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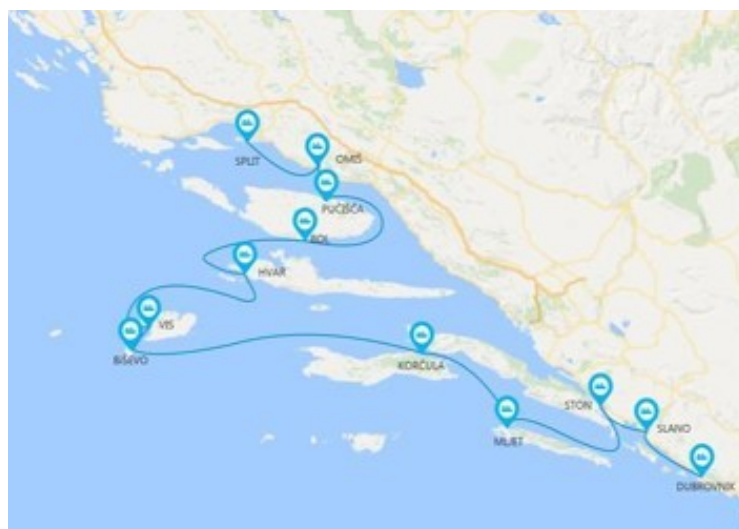
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## CROATIA ISLAND HOPPING CRUISE FROM DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT

Island hopping cruise from Dubrovnik with "MS Splendid" is a great-value way to enjoy the comforts of life on board of a modern steel motor cruise ship that has its own individual charm. This cruise will reveal the beauty of our islands and thousand-year-old cities with their rich history, along with our lifestyle and heritage that we want to hand down to future generations. Our carefully prepared itinerary will give you enough time to experience historical sites as well to undertake your own explorations of ancient towns located on the South Dalmatian islands and the mainland, leaving you enough time to relax and go for a swim.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 / Saturday: Dubrovnik

Ship will be docked in Dubrovnik Gruž harbour and embarkation is possible throughout the whole day. Passengers arriving in the morning will not be able to enter their cabins before 14:00 but can leave luggage on board. In case that your ship is not in the port until evening we will take care of your luggage and organize excursion for you. At 19:00 we'll have a welcome meeting where Cruise manager will introduce you to the crew and your fellow passengers. Welcome dinner will be served at 19:30. Captain will wait for all the passengers arriving late at night, but we must be notified in advance. All the late arriving guests will be provided with a dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik, (D)

Day 2 / Sunday: Dubrovnik – Slano

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After breakfast, our English-speaking guide and coach will come to the pier. We'll visit the historical centre of Dubrovnik, the famous city enlisted as UNESCO World Heritage Site, where our guide will show you the most interesting sights of Dubrovnik. After the city tour, you'll be left on your own to explore and enjoy this city, known around the world as The Pearl of Adriatic. At 12:00 a.m. we'll have a transfer back to the ship. Lunch will be served on board en route to Slano, located on the mainland with swim stop on the way. Slano is one of the most picturesque places on the Dubrovnik Riviera, with a beautiful beach, dense pine forest and olive groves, a long cultural tradition and numerous historical monuments. For all who are interested we will organize optional excursion to Ston, fortified town famous for 5-kilometre-long walls, old saltwork and oysters/mussel's farm. Reservations and payment on the spot. Overnight in Slano, (B, L)

### Day 3 / Monday: Slano - national park Mljet - Korula

This morning, we'll cruise to Mljet where you'll be free to explore National Park (entrance fees are not included), to walk around the Great and Small Lake, visit The Islet of St. Mary with its Benedictine Monastery dating from the 12th century and, of course, take a swim in the heart of this pristine National Park. Lunch will be served on board as we continue our cruise toward the Island of Korula, where we shall arrive in the afternoon, docking in the Town of Korula. This historic town is known as the birthplace of Marko Polo, one of the most famous world explorers of all times. Our English-speaking guide will do Korula City tour and walk us through the town's charming narrow and cobbled streets. You'll have the rest of the evening free to enjoy dining at one of the local restaurants of your choice. Overnight in Korula Historical Town, (B, L)

