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Hi Russ,

Quick note based upon Sibenik is where you pick up and finish the mega yacht charter. After you finish up acting like Zuckerburg, you'll have some options for how to kill some days.

Option One: Make your way to Split, then ferry out to Hvar. Party at places like the Hula Hula Beach Club (owner is known to serve drinks in a Speedo...it IS Europe you know), where you go to see and be seen. Or closer to town are both the Kiva Bar (massive dance parties in the small walkways between 600 year old buildings) and Central Park Club (https://www.klubparkhvar.com/), where it doesn't get rocking until 0100. Maybe you can hit it when you get up to take one of your two nightly trips to the banyo (no enya on my keyboard).

There is a nice castle to hike up to, and ebike rental where you can ride over the spine of the island to the town of Stari Grad (super cute, and has a water polo club just on the bay - yes, it has goals floating in the bay. Great restaurants like Mizarola (https://mizarola.com/) and a fab wine bar (Gurme tapas and wine). The food world is your oyster here during your stay.

Option Two: See more of the country and enjoy not being with the Euro kids and man buns who love Hvar.

A. Rent a car from SIXT in Sibenik, to drop off at Split airport. Yes, lick the credit card and attach it to your forehead.

B. Drive to the Plitvica National Waterfall Park (https://np-plitvicka-jezera.hr/en/). Read up on it before going and you'll get why it is a National Park. They are very proud of it's 300+ waterfalls. You'll stay the night here in one of the many small pensions or two hotels that you'll have to book ahead of time. It will take under three hours to there from the single SIXT Rental Car place in Sibenik. Most hotels and pensions have the standard euro breakfast so get up and get moving to be able to walk the entire park. I do recall a boat and a tram for logistics as well but you'll figure that out. It's easy to spend two nights here just to ensure you have a leisurely falls experience, but you need to get moving to see other stuff.

C. Back into the car after the falls and drive for 2.5 hours (total drive) past Sibenik (actually, take the more inland route and bypass Sibenik) to Primosten (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primo%C5%A1ten) Hands down one of the most adorable coastal towns you'll ever set foot in. The old city is on it's own little egg shaped peninsula...did I mention they have local wine? Very easy to spend a week here. Decide if you want one night or two because it's stupidly adorable and you can just walk the coastline for hours, drive across the bay to the

monument on the hill for a spectacular view, or get lost in the old city. We stayed at (https://azaleacroatia.com/croatia-luxury-vacation-rental/accommodations-overview/accomodation-dalmacija-house/). Just book the penthouse now....yes, now (it's DH35 when you add the junior suite next to it as well for the full top floor. We can discuss this town further but it's just really neat.

D. Back into the car and drive to Split, about 1+15 or so. You can either drop the car at the airport first and Uber into town, or keep driving another 20-25 minutes into the town and find an impossible place to park. Split has some great aspects as well, but it's the jumping off port for dozens of cruise lines so the city is teeming with Americans in cargo short and white Reeboks that all talk too loudly. There are great restaurants, gelato (did I mention wine?), and Diocletian's Palace. You can even stay within the walls of the old palace. One such foodie place is Zinfandel

(https://www.zinfandelfoodandwinebar.com/) that Corky recommended to me and we loved it. Yes, they have wine. Stay in the old city (hotels can be pricey but AirBnB options seem to be more reasonable) where you can walk to the ferry pier within 10-15 minutes. Why? Because you'll want to take a day trip to Hvar if you have time (see notes on Hvar above). Speaking of notes, we pronounce it "Ha-var" while the local pronounce it simply "Var." Make sure you buy a round trip ticket for an exact time to ensure you make it back, as Hvar get super busy.

The trip back to the airport is fully dependent upon time of day and can be as little as 20 minutes or as long as 50 minutes. There is direct bus service from the ferry pier if that is something that is an option, but it can get very crowded as they are generally scheduled for 20 minutes after ferry arrival.

Option Three: Get to Split and day trip to the places mentioned above, and drive a ton every day. Then do ferry day trips to Havr and Milna.

Since I don't really know how many exact days you have, nor what time your flight from Split to Zurich is, so the above can be massaged to meet your needs. How many people, how many days, what is interesting to whom, etc? Discussion when you have time.

Questions whenever you're ready, LK