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#### 9 DAYS / DESIGNED FOR PARTY OF 6



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### Summary 03/09 – 11/09 (8 nights)

#### Split 1 night (03/09 – 04/09)

- Hotel 4\* Cardo
- Room 3 x Deluxe room
- Room Superior room
- Room Suite
- 03/09 TBD Private car & driver transfer Split airport to the hotel (approx. 30min) 08:00PM Specials Private Dining on a Rooftop terrace in old town Split (dinner included)
- 04/09 08:45AM Private car & driver transfer from your hotel to the harbor (approx. 10min

#### Yacht 3 nights (04/09 – 07/09)

- Motor Yacht American 105
- 05/09 Route Island of Korcula
- 06/09 Route Island of Vis
- 07/09 Route Island of Hvar and Pakleni Islands

#### Hvar 3 nights (07/09 – 10/09)

- Villa Luxury Villa Hvar
- 08/09 10:00AM Private sightseeing of Hvar including wine tastings at two wineries and private lunch (approx. 6-8h)
- 09/09 10:00AM Private cooking class in olive grove; including a 3 course lunch or dinner with beverages (half day)
- 10/09 09:00AM Private speedboat transfer Hvar to Split (approx. 1h)

### Split 1 night (10/09 – 11/09)

- Hotel 4\* Cardo
- Room 3 x Deluxe room
- Room Superior room
- Room Suite
- 11/09 TBD Private car & driver transfer your hotel to the airport (approx. 30min)

#### Included in price:

Taxes Cellphone with Croatian number (working in Croatia and Slovenia only) Premium Documents sent to USA or to the first Hotel in Croatia with final PDF and vouchers

#### Not Included in price:

Air fares Meals (unless stated otherwise in our tour description) For car rental refill fuel, parking, road tolls and fines are not included

## Always in Touch

## September the 3<sup>rd</sup> You will be provided with one android cellphone with Croatian number.

While in Venice (Italy), Croatia or Slovenia you will be able to use the cellphone. For emergencies, we will be available 24/7.

Cellphone service includes:

- free calls and text messages in Croatia & Slovenia
- 5gb high speed internet in Croatia
- receive free calls without roaming
- free hotspot for other devices

September the 11<sup>th</sup> Today you will leave the cellphone at your hotel while checking out. Please leave the cellphone and all additional accessories at the reception.

\* You will be able to create a Hotspot for all your devices (up to 8) by using our device

\* You will also be able to use our internet with your mobile by simply inserting our SIM card in your device, using our universal SIM adapters

- \* More information upon arrival or under request
- \* If you lose or damage the cellphone, extra charges may be applied



## SPLIT HOTEL CARDO



#### Superior room (204 ft<sup>2</sup>) / Bed size (5'9" x 6'10'') / Breakfast

A hotel for lovers of culture is an extensive four-story building, on the elevations of which the fundamental historical and cultural periods of medieval and modern Europe can be observed: Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance. Set in Split, Heritage Hotel Cardo enjoys a privileged location within the UNESCO-protected Diocletian's Palace. The unique Baroque interior harmoniously complements the original classical Roman architecture. All the furniture has been made of oakwood by hand, while some of the original pieces were purchased at auctions and carefully restored.

Superior room is located above the porch of the classical Via Cardo street, offering a unique northsouth view. The furniture is of the Baroque style and the floors lined by handmade bricks provide warm and comfortable atmosphere. Room amenities: safe, air conditioning, work desk, seating area.

Check-in 02:00pm - 12:00amCheck-out 07:00am - 11:00amIn the city centerFacilities Restaurant / Free Wi-Fi in all areas / Parking / Non-smoking rooms / Soundproof Rooms /Hypoallergenic room available / Air Conditioning / Designated Smoking Area



Deluxe room (290 ft<sup>2</sup>) / Bed size (5'9" x 6'10'') / Breakfast

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All deluxe rooms are located at the eastern wing of the hotel, making this an ideal place away from the busy streets and noisy bars, while a large, comfortable king size bed with satin linens made of the finest cotton ensures a perfect rest.

