Croatia 2026 Adriatic Indulgence: Croatia's Culinary & Cultural Voyage featuring Chef Dale Talde

May 9, 2026 - May 19, 2026

Prices are per person and based on cabin choice.

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Embark on an extraordinary 10-day voyage through the Adriatic **May 9-19, 2026**, where the beauty of Croatia's coast meets the artistry of world-class cuisine.

Hosted by acclaimed **Chef Dale Talde,** a chef and TV personality known for his bold, unapologetic approach to Asian American Cooking. His Westchester restaurant, Goosefeather, is a modern Cantonese restaurant that earned a spot on Esquire's "Best New Restaurants in America" list and a James Beard nomination. While his latest project, Tigress, in Naples, FL, brings Cantonese flavors into the steakhouse format.

This intimate culinary journey begins in the historic port of Split and winds its way along the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik — revealing a rich tapestry of flavors, coastal elegance, and cultural discovery throughout.

Aboard your private yacht, savor bespoke dining experiences, wine tastings, and cooking demonstrations led by Chef Dale. 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. You'll start in Split and view Diocletian's Palace, explore the islands of Brač, Hvar, and Korčula, visit secluded islands, and swim in the Adriatic while cruising on a luxury yacht.

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 Dale Talde.**

All Inclusive Package Pricing

Lower Deck Cabin per person: $7300 USD
Quiet and refined, with elegant finishes and cozy comfort below deck.

Main Deck Cabin per person: $9300 USD
Bright and spacious, just steps from the heart of the yacht.

Upper Deck Suites per person: $11,500 USD

2 VIP suites with private terraces and private jacuzzis.

Trip Summary

May 9 - WELCOME TO SPLIT // WELCOME DINNER AT "CHOPS"

Welcome to Split: Croatia’s second-largest city where ancient history meets modern Mediterranean elegance.

3:00 PM Check in at Cornaro Hotel - Cornaro Hotel

Welcome Dinner paired with Croatian wines at Chops Grill in old town Split. - Chops Grill Steak & Seafood, Split

Meals and Accomodations

Split - Tourist Information - Split Airport (SPU), Passport & Visa, Public Transport, Taxi, Post, Pharmacy, Phone, Electricity

Split - Do & See - Diocletian’s Palace, Cathedral of St Domnius, Narodni Trg — People’s Square, Croatian Maritime Museum, Archaeological Museum, Ivan Meštrović Gallery, Split City Museum, Bačvice Beach, Bene Beach, Pjaca Clock Tower, Riva Waterfront, Trg Republike — Republic Square, Gregory of Nin Statue, Podrum — Cellars of Diocletian's Palace, Game of Thrones Tour

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Meals and Accomodations

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BRAČ ISLAND - Olive Oil Museum, Stina Winery and Dinner Demo on board

1:00 PM Visit the Olive Oil Museum and sit for a lunch with wine - Olive Oil Museum - Muzej uja

3:00 PM Wine Tasting at Stina Winery in Bol - Stina Winery - Bol, Croatia

Meals and Accomodations

May 12 - HVAR TOWN HIGHLIGHTS EXPLORER

CHARTER ROUTE: BRAČ ISLAND – HVAR ISLAND

Meals and Accomodations

May 13 - A TASTE OF TRADITION: DINING AT RANCH "MAHA", KORČULA'S CULINARY GEM

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Dining Experience at Maha Ranch - Konoba Maha

Meals and Accomodations

May 14 - SAIL INTO FLAVOR: WINE TASTING AND PRIVATE ISLAND FISH PICNIC

KORČULA ISLAND – PELJEŠAC PENINSULA – ELAPHITES

Meals and Accomodations

May 15 - DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF MLJET NATIONAL PARK // CAPTAIN'S DINNER

CHARTER ROUTE: PELJEŠAC – MLJET ISLAND

Meals and Accomodations

May 16 - MLJET - ELAPHITES - DUBROVNIK

CHARTER ROUTE: MLJET - ELAPHITES – DUBROVNIK

Meals and Accomodations

Dubrovnik - The City

Dubrovnik - Do & See - Game of Thrones Walking Tour of Dubrovnik, Dominican Monastery & Museum, Mount Srđ, Elaphite Islands, Trsteno Arboretum, Cathedral Treasury, House of Marin Držić, Ethnografic Museum Rupe, Franciscan Monastery Museum, The Synagogue, Cultural History Museum, Lokrum, Old Town, National Maritime Museum, City Walls

May 17 - DISEMBARKATION // DUBROVNIK HIGHLIGHTS EXPLORER

Disembarkation and coach transfer to Hotel Rixos

3:00 PM Check in at Rixos Premium Dubrovnik - Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Meals and Accomodations

May 18 - ENJOY LEISURE DAY IN DUBROVNIK // FAREWELL DINNER AT "TAJ MAHAL" RESTAURANT

Farewell Dinner at "Taj Mahal" in Old Town Dubrovnik - Taj Mahal Restaurant - Old Town

May 19 - GOODBYE CROATIA

Departure from Dubrovnik

11:00 AM Check out from Rixos Premium Dubrovnik - Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Meals and Accomodations

May 9 - WELCOME TO SPLIT // WELCOME DINNER AT "CHOPS"

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This lively coastal gem offers a captivating blend of old and new: from awe-inspiring Roman ruins and renowned museums to chic cafés and boutique shops nestled within winding stone alleyways.

Locals, proud of their heritage, often say Split is “the most beautiful city in the world and beyond.” As you wander its sun-drenched waterfront and maze of historic streets, you’ll quickly understand why—it’s a sentiment that’s hard to dispute.

At the city’s heart stands Diocletian’s Palace, a magnificent complex built over 1,700 years ago by the Roman emperor himself. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, it’s not just a monument—it’s a vibrant part of daily life, alive with restaurants, shops, and residences.

To ensure a seamless arrival, you’ll be greeted and transferred privately to your hotel.

In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and Croatian wine at the acclaimed Chops Grill Restaurant

Overnight in Split at the 5-Star Cornaro Hotel.

CHECK-IN 3:00 PM - Central European Summer Time

Check in at Cornaro Hotel

Location

The Cornaro Hotel is centrally located in Split's historic Old Town, nestled within the ancient walls near Diocletian's Palace, making it a prime spot for exploring major sights like the Peristyle, Cathedral of St. Domnius, Pjaca (People's Square), and the Riva promenade, all within a few minutes' walk, while also offering easy access to the port for island excursions. The hotel is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the beach.

Location Details:

- Address 1 (Main Entrance): Sinjska ulica 6, Split, 21000, Croatia
- Address 2 (Alternative Entrance): Ulica kralja Tomislava 9, Split, 21000, Croatia

Facilities

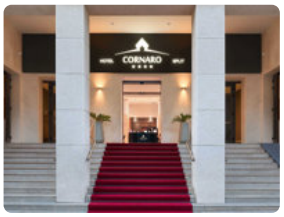
A seamless fusion of traditional and modern, affiliated with a passion for complete professional service, creates an experience that is truly exquisite.

