



★ *Destination* GUIDE ★

Italy to Montenegro

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ITALY

# ADRIATIC COASTLINE

SLOVENIA

CROATIA

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

MONTENEGRO

VENICE

ISTRIA

ŠIBENIK

ŠOLTA

HVAR

KORCULA

MILJET

DUBROVNIK

KOTOR

Deep blue water, the color of liquid sapphire, gently rocks the hulls of fishing boats, painted in kaleidoscopic colors and adorned with the names of saints and wives. This is the Adriatic Sea, far beneath soaring mountains, encircling more than 1,300 islands, mirror to old stone, red-roofed buildings neatly hemmed into tranquil bays. The art, architecture, customs and traditions of today are the progeny of Illyrian, Roman, Christian, Venetian, Napoleonic and Austrian empires. From untamed forests to undersea gardens, legendary beaches to picture postcard villages, the Adriatic coast will captivate you.



www.italia.it/en

#### RIALTO MARKET

The Rialto Market in the early morning is an authentic Venetian experience. Visit both sections, the Pesceria (Fish section) and Erbaria (Vegetable and Fruit section). Be aware that proper etiquette dictates that you never ever touch the produce, in this market as well as in the whole of Italy. Tell the vendor what you want and he will proudly give his best products to you.

## *Venice, Italy*

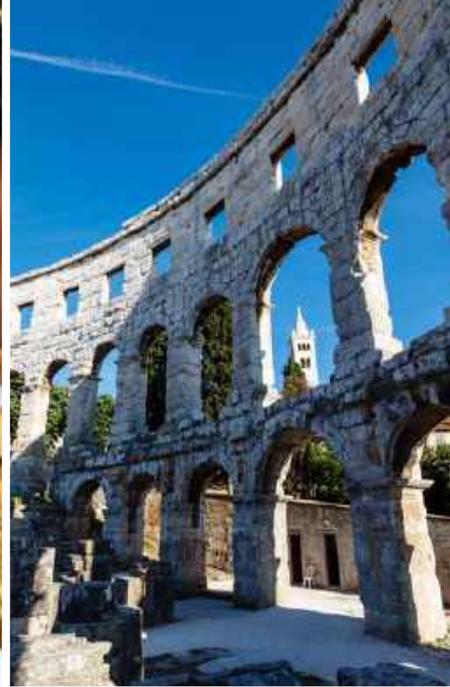
The city intoxicates the senses. A labyrinth of canals, gold-gilt gondolas, arresting gothic architecture and ornate bridges make yachting down the Grand Canal a surreal event, like drifting quietly through a classical masterpiece. On shore, narrow, twisting passageways meander on a course of pre-automobile dexterity. Get lost down these unpredictable back alleys; a woman on a wooden chair patiently handcrafts white lace, strains of baroque violin spill over an upper balcony, and the smell of espresso is pervasive. Dock amidst the bustle of the city center near St. Mark's Square, or berth at any of several marinas in the lagoon for a quiet nighttime refuge. The six boroughs of Venice, dating from the 12th century, are considered an architectural and engineering marvel. Here, 409 bridges link 150 canals, 118 churches, 117 islands, 49 grand palaces, and interweave the infrastructure of a city afloat on ancient foundations that is timelessly chic, enviably sophisticated and eternally alluring.

Vino Vino Restaurant — [www.vinovinowinebar.com/it](http://www.vinovinowinebar.com/it)

Bistrot de Venise Restaurant — [www.bistrotdevenise.com/eng/index.html](http://www.bistrotdevenise.com/eng/index.html)

Venice Jazz Club — [www.venicejazzclub.com/home1.html](http://www.venicejazzclub.com/home1.html)

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## *The Istria Peninsula*

From atop the medieval city walls in Piran, Slovenia, you can't quite see Venice, just 50 NM due west across the Adriatic Sea. Yet the grandeur of the Most Serene Republic of Venice (697-1797) is ever-present in the rich legacy of art and culture in every coastal town along the Adriatic shore. The historic peninsula is a region of picturesque beaches, hidden bays and unusual dive sites. Near Pula, explore the underwater remains of an ancient Roman temple, sunken ships from World War I and II, and expansive caves. Istria's 14 Brijuni islands, which comprise one of Croatia's most beautiful National Parks, have been the vacation spot of emperors, presidents, world leaders and celebrities. A leisurely day spent yachting through the islands is spiritually rejuvenating. By contrast, bustling Pula Harbor, Istria's yachting Mecca, is the gateway to a lively seaport that has hosted mariners for 3,000 years. Along your walk past Roman ruins, Gothic monastery and Venetian fortress, pause for a taste of Istria. Degustation menus are the pride of most top-rated restaurants. This sampling of every dish in the kitchen often includes superb local wine flights.