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## MOTOR YACHT AMERICAN 105

Year: 1997 (Refit in 2018) Overall length: 33,40 m (105 "ft) Beam: 6,40 m (20'8"ft) Draft: 2.00m (6'6"ft) Maximum speed: 29 kts Cruise speed: 14 kts Guest cabins: 5 Berths: 10 Toilets: 5 Crew: 4-5



Interior layout sleeps of this yacht is up to 10 guests in 5 rooms, including 2 VIP cabins; berths 140x200 cm, 1 Master cabin; berth 150x200 cm, 2 twin bed cabins; berths 90x200 cm. She is also capable of carrying up to 5 crew onboard to ensure a relaxed luxury yacht experience. Taste the regional specialties onshore or let the chef cook for you delicious specialties on board in an exclusive atmosphere.



Just ideal for cruising between Adriatic hotspots like Split, Dubrovnik and Hvar, or discovering Kornati, Skradin and Bisevo, American 105 reveals the ultimate essence of the Dalmatian region.

The exclusive motor yacht model is the first choice for an unforgettable and relaxing holiday. American 105 is a 33 m long high-class motor yacht with excellent sea-keeping qualities and long-range capabilities (over 32 000 l fuel capacity). Made in 1997. but totally and completely refitted in 2018, it has a distinctive dark blue hull and off-white superstructure which provide an additional level of elegance. You can relax optional on the fly bridge, at the brow or in the seat on the back and enjoy the sensational island panorama of Croatia. Large main salon and dining area is an exceptional space for entertaining or simply relaxing with friends and family. Fully natural lighted it exudes with the traditional and modern design. More than 250 square meters of living space, 5 cabins and our 4 crew members will make sure you enjoy Croatian coast at its best.

\*Water sports accessories: 1 jet ski, 1 sea bob, SUP, donut, kayak, snorkeling and fishing equipment.



## HVAR LUXURY VILLA HVAR



Five-bedroom villa (21527 ft²) / Terrace / Sea view / Outdoor heated pool

Villa Hvar is situated in the historical center of the town of Hvar, only 20 m away from the main waterfront, the sea and the promenade. The specific position of this villa allows you to enjoy an unforgettable view of the waterfront, the fortress Fortica and the Pakleni Islands. The villa was **built in 1612 in a Baroque style** and is nowadays under the protection of the Institute



for the Protection of Cultural Monuments. The property of Villa Hvar extends over an area of 650 m<sup>2</sup>, where the house complex occupies 450 m<sup>2</sup> and 200 m<sup>2</sup> is occupied by the Mediterranean garden area. The property of Villa Hvar consists of a Baroque palace and a medieval Gothic house.

The main entrance to the villa is located at the high ground level of the Baroque palace and Gothic house.



On the high ground floor of the Baroque palace is a spacious living room (45 m<sup>2</sup>), with a large Baroque balcony. In this part of the house, there are also two bedrooms (27 m<sup>2</sup> and 20 m<sup>2</sup>). Both have double beds and private bathrooms with a shower. This whole area is linked together with a long corridor that leads to the fully equipped kitchen and dining room. The dining room is separated from the garden by a glass door that leads to the garden rich in Mediterranean vegetation. The garden is also equipped with some garden furniture with sun loungers by the pool. On the first floor - attic of the Baroque palace of Villa Hvar, there are three double bedrooms of 50 m<sup>2</sup>, 36 m<sup>2</sup> and 25 m<sup>2</sup>. Each of the bedrooms has its own bathroom with a shower, while the master bedroom has a private bathroom with a designer bathtub. The low ground floor of the Gothic house of Villa Hvar is where you will find a wine cellar, large sauna, relaxation room with a jacuzzi and shower and a separate room for massages. The high ground floor of the Gothic house is connected to the villa's garden and it has an indoor pool (approx. 25 m<sup>2</sup>) with sliding glass walls, so it can be transformed into an outdoor pool.