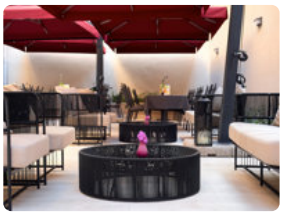
The excellent city central location of our hotel, its ancient history surroundings and interior elegance are complemented by discreet placement of the latest technology thoughtfully integrated throughout each room and hotel facilities. It’s the combination of personal touch, our remarkable people, exceptional location and property full of charm that create the Cornaro Hotel experience.

Cornaro Hotel offers a rooftop terrace with a hot tub and a bar, as well as free WiFi and a 24-hour front desk.

All modern hotel rooms include a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, air-conditioning, a seating area, mini bar and city views. Some rooms have their own tablet. The bathrooms are fitted with walk in showers.

A rich buffet breakfast is served each morning at the hotel restaurant while bar offers wine tasting of Croatian Wines. The staff will gladly help organise a range of activities in and around the city, from pub crawls and walking tours, to sports activities and excursions.





Cornaro Hotel
Sinjska ulica 6, Split, Croatia

Welcome Dinner paired with Croatian wines at Chops Grill in old town Split.

"Chops" is located at

Tončićeva 6, 21 000 Split
(across the bronze cup sculpture on the main Marmontova street)

Tel. +385913650000 (calls only)

WhatsApp: +385911741270

Email: info@chops-grill.com

Chops Grill Steak & Seafood, Split
Tončićeva 6, 21 000
+385 91 365 0000

The restaurant is across the bronze cup sculpture on teh main Marmontova Street
WhatsApp: +385911741270

Email: info@chops-grill.com

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Cornaro Hotel, Split

Meals:

- Breakfast: On your own
- Lunch: On your own
- Dinner: Chops Grill, Split

Split - Tourist Information

Split Airport (SPU)

Cesta Dr. Franje Tuđmana 1270, Kaštel Štafilić
+385 21 203 589

Split Airport is located 20 kilometres northwest of Split and it takes approximately 35 minutes to get there from the city centre. The bus company that runs the service to/from the airport is called Pleso Prijevoz.

There is also a public bus stop nearby. Line 37 runs to Split – Trogir; Trogir – Split, and 38: Split Airport – Kastel Stari; Kastel Stari – Split Airport. You can buy a ticket at the Tisak Media kiosk at the airport or pay on board.

You can find some taxis also parked outside the airport, or use one of the ridesharing apps: Uber, Bolt and Cammeo.

Passport & Visa

Croatia can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America.

If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Public Transport

Hercegovačka 20, Split
+385 21 407 888

The easiest way to get around in Split, especially in the Old Town, is by walking. If you plan to visit the outskirts of Split, use the city buses. They generally operate between 5 am and midnight. Tickets can be bought at the bus or from a newspaper kiosk.

Promet Split bus company operates 19 routes in the city itself, plus three night routes. Several suburban lines connect Split to Trogir: line 37, which goes to Split Airport; to Klis fortress: line 34; to Solin and to Omis: line 60.

Intercity buses usually depart from the local bus terminal called 'Sukoišan autobusni kolodvor' next to the train station.

Taxi

Auto Taxi & Radio Taxi Split, Vukovarska 107C
+385 21 473 737

The Old Town is a pedestrian area therefore, if you are planning on hailing a taxi, it might be a bit of a challenge. You can find some taxis parked around the city, or use one of the ridesharing apps: Uber, Bolt and Cammeo.

Post

Hrvatska pošta, Hercegovačka 1
+385 72 303 304

A few post-offices are located throughout town. Look for the yellow 'Hrvastka Posta' signs. Mail boxes are yellow, with 'Posta' or 'HP' written on them.

Pharmacy

Ljekarna Lučac, Josipa Pupačića 4
+385 21 533 188

In Split, there are numerous pharmacies often located 200 metres from one another. Look for names like Bačvice, Biljni preparati, Dobri, Grad, Lučac and Marjan.

Pharmacy Lučac on Josipa Pupačića street is open 24/7.

Phone

Country code: +385
Area code: (0)21

Electricity

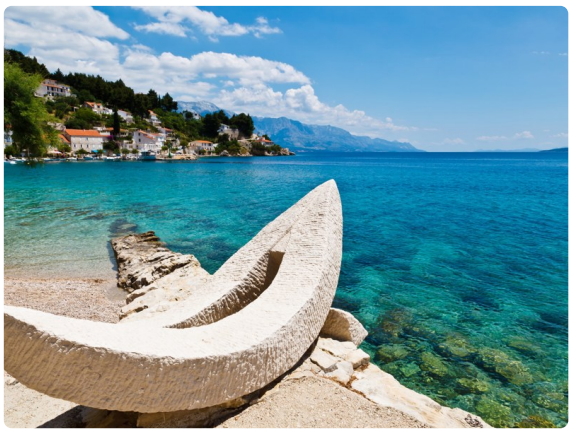
In Croatia, the standard power outlets are Type F and Type C which are compatible with most European plugs. The voltage is 230V, and the frequency is 50Hz.

Split - Do & See

The ancient walls of the Old City encircle squares, crescents and architectural beauties that create a cultural hub for travellers to discover. Split has a rich history, which is apparent to everyone who sets foot in the city. Here you will find historical sites, such as The Cathedral Of St Domnius, the main part of which dates to the 4th century CE; Pjaca Clock Tower and Diocletian’s Palace, to name a few.

Besides the treasure of the magnificent past, Split also offers the timeless beauty of nature: its crystalline waters, long stretches of white beaches and the green oasis embedded at the tip of the peninsula are a major draw for nature lovers, offering hundreds of options for outdoor activities or water-sports.

Thanks to its stunning surroundings the enchanting city of Split has fully embraced tourism, creating a destination where its natural peculiarities have been enhanced by vibrant bars, restaurants, shops, and cultural institutions.



Diocletian’s Palace
Dioklecijanova palača, Split

Diocletian’s Palace is the city's pride and glory, as it houses the alleys and squares that compose the Old Town. Built for the Emperor Diocletian back in the 4th century CE, it boasts an impressive figure and a well-preserved building. As you walk through the Bronze Gate, a stunning view of the Palace will be disclosed to the eyes, revealing the magnificent ancient fortress.

The ancient fortress is not just a dusty monument. It has become a vibrant neighbourhood with many shops, cafes and restaurants, as well as some apartments. Around 3,000 people live on the territory of Diocletian's palace today.

In the popular HBO show Game of Thrones, Diocletian’s Palace doubles as the city of Meereen.

