Variety Cruises

CROATIA ISLAND-HOPPING & MONTENEGRO **2028**

- Aboard the 17-cabin M/Y Callisto
- April – October 2028
- 7-nights cruise from Dubrovnik to Dubrovnik



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AT A GLANCE

77 Years of Small-Ship Expertise. This is How the Adriatic Was Meant to Be Discovered.

This carefully crafted voyage has been designed to showcase the very best of Croatia and Montenegro through the lens of boutique yachting. Rather than rushing between ports, you'll discover medieval towns, untouched islands, authentic fishing communities, spectacular swim experiences, family-owned wineries and one of Europe's most breathtaking natural harbours. **As a family-owned cruise company, our DNA has always been about authenticity, discovering places beyond the ordinary, connecting with local cultures and creating meaningful experiences at sea. With just 34 guests cared for by 16 dedicated crew members, we remain true to the philosophy that has guided us since 1949:**

Small is our luxury

Highlights include:

DUBROVNIK – ELAPHITI ISLANDS & MLJET - KORCULA – BLUE CAVE & VIS – LASTOVO NATURE PARK – HVAR - PAKLENI ISLANDS–KOTOR - SWIM STOPS - BOUTIQUE YACHT ATMOSPHERE – SLOWER PACED ISLAND HOPPING







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DAY 1- FRIDAY | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Embarkation Day

Your Adriatic journey begins in Dubrovnik, the legendary Pearl of the Adriatic and one of Europe's most magnificent UNESCO World Heritage cities. Embark **M/Y Callisto** at **Gruž Port** from **14:00**, where you'll be warmly welcomed by our Captain and crew. Settle into your comfortable cabin and begin discovering the relaxed rhythm of life aboard your boutique yacht—your home at sea for the week ahead. This afternoon, join our included guided walking tour through Dubrovnik's enchanting Old Town. Wander along the famous Stradun, admire centuries-old palaces, churches and fountains, and discover the remarkable story of the former Republic of Ragusa, one of the Mediterranean's great maritime powers. Back onboard, meet your fellow travellers during a Welcome Cocktail Reception before enjoying your first dinner featuring fresh Mediterranean flavours and regional wines. As the lights begin to illuminate Dubrovnik's ancient walls, your unforgettable island-hopping adventure officially begins.

Included Excursion: Guided Dubrovnik Old Town walking tour
Meals included onboard: Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner
Overnight in Dubrovnik

DAY 2 - SATURDAY | ELAPHITI ISLANDS & MLJET

First Island-Hopping Day and Variety Swim Stop Experience

This morning Callisto sails northwest from Dubrovnik toward the Elaphiti Islands, a peaceful archipelago of pine-covered islands, stone villages, sheltered bays and clear Adriatic waters. Here, away from the larger cruise routes, you'll experience the slower rhythm that defines boutique yachting. Your Captain drops anchor in the sheltered waters off Šipanska Luka for your first Variety Swim Experience.

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Dive directly from the yacht into crystal-clear turquoise waters, enjoy a leisurely swim or simply relax on deck as Callisto drifts gently in one of the Adriatic's most beautiful natural anchorages. Later, the yacht continues to Mljet, one of Croatia's greenest islands and home to the famous Mljet National Park. On arrival, our Chief Experience Officer will take you for a stroll to visit the famous salt lakes, situated in the heart of the park. This evening, enjoy dinner at your leisure and discover the flavours of Mljet. Choose one of Pomena's welcoming family-run tavernas and savour freshly caught Adriatic seafood, locally produced olive oil and traditional Dalmatian specialities while watching the sun set over the tranquil harbour.

Variety Swim Experience: Anchorage off Sipanska Luka offers a beautiful introduction to swimming from the yacht, with calm turquoise waters and a sheltered island setting.

Included Excursions: Entrance to the Mljet National Park

Meals included onboard: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight in Mljet island, Pomena port.

