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A Jewish Journey Through

# CROATIA

aboard a private chartered yacht

Led by Cantor Audrey Abrams  
& Dana Yugend-Pepper  
September 4-14, 2025

Itinerary subject to change at the Captain's Discretion or as circumstances warrant.

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Join Cantor Abrams and Dana Yugend-Pepper with Beth El members (and others from the community) on a memorable trip down the calm waters of the Adriatic Coast of Croatia. We'll sail by day and stop to tour the Islands and quaint towns by day and spend evenings docked, allowing us to wander and explore the port town with dinner on our own.

This trip is during the month of Elul, when we blow shofar every morning and spend time preparing for the High Holy Days through a process of Cheshbon Hanefesh (self-reflection). So in addition to our touring, swimming, playing, learning about the Jewish history and more with our tour guides and special guests, feasting on chef prepared meals on the boat, relaxing on the deck of our private yacht, becoming friends with those we do not know, enjoying the glorious scenery - we will celebrate two Shabbatot together and study mussar/ middot (character traits) that will help us come to the Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe) in a more mindful manner. Our trip will end with an intimate slichot service (the service that kicks off the Holidays) on our hotel rooftop or on the beach.

This trip promises to be a unique and meaningful experience. Sign up by December 2nd to reserve your spot.

## DAY 1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025  
DEPARTURE

- Embark on your journey as we **fly to Dubrovnik**, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." Prepare to unwind and get excited for the days ahead as we make our way to this historic city on the Dalmatian coast.

## DAY 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025  
OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

- Upon landing in **Dubrovnik**, we'll begin our exploration with a **panoramic ride on the cable car** to the **Vidikovac observation point**, offering breathtaking views of the old city, sea and islands beyond.
- Enjoy lunch at your leisure in the city's charming streets.
- This afternoon, we check into our hotel and take a **scenic walk to Tvrdava Lovrijenac**, an imposing fortress offering a unique vantage point of Dubrovnik's city walls.
- We'll welcome Shabbat with a special **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at the historic **Dubrovnik Synagogue**, one of the oldest Sephardic synagogues in Europe still in use, then return to our hotel for a festive **Shabbat dinner**.

### Overnight in Dubrovnik (D)



## DAY 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025  
SHABBAT IN DUBROVNIK

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy a leisurely start with an optional Shacharit service on the beach, weather permitting. Take the morning to relax and absorb the serene atmosphere of Shabbat.
- After checking out of our hotel, we embark on a **guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town**, delving into its Jewish heritage and storied past.
- **Limud Session:** Later, we engage in a **study session** at the synagogue with members of the local Jewish community.
- **Seudah Shlishit:** We gather for a **traditional third meal** before a beautiful **Havdalah service** as we bid farewell to Shabbat.
- This evening, we **board our private yacht** and settle in for our first night on the Adriatic Sea.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L, D)**

## DAY 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
SAILING TO SLANO

- Start your day with breakfast on board as we sail towards Slano. Enjoy a **lecture from our tour director** on Croatia's Jewish and maritime history.
- **Musar Session:** Join Cantor Abrams for an inspiring **Musar lesson**, focusing on Jewish ethical teachings.
- After **lunch** on board, we'll explore the quaint **village of Slano** on a guided walking tour, followed by free time to stroll or perhaps indulge in a local wine tasting.
- Our **Captain's Dinner** will feature **live Croatian music**, creating a festive and memorable night on the ship.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L, D)**



## DAY 5

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
MLJET NATIONAL PARK  
& KORČULA ISLAND

- Breakfast aboard our yacht.
- This morning, we visit the tranquil **Mljet National Park**, known for its emerald lakes and lush landscapes, and experience the serene beauty of this protected paradise.
- Enjoy **lunch** on board as we sail to **Korčula**, the fabled birthplace of Marco Polo. We'll explore this charming island on a **walking tour** and witness a traditional **Moreska sword dance performance**, a local spectacle of music and drama.
- Dinner is at your leisure in one of Korčula's picturesque seaside restaurants.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L)**

## DAY 6

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
THE BLUE CAVE & VIS ISLAND

- Breakfast aboard our yacht.
- Our journey takes us to **Biševo**, where we'll visit the mesmerizing **Blue Cave**, famous for its glowing blue light. A magical experience awaits as we glide through the cave's stunning waters.
- After **lunch** on board, we'll arrive at **Vis Island**. We'll tour the island's **Yugoslavian fortifications**, learning about its strategic role in the Yugoslav wars.
- Enjoy dinner on your own in Vis, discovering local specialties at charming eateries.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L)**





## DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025  
EXPLORING HVAR ISLAND

- Savor a leisurely breakfast as we sail towards **Hvar**, a gem of the Adriatic. Enjoy free time on deck or partake in an onboard activity of your choice.
- Following **lunch**, we'll embark on a walking tour of **Hvar Town**, known for its vibrant culture and stunning architecture. For those interested, join a **Croatian cooking class** to learn traditional recipes.
- Dinner is on our own with a variety of seaside options to choose from.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L)**

## DAY 8

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025  
BOL & TROGIR

- Breakfast aboard our yacht.
- Today's first port of call is **Bol**, where we'll visit the iconic **Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn)** beach, renowned for its shifting shape and crystal-clear waters.
- While eating **lunch** on board, we sail to **Trogir**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and discover this medieval town on a **guided walking tour** through its narrow, cobbled streets.
- Dinner is at your leisure in Trogir, soaking in the city's historic ambiance.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L)**

## DAY 9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025  
KRKA NATIONAL PARK

- Breakfast aboard our yacht.
- Today, we explore the stunning **Krka National Park**, famed for its cascading waterfalls and scenic beauty; a perfect spot to connect with nature before Shabbat.
- Enjoy **lunch** on board as we sail towards **Split**.
- Upon arrival, we'll gather for **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the local synagogue, followed by a delicious **Shabbat dinner** back on the ship.

**Overnight aboard our yacht (B, L, D)**



## DAY 10

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
SHABBAT IN SPLIT

- After a relaxing breakfast, we join together for **Shacharit service** on the upper deck.
- We **disembark** for a **walking tour of Split**, exploring its ancient **Jewish quarter** and the grand **Diocletian's Palace**.
- This afternoon, we check into our hotel and enjoy free time to explore the city at our own pace.
- We conclude Shabbat with a **Selichot** ceremony on the beach, offering spectacular views of Split at sunset.
- Dinner is at your leisure, with plenty of dining options to choose from in the city.

### Overnight in Split (B)

## DAY 11

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025  
FAREWELL

- Enjoy a final breakfast at our hotel before we transfer to the airport for our flight back to the United States, filled with memories of our incredible journey through Croatia.

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