#### Villa Hvar has personnel (housekeeper and janitor), who will take care of all your needs and desires. Approx. 15 minutes by foot from the city center of Hvar

General Total plot area: 650 m<sup>2</sup> / Max. guests: 10 / Beds: 5 / Bathrooms: 5 / Toilet: 1 Facilities Spa area with indoor pool / Jacuzzi / Sauna/ Massage room / Terrace / Air Condition / BBQ / Beachfront / Wi-Fi / Lounge set



## September the 3<sup>rd</sup> / Private Dining on a Rooftop terrace

#### 08:00PM Dinner reservation in the restaurant (dinner included)

Within the walls of Diocletian's Palace there is a hidden restaurant with the a charming roof top terrace overlooking the Adriatic Sea and the old city.

Together with your private Chef you will learn all about the Dalmatian, Mediterranean cuisine – recognized by UNESCO as an intangible heritage. With seafood or meat combined with fresh vegetable and herbs, dressed with extra virgin olive oil, you can create all kinds of spectacular tasteful dishes and snacks. At the end you will enjoy your self-prepared dinner with a breathtaking view.

Having exclusive access, we can offer our guests an Mediterranean culinary experience in an private environment. At the basement of the restaurant you will find original construction work of the former Roman baths dating from the 4th century.

Your menu will be a Chef's choice or preferred choice of the guest (meat, seafood or mixed).

\* Included: Welcome drink, 4 courses, white and red wine, still and sparkling water, coffee \* Not included: tip, hard liqueur, extras that are not stated in the program



## September the 4<sup>th</sup> / Boarding on private boat

08:45AM You will meet your personal English speaking driver at the Lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the harbor. There you will meet with your private skipper for your adventure vacation on board of a private boat.

#### Your first stop will be to Brac Island.

The island of Brac is the highest and third largest island in the Adriatic Sea. The island is well known for its quality stone used to build many palaces such as "White House" in Washington. Rich cultural and historic heritage that dates back to pre-historic times, unique gastronomy, beautiful beaches and bays, crystal blue sea, high quality accommodation in private facilities and the hospitality of the local people are the guarantees a holiday you will always remember.

**Bol** is the oldest coastal settlement on Brac. It lays in the solitude of the southern landscape, at the foot of the Bol crown and Vidova Mountain, the highest island peak which stretches a few kilometers along the coast. The sea in front of it is crystal clear, transparent waves resemble a cut crystal. Bol has many beautiful beaches. To the west from Bol lies the beach Zlatni rat (Golden Horn) one of the largest and most beautiful attractions of the Adriatic.

\* Tour not included, if desired private guide can be arranged, please advise us!



## September the 5<sup>th</sup> / Island of Korcula

#### Today take the opportunity to cruise to the island of Korcula, more precise the town of Korcula.

Island of Korcula, the birthplace of Marco Polo was built on the foundations of a Greek colony, and is the historical and tourist center of the largest island in the Dubrovnik region. It is famous for its streets that are shaped in the form of a fish bone and well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance buildings. Among them stands out the Cathedral of Sv. Marko [St. Mark], whose rich interior guards the works of great Italian painters.

Numerous beautiful beaches and bays, centuries-old olive groves and vineyards, ancient villas and ancient island town that seems to have remained lost in some long past time. Near the town of Korcula, there is an archipelago of 20 uninhabited islands covered with dense thicket, and an accessible coastline.

Here is also the slightly larger islet of Badija with its pebble beaches and beautiful Franciscan monastery. They say no island has more legends or monuments than Korcula, and it is also the woodiest island in Croatia along with Lokrum and Mljet.

\* Tour not included, if desired private guide can be arranged, please advise us!



## September the 6<sup>th</sup> / Island of Vis

Today You will visit the beautiful Island of Vis with the famous Stoncica Cove and Green Cave.

**Vis** has always been a town and for a short period a state as well. At the beginning of 19th century 12,000 people lived here from all over Europe. That influenced Vis' language where You can find, besides the derivates of the Venetian dialect, English, French, German and even Hungarian words. Compared to Hvar or Korčula, Vis faces the land and is open to everything coming from there.

The Stoncica Cove is renowned for its beautiful sandy beach, restaurant, a lighthouse and few apartments that can't be easily booked. This Robinson like type of vacation is intended for those who wish to spend their vacation far away from civilization, telephone or overcrowded beaches, eager of quiet and peace, in the vicinity of the sea and stone.

