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CROATIA

Croatia is one of the biggest lures for yachties — and for good reasons. Grand, clear-water coastlines and standout beaches are at the top of the list, followed by the draw of over 1,000 islands unlike anything else you'll find in the world. The coastline is relatively unspoiled and has the feel of the French Riviera in the 1950s and '60s. There's always a quiet anchorage or plenty to do — depending on your yachting lifestyle.

Croatian food is also fabulous — with lots of fresh fish and Mediterranean flavors — and features all local ingredients. Wine is also top-notch throughout the country. To experience the local flavor, try Black Risotto made with squid ink, or Croatian roast lamb, slow-cooked in pits in the ground overnight.



SPLIT

Split is the second largest city in Croatia, located in the middle of the coast and the best place to start a charter. The most famous islands — Korčula, Hvar and Brač — are just a short cruise away. Here you'll also find most of the area's largest marinas. Split is a fabulous city with an amazing history. It's like being in a living museum, walking around the Old City and Diocletian's Palace. It's easily accessible via an international airport in nearby Kaštela.

BRAC

For great watersports and mingling with the locals, we'll anchor at the south side of the island and swim to Zlatni Rat (Golden Cape). Nature lovers should head into the mountains to see Brac's multicolored lakes and the magnificent view from the top of Vidora Gova. Adventurers will love swimming in one of the old submarine pens carved deep into the coastline; history buffs will want to explore Brac's beautiful monasteries and cliff hermitages, and the 5,000-year-old village of Skip.



KORČULA

Korčula, flanked by palaces of nobility, is said to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. Here, you can traverse crooked streets and elegant squares dating back to the 13th century. The population is almost entirely ethnic Croats.

VIS

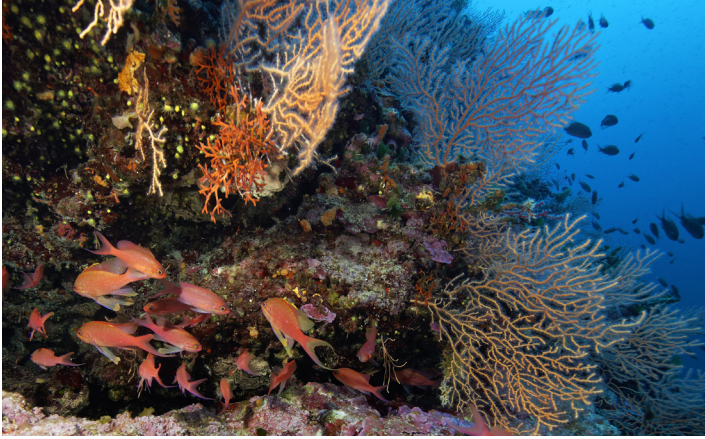
While yachting to Vis, keep an eye out for dolphins. Anchor in the protected bay surrounded by mountains, fortresses, stately historic buildings and a view of the canons on the top of the hill. On island, visit wine cellars and historical monuments, or take a trip to Tito's wartime cave headquarters. Stroll through town discovering Roman baths, or watch the world go by over a drink outside Hotel Tamaris. Cap off the evening dining in Kut on Villa Kaliopa's delightful terrace.





LASTOVO

Be one of the first yachties to find secluded anchorage on the island of Lastovo, only recently opened to foreign yachts. The island is unspoiled by development and is noted for its 15th- and 16th-century architecture.



HVAR

Hvar is where it's at, and where everyone wants to be. The height of sophistication, it's the St. Tropez of Croatia and the most-coveted marina in July and August. Include a stop on Carpe Diem Beach on Stipanska to take in the beautiful pine forest as well as exciting bars and restaurants.