Cathedral of St Domnius
Kraj Svetog Duje 3, Split

Situated within the Diocletian Palace's walls, St Domnius Cathedral is shrouded in history. Created as a mausoleum, it is currently one of the oldest Catholic Cathedral still in use and, with its peculiar octagonal-shaped building, it has an immeasurable artistic value. It was in this Cathedral that the remains of the Emperor disappeared after having rested there for 170 years.

Narodni Trg — People’s Square
Narodni trg, Split

Narodni Trg, the pulsing heart of the city, buzzes with life and artistic landmarks. The iconic Clock Tower and the majestic Town Hall, which has been turned into an ethnographic museum, dominate the square.

Perfect for a leisurely stroll, it also features dainty cafeterias and bars.

Croatian Maritime Museum
Glagoljaska 18, Split
+385 21 347 346

Rich in archaeological finds and artefacts, the Croatian Maritime Museum is located inside the 17th century Gripe Fortress. Catch a glimpse of the artistic beauties long lost in the sea. The exhibitions show that the maritime community had a major influence throughout the Adriatic Sea.

Archaeological Museum
Zrinsko Frankopanska 25, Split
+385 21 329 340

The Archaeological Museum boasts a comprehensive display of Illyrian, Greek and Roman artefacts, offering a complete overview of the region's history. One of the highlights of the visit is the library with 30,000 books regarding archaeology and history.

Ivan Meštrović Gallery
Šetalište Ivana Meštrovica 46, Split
+385 21 340 800

The Ivan Meštrović Gallery is a neoclassical building originally intended to be the home of the famous artist, now housing an impressive collection of his artworks. The permanent display features beautiful architectural projects, drawings and sculptures.

Split City Museum
Papaliceva 1, Split
+385 21 360 171

The Split City Museum houses a great collection that presents the cultural and historical heritage of Split, giving an expansive glimpse into the city's past. Here, you will find sculptures, paintings and diverse artworks set in a 14th century palace. Guided tours can be arranged in advance.

Bačvice Beach
Bačvice Beach, Split

Bačvice is the closest beach to downtown Split and, though it gets extremely crowded in summer, is a delightful spot to relax under the hot sun. Hide from the heat and rehydrate at any of the numerous quaint cafes frequented by locals playing picigin, a ball game that sees its origin here in Split.

Bene Beach
Šetalište MarinaTartaglie Split

A secluded cove in the northern coast of Marjan Forest Park, Bene Beach doesn't resemble the sandy Croatian beaches but boasts its one-of-a-kind charm. A long excursion through the forest will lead you to its pebbly seafront, where you can rest your feet in the clear water surrounded by untouched nature. A restaurant is also located a few steps away.

Pjaca Clock Tower
Ispod ure 1, Split

Pjaca Clock Tower imposes its figure with its impressive 1700 years of history. The tower's impressive height can be walked up a steep stairway that culminates in a breath-taking view of the Old Town and its vibrant flow of people. The tower features a 24-hour clock face signed with Roman numerals.

Riva Waterfront
Riva, Split

The fashionable Riva waterfront boardwalk is the place to go for a stroll. Blessed by the sound of the waves crushing to the shore and the scent of seaweed in the air, the seafront promenade offers coffee shops and bars, representing the perfect destination to be seen and to observe the curious stream of people passing by.

Trg Republike — Republic Square
Trg Republike, Split

Buzzing with people throughout the hot season, Trg Republike, or Republic Square, is where concerts and festivals are held. The square, constructed in a peculiar Venetian style, is a renowned gathering point, as well as a great spot to sip a coffee and sample some traditional cuisine at the quaint eateries and coffee shops.

Gregory of Nin Statue
Kralja Tomislava, Split

Nothing extremely thrilling can be said about this statue, which is located in front of the northern gate of the Diocletian Palace. It rises up celebrating bishop Grgur, Gregory of Nin, who firmly opposed the Pope and introduced the Croatian language into Catholic services. You may want to stop by though: its well-polished big toe is said to bring good luck for those who rub it.

Podrum — Cellars of Diocletian's Palace

Vestibula 3, Split

The ancient prison, a tangle of underground chambers concealed underneath the Diocletian Palace, is nowadays open only for special events. The main alley that links the cells together, treats the tourists with an array of picturesque stalls, well-equipped with souvenirs and artworks of any sort.

In the HBO show Game of Thrones, Daenerys Targaryen locks up her enemies, as well as two of her dragons. These scenes were filmed right here, in the cellars of Diocletian's Palace.

Game of Thrones Tour

Diocletian's Palace, Grad

Croatian towns and natural vistas were extensively featured in the hit HBO series Game of Thrones, many of the scenes from seasons 3, 4, 5 and 6 were filmed in Split. Follow the lead of a knowledgeable guide and discover where many of the scenes were shot. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take awesome selfies and feel not only the weight of hundreds of years of history but also that of the most influential pop-culture product of this millennium.

May 10 - SPLIT HIGHLIGHT EXPLORER // EMBARKATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION ON BOARD

Charter Route: Split → Šolta Island

This morning, step back in time and explore Split, where ancient Rome meets modern Croatia. With your local guide, uncover stories and legends that bring the city to life.

Begin your morning with a journey through time as you explore Split, where ancient Roman grandeur blends seamlessly with modern Croatian vibrance. Accompanied by your local guide, uncover the stories and legends that breathe life into this historic city.

Walk in the footsteps of Emperor Diocletian, whose 3rd-century palace—now a UNESCO World Heritage Site—forms the very heart of Split. Enter through the Golden Gate, wander through Peristyle Square, and admire Jupiter's Temple and the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, originally Diocletian's mausoleum.

Continue through the Vestibule and the palace cellars, then meander into the medieval quarter. Conclude your walking tour along the lively Riva promenade, a perfect spot to absorb Split's timeless charm.

At 3 PM, board Aretha for a welcome reception, followed by dinner on board as you set sail **to** Brač island. Overnight on Brač.

CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central European Summer Time

Check out from Cornaro Hotel

Cornaro Hotel
Sinjska ulica 6, Split, Croatia

3:00 PM - Central European Summer Time

Embark on Luxury Mini Cruiser "Aretha" and enjoy a Welcome Reception

Transfer to Port

Hotel Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Meet your driver in front of the hotel for a bus transfer to the port.

Yacht Meeting Point

Marina Frapa, Gate TBD

Aretha will be docked at Marina Frapa, gate TBD.

Day before embarkation you will receive exact location and instructions for embarkation from your cruise manager.

Embarkation starts at 3pm, please be ready at 2:45pm in front of your hotel for a bus pick up.

If any issue, please contact your host Mare at +385953491013

What really makes a cruise ship so special? It’s the crew onboard, of course. They make sure you have a great holiday, from welcoming you with a smile to remembering your favorite cocktail at dinner. Before welcome dinner you will meet friendly crew members and enjoy welcome drink.

As safety is Via tours Croatia's number one priority we require every guest to attend the safety drill on the first day of the cruise. This consists of a general briefing on the safety equipment, guidelines and procedures that you should follow in the unlikely event of an emergency. In a case of bad weather conditions travel plan will be rescheduled.

