



Chef Sungchal Shim

Dalmatian Culinary & Cultural Yacht Voyage from Dubrovnik to
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Croatia 2026: A Culinary & Cultural Voyage

featuring Chef Sungchul Shim

Aboard your private yacht, savor bespoke dining experiences, wine tastings, and cooking demonstrations led by Chef Shim. Each day unveils new indulgences and rare encounters—from a private oyster and fish

picnic with a live tuna show on a secluded island, to tastings of Croatia's renowned olive oils and coastal wines, and much more.

Your voyage includes excursions to some of Dalmatia's most breathtaking destinations. Your journey starts in Dubrovnik, exploring Old Town and walking the city walls. You then board your luxury yacht and explore the islands of Brač, Hvar, and Korčula, visit secluded islands, and swim in the Adriatic until you finish the journey in Split and view Diocletian's Palace.

From golden sunsets on deck to immersive encounters with local heritage keepers, this journey is crafted for discerning travelers who seek more than a vacation. It is a rare chance to experience Croatia through its flavors, stories, and unforgettable coastal beauty—anchored by the culinary mastery of Chef Sungchul Shim.



Dubrovnik to Split

And experiences along the way

- **Day 1-2: Dubrovnik.** Begin with 5-star immersion at the Rixos Premium. Explore the legendary City, walk the City Walls, and more before a welcome feast at the Taj Mahal restaurant.
- **Day 3: The Elaphites.** Board the luxury yacht *Aretha* and meet the crew at a welcome reception. *Aretha* will weigh anchor for the hidden bays of the Elaphiti Islands offering a serene atmosphere and escaping the everyday hustle.

- **Day 4: Banja.** Board a boat to the secluded Island of Banja for a gourmet seafood lunch. Chef Sungchul Shim, live-fire cooking, bold menus, and total seclusion.
- **Day 5: Korčula.** An off-grid journey to Maha Ranch. Experience the "Iron Dome" *Peka* cooking method in a rustic stone estate—a favorite of global icons and culinary purists.
- **Day 6: Vis Island & Captain's Dinner.** Start the day with a relaxed swim stop and a demonstration by Chef Shim. Later stop at the island of Vis for a tour of a former Yugoslav army base. In the evening, gather on board for the Captain's Dinner.
- **Day 7: Hvar.** Spend the afternoon scaling the Spanish Fortress for a panoramic view of the yachting harbor, followed by an evening of Hvar's sophisticated nightlife and high-end energy.
- **Day 8: Brač.** Morning swim stops in the turquoise bays of Bol. Afternoon olive oil and wine tastings featuring local Brač varietals.
- **Day 9-11: Split.** Disembark the *Aretha* for a final stay at the Cornaro Hotel. Explore the living history of Diocletian's Palace. At the end of the trip, a private chauffeur whisks you to the airport for your departure with distinction.



Chef Sungchul Shim

Sungchul Shim is a Korean-American chef and restaurateur, celebrated for his ability to reinterpret Korean cuisine through the lens of contemporary American dining. Shim began cooking alongside his mother, developing an intuitive understanding of Korean cuisine that would shape his culinary foundation. After moving to the U.S., he built a global repertoire rooted in French technique and fine dining precision. In 2019, Shim debuted his first restaurant, [Kochi](#), a tasting menu concept centered around Korean skewers,

which earned a Michelin star within its first year. He followed in 2021 with [Mari](#), a progressive handroll omakase concept that also received a Michelin star shortly after opening.

In 2023, Shim expanded his reach with the more casual [Mari.ne](#) and [DonDon Korean BBQ](#) concepts, further demonstrating his versatility across formats. In 2025, he introduced [Gui Steakhouse](#), a reimagining of the American steakhouse infused with Korean flavors, along with its adjoining cocktail lounge, **Bar92**, which highlights creative drinks and Korean-inspired bar bites. His latest venture, [Hwaro](#), completes the trio – a 22-seat chef’s counter that serves as both a tribute to his heritage and a canvas for innovation.



Luxury Yacht Aretha

Aretha is a spacious luxury cruiser yacht with 15 cabins, accommodating up to 30 guests in style as she sails the stunning coastline of Croatia and the Adriatic Sea. Fresh from a complete cabin refit in 2026, she delivers elevated comfort alongside standout features like the world’s only inflatable pickleball court, two jacuzzis, a wellness center, cinema, and a full range of water sports. Perfect for families, celebrations, or corporate groups—this is group travel, reimagined on the Adriatic.

Pricing

All prices are per person and based on double occupancy.

Upper Deck Suite

\$11,600 USD per person

2 VIP suites with private terraces and private jacuzzis.

Main Deck Cabin

\$9400 USD per person

Bright and spacious, just steps from the heart of the yacht.

Lower Deck Cabin

\$7700 USD per person

Quiet and refined, with elegant finishes and cozy comfort below deck.