



VENICE TO SPLIT

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DAY 1

VENICE

Upon your arrival at the romantic city of Venice, the crew of Sailing Yacht Twilight will welcome you with drinks and canapés. After a quick safety brief we can begin our incredible holiday together!

This exquisite city, that seems miraculously built on water, never loses its capacity to enchant. With 118 small Islands all linked with quaint bridges the majority of Venice is classed as a World Heritage Site.

It's important to remember that, even at peak visitor times, you are never more than a bridge and an alley away from a more secluded city, full of secret campi (squares), handsome Gothic palazzi and lively neighbourhood wine bars.

There will be opportunity to soak up the ambiance and admire the architecture before enjoying a dinner on board. After dining we travel overnight to Trieste.

TOTAL TRAVEL 65NM - 6.5 HOURS



DAY 2

TRIESTE

Tumbling down to the Adriatic from a karstic plateau and almost entirely surrounded by Slovenia, this glorious port city is physically isolated from the rest of the Italian peninsula.

Inhabited since earliest times, Trieste became part of the Roman Empire in 177 BC and remained so for over 900 years.

In the middle ages the city became a maritime trade rival to the Republic of Venice and by the 18th century, as part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it had become an important port and centre of commerce for the Austrians. This frontier city, variously owned or occupied by different empires and regimes, is consequently a glorious jumble of architectural and ethnic influences.

During our time in Trieste, we can visit the Roman Amphitheatre which was built between the 1st and 2nd century AD and the Castle Miramare.

A sunset sail takes us to find a quaint anchorage near Rovinj.



TOTAL TRAVEL 45NM - 4.5 HOURS



DAY 3

ROVINJ & PULA

The town of Rovinj was originally built on an island and fortified with a double ring of walls, the remains of which can still be seen. In 1763 the island became permanently connected to the mainland by filling in the channel.

Wondering around the beautiful cobbled streets is a must. A walk to visit the church of St. Euphemia offers splendid views from the top of the hill. After lunch, we continue a short distance to the historic town of Pula.

Pula is an archaeological goldmine. There is evidence of early man from 1 million years ago found in a nearby cave, Neolithic settlements thousands of years old and many Roman remains.

Pula has been continuously occupied for 23 centuries. After more than 400 years under Venetian control, it became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and in 1947 it became part of Yugoslavia.

There will be opportunity to enjoy a tour of the Roman amphitheatre and the Triumphal arches. The amphitheatre was completed in 88 AD and it is the 6th largest and possibly the best preserved amphitheatre in the world. Two of the Arches are Hercules Gate, (1st century BC), and the Arch of the Sergians (29 BC). We will spend the night in Pula.

TOTAL TRAVEL 20NM - 2 HOURS



DAY 4

LOSINJ & KORNATI ISLANDS

An early start and we make our way to Losinj Island, a gently undulating forested island. It can be considered Croatia's 'Jewel in the crown', and was the preferred holiday resort of the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef.

After lunch we continue our journey South and start exploring the National park known as the Kornati Islands. These Islands have a unique beauty: the landscape is lunar, the sea is crystal clear, and despite boats and people around, there is an air of desolation. There are well over one hundred islands and islets making this the densest archipelago in the Mediterranean.

The islands are mostly rocky. In the past they were covered by thick forests but over the centuries deforestation has seen them cleared for grazing land. The remaining forest was dramatically destroyed in 1850 when a forest fire raged for 40 days.



TOTAL TRAVEL 60NM - 6 HOURS



DAY 5

ŠIBENIK

The oldest native Croatian town Šibenik stands on a site which has been inhabited for thousands of years. The city's magnificent medieval heart, gleams white against the placid waters of the bay and the stone labyrinth of steep back streets and alleys are a joy to explore.

There is opportunity to visit the Cathedral of St. Jakov, an unusual barrel vaulted cathedral whose construction started in 1433 and took over 100 years to complete.

A tour can also be arranged to visit Krka National Park which lies about 10km inland from Šibenik. Named after the Krka River, the Park covers an area of just over 142 square km and includes two thirds of the river itself. The top attraction of the Park is its magnificent waterfalls, including the famous Skradinski Buk falls which are one of Croatia's most famous sights.

TOTAL TRAVEL 45NM - 4.5 HOURS



DAY 6

HVAR

Littered with secluded coves Hvar is the Island of heather, lavender, sage, sunshine and crickets.

Since Hvar lay in the middle of the main sea routes, history has left many marvels here, maybe more so than on any other Adriatic island. The finds from Grapčeva and Markova spilja caves have enabled archaeologists to identify the so-called Hvar culture (around 3500 to 2500 BC). The examples of painted and encrusted pottery, with their various spiral motives are among the most decorative artefacts from pre-Illyrian times.