DAY 3 – SUNDAY | KORČULA ISLAND

Medieval Island Beauty and Wine Traditions

Often referred to as **Little Dubrovnik**, Korčula is one of Croatia's most captivating island towns, celebrated for its impressive medieval walls, elegant limestone streets and beautifully preserved Venetian architecture. Widely believed to be the birthplace of the legendary explorer Marco Polo, the island has long been shaped by maritime traditions and centuries of seafaring history. Before arriving, enjoy another refreshing Variety Swim Experience as your Captain anchors in the crystal-clear Adriatic, offering the perfect opportunity to swim directly from the yacht or simply relax on deck while admiring the island's picturesque coastline. Spend the day exploring the charming Old Town at your own pace, discovering hidden alleyways, boutique shops and inviting waterfront cafés, or join our optional wine experience to sample the authentic flavours of the island: Korčula is renowned for producing some of Croatia's finest indigenous wines, including the rare Grk grape, grown almost exclusively in nearby Lumbarda, alongside the celebrated Pošip variety that has become synonymous with Dalmatian winemaking. Travel through Korčula's picturesque countryside to the charming village of Lumbarda, home to celebrated family-owned wineries. Meet local winemakers and discover generations of island tradition while sampling four exceptional wines accompanied by homemade Dalmatian delicacies, including local prosciutto, sheep's cheese and freshly baked bread.

Variety Swim Experience: At anchor off Korcula island

Optional excursions: Lumbarda Wine Estate Experience.

Meals included onboard: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight: Korcula.

DAY 4 – MONDAY | LASTOVO ISLAND

Off the Beaten Path

Remote, quiet and beautifully preserved, Lastovo is one of the Adriatic's best kept secrets and offers a very different feeling from Croatia's better-known islands. Protected as a Nature Park, more than 70% of the island is covered by dense Mediterranean forest, creating a landscape of pine-covered hills, secluded coves and crystal-clear waters. Here, time seems to slow down, offering a glimpse of the Adriatic as it once was. After a refreshing morning swim stop from our yacht and lunch onboard, join one of our optional experiences or wander through the charming hilltop village,

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admire its distinctive stone architecture, centuries-old churches and traces of Venetian influence, or simply enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that makes this hidden gem one of Croatia's best-kept secrets. This evening, enjoy dinner at your leisure in one of Lastovo's welcoming family-run konobas, where freshly caught seafood, locally produced wines and traditional Dalmatian recipes celebrate the authentic flavours of the island. Your Chief Experience Officer will be delighted to recommend some of their favourite local restaurants.
Variety Swim Experience: Enjoy a swim opportunity in some of the clearest and least crowded waters of the itinerary.
Optional excursions: Fishermen of Lastovo and Lastovo Village, Wine and Traditions.
Meals included onboard: Breakfast & Lunch
Overnight: Lastovo / Ubli port.

DAY 5 – TUESDAY | VIS
An island lost in time
Wake to another beautiful morning in the Adriatic as M/Y Callisto cruises towards the captivating island of Vis. Before arriving, enjoy another refreshing Variety Swim Experience, with the opportunity to swim directly from the yacht in the crystal-clear Adriatic. Arrive in the charming fishing village of Komiža, your gateway to one of Croatia's most authentic islands. Long closed to foreign visitors during the Yugoslav era due to its strategic military importance, Vis has preserved an authenticity rarely found elsewhere along the Croatian coast, making it one of Croatia's most fascinating island discoveries. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace or join one of our carefully curated optional experiences to discover Vis' fascinating military history, spectacular panoramic viewpoints or renowned local wineries. Return to the yacht in the evening and enjoy dinner onboard as Callisto remains overnight in the picturesque harbour of Komiža.
Variety Swim Experience
Enjoy another opportunity to swim directly from the yacht in the crystal-clear waters surrounding Vis before continuing your island-hopping adventure.
Optional excursions:
Echoes of the Past: Discovering Komiza fishing town heritage and its military tunnels, wineries and WWII secrets
Or Guided Boat tour to the **Blue Cave**/Bisevo island* *Subject to weather conditions and payable locally
Meals included onboard: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6 – WEDNESDAY | HVAR & PAKLENI ISLANDS
Glamour, History and Yacht-Style Swimming
Sailing on towards Hvar, we sail by the beautiful Pakleni island archipelago which is known for its pine-covered islets and stunning secluded bays with crystal clear water. You will enjoy another Variety Swim Experience followed by lunch onboard, before arriving in the island of Hvar, providing the itinerary's most glamorous Croatian island experience and renowned for its Venetian architecture, vibrant waterfront promenade and impressive hilltop fortress overlooking one of the Adriatic's most beautiful harbours. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace or join one of our included and optional experiences before returning to the yacht for an overnight cruise towards Montenegro.