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Mini Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: Cornaro Hotel
- Lunch: On your own
- Dinner: On board

Stina Winery - Bol, Croatia

Experience the essence of Brač through premium wine tastings. Stina is located in the picturesque town of Bol on the island of Brač. You can easily visit our winery by ferry from Split, and it offers a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Address: Stina Winery, Riva 16, 21320 Bol

Email: visit@stina-vino.hr

Stina Winery - Bol, Croatia
16 Riva, Bol, Splitsko-dalmatinska županija, HR

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BRAČ ISLAND - Olive Oil Museum, Stina Winery and Dinner Demo on board

Visit the renowned **Museum of Olive Oil** to learn about centuries-old production methods, sample locally made olive oils, and enjoy a delicious meal featuring Brač specialties.

Afterwards you'll take time to savor the authentic flavors of Brač Island while uncovering its rich history and culture on this private tour.

Journey through the island's charming villages and historic landmarks, including the ancient ruins of Škrip.

Continue your exploration with a **visit to one of the island's celebrated wineries – STINA** where winemaking dates back to the 5th century BC, when the Greeks first brought vines to Brač. Savor tastings of robust reds—rich with notes of sour cherry and Mediterranean herbs—and crisp whites marked by minerality and a hint of sea salt accompanied by live music. Each sip offers a true taste of Dalmatia and the Adriatic's timeless spirit.

Enjoy a **dinner demonstration onboard**, where **Chef Dale** will prepare dishes in front of you, sharing culinary techniques and insights as you savor a curated menu.

Overnight on Brač.

1:00 PM - Central European Summer Time

Visit the Olive Oil Museum and sit for a lunch with wine

Olive Oil Museum - Muzej uja
5 Put Ploča, Škrip, Splitsko-dalmatinska županija, HR
+385 95 811 4643

3:00 PM - Central European Summer Time

Wine Tasting at Stina Winery in Bol

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Email: visit@stina-vino.hr

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Mini Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: On board
- Snack: Museum of Olive Oil
- Dinner: On your own

May 12 - HVAR TOWN HIGHLIGHTS EXPLORER

CHARTER ROUTE: BRAČ ISLAND – HVAR ISLAND
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Morning cruise from Brač to Hvar island with swim stop en route.

Enjoy lunch demo onboard, where your chef will prepare dishes live, sharing culinary techniques and insights as you savor a curated tasting menu.

Discover the **best of Hvar** with your **local guide** on this immersive tour of the island's **sunniest and oldest town**, famed for its **history**, **beauty**, and **vibrant culture**.

Begin with a **scenic drive to the Spanish Fortress**, where your guide will point out key landmarks as you take in **panoramic views of Hvar Town and the sparkling Pakleni Islands**.

Back in the lively **St. Stephen's Square**, wander through **charming old streets** and visit the **Benedictine nunnery**, where nuns still craft **delicate agave lace**, a **UNESCO-recognized tradition**.

With your guide's expert insight, explore **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, the **peaceful Franciscan Monastery**, and architectural gems like the **Venetian Loggia** and **Clock Tower**. This **guided experience** perfectly captures **Hvar's rich heritage**, **local spirit**, and **coastal charm**.

The rest of the day at leisure on Hvar.

Overnight in Hvar town.

Meals and Accomodations
Accommodations:

- Luxury Mini Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: Demo on board
- Dinner: On your own

May 13 - A TASTE OF TRADITION: DINING AT RANCH "MAHA", KORČULA'S CULINARY GEM

CHARTER ROUTE: VIS – KORČULA ISLAND

Morning cruise from Vis to Korčula island with swim stop en route and morning yoga on board.

Enjoy lunch demo onboard, where your chef will prepare dishes live, sharing culinary techniques and insights as you savor a curated tasting menu.

Indulge in an **unforgettable dining experience** at the **enchanting Maha Ranch**, hidden in the **lush heart of Korčula**. Here, **authentic Croatian slow food** meets **culinary artistry**, offering a true taste of the island's soul.

With a **chef dedicated to fresh, local ingredients**, each dish is a **masterpiece of flavor and tradition**. Dine **under the stars**, surrounded by **fragrant Mediterranean herbs**, and savor a meal that celebrates **nature, craftsmanship, and simplicity**.

Watch as the chef prepares dishes **under a traditional iron dome**, slow-cooked for hours to perfection—yielding **rich, tender flavors** in every bite.

The **captivating atmosphere of Maha Ranch** has charmed even **Bill Gates and Bernie Ecclestone**. Let yourself be **enchanted by this authentic Mediterranean haven**.

Overnight on Korčula.

Dining Experience at Maha Ranch

Konoba Maha
Vrsi bb, 20275
+385 91 605 1207

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: On board
- Dinner: Maha Ranch

May 14 - SAIL INTO FLAVOR: WINE TASTING AND PRIVATE ISLAND FISH PICNIC

KORČULA ISLAND – PELJEŠAC PENINSULA – ELAPHITES

Morning cruise from Korčula island to Pelješac peninsula.

Your journey begins to **Mali Ston**, famed for its **oyster and mussel farms**. Glide across **crystal-clear waters** to discover the **centuries-old art of shellfish cultivation**, then savor **freshly harvested oysters and mussels** paired with **local wine**.

Conclude your adventure on the **private island of Banja** with a **gourmet seafood lunch**. Watch a **live Tuna Show** featuring **tartare, sashimi, and flame-grilled steaks**, followed by an **interactive demonstration**, where the chef shares tips on **seafood selection**, **citrus curing**, and **balancing flavors**.

Overnight on Aretha anchored near Pelješac.

Gather on Aretha for Captain's dinner.

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: Gourmet Seafood Lunch on private island of Banja
- Dinner: On board

May 15 - DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF MLJET NATIONAL PARK // CAPTAIN'S DINNER

CHARTER ROUTE: PELJEŠAC – MLJET ISLAND

Morning cruise from Pelješac to Mljet island with swim stop en route.

Set off on an unforgettable private walking tour through the breathtaking Mljet National Park, guided by a local expert who will uncover the hidden gems of this pristine paradise.

As the oldest marine protected area in the Mediterranean, Mljet has been enchanting visitors for over six decades with its lush landscapes, vibrant colors, and the invigorating scent of untouched nature.

Mljet National Park spans almost a third of the island, making it a sanctuary for nature enthusiasts. Among its most iconic landmarks are the **captivating Small Lake and Great Lake—two seawater-filled bays** that are not only visually stunning but also geological and oceanographic wonders.

Mljet offers more than just natural beauty—it's a living history book. The island's ancient settlements and archaeological sites provide a fascinating window into the past, while the **Benedictine monastery on the picturesque island of St. Mary stands as the park's crowning glory**, blending history and beauty in one of the most scenic spots you'll ever encounter.

