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## AN EXCITING AND TIMELESS DESTINATION

Croatia is a Mediterranean gem boasting many hidden treasures along its seemingly endless coastline, as well as a profusion of spectacular cruising opportunities. With hundreds of unspoiled islands, beautiful marinas, historic cities, charming towns and inviting beaches, it's no surprise that Croatia is rapidly increasing in popularity as a favoured charter destination. An exciting and timeless destination, Croatia is welcoming more and more superyacht visitors to its daydreamy Dalmatian Coast each summer.

Untouched islands are strewn across the glittering Adriatic waters and a multitude of anchorages beckon, making this glorious stretch of coastline simply unmissable. Out of a total of 1,185 islands, only 66 are inhabited and this means a yacht charter here will guarantee seclusion and privacy for that 'get-away-from-it-all' feel. Yet, the Dalmatian archipelago is also extremely rich in variety, with many fabulous inlets, bays and beaches to be discovered, along with an abundance of picturesque harbours and medieval ports to explore.





# SPLIT



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## SPLIT

Croatia's second-largest city, Split (Spalato in Italian) 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.

To top it off, Split has a unique setting. Its dramatic coastal mountains act as the perfect backdrop to the turquoise waters of the Adriatic and help divert attention from the dozens of shabby high-rise apartment blocks that fill its suburbs. It's this thoroughly lived-in aspect of Split that means it will never be a fantasy land like Dubrovnik, but perhaps it's all the better for that.





# TROGIR





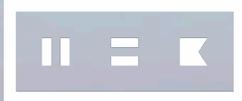
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### TROGIR

Gorgeous Trogir is set within medieval walls on a tiny island, linked by bridges to both the mainland and to the far larger Čiovo Island. On summer nights everyone gravitates to the wide seaside promenade, lined with bars, cafes and yachts – leaving the knotted maze-like marble streets gleaming mysteriously under old-fashioned streetlights. Leave the harbour and explore the centre of the town where you will find some medieval walls bordering a preserved castle and palaces from different eras including Baroque and the Renaissance.

After visiting the bordered old town, turn your attention to one of the main reasons that Trogir is the best kept Romanesque-Gothic town in Central Europe. The St Lawrence church is perhaps one of the most impressive structures in Trogir and boasts an incredible magnetic pull to explore. Even if you're not religious, this is a spectacle you must see. Before calling it a day, enjoy one last Croatian, freshly prepared lunch on board your luxury charter yacht before disembarking to start planning your next adventure.





# HVAR



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### HVAR

Moving on to your next port of call, Hvar offers more delightful views of lush vegetation and incredible architecture. The rolling hills filled with lavender, olive trees and bountiful fruit orchards create an incredible aroma wherever you visit on the island after you've anchored your luxury charter yacht in the quaint harbour. The island's hub and busiest destination, Hvar Town is estimated to draw around 20,000 people a day in the high season. It's odd that they can all fit in the small bay town, where 13th-century walls surround beautifully ornamented Gothic palaces and traffic-free marble streets, but fit they do.

Visitors wander along the main square, explore the sights on the winding stone streets, swim at the numerous beaches or pop off to the Pakleni Islands to get into their birthday suits – but most of all they come to party. Hvar's reputation as Croatia's premier party town is well deserved. With its old-world glamour and modern elegance, Hvar is the most sophisticated of Croatia's islands. Spend a day wandering the cobbled streets and hilly interior dense with olive groves before enjoying the island's most famous offering - its nightlife. Evening revelry can vary from bohemian to formal so there's bound to be something to suit your mood.





# VIS ISLAND





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## VIS ISLAND

As the furthest inhabited island from the Croatian mainland, Vis is an idyllic and beautiful location perfect for any luxury yacht charter holiday. Previously a location for a thriving fishing industry, the island of Vis is now a popular tourist destination and an agricultural haven.

The heritage of Vis, like many other islands in the surrounding area, has seen the input of many different nationalities due to the many rulers of its time. Vis has been ruled by the Austrians, Venetians, Greeks and Italians to name a few.

Converging all these great European influences, the island has some staggering settlements across the coast which offer a warm welcome to the island and double as some fantastic landscape backgrounds for holiday photographs.

Aside from the stunning scenery and mountainous region above the coastal settlements, a main pull to the island is vast expanse of vineyards. A wine drinker's paradise, this island produces some incredible vintages and makes a great wine tasting experience. Before leaving the island make sure to pick up some of your favourites from the local merchants.





# LASTOVO





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### LASTOVO

Cruising toward Lastovo to the port of Luka Velji Lago will take you deep into the blue waters of the Dalmatian islands. The island is considered one of the most unspoiled in Croatia and offers some fantastic diving opportunities along its coastline and surrounding islands.

Little green Lastovo sits in quiet isolation south of Korčula and west of Mljet. Like similarly far-flung Vis, the island was used as a military base during the Yugoslav era and was closed to foreign visitors.

Now that it's open for business it has become a favourite destination for clued-up yachties, who moor in its blissful wee bays. There's not as much appeal for land-based tourists, though, as there are no decent beaches and there's little to do. The main attraction is Lastovo Town, a striking collection of stone houses and innumerable aged churches clinging to a hillside in the interior. Lastovo is now protected by the Lastovo Archipelago Nature Park, home to shearwaters, sea corals, sponges, lobsters, rare sea snails, dolphins, and loggerhead and green turtles.





# MLJET ISLAND





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### MJET ISLAND

Next stop Pomena, on the west coast of the island of Mljet, offers access to one of the most beautiful National Parks in the Mediterranean. Whether you're kayaking on one of the impossibly blue saltwater lakes or find a secluded forest-lined beach to relax on, here you can't help but relax and be at one with nature. The virtually untouched beauty of the island is stunning and is enough to make you want to come back year after year. Legend suggests that Odysseus was captivated by this island for seven years, certifying just how incredible this island is.

Mljet is one of the most seductive of all the Adriatic islands. Much of the island is covered by forests and the rest is dotted with fields, vineyards and small villages. The western tip contains Mljet National Park, where the lush vegetation, pine forests and spectacular saltwater lakes are exceptionally scenic. As a destination of tranquillity, the culture of Mljet is very different to some of the medieval UNESCO sites you have already visited.





# DUBROVNIK



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## DUBROVNIK

Moving from one UNESCO World Heritage site to another, Dubrovnik is another location steeped in history and remarkable architecture. On arrival take the opportunity to relax in an environment ideal for relaxation. In a location completely devoted to trees, the Arboretum Trsteno is a beautiful botanical garden which deserves a moment of your attention. What makes this place even more special than it already is, is the fact it is the oldest arboretum in the world, dating back to 1492.

Regardless of whether you are visiting Dubrovnik for the first time or the hundredth, the sense of awe never fails to descend when you set eyes on the beauty of the old town. Indeed it's hard to imagine anyone becoming jaded by the city's white limestone streets, baroque buildings and the endless shimmer of the Adriatic, or failing to be inspired by a walk along the ancient city walls that protected a civilised, sophisticated republic for centuries.





## REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES

FROM	TO	DISTANCE	TIME
SPLIT	TROGIR	15 NMI	1 HR 15 MINS
TROGIR	HVAR	30 NMI	2 HR 30 MINS
HVAR	VIS ISLAND	23 NMI	2 HR
VIS ISLAND	LASTOVO	36 NMI	3 HR
LASTOVO	MJET ISLAND	44 NMI	3 HR 40 MINS
MJET ISLAND	DUBROVNIK	23 NMI	2 HR
		<b>TOTAL NMI 171</b>	<b>TOTAL TIME 14 HR</b>