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Often referred to as Croatia's sunniest island, Hvar has welcomed travellers for centuries with its rich maritime history, lavender fields, excellent wines and sophisticated Mediterranean lifestyle. From its charming stone streets to its panoramic coastal views, Hvar perfectly combines history, culture and natural beauty, making it one of the highlights of your Adriatic island-hopping adventure.
Included excursion: Hvar guided walking with a local expert.
Optional excursions: Family winery wine tasting on Hvar
Meals included onboard: Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight / late sailing toward Montenegro.

DAY 7-THURSDAY | SAILING IN THE BAY OF KOTOR, MONTENEGRO
Into Europe's Most Spectacular Bay
Today marks the signature highlight of your Adriatic voyage as M/Y Callisto sails into the breathtaking Bay of Kotor, one of Europe's most spectacular natural harbours. Surrounded by towering mountains, picturesque waterfront villages and calm blue waters, Montenegro introduces a completely new culture, landscape and atmosphere, making this a truly unique two-country Adriatic experience. Enjoy a full day in Montenegro - join our morning included guided walking tour to explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Kotor, with time to wander its enchanting maze of medieval streets, elegant squares, Venetian palaces and charming cafés. Later in the afternoon, you may join our optional excursion into the mountains for unforgettable panoramic views and authentic Montenegrin flavours. After dinner onboard, bid farewell to Montenegro as Callisto begins her overnight voyage back to Dubrovnik.
Included excursion: Kotor Old Town Chronicles – a guided walking tour for guests who want a deeper understanding of the UNESCO-listed town.
Optional excursions: The Flavours & Views of Montenegro: Njeguši Village & Lovćen Scenic Drive - your signature countryside experience combining spectacular scenery, local gastronomy and culture.
Meals included onboard: Breakfast, Captain's Farewell Dinner

DAY 8 - FRIDAY– DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
Until We Meet Again
As M/Y Callisto returns to Dubrovnik this morning, enjoy one final breakfast onboard while reflecting on a remarkable journey through Croatia's most captivating islands and the spectacular Bay of Kotor in Montenegro. Over the past week, you've discovered medieval towns, authentic island communities, crystal-clear Adriatic waters, local wines, fresh Adriatic seafood, oysters, unforgettable flavours and the relaxed rhythm of boutique yachting that defines the Variety Cruises experience. Following breakfast, disembark at 09:00 at Gruž Port, taking home memories of island-hopping at its finest—and, we know, the inspiration to discover another corner of the world with Variety Cruises' small ships.
Meals included onboard: Breakfast
Disembarkation: 09:00 | Gruž Port, Dubrovnik

Post-Cruise arrangements: Not Ready to Say Goodbye? Why not extend your holiday with a few more days exploring Croatia? Our reservations team will be delighted to assist with post-cruise hotel stays, private transfers and tailor-made travel arrangements.

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Your Journey Includes:

Boutique Yacht Accommodation

•7-night cruise aboard M/Y Callisto
•Accommodation in ocean-view twin or double cabins with private en-suite facilities and individually controlled air conditioning (large windows on the Main Deck, portholes on the Lower Deck)
•Daily housekeeping service and evening turndown service
•Complimentary Wi-Fi

Exceptional Hospitality

•15–16 experienced English-speaking crew members (approximately 1:2 crew-to-guest ratio), delivering one of the highest levels of personalized service in the Adriatic
•Our crew are consistently rated among the highlights of the Variety Cruises experience, praised by guests for their warmth, professionalism and genuine hospitality
•English-speaking Chief Experience Officer

Dining & Onboard Experiences

- 14 meals onboard featuring Mediterranean and local cuisine, including:
- Daily buffet breakfast with fresh fruit
- Daily buffet lunch or three-course dinner (depending on the day's program), including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and Captain's Farewell Dinner
- One complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink with every onboard lunch and dinner
- Complimentary filtered water, tea, coffee and fresh fruit throughout the day
- Local Theme Evening with music and cultural entertainment
- Complimentary wine tasting onboard
- Complimentary cooking or cocktail demonstration onboard