Konoba Batelina Restaurant — [www.gastronaut.hr/restoran.asp?id=4896](http://www.gastronaut.hr/restoran.asp?id=4896)

Pula Marina — [www.aci.hr/en/marinas/aci-marina-pula](http://www.aci.hr/en/marinas/aci-marina-pula)

History of Pula — [www.pulainfo.hr/en/informacije/history-of-pula/16](http://www.pulainfo.hr/en/informacije/history-of-pula/16)

Istria is famous for truffles from the Motovun Forest. They are a signature flavor in local cuisine. Giancarlo Zigante, a local caterer and truffle hunter, and his dog, Diana, dug up one of the largest truffles ever found weighing 1.31 kg, on 2 November 1999. The truffle was cast in bronze and put on display.

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www.croatia.hr

Šibenik enjoys festivals during the summer that include the International Children's Festival at the end of June, A Capella singing on August evenings, and a Renaissance fair in September. Year around, brave aficionados of extreme sports can seize the opportunity to bungee jump from the Šibenik Bridge.

## *Koronati... Krka... Šibenik*

Yachting through the wildly beautiful Kornati archipelago between Zadar and Šibenik is awe inspiring. White limestone cliffs, a cerulean sea, and bottlenose dolphins at play alongside your hull. The National Park is a paradise for yachtsmen, divers and nature lovers. Inland, Krka National Park is a wonderland of travertine cliffs, cascading waterfalls, historical sites and an unusual variety of birds and bats. Farther south, the Krka River reaches the sea at Šibenik, the oldest native Croatian town on the eastern shore. Mount the tangle of steep, winding streets, narrow passages and stone steps that lead up from the water. Slip into a seat at an outdoor café on the main square. The elegant dome of St Jacov's Cathedral casts a cooling shadow and the remarkable frieze of 71 sculptured faces of village men, women and children keeps an eternal vigil. Snack on morsels of cheese ripened in a lamb sack and Driš prosciutto, Skradin sausages, and pastry filled with a mixture of olives, figs and olive oil. Pair with a glass of Kastelet or Plavac red wine.

Peligrini Restaurant — [www.pelegrini.hr/index\\_en.html](http://www.pelegrini.hr/index_en.html)

Kornati National Park — [www.kornati.hr/index.php/en](http://www.kornati.hr/index.php/en)

Krka National Park — [www.npkrka.hr/#/pocetna/?lang=eng&p=](http://www.npkrka.hr/#/pocetna/?lang=eng&p=)

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“ I recommend boat excursions to nearby Pakleni Islands, the sandy beaches near Jelsa, the ancient town of Stari Grad, where past centuries mingle with modern tourist facilities, the heavenly beaches under the pine trees in Zavala, the exotic atmosphere of south cliffs in Ivan Dolac, Sveta Nedjelja or Milna and Vrboska, known as “little Venice” . ”

— Captain Ante Komac

## *Hvar*

The sunniest and possibly trendiest Croatian island is dotted with quaint seaside villages and surrounded by a jagged coastline of safe anchorages. The air stays in the memory, fragranced by wild mint, sage, oregano, lavender, pine, wild oranges and lemons. The countryside is a World Heritage landscape of ancient walls, olive groves and vineyards dating to 4th century Ionian Greeks. The town of Hvar contrasts eight centuries of architecture and art with internet cafés, designer boutiques and decadent clubs.

Captain Ante Komac, a native of Central Dalmatia, urges visitors to go to konoba, small inns that serve real home-made wine and authentic food. Try traditional wild cabbage salad and Peèica na teèicu, fresh goat's cheese fried with sugar. A glass of home-made prošek, similar to sherry, will improve circulation. If you dock in the main harbor, the nightclub to see and be seen at is the swank Carpe Diem, just a stone's throw from your aft deck. However, docking for large yachts is limited and Palmizana Marina, on Pakleni Otoci Island, is just 10 minutes away by tender and an excellent alternative.

Dalmatino Restaurant — [www.dalmatino-hvar.com](http://www.dalmatino-hvar.com)

Marina Palmižana — [www.discover-island-hvar.com/aci-marina-palmizana](http://www.discover-island-hvar.com/aci-marina-palmizana)

Carpe Diem Club — [www.carpe-diem-hvar.com](http://www.carpe-diem-hvar.com)

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## *Vis... Šolta... Brač*

“It is imperative that you visit the Blue Cave (Croatian: Modra špilja), a sea cave located in the small bay of Balun on the east side of the island of Biševo. The cave is one of the best known natural wonders on the Adriatic and a popular attraction because of the glowing blue light that appears at certain times of day.”