Thirteenth century walls surround the beautifully ornamented Gothic palaces and traffic-free marble streets of the main town on the island.

This picturesque small bay town holds a wealth of history including a cathedral and associated monastery. There is opportunity to wander along the main square, explore the sights on the winding stone streets or swim at the numerous beaches.



TOTAL TRAVEL 30 NM - 3 HOURS



DAY 7

LASTOVO

The remote island of Lastovo is known for its pristine untouched natural beauty and in 2006 was named by the government a protected "Nature Park". The only activity on the island is agriculture, specifically viticulture, and the 'Lastovo Maraština' is a full-flavoured dry white wine that is famous throughout Croatia.

The main town is actually a lovely tumbledown village of stone houses and sleepy cats with a castle on the hill overlooking the natural amphitheatre form of the village. Wandering through the narrow stone-paved steps and winding alleyways is a wonderful way to spend the afternoon and there are spectacular views of the surrounding Islands.

For the more adventurous, there are several caves on the island, one of which is an archaeological site where remains have been found from the Neolithic age.

This island paradise is the perfect place for hikes, bicycle rides, snorkelling or just relaxing on one of the white sandy beaches, washed by the cleanest seas in the Mediterranean.

We can enjoy a BBQ ashore one of Lastovo's small neighbouring Islands.

TOTAL TRAVEL 40NM - 4 HOURS



DAY 8

MLJET

Lying south of the Peljesac Peninsula, you will find the enchanting island of Mljet, one of the most seductive of all the Adriatic islands.

The island is of volcanic origin and has numerous chasms and gorges, the longest of which is Babino Polje, which connects the north and south. Much of the island is covered by forests and the rest is dotted with fields, vineyards and small villages. The island is also known for its wine, olives and goats cheese.

The western tip contains Mljet National Park, covering one third of the island. Here the lush vegetation, pine forests and spectacular salt water lakes are exceptionally scenic, where the wealth of underwater sea life makes it the perfect place for swimming and snorkelling.

We will end the day in near the town of Polace in Mljet where there are footpaths that lead to the beautiful salt lakes, taking in the stunning scenery. There will also be opportunity to visit the island of St. Marija and it's ancient ruined castle and Basilica.



TOTAL TRAVEL 30NM - 3 HOURS



DAY 9

DUBROVNIK

An early start allows us a full day to explore this stunning intact medieval walled city. With its sublime location, overlooking the calm blue waters of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik is one of the world's most magnificent walled cities, and deservedly known as the Pearl of the Adriatic.

Now a Unesco world heritage site and Croatia's most up-market destination, it was once the capital of the wealthy sea-faring Republic of Ragusa (1358-1808). During its Golden Age in the 16th century, it had one of the largest merchant naval fleets in the world, and was one of the few local ports that would rival Venice.

What's more, Dubrovnik's charming pedestrian-only old town is packed with aristocratic palazzi and elegant Baroque churches contained within sturdy medieval fortifications.

We spend the evening at anchor under the majestic city walls.



TOTAL TRAVEL 40NM - 4 HOURS



DAY 10

KORČULA

According to legend Korčula was founded by the Trojan hero Antenor. What is more certain is that the island has been settled since Neolithic times, with the Greeks, and later the Romans. The present town of Korčula dates from medieval times and parts of the defensive walls and the Triumphal Arch still exist.

Marco Polo is regarded as the most famous son of Korčula. It is claimed he was born in a house near to the cathedral in the town. In a naval battle between Genoa and Venice in 1298 off the coast of Korčula, Polo was taken prisoner by the victors and spent time in a Genoese prison where he wrote of his travels in China.

A wonder around this historic town can be enjoyed before a fabulous sail to a calm anchorage for the evening. After dinner, we sail overnight to the town of Trojir.

TOTAL TRAVEL 90 NM - 9 HOURS



DAY 11

TROGIR & SPLIT

Trogir is set on an islet between the mainland hills and Čiovo Island.

Trogir is a historic town complete with many architectural treasures, in particular its Romanesque churches and fine Venetian villas. The old town has retained many intact and beautiful buildings from its age of glory between the 13th and 15th centuries.

Croatia's second-largest city Split lies 27 kilometres to the east of Trogir and is a great place to see Dalmatian life as it's really lived. Always buzzing, this exuberant city has just the right balance of tradition and modernity.

Step inside Diocletian's Palace (a Unesco World Heritage site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments) and you'll see dozens of bars, restaurants and shops thriving amid the atmospheric old walls where Split life has been humming along for thousands of years.

It is here that our journey together will end. The travel time to the airport is 15 minutes from Trogir.

TOTAL TRAVEL 15 NM - 1.5 HOURS



TWILIGHT

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