Green Cave is a beautiful cave located on the islet of Ravnik with two entrances and an opening at the top through which light enters and bouncing from the bottom wall color to green. The cave is a natural attraction situated in the south-west part of Ravnik. During the day sun light passes through the small hole on the vault of the cave producing the fascinating green coulored surface of the sea within the cave. After this phenomenon the cave got its name.

\* Tour not included, if desired private guide can be arranged, please advise us!



## September the 7<sup>th</sup> / Island of Hvar and Pakleni Islands

#### Today You will visit the sunniest island in the Adriatic and its neighboring Pakleni Islands.

Hvar town is a renowned tourist destination of a world magnitude. "Paklinski otoci" is just the right spot for docking. Here You can easily enjoy beauty of the nature, while modern pulse of high stile vacation is near You. The town has one of the oldest theaters, attraction You must absolutely see. At dusk fall, You should stream through the town streets soaking fun and seeking world celebrities. The ancient Greeks had a distinct sense of beauty, therefore it is hardly surprising that they build a settlement on the island of Hvar. It is an incarnation of hedonism and besides vast lavender fields and vineyards, famous town Stari Grad is believed to be involved in evolution of Freemasonry in Europe.

Pakleni Islands, as the legend says, came into existence as a result of a secret love between the sea god Poseidon and a nymph. Even today it's easy to see why this lovely necklace of little islands that surrounds the town of Hvar is so special. Now even You can marvel at the beauty and cohesion of the little islands that surround the town of Hvar.

\* Tour not included, if desired private guide can be arranged, please advise us!



## September the 8<sup>th</sup> / Unique Gastro and Wine Experience

Meeting point 10:00AM/ Hotel lobby / Full day tour

## Today, enjoy a full day of wine and great food, visiting two of Croatia's premier wineries followed by a 3-course lunch or dinner.

The island has a 2,400-year wine tradition. In order to truly understand Hvar and its wines, it is important to hear the history, to visit the vineyards and olive groves. Its modern winemakers are becoming increasingly internationally recognized – exported as far away as California and served in 3-star Michelin restaurants in Holland. After just a 25-minute drive from Hvar town, you will get to see the beautiful vineyards with colorful grapes. During this wine tour you will visit two famous wine manufacturers on the island.

After the visit of the two wine cellars, you will head to a picturesque village of **Vrisnik** for lunch. Situated at the foot of the hill on which the parish church of St. Anthony lies. Old stone houses, picturesque courtyards and gardens with the scents of intact nature surround this little village. Your host will be one of the best Croatian olive oil producers Mr. Borivoj Bojanic. His grove has an amazing view of Hvar's 2234 year old Ager field, a UNESCO's World Heritage Site. The extra virgin olive oil here is known as islands green gold, and it's famed for its subtle flavor and distinct piquant taste.



The island has a proud history of winemaking, ever since the ancient Greek settlers planted the original vineyards back in 384 BC. The island's vineyards and olive groves have been recognized by UNESCO and are now protected as a World Heritage Site. It boasts an array of indigenous varieties, some of which are only grown on the island. Hvar's best-known wine is Plavac, produced from the autochthonous grape variety **Plavac Mali**, a close relative to Zinfandel. The wine has a dark ruby red color and a pronounced varietal aroma that is harmoniously full-bodied in flavor. Best served at 18 °C with dark meat dishes, game, fine fish, crabs and fine cheeses.

Traditional Dalmatian Peka dish is a specialty to try! If you have time to spare, you should try the meat baked under the baking lid or "under the bell" – *Peka*. It is an absolute top dish in the Dalmatian area, something which is put on the table when there is guest in the house. It takes about two to three hours to prepare and the result is slow cooked food – healthy, delicious and with lots of flavor. One of the interesting things about Peka is that you can make it with any kind of meat you prefer, but in restaurants you normally have the option to choose between several kinds of meat like veal, chicken, lamb or octopus. Various vegetables, most often potatoes, are added to the dish. Island Hvar offers a perfect opportunity to try this specialty, traditional in this area of the world.