Enjoy captain's dinner on board and overnight on Mljet.

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Mini Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: On board
- Dinner: Captains Dinner on board

May 16 - MLJET - ELAPHITES - DUBROVNIK

CHARTER ROUTE: MLJET - ELAPHITES – DUBROVNIK

Morning cruise to Elaphites. Enjoy day on water and lunch culinary demo.

In the afternoon cruise to Dubrovnik.

Welcome to Dubrovnik—the dazzling pearl of the Adriatic! Nestled in the southern tip of Croatia, this sun-kissed city radiates Mediterranean charm almost year-round.

Dubrovnik brims with Mediterranean magic, blending stunning Baroque, Gothic, and Renaissance architecture with centuries-old charm.

Overnight on Aretha docked in Dubrovnik.

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Luxury Mini Cruiser Yacht Aretha

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: On board
- Dinner: On your own

Dubrovnik - The City

Few places in the world master the mix of young and modern with the medieval and baroque better than Dubrovnik.

The city naturally revolves around the Old Town which is inside the city walls. There, you'll find a blend of shops, cafes, bars, a fantastic atmosphere, and some very beautiful sights as you walk along down the Stradun. The squares in the Old Town are lined with bars or restaurants that have outdoor seating, giving the you, as well as the locals, a chance to relax with a drink in the sunshine.

Outside the city walls, modern Dubrovnik offers everything you would expect from a Mediterranean country. Figs, lemons, oranges and peaches are to be found dangling from the trees in many of the gardens.

The town’s architecture displays very little evidence from the ‘Siege of Dubrovnik’ in 1992, during which more than two thousand bombs were dropped on the town. The only hint of this is the presence of all the newly tiled roofs in town.

Dubrovnik is well worth a visit any time of the year, but naturally, spring and summer brings out the best in the city.

Dubrovnik - Do & See

'The pearl of the Adriatic', Dubrovnik offers a great mix of history, sun and sea, making it a popular tourist destination. Thanks to its location between the towering Dinaric Alps and the Adriatic Sea, the city has an incredible scenery that just needs to be seen with your own eyes. There are plenty of gems and spots to discover and the visitors are spoiled with choices all year round.

Start your day by exploring the town's history and walk around the city walls and the Old Town, no visit to Dubrovnik would be complete without these two spectacular attractions. If you want to cool down, head over to one of the beaches with crystal clear sea and within easy reach. Alternatively, why not take a water taxi to one of the islands around Dubrovnik and enjoy gorgeous beaches, lush vegetation and the relaxed vibe. Either way, you will find endless things to do, so you better start planning.

Game of Thrones Walking Tour of Dubrovnik

Stradun 33, Dubrovnik
+385 20 436 846

If this view looks slightly, or totally familiar to you, you can declare yourself a true Game of Thrones fan. On this exclusive Dubrovnik walking tour, you'll get to explore the real filming locations of this beloved TV series.

Follow in Joffrey's footsteps at Lovrijenac Fortress, stand where Arya Stark stood, and hear behind-the-scenes stories about shooting GOT in the city.

Dominican Monastery & Museum

Svetog Dominika 4, Dubrovnik
+385 20 322 200

This monastery dates back to 1301, and it was built by the citizens of Dubrovnik who were ordered to work on it by the local authorities. The attached museum contains an impressive selection of arts from sixteenth-century Dubrovnik including votive jewellery, relics, manuscripts, valuable documents and much more.

Mount Srđ

Mount Srđ, Dubrovnik
+385 20 414 355

The best views of Dubrovnik and the surrounding area are, without doubt, experienced from the top of the Srd Hill. The Dubrovnik Cable Car was built back in 1969 and was eagerly used by millions of visitors who wanted to enjoy the most stunning panoramic views. On a clear day, you can see up to 60 km, 37 miles. For this reason, the neighbouring Imperial Fortress was strategically built on this privileged spot, back in the early 19th century. It is also possible to get there by car or walking. No matter how you get there, a fantastic view is your reward.

Elaphite Islands

Elafiti Islands, Dubrovnik

Near Dubrovnik there is the archipelago of thirteen larger and smaller islands and islets known under the common name of the Elafiti. Among them, the three inhabited islands are of particular interest. Starting from Dubrovnik westwards these are Kolocep or Kalamota, as it is called by the locals, Lopud and Sipan.

These islands, being a nature park, give pleasure to the eyes and soul of every traveller seeking peace and relaxation. On these islands without traffic, surrounded by turquoise blue sea, you can enjoy a walk through the forest paths, rest on sandy and stone beaches, taste fresh seafood in restaurants and taverns.

Trsteno Arboretum

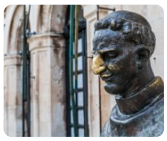
Potok 20, Trsteno

Just outside of town, this beautiful Renaissance garden is perched on a hillside overlooking the sea. Palm trees, mandarins and grapefruits grow in this wonderful lush garden together with 400-year-old trees with some reaching heights of 50 metres. Particularly well-worth visiting on a sunny day in spring.

Cathedral Treasury

Kneza Damjana Jude 1, Dubrovnik
+385 20 323 459

Dubrovnik’s baroque Assumption of the Virgin Mary Cathedral was built in the 18th century over the earlier Romanesque Cathedral dating to the 12th century, which was destroyed in the great earthquake of 1667. The Treasury inside the cathedral houses 132 relics of saints dating from the 11th to the 19th centuries. The priceless head, arms and leg relics of St Blaise that were crafted by Dubrovnik goldsmiths date between the 11th and 12th centuries.



House of Marin Držić

Široka 7, Dubrovnik
+385 20 323 242

Step back into the 16th century and visit a museum the likes of which you have never yet seen. An interesting and modern audio-visual presentation will give you the opportunity of becoming familiar with the life and works of the greatest Croatian Renaissance comedian from Dubrovnik, Marin Držić.

Ethnografic Museum Rupe

Od Rupa 3, Dubrovnik
+385 20 323 056

The Ethnographic Museum is located in an old granary dating to the 16th century, where it is possible to see just how much attention the residents of Dubrovnik gave to the storage of grain. The Dubrovnik Republic kept all the state reserves of wheat, barley and millet in deep silos called 'rupe', carved out of stone and coated with a water-proof material that kept the grain at a temperature of 17ºC. The traditional rural economy and architecture of the Dubrovnik region is found on the First Floor. Folk costumes and textile handiwork can be seen on the 2nd Floor.

Franciscan Monastery Museum

Stradun 30, Dubrovnik
+385 20 641 110

The museum with the inventory from the old 'Male Braće' pharmacy dating to 1317 is located in the cloister of the Franciscan monastery. The well-preserved furniture in the pharmacy dates to the 16th century, and the vases are from Sienna and Florence, dating to the 15th and 16th centuries. It also contains various presses, mortars, and an instrument for distilling water dating to the 14th century, as well as prescription manuscripts for making medicine, precise measurement, etc.