— Captain Ante Komac

Vis is an outstanding example of the rapidly vanishing, authentic Dalmatian culture. Explore traditional villages, beautiful beaches and secluded bays that are virtually deserted. At Vis, dockage on shore is limited, so prepare to spend the night at anchor. Šolta is a sparsely inhabited island of great natural beauty. With only 1,500 year-round residents, 24 bays and pristine beaches, Šolta offers peace and tranquility wherever you wander. Dock your yacht at the Marina Martinis Marchi in Maslinica Bay, awarded second place for Infrastructure and Urbanism 2012.

Brač has the most beautiful, albeit crowded beach in the Adriatic. Zlatni rat in Bol is an expansive peninsula of pearl sand beloved by sun worshippers, windsurfers and kite boarders. Cruise to the enchanting town of Milna, the home of fishermen, vineyards, olive and almond groves since antiquity. The village of Murvica faces the sea on the southern slopes of the island and offers unspoiled nature and two beautiful beaches ideal for yacht toy fun. For enthusiasts of music and culture, the island hosts many folk festivals and cultural events throughout the summer.

Konoba Stoncica Restaurant — [www.konoba-stoncica.com](http://www.konoba-stoncica.com)

Marina Martinis Marchi — [marina-martinis-marchi.com/en](http://marina-martinis-marchi.com/en)

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## *Korcula... Mljet*

Trojan hero Antenor is credited with founding Korcula in 1200 BC and by 1000 BC it was occupied by Illyrians. The city claims to be the birthplace of Marco Polo, as does the city of Venice. Korcula's Stonemasonry tradition reached its zenith during the Venetian Republic (1420-1797), and characterizes much of the local architecture.

The jagged shoreline around Korcula makes yachting delightfully adventure-driven. The many pocket beaches and secluded coves are perfect for a private picnic lunch, snorkeling off the beach and splashing about on the yacht toys. Vela Luka on the western end is known as the town of artists. Rule by Greeks, Romans, Venetians, British, Russians and Italians, has contributed to a rich and layered heritage. The Centre for Culture has exceptional exhibits. Foodies must sample the local fish specialty, brodetto, paired with a pošip cara dry white wine. The town of Korcula on the eastern end is a mosaic of red-tiled roofs and medieval cobbled streets. Historic buildings behind the waterfront bars and restaurants make strolling the side streets of Old Town a passage through time.

Mljet is a transfixing gem. According to legend, Odysseus stayed with Calypso on Mljet during his return from the Trojan War. Largely free of commercial development, this uncrowded, unspoiled island has postcard villages, vineyards, farms and forests. The western third of the island is Mljet National Park, ideal for paddle boarding, windsurfing, kiteboarding, and Seabobs. Divers can explore a third century Roman wreck and a German WWII torpedo boat.

Stermasi Restaurant — [www.stermasi.hr/index.php/en/restaurant](http://www.stermasi.hr/index.php/en/restaurant)

Mljet National Park — [www.mljet.hr/?l=eng](http://www.mljet.hr/?l=eng)

Abel Art Gallery — [www.abel-art.net/eng/gallery\\_picture\\_abel\\_art.html](http://www.abel-art.net/eng/gallery_picture_abel_art.html)

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The Dubrovnik Summer Festival in July and August uses city palaces, churches and squares as unique stages for music, theater and folklore programs. Renaissance music and dance, medieval festivals and Dalmatian vocal group concerts are in the open-air venues of the city. Hear the Julian Rachlin & Friends Chamber Music Festival that takes place every September.

## *Dubrovnik*

Dock the yacht at the base of the ancient walls and walk directly into a dense, near seamless tangle of shops, restaurants, bars, galleries and businesses of the old city. Time-worn doors open onto narrow, cobbled streets devoid of cars. The Irish writer George Bernard Shaw said “those who seek paradise on Earth should come to Dubrovnik and find it”. Walk along the city walls for a breathtaking introduction to the ancient center. Window shop the Stradun, the polished limestone walking street. Ignore the street trinket vendors for a visit to the talented Croatian artists and designers whose exclusive shops share thick stone walls with Gucci and Chanel. Away from the main thoroughfare things get progressively more interesting. Stop in an alley shop to try a coffee, sip a glass of wine, or sample a local cheese. The surrounding coastline is breathtaking, and the view of the ancient ramparts from the water something magical. Launch the Jet Skis for an adventure around the Old Town and Elaphiti islands, add in a swim beneath the stalwart walls. For the young at heart wishing to add a splash of sophisticated decadence to the itinerary, include an evening back in town at Nude Noir.