### Day 4 / Tuesday: Korula - Vis

In the morning we'll cruise to the Island of Vis, with lunch on board and a swim stop en route. Arrival to Vis is scheduled for the afternoon. Compared to other Adriatic islands, Vis is rather unique. Being an important strategic military stronghold for centuries, Vis was spared the excessive tourist development and thus retained its unspoiled beaches, ecological agriculture and traditional architecture. Enjoy afternoon, exploring the town of Vis, its picturesque stone streets, pristine beaches and fine taverns. For all who are interested we will organize optional Vis Island excursion, ending in Komiža, stunning fishermen's village to have dinner in one of cosy restaurants. Reservations and payment on the spot. Overnight in Vis Town, (B, L)

### Day 5 / Wednesday: Vis - Biševo blue cave - Hvar

We'll start our day with a morning cruise towards Island of Biševo and its Blue Cave. Originally, the entrance to Blue Cave was located below sea level, which required visitors to dive deeply in order to resurface into the cave's mysterious blue depths. However, at times high waves prevent the entrance to Blue Cave, which is something we shall not know before the morning designated for our visit. For this reason, entrance fees are paid on the spot. After a swim stop and lunch on board, we'll continue cruising along many idyllic coves and bays towards Hvar, the sunniest Croatian island. Hvar is one of the most popular and attractive Croatian tourist destinations and a meeting point of the international jet set. Upon our afternoon arrival at Hvar, a local English-speaking guide will walk you through the town, introducing you to the island's way of life, its rich history and culture. Afterwards, you'll be free to enjoy your evening in Hvar, to explore on your own and dine in one of its numerous family-owned restaurants or taverns. Overnight in Hvar Historical Town, (B, L)

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### Day 6 / Thursday: Hvar – Bol – Pu iš a

We'll start our day with a morning departure towards Bol. Bol is famous for having one of the finest European beaches, called Zlatni Rat (Golden Cape). As we stop in Bol, you can relax in this charming Dalmatian town. Have a walk, a cup of coffee or a swim, until lunch is served on board. After lunch we'll continue cruising towards Pu iš a, with refreshing swim stops en route and lunch served on board. Pu iš a is the biggest village on the island of Brač. Nowhere in the system of towns and villages in Dalmatia does terrain play such a compelling role as in Pu iš a. Its spectacular irregularity of steep-sided natural harbour, authentic Mediterranean architecture and rustic ambience are simply unforgettable. Pu iš a is also home to the only Croatian Stonemasonry school. Its students carve sculptures from Brač limestone, applying traditional and unconventional tools that have been used here for centuries. We shall spend a night in this very quiet town. Enjoy the nightfall, as it unifies the distinct features of Pu iš a that have intrigued us so much in daylight. This evening, we will have Captain's dinner on board. Overnight in Pu iš a, (B, L, Captain's dinner)

### Day 7 / Friday: Pu iš a – Omiš – Split

After breakfast we'll cruise across the Brač channel to Omiš, an ancient town with city walls, fortresses and stone churches. Omiš is located at the delta of Cetina River, with its wonderful beaches. For centuries, Omiš was for a stronghold of famous pirates, a symbol of retaliation, courage and strength in the long historical fight against The Republic of Venice. After a relaxed walk in Omiš we'll have lunch on board. During the afternoon hours we'll sail on towards Split, our last stop. Our English-speaking guide will do the afternoon Split City tour and walk us through the historical Diocletian's Palace. The second largest urban centre in Croatia and the seat of the

Split-Dalmatia County, Split boasts 1700 years of history. Since 1979 the historic centre of Split has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site List. City's historical and cultural buildings are located inside the walls of the Diocletian's Palace. After the city tour you will be left on your own to explore Split and have an intimate farewell dinner on your own. Overnight in Split Historical Town, (B, L)

### Day 8 / Saturday: Split

After breakfast, the time has come to say farewell to all your new friends. (B)

#### Please Note:

Ships are very similar, so we reserve the right to switch the ship in case of charter. Depending on cruise conditions captain reserves the right to change the itinerary

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## YOUR SHIP: CAPTAIN BOTA

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**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

The modern Captain Bota is a very comfortable vessel specifically designed to cruise the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia. The 41 metre long vessel has 18 air conditioned cabins and she carries a maximum of just 40 passengers. There's plenty of space to relax on the deck, in the sun or in the shade, in the saloon or in the lounge, and the crew provide lovely meals with fresh local produce. You can swim from the swim platform every day and explore the towns and ports we visit in the afternoons and evenings. Cabins 18 light airy cabins, 10 on deck and 8 lower deck, all with air conditioning and en-suite WC & shower. There is 1 triple cabin on each deck.



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## PRICING

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### ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port Fees 50 EUR pp



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