The Synagogue

Dubrovačka sinagoga, Žudioska 5

A decree made by the government of the Dubrovnik Republic in 1546 allowed Jews to settle within the city ramparts. This officially marked the establishment of the Jewish Ghetto on the street called Žudioska. In 1652, one of the houses was turned into a Synagogue, whose interior is in the baroque style. It has been preserved to this day, with minor changes, and is one of the oldest synagogues in Europe.

The first floor houses a museum with a number of religious artefacts and archives, Rococo, baroque and Louis XVI furniture and paintings by Italian masters.

Cultural History Museum

Dvorom 3, Dubrovnik
+385 20 321 497

The Cultural History Museum is located in the Rector’s Palace. A courtroom, dungeon and a scribe’s office are located on the ground floor. A numismatic collection of Dubrovnik coins, seals, weights, and a collection of watches are on the mezzanine level. Beautiful examples of furniture, portraits, uniforms, and an inventory from the Domus Christi pharmacy, as well as various kinds of weapons can also be seen.

Lokrum

Lokrum, Dubrovnik

In only ten minutes, a boat from the Old City Harbour will take you to the Island of Lokrum, a special forestry reserve under UNESCO protection. A favourite bathing and excursion place in close proximity to the City, Lokrum is also the exotic and mysterious venue of many legends and stories. A small lake on the island called Mrtvo More, 'Dead Sea', is suitable for children and non-swimmers. Walk to the highest point of Lokrum, the elevation with the star-shaped Fort Royal, built by the French in 1806. The place offers a magnificent view of Dubrovnik, Cavtat and the islands.

Old Town

Stradun, Dubrovnik

Stunning buildings and a great atmosphere make the Old Town fantastic to wander around. The marble-clad streets are some of the most fascinating in the world. The main street, Stradun, begins with an old monastery and ends in a great square. Throughout the Old Town, you will find plenty of restaurants, cafés and souvenir shops.

National Maritime Museum

Kneza Damjana Jude 12, Dubrovnik
+385 20 323 904

The Maritime Museum is located on the First and Second Floors of Fort St John’s. The exhibits on the First Floor give an overview of the development of Dubrovnik maritime trade and shipbuilding from its very start to the fall of the Dubrovnik Republic. The exhibits on the Second Floor show the resurgence of maritime trade in Dubrovnik and on the Pelješac Peninsula during the 19th century, as well as the strength of Dubrovnik steamships up until World War II and afterwards.

City Walls

Poljana Paska Miličevića bb, Dubrovnik

The whole of the Old Town in Dubrovnik is surrounded by the city walls which served as a defence against attack from the sea. The wall stretches nearly two kilometres and is as high as 25 metres in some places. A walk on the walls provides the ideal opportunity to enjoy the medieval and baroque splendours of the Old Town.

May 17 - DISEMBARKATION // DUBROVNIK HIGHLIGHTS EXPLORER

Disembarkation and coach transfer to Hotel Rixos

Meet your local guide and explore the timeless beauty of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and once a proud independent republic. Wander its ancient streets as your expert guide reveals stories of its rich past and vibrant present.

Discover iconic landmarks such as the Dubrovnik Cathedral, City Gates, Loggia Square, Onofrio's Fountain, St. Saviour Church, the Franciscan Monastery, and the Rector's Palace.

Walk the legendary City Walls, passing Minceta Tower, Fort Lovrijenac, and Revelin Fortress for breathtaking views of the city and sea.

Free time for lunch and in the afternoon, private transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

CHECK-IN 3:00 PM - Central European Summer Time

Check in at Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Location

Ideal for beach vacationers and families, this hotel lies in Dubrovnik, right by the sea. The nearest airport is Rixos Premium Dubrovnik, located approximately 15 miles away.

Facilities

The friendly staff at the reception desk in the lobby are happy to answer any questions. Guests receive a welcome drink upon arrival. Services and facilities include a babysitting service, a wake-up call service and a conference room. Wireless internet access is provided in public areas. Guests arriving by car can park their vehicles in the parking lot.

Rixos Premium Dubrovnik
Liechtensteinov put 3, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Meals and Accomodations

Accommodations:

- Hotel Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Meals:

- Breakfast: On board
- Lunch: On your own
- Dinner: On your own

May 18 - ENJOY LEISURE DAY IN DUBROVNIK // FAREWELL DINNER AT "TAJ MAHAL" RESTAURANT

Farewell Dinner at "Taj Mahal" in Old Town Dubrovnik

Enjoy the day at leisure in Dubrovnik.

In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at **Taj Mahal** in the Old Town, savoring local flavors and warm hospitality in a charming historic setting.

After the dinner coach transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Taj Mahal Restaurant - Old Town
2 Ulica Nikole Gučetića, Dubrovnik, Dubrovačko-neretvanska županija, HR
00385(0)20 323 221

May 19 - GOODBYE CROATIA

Departure from Dubrovnik
Private transfers to Dubrovnik airport based on flight information.

Bon voyage!

CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central European Summer Time
Check out from Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Rixos Premium Dubrovnik
Liechtensteinov put 3, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Meals and Accomodations
Accommodations:

- On your own as you continue travel or head home

Meals:

- Breakfast: Hotel Rixos Dubrovnik if time allows prior to flights
- Lunch: On your own
- Dinner: On your own

INCLUSIONS, EXCLUSIONS & PRICING

All Inclusive Package Pricing

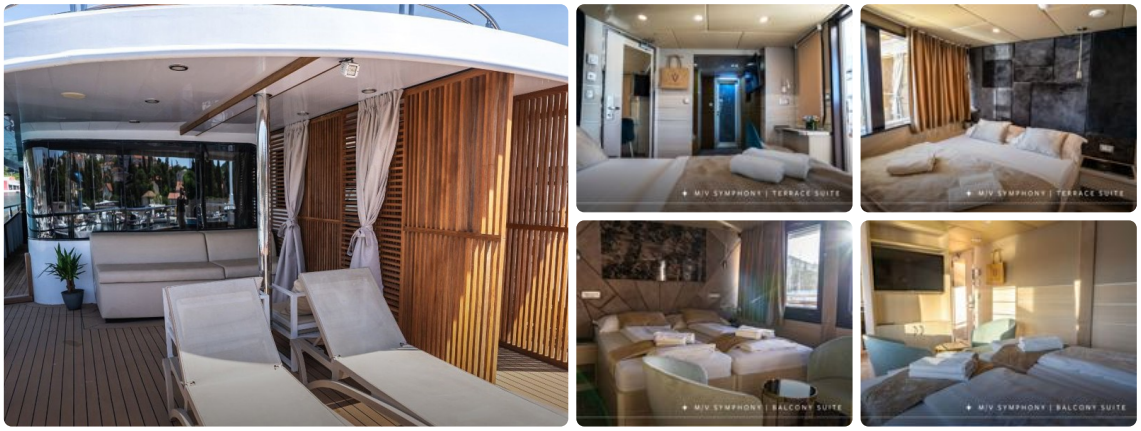
Lower Deck Cabin per person: $7300 USD
Quiet and refined, with elegant finishes and cozy comfort below deck.

