



KOTOR TO SPLIT

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DAY 1

KOTOR & CAVTAT

Upon your arrival at this charming medieval harbour town, 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!

Wedged between brooding mountains and a moody corner of the bay, the achingly atmospheric Kotor is perfectly at one with its setting.

Hemmed in by staunch walls snaking improbably up the surrounding slopes Kotor is a dramatic and delightful place where the past coexists with the present. The town is a delightful medieval maze of museums, churches, cafe-strewn squares and Venetian palaces and pillories. Kotor and the bay have been declared a World Heritage site.

After leaving Montenegro, we will follow the coast north and anchor outside Cavtat. Wrapped around a very pretty harbour that's bordered by beaches and backed by a curtain of imposing hills is this fascinating and cultured destination.

Built on the ruins of an ancient Greek settlement, throughout the last century it was an exclusive retreat for wealthy Croatians (many of whom built mansions there), as well as a thriving hub for working artists. It is only relatively recently that the town has begun to develop as a resort for foreign tourists.

A relaxing walk along the spine of the peninsular is highly recommended. It will take you along a narrow alley which leads through the old town and ends up at the Racic Mausoleum, a perfect way to start the holiday and enjoy the breathtaking views.

TOTAL TRAVEL 35 NM - 3.5 HOURS



DAY 2

DUBROVNIK & LOPUD

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.

A lunch can be arranged at the exclusive restaurant '360', situated on the city walls.

Continuing north we will anchor for the night in a beautiful area outside Dubrovnik, called Otok Lopud. Unspoilt by tourists this anchorage is surrounded by lush green hills and sandy beaches making it a perfect spot to sip sun downers on the aft deck and soak up the atmosphere.

TOTAL TRAVEL 15 NM - 1.5 HOURS





DAY 3

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 37 NM - 4 HOURS







DAY 4

LASTOVO

After breakfast, we will sail westwards towards the remote island of Lastovo. This island 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.

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.

TOTAL TRAVEL 35 NM - 3.5 HOURS



DAY 5

HVAR

An early start takes our journey north to the island of Hvar. Littered with secluded coves this 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.

Following this, there will be an afternoon sail to the Pakleni islands for an overnight anchorage. These islands are covered in pine woodland and have some of the best beaches and food in this area. A dinner can be arranged in an old artillery fort which prides itself on being eco-friendly.

TOTAL TRAVEL 45 NM - 4.5 HOURS







DAY 6

VIS & SOLTA

Of all the Croatian islands, Vis is the most mysterious – even to locals. The furthest of the main Central Dalmatian islands from the coast, Vis served as a military base until 1989 and was cut off from all visitors. This isolation preserved the island from development and left it underpopulated for many years. It is this that has become its draw-card as a tourist destination with travellers coming in seek of authenticity, unspoilt nature, gourmet delights and peace and quiet.

This alluring island has incredible history dating from Roman times and some of the best beaches in Croatia. The southern coast is dotted with beautiful bays and secluded coves that offer peace and tranquillity. The waters are perfect for kayaking and snorkelling with several water caves to explore.

Vis has its own distinct grape, vugava, a white varietal that's been cultivated here since ancient times. You'll also taste some of the freshest seafood here, thanks to a still-thriving fishing tradition, and the traditional small restaurants offer an authentic homely environment in which to try the local delicacies.

Taking an afternoon sail we arrive at a small village with the most breath-taking setting for sunset that is locally known as Maslinica. It is located on the west side of Šolta, an archipelago of seven small islands. The castle here has been converted into a restaurant where a sunset dinner can be enjoyed.

TOTAL TRAVEL 35NM - 3.5 HOURS





DAY 7

TROGIR & SPLIT

A morning sail takes us to Trogir, which 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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