MLJET

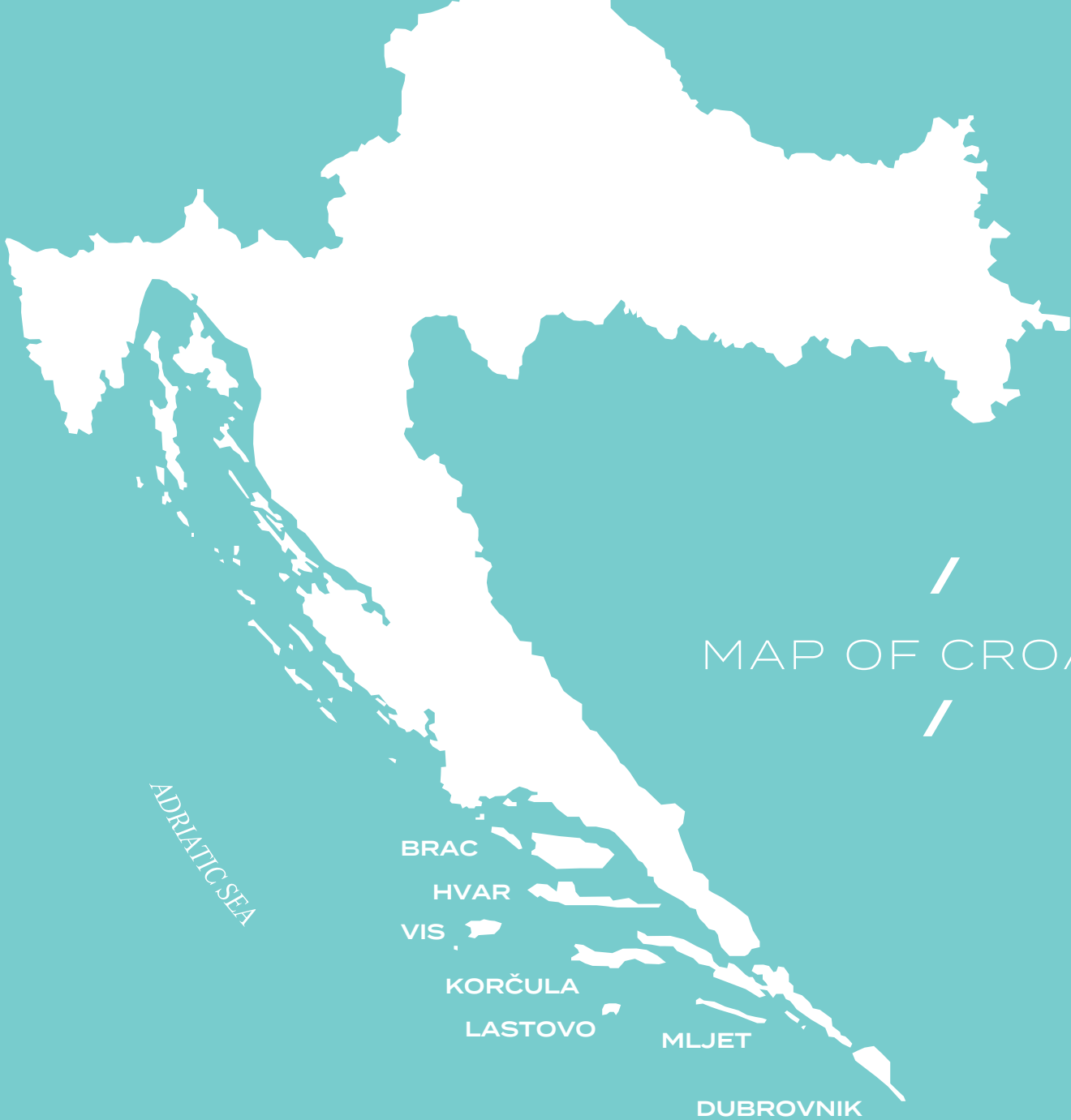
Mljet is a gem — an island of ancient forests, caves, and calm, turquoise waters best explored by kayak. Spend a few hours following wooded trails and disappearing into Odysseus Cave, where sunlight streams in and soaks up the water, and where you can see scores of silver fish.

DUBROVNIK

Dubrovnik is located in southern Croatia and is just a short cruise from Croatia's famous islands. It's one of the most attractive walled cities in the world, with beautiful, walkable streets. Take the cable car up the mountain at the back of the city for stunning views of Old Town and the coastline.

For authentic Croatian food, don't miss Nautika — a restaurant on the ramparts of the old city. And for a night of dancing you won't forget, try Revelin, a hopping nightclub located in a 15th-century fortress.





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