D’Vino Winebar — [www.dvino.net](http://www.dvino.net)

Restaurant More — [www.restaurant-more.com/1home.php](http://www.restaurant-more.com/1home.php)

360 Restaurant — [www.360dubrovnik.com/index.php](http://www.360dubrovnik.com/index.php)

Nude Noir Nightlife — [www.nudenoirdubrovnik.com/#/untitled/c139r](http://www.nudenoirdubrovnik.com/#/untitled/c139r)

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www.montenegro.travel

Some 60 percent of Montenegro exceeds 3,300 feet high, with the tallest peak at 8,274 ft. This mountain barrier helped preserve Montenegro's independence until the devastating losses of World War I. In 1918 it became part of Serbia and in 1929 part of Yugoslavia. In 2003 the democratic and federal country of Serbia and Montenegro was born. By May 21, 2006, 55.5 percent of Montenegrins voted to secede from Serbia and become independent.

## *Kotor, Montenegro*

From the sundeck the view of Montenegro's majestic fjord is astonishing. The waterway winds beneath mountains cloaked in thick forests, past ancient churches afloat on tiny islands and the picturesque medieval towns of Risan, Tivat, Perast, Prčanj and Herceg Novi. Kotor has been inhabited since the third century, yet period architecture is dominated by an astounding number of medieval and Renaissance churches financed by past Venetian and Austrian rulers. The Byzantine fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protects the quietly elegant Old Town of Kotor. Lacking the glitz and glamour of Dubrovnik, the town has an easy temperament that feels authentic, timeless and slightly exotic. This is a comfortable place of stately stone buildings with wrought iron balconies and colorful window boxes, uniformed school children playing on sun-splashed plazas and couples quietly conversing at outdoor café bars. To indulge in modern luxuries, Porto Montenegro, in the nearby town of Tivat, offers dockage at a state-of-the-art superyacht marina and village complex. From exclusive shops, restaurants and residences to a five star hotel, privileged owners and guests enjoy upscale amenities just a tender launch from the historic atmosphere and cultural charm that make Kotor so endearing.

Porto Montenegro Marina — [www.portomontenegro.com/marina](http://www.portomontenegro.com/marina)

Restaurant Galion — [www.hotelvardar.com](http://www.hotelvardar.com)

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COUNTRY	VOLTAGE	PLUG
Croatia	230 V	Euro 2-pin
Italy	230 V	Euro 2-pin, Italian 3-pin
Montenegro	220 V	Euro 2-pin
Slovenia	220 V	Euro 2-pin

**TIME ZONE:** GMT/UTC +1 in winter, GMT/UTC +2 in summer: Daylight saving time begins the last Sunday in March and ends last Sunday in October.

**ECONOMY:** Tourism, Finance, Industry, and Agriculture

**DRESS CODE:** Dress is conservative, business casual. People take pride in their appearance and do not wear clothing that is immodest or sloppy. When visiting museums and churches wear clothing that covers the arms and meets the knee.

**DRIVING:** Motorists drive on the right side of the road as in North America.

**GOVERNMENTS & POLITICAL SYSTEMS:** Albania, Croatia, parliamentary democracy; Bosnia and Herzegovina, emerging federal democratic republic; Italy, Montenegro, republic; Slovenia, parliamentary republic

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:** Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Italian, Montenegrin, Serbian, Slovenian

**OFFICIAL CURRENCY:** Albania, Lek, L; Croatia, Kuna/HRK; Bosnia and Herzegovina, convertible mark, KM; Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia, Euro, EUR, €; Serbia, dinar

## When to visit:

Mild Adriatic temperatures allow for an extended yachting season from April through October. The best beach-going, from June to September, coincides with summer high season and tourist crowds. Charter before or after the high season to avoid long lines and for a more intimate cultural experience.

## Climate:

The Adriatic coast is much like the Mediterranean, warm, dry summers and relatively mild winters. Swimming season begins in late May and ends early in September, with peak summer sea temperatures reaching 77 degrees. Before and after this period it is fairly cool and can plummet to 40 degrees in midwinter.

CLIMATE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOME MAJOR ADRIATIC CITIES

City	MEAN TEMPERATURE (DAILY HIGH)				MEAN TOTAL RAINFALL					
	January		July		January			July		
	°C	°F	°C	°F	mm	in	days	mm	in	days
Bari	12.1	53.8	28.4	83.1	50.8	2.0	7.3	27.0	1.06	2.6
Dubrovnik	12.2	54.0	28.3	82.9	95.2	3.75	11.2	24.1	0.95	4.4
Rijeka	8.7	47.7	27.7	81.9	134.9	5.31	11.0	82.0	3.23	9.1
Split	10.2	50.4	29.8	85.6	77.9	3.07	11.1	27.6	1.09	5.6
Venice	5.8	42.4	27.5	81.5	58.1	2.29	6.7	63.1	2.48	5.7

VISA INFORMATION

[www.projectvisa.com](http://www.projectvisa.com)



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