Main Deck Cabin per person: $9300 USD
Bright and spacious, just steps from the heart of the yacht.

Upper Deck Suites per person: $11,500 USD

VIP suites with private deck and jacuzzi.

Prices are based on double occupancy and includes all meals, experiences and transportation listed throughout the itinerary.



INCLUSIONS

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Package Includes:

- ✓ All accommodations, meals, and tours as indicated in the itinerary (includes gratuities for itinerary listed meals, tours and transfers)
- ✓ Hotel Cornaro accommodation — **May 9-10, 2026** *(pre-stay night)*
- ✓ Hotel Rixos accommodation — **May 17-18, 2026** *(post-stay night)*
- ✓ Welcome dinner at *Chops* restaurant
- ✓ Dinner at *Ranch Maha*
- ✓ Farewell dinner at *Taj Mahal* restaurant
- ✓ All elements of the tour outlined in the itinerary such as wineries, museums and other adventures.
- ✓ All transfers as per itinerary, including private airport pick-up and drop-off.
- ✓ VAT and CC processing fees

Aretha Charter *(May 10-17, 2026)*

- ✓ Premium docking
- ✓ VAT
- ✓ Service of 11 crew members
- ✓ Cruise director
- ✓ **Beer, wine, and soft drinks at no extra charge**
- ✓ Usage of non-motorized & motorized water sports
- ✓ WiFi
- ✓ Daily cleaning
- ✓ Fuel for up to 5 hours of navigation daily

- ✓ TV/SAT
- ✓ Usage of sauna
- ✓ Unlimited anchor
- ✓ Usage of tender until midnight
- ✓ Minimum 2 meals per day *(daily breakfast provided, plus one or more additional meals)*
- ✓ Welcome reception
- ✓ Captain’s dinner
- ✓ Cooking demonstrations

EXCLUSIONS

Package exclusions:

✓International flights

✓Any meals not indicated in the above itinerary

✓Addtional drinks packages

✓Any personal expenses

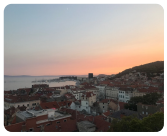
✓Crew Gratuity: suggested minimum of €300.00 per guest
(paid in cash at the end of the yacht tour)

✓Cruise Director Gratuity: suggested minimum of €75.00 per guest
(paid in cash at the end of the yacht tour)

ACCOMODATIONS

May 9-10, 2026 : Hotel Cornaro
ROOM TYPE: Luxury Room with Balcony

Additional nights prior to the official stay may be arranged, subject to availability



Cornaro Hotel
Sinjska 6, Split, Splitsko-Dalmatinska Županija, Hrvatska

ARETHA Luxury Cruiser Yacht
Aretha vessel information

Aretha is a newly built 46-meter-long motor vessel, completely refitted in 2024. It has 13 double/twin cabins and 2 VIP suites with private terraces and private jacuzzis, where 30 people can be comfortably accommodated. Each cabin is air-conditioned and has its own bathroom.

Aretha has a large sundeck with deck chairs, sunbeds, and a jacuzzi where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful sea and coasts of Croatia. With plenty of amenities, it makes a perfect yacht vacation for a group island hopping in the majestic Adriatic.

Water toys :

- Jet Ski
- SeaBob
- 6x Stand-up paddle board
- Wakeboard
- 2 tenders with ringo & bana
- 6x kayaks
- Yacht pool
- Water slide
- Floating pickleball court

Amenities:

- Gym
- Cinema
- Wellness with sauna & massages
- Sun deck bar

HOUSE RULES

Captain’s authority

The captain is there to make your trip safe and pleasant. He will make the right decision in case needed to change the itinerary for the safety of all of you on board. This is only happening in case of bad weather or similar inappropriate conditions in ports, high or low water levels, dock, and lock schedules or if he needs to follow.

Ship rules are designed deliberately to protect all the passengers on board and are compliant with local laws. Please take a minute of your time to get familiar so the crew and yourself have an amazing stay on board of your yacht.

- Jumping from outside decks into the water during navigation is strictly forbidden.
- During rough weather, all movement should be performed with care and as little as possible
- Passengers should take extra care when crossing between the ships in case we are docked together in ports.
- The ship is equipped with smoke detectors please only smoke outside on upper and sun deck. Smoking in the restaurant and cabins is not allowed. In case of smoking, the fire alarm will be activated.
- Please take special attention not to throw anything into toilets except the toilet paper.

- Passengers are not permitted to bring drinks and food on board unless previously agreed with the agency and the captain. Exceptions include personal care products, liquid medicine, food for infants and food products for special diets (diabetes…).
- Please respect meal times on board as the chefs and the crew are working hard to deliver perfect meals.
- Please respect agreed sailing times. Due to overrun ports the vessel must reserve the spots in ports so being late might result in lost spot.
- We care about our sea, throwing rubbish into the sea is not the gesture we support and local authorities also subject to a local fine
- If traveling with underage kids, parents are fully responsible for their safety while on board
- Usage of motorized water toys might be subject to license (jet ski users must possess a proper license to use jet ski in Croatia)
- Please have fund with all water toys and amenities but all of these are used at your own liability and risk
- If docked in ports and marinas, quite hours start at 10:00PM

Payments on board

For all extra services on board you will be able to use credit card or pay in cash. In case drink packages are not purchased in advance all will be charged per consumption. There will be open account for each cabin and all the extra spend must be paid before disembarkation.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not mandatory but are very much welcomed. Suggested tip runs anywhere from EUR300 per person for the crew for the week, and from EUR75 per person for the Cruise manager if charter fully booked 30pax. Tip is strictly at your own discretion.

Extra services available on the boat

- ***Room service*** – Room service is available for massages, drinks, and snacks. There is a flat room service fee of EUR15 for all orders.
- ***Laundry service*** - *Per wash with ironing EUR60 (up to 5kg of laundry).* Pay in cash.
- ***Off hours menu*** – *There is off hours menu for those who get hungry outside of the pre planned meals on board of Aretha.*
- ***Massages –*** Massages are available on request and must be reserved day in advance. Pay in cash.

EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION

Official embarkation time is between 3:00 and 3:30 PM. This allows the staff and crew enough time to prepare your stateroom and have the ship ready for your departure. Official disembarkation time is 9AM.

STATEROOM INFORMATION

- **TV**

High-speed Internet and Wi-Fi access make it easy to keep up with the latest news and stay connected with friends and family back home throughout your voyage. If you have questions about navigating the system or accessing the Internet, please contact your cruise manager for assistance. Please note the ship’s television reception and Internet operate via satellite and may be temporarily restricted or unclear depending on the ship’s location.

