Golden Horn Beach). After a refreshing swim near this stunning beach, we continue to the charming town of Stari Grad on Hvar, arriving shortly after lunch.

This afternoon, we'll be able to sample some locally produced wines at a very sought after family winery, before spending time in the cosmopolitan town of Hvar itself. We'll have free time to explore this picturesque town at your leisure. In the early evening, you can choose to stay in Hvar and enjoy its thriving restaurant scene or come back to Stari Grad and enjoy a more tranquil dining experience.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

August 1st - Pakleni Islands & Vis B, L

Set sail during breakfast from Hvar and head to the peaceful island of Vis, famed for its seclusion and isolation. To get to Vis we sail through the beautiful Pakleni island archipelago which is known for its stunning secluded bays. The captain will dock in one of these bays giving guests an extended swim stop and time to snorkel or use the various water toys on the yacht.

We will arrive in Vis in the mid-afternoon. Vis was once a strategic Yugoslav naval base and off limits to visitors. Due to the island's seclusion and isolation, Vis has retained a very unique charm that typifies 'the Mediterranean as it once was.' Spend the afternoon exploring the beautiful waterfront or join the tour leader for a walk up to Fort George, which enjoys truly spectacular views over the island.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

August 2nd - Blue Cave & Korčula B,L

We set off early from Vis and head to the Island of Biševo, home to the magical Blue Cave. On arrival, we'll have the optional opportunity to enjoy a guided tour inside this beautiful natural phenomenon. The countless blues you see here defy description! (EUR20pp entrance fee payable on the day)

Please note that entry to the Blue Cave is subject to weather and sea conditions.

After exploring the Blue Cave, we will then sail on to the island of Korčula, which is best known as the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Relax on board the Bellissima and admire the stunning secluded bays on route. On arrival in Korčula, we'll have an expert local guide who will take us on walking tour of the charming Old Town. The picturesque, fortified town was ruled by Venetians in the past and has an ingenious layout in the shape of a fishbone.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

August 3rd - Slano & Ston B, L, D

We depart from Korčula during breakfast and sail down the beautiful Dalmatian coast. We'll have an extended swim stop along the pristine Pelješac Peninsula where we can enjoy a multitude of water sports. After lunch, we will arrive in the charming village of Slano, situated on the mainland. It is a peaceful traditional fishermen's village and the entrance point to Ston, another small, fortified village that is famous for its oysters. After exploring the town's medieval ramparts, we will take you out on the water to an oyster farm, where you will have the opportunity to sample delicious fresh oysters. The evening is reserved for the Captain's Farewell Dinner on board, with live music and entertainment.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

August 4th – Dubrovnik Sightseeing B, L

On the final day of our cruise, we will depart early to incomparable Dubrovnik. The ancient city boasts many historical buildings that date back to the time of the old Dubrovnik Republic. We will take a cruise along the walls of the old Dubrovnik city center. You will join a guided walking tour of this magnificent city with an expert local guide with free time to explore the old town at our leisure afterwards. Tonight, we have a wonderful array of excellent restaurants available within the city walls where we can choose to have dinner.

Overnight: Bellissima (7 nights)

August 5 B

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to the crew and to all of our new friends. Check out is by 9:00 am. Our driver will transfer us to Dubrovnik Airport or your hotel in Dubrovnik if you choose to extend your trip.