- \* Included: private guide/driver, wine tasting in 2 wineries and lunch
- \* Not included: tickets, gratuities and items purchased for personal use
- \* <u>Please let us know your choice:</u> Barbecue meat, traditional Peka or Fish 3 course menu



# September the 9<sup>th</sup> / Cooking class in an olive grove

#### Meeting point 10:00AM / Hotel lobby / Half day tour

## Today you will meet your hosts in a beautiful olive grove for a special cooking class lesson in preparing traditional Dalmatian cuisine.

In one of the most hidden and intriguing places on the island experience a cooking class which draws inspiration from the Stari Grad Plain sourcing the finest and most natural of Hvar ingredients. It will be a day to remember, as your hosts Borivoj and Zeljka welcome you to their secret olive grove near the village of **Vrisnik**. Situated at the foot of the hill on which the parish church of St. Anthony lies. From the church square there is a stunning panoramic view of the surrounding places and the carefully maintained vineyards and olive groves. Old stone houses, picturesque courtyards and gardens with the scents of intact nature surround this little village.

The class will start by preparing a seasonal vegetable soup mainly from the ingredients grown and picked around the olive grove. The main course is a choice from one of the two suggested meals:



cooked meat (beef, veal or lamb depending on the tastes and availability) or «polpete» (small burgers made out of minced meat), both a perfect match and blend with home-made tomato salsa.

Dessert is a simple and traditional Dalmatian pudding with caramel sauce similar to flan and crème brûlée, named **Rozata**. Its name comes from the unique Dubrovnik Liqueur Rozalin, which gives the cake its special aroma. This delicious dessert is made from eggs, sugar and milk.

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The extra virgin olive oil here is known as islands green gold, and it's famed for its subtle flavor and distinct piquant taste. Hvar has an olive tree which is one of the 10 oldest in the world. Ancient Greeks sailed to the island 2400 years ago and planted vines and olive trees in the largest cultivated field on the Adriatic, where the farming methods have changed a little since then. That field is now one of Croatia's 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Hvar's Mediterranean diet has also been an intangible UNESCO heritage since 2013.

- \* Included: round transfers, cooking class of traditional meals in three courses, lunch, drinks and refreshments along the tour
- \* Not included: private guide, sightseeing, items purchased for personal use and gratuities



## September the 10<sup>th</sup> / Private speedboat transfer to Split

#### Meeting point 09:00AM / Hvar harbor / Approximately 1h (without stops)

## Personnel of the hotel will escort you to Hvar harbor where you will meet with English-speaking skipper for private speedboat transfer to Split.

**Split's** story is already seventeen centuries old, dating to the time the famous Roman Emperor Diocletian decided to build his Palace right on the peninsula near the great Roman city Salona, where he wanted to spend the last years of his life. During these 1700 years the Palace slowly turned into a city, which to this day lures with its rich tradition, glorious history and beauty of its natural and cultural heritage. Diocletian's palace and the entire historical core of Split have been on the World Heritage UNESCO list ever since 1979.

- \* Please note: the transfer is weather permitted
- \* Included: speedboat, private skipper, fuel, sailor, snacks and drinks on board, sea towels and snorkeling gear
- \* Not included: guide, tours, tickets, lunch, gratuities and items purchased for personal use

Arrival at your hotel in Split



## September the 11<sup>th</sup> / Departure

TBD You will meet the personal English-speaking driver at the lobby of your hotel for the transfer to the airport.

Flight time and details: TBD

\* It is recommended to arrive to the airport two hours before departure.

We wish you a wonderful journey LEONIDASTRAVEL

### Transfers

Land

Mercedes Viano, V class or similar with private English speaking driver Split airport (SPU) / Split Split / Split airport (SPU)

### Sea

Cranchi 50 Description Speedboat 50 feet / 2 bathrooms / 3 cabins Inclusions fuel / snacks / soft drinks / snorkeling equiptment Crew 1x Skipper Relations Hvar-Split



#### Please note:

Our services are private unless stated otherwise All tours are with English speaking guide unless stated otherwise We cannot guarantee the tours or the hotels until the deposit is taken Some group tours may be subjected to cancellation with short notice The pictures in the itinerary are examples, the reality may differ from them All sea excursions and transfers are subjected to weather and sea condition LT reserves the right to reschedule tours due to circumstance beyond its control Travel times for transfers are approximate according to traffic, weather condition and security check at borders

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