- **Climate Control**

Your stateroom is equipped with adjustable climate control. Please refer to the instructions provided or check with the cruise manager should you have any questions regarding its use.

- **Electricity**

Electricity on board is 220v with European 2-pin power outlets. You may need a European adapter and/or converter for any electrical appliances you bring with you. Stateroom bathrooms are equipped with electric shaver outlets. You may like to bring with you a multi-port USB charger.

- **Bathroom Amenities**

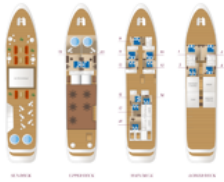
Each stateroom has a private bathroom with shower box and home type toilet. Your stateroom is equipped with a hair dryer and spa-quality toiletries, including soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion.

- **Safe**

Your stateroom is equipped with a small safe for your personal use. We recommend placing valuables in the safe whenever you are away from your room.

- **Wi-Fi**

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship. Please note, the ship's Internet service operates via GSM networks like your mobile phone with Satellite as a back up and may be temporarily restricted or unclear depending on the ship's location.



May 17-18, 2026: Hotel Rixos Premium Dubrovnik

Rixos Premium Dubrovnik
Liechtensteinov put 3, Dubrovnik, Croatia

CROATIA USEFUL INFORMATION

HR Croatia Trip Travel Information

Passport

- Your passport should remain valid for the **full duration of your journey**.
- Many destinations—particularly those catering to discerning travelers—require a **minimum of six months' validity** beyond your return date, while select countries allow for **three months**.
- For peace of mind, arrange a **secure backup** by keeping a high-quality photocopy or a clear, encrypted image stored on your phone.

Luggage

- **Baggage Allowance:** Enjoy the convenience of one checked bag (up to 50 lbs) or one carry-on designed to fit seamlessly in the overhead compartment.
- **Personal Item: Y**ou may also bring one elegantly sized personal item that tucks neatly beneath the seat in front of you for effortless access in-flight.
- **Luggage Identification:** You will receive a **custom luggage tag** prior to departure, elegantly designed to identify you as part of our exclusive travel group and ensure seamless handling at each hotel.

Currency & Payments

- **Currency:** Euro (€). U.S. dollars are **not** accepted.
- **Currency Exchange:**
  - **When withdrawing cash, always use an ATM located within a reputable bank branch rather than standalone machines, airport kiosks, or street-side currency exchanges.** When prompted, select **euros** rather than dollars—this ensures your bank applies the most favorable exchange rate with minimal markup, preserving the value of your funds for more indulgent experiences.

- **Credit Cards:**
  - **Visa and Mastercard** are widely accepted across Croatia, while American Express is more limited. Carry a premium card with no foreign transaction fees.
  - For the most seamless experience, carry a **premium credit card with no foreign transaction fees** and ensure it supports **contactless "tap-and-pay"**—a convenience available almost everywhere.
  - For optimal exchange rates, always select to **pay in euros (local currency)** when presented with the choice.

VAT Tax Refunds

- **Tax-Free Shopping:** Many high-end goods qualify for a **VAT refund**—though this does not apply to food, hotel stays, or most transportation. Most countries set a **minimum qualifying purchase** of approximately **€75 per item**.
- When making purchases, **carry your passport and return flight details**, as these are often required for processing.
- At the airport, allow **additional time for the refund procedure**, which must be completed before departure.
- You will need to **present the purchased item** for inspection, so keep it in your **carry-on** rather than checked luggage.

Staying Connected (Mobile & WIFI)

- For uninterrupted service abroad, consult your **mobile carrier** regarding premium international plan options tailored to your needs.
- Complimentary **high-speed Wi-Fi** is available in all of our carefully selected hotels, and most cafés and lounges also offer reliable connections for your convenience.
- To ensure seamless communication during your journey, **WhatsApp** will be our primary method for sharing updates, coordinating activities, and staying in touch with fellow travelers.

Electrical & Charging Needs

- Croatia uses **Type C and Type F plugs** with a **220V electrical standard**. We recommend bringing a **sleek, high-quality travel adapter** for chargers and devices, and a **voltage converter** for appliances such as curling irons—unless they are **dual-voltage**.

- For guests traveling with **CPAP machines**, please confirm your device is dual-voltage or bring an appropriate converter.
- **Hair dryers** are thoughtfully provided in all our curated hotels—often tucked in the bathroom, drawers, or closets for your convenience.

Clothing Guidelines – Croatia

- For your comfort and style while exploring Greece, we recommend **lightweight, breathable clothing** paired with **well-fitted walking shoes** for strolling cobblestone streets and ancient sites. Dressing in **layers** will allow you to adapt effortlessly to shifting coastal breezes and warm afternoons.
- Evenings tend to be relaxed; **formal attire is not required**, though you may wish to bring a few **chic, resort-style outfits** for elegant dinners or sunset cocktails.

Laundry & Garment Care

- MS Synchony offers laundry service (by item or per kg; turnaround same-day or overnight).
- Our carefully selected hotels offer **professional laundry services**, typically priced per item or by weight, with same-day or overnight turnaround to keep your wardrobe fresh throughout your journey.
- At this level of accommodation, **self-service laundromats are not available**, ensuring your garments are handled with care. For delicate items you prefer to handwash, consider bringing a **small packet of fine-fabric laundry soap**; allow items to dry overnight.

Itinerary

- Your curated **day-by-day itinerary** will be provided in an elegantly designed format for effortless reference. For added convenience, you may also choose to receive it through our **secure Trip Plans travel app**, allowing you to access updates, maps, and details directly from your phone while on the go.
- For peace of mind, we recommend leaving a copy of your itinerary with a trusted contact at home in case of emergencies.

Travel Insurance

- We highly recommend securing comprehensive coverage through our **preferred partner,** Faye Travel Insurance, known for its premium service and tailored protection for discerning travelers.
- For your security and peace of mind, we **strongly encourage** reviewing and comparing policies to ensure you select the option that best suits your journey.
- Should you choose to decline coverage, please note that **prior to departure, we will require a signed waiver** acknowledging your decision.

Tipping Guidelines

- Throughout your journey, **gratuities for all meals and porterage included in the itinerary are fully covered** for your convenience.
- When dining independently, a discreet gesture of appreciation is customary:
  - **Restaurants & Cafés:** Round up the bill or offer **5–10%**; in fine dining establishments, **10–15%** is standard, with up to **20%** appropriate for truly exceptional service.
  - **Bars & Lounges:** A tip of **€1 per drink** or rounding up the total is considered gracious.
- Our curated experiences are designed to ensure you can relax, knowing the essentials are taken care of, while still allowing you to extend thanks for extraordinary service.

Private Car Hire

- For those wishing to explore independently, Croatia offers a wide selection of rental vehicles, from compact cars to luxury SUVs. We recommend reserving in advance, particularly during peak travel months.
- International Driver's Permit required (available from AAA).