•**Included Experiences**

•Guided walking tour of Dubrovnik Old Town
•Entrance and visit to Mljet National Park
•Guided walking tour of Hvar
•Guided walking tour of UNESCO-listed Kotor Old Town
•Multiple Variety Swim Experiences (weather and local authority permitting)
•Onboard BBQ (weather permitting)

Water Sports & Recreation

•Kayaks
•Stand-Up Paddleboards
•Snorkeling equipment (mask, fins & snorkel)
•Beach towels

What's Not Included

•Beverages, except those specified under **What's Included**
•Optional shore excursions
•Meals ashore
•Crew gratuities
•Personal expenses (laundry)

See why the Adriatic is one of our most sought-after itineraries - click HERE to view stunning photos and experience the journey before you sail.

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SAILING DATES

	Value Season	High Season
From Dubrovnik to Dubrovnik	**Apr** 21, 28 **May** 05 **Jul** 21, 28 **Aug** 04, 11, 18 **Oct** 13	**May** 12, 19, 26 **Jun** 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 **Jul** 07, 14 **Aug** 25 **Sep** 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 **Oct** 06

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YOUR BOAT

M/Y CALLISTO
Motor Yacht

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 50 m
Launch Year: 2000 / Full refit in 2016 / Renovated: 2022
Cabins: 17
Capacity: 34 passengers
Crew: 16

The M/Y Callisto, built with the most stringent safety regulations, was launched in 2000 and renovated in 2022. A spacious lounge with ample space, dining areas decorated with warm colors, rich library and deck for sunbathing, outdoor dining area and loungers are just some of the elements that define her essence.
Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members.



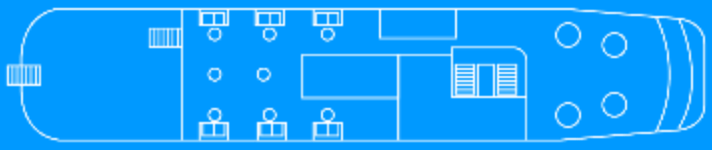
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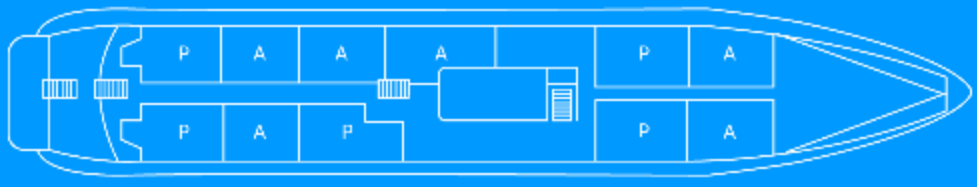
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SUN DECK



INFINITY
UPPER DECK



RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



OCEANS
LOWER DECK



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CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The Callisto 17 outside guest cabins are located on Main and Lower Decks, with large portholes or windows. Elegantly decorated, they have either twin or double sized beds and bathrooms with showers en suite. All cabins are comfortably arranged and beautifully furnished with wooden furniture and light fabrics. Cabins have individually controlled A/C, offer storage space, and are fitted with flat-screen TVs, mini fridge, telephone (for internal use), hairdryers, central music, public address system and safe boxes.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the indoor lounge area and dining room, as well as the outdoor areas at the Upper and Sun deck. Located on the Sundeck, the Library with its wrapped around windows is the ideal area to relax with a book, while engaging the passing scenery. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful islands where, weather permitting, guests enjoy swimming, snorkeling.

Upper deck lounge & dining room

The lounge/bar and indoor dining room on the Upper deck are connected with each other by the gallery, displaying exquisite art and adding to the overall feeling of elegance and style. The classy dining room accommodates all guests at one single seating.





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Upper deck dining area

The outdoor Dining area where meals are served “al fresco”-weather permitting- , is located on the Upper Deck being the ideal place to admire the passing scenery or enjoy your meal overlooking the stars.

Sun deck

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers’ space to sunbathe under the Mediterranean sun. In the evening you can watch the sunset, enjoy a drink overlooking the stars.

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