

dalmatian discovery

# go guide

don't leave home without it



## cruise spotlight

### what you see

- Split - historical port and Diocletian Palace
- Rogoznica or Primosten - quaint coastal villages
- Sibenik - Foscolo Palace & baroque style village
- Krka Waterfalls and National Park
- Kornati Islands & reef - swim and snorkel
- Zadar - old roman city & fortress
- Vodice - resort town
- Trogir - Venetian style architecture
- Ciovo Island - sandy white beaches

### what you get

- 7 breakfasts, 7 (two course) lunches
- 7 nights accommodation aboard Classic sailing boat
- 7 days sailing the Adriatic Sea & Dalmatian coastline
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel & soak up the sun
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- 2 towels for personal use
- Linen and bedding
- Most Port taxes and visitor fees. A supplementary Port tax of Euro 20 will need to be paid by you upon cruise check in.



## on location

Your guide to on the ground...

### visa requirements

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days. RSA and other passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Please contact the Croatian Embassy. Please note that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller.

### climate

Temperatures in Croatia are generally high during the high summer months from June to September, when the sun can be strong, so pack sunscreen. Evenings can be cooler - so take a jacket, a long sleeved top or two and trousers for this eventuality.

### time

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of GMT.

### money

GBP £1=HRK 8.44 USD \$1=HRK 5.32 AUD \$1= HRK 5.16 (subject to fluctuation). Bring GBP or Euro for

exchange, and an internationally recognized debit/credit card for atms/teller cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). Exchange facilities are also available at various bureau de changes and banks.

### health requirements

Recommendations - Tetanus and Polio, typhoid Hepatitis A. If planning to visit mountainous/forested regions, more vaccinations may be necessary. This information is provided as a guide only so please check with your local healthcare provider for the most up to date information. It is advisable to purchase bottled water for drinking.

## how much?

### TIPPING

If you feel your crew have done a good job you can reward them with a tip. Travellers will often pitch together, pass around an open envelope and present a group gratuity to the crew on behalf of the group. You are not obliged to partake if you don't wish to.

- Can of coke, 330ml **\$2.70**
- Mineral water (local brand, 500ml or 1L) **\$2.40**
- Meal for 2 (entree, main, a beer, local restaurant) **\$70-60**
- Beer (local brew Efes - 330-500ml approx) **\$3**
- Chocolate candy bar (local brand) **\$1.45**

## bright ideas

- Pack light and use a bag rather than a suitcase.
- Bring your camera and go snap happy.
- Want to snorkel? Pack a mask, flippers and snorkel.
- Pack 2 bathing costumes. That way you have a spare!
- Buy a phrasebook and practice your holiday Croatian.
- Bring a small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Keep a supply of small notes for local transactions.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport data pages.

## top experiences

- Beautiful Split - Explore the UNESCO-listed Diocletian Palace, a Roman gem
- Enjoy a morning swim and fill your mind, body and soul with verve for the day!
- Listen to the other worldly music of Sea Organ in Zadar
- Marvel at the impressive Krka Waterfalls, the biggest of which has a 46m drop over seventeen limestone steps
- Relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Ciovo island
- Enjoy locally produced olives, preserves & sweetmeats.





# dalmation discovery: itinerary

## day 1 - split

Saturday. Hello Split and welcome aboard! Located in the heart of Dalmatia, Split boasts some great archaeological, historical and cultural monuments. Explore the old city and the UNESCO-listed and stunningly well preserved Diocletian Palace, which the emperor Diocletian built as a retirement present for himself at the turn of the 4th century AD. This fascinating palace is so big its actually more like a city within a city, measuring 215m from east to west with walls that are 26 metres high. Inside you can see such things as the emperor's mausoleum, the temples of Jupiter, Cybele and Venus, and the grand and vast basement halls which now also contain stalls selling local jewellery and crafts.

Cruise check in is at 13:00 and we then set sail. If you have any problems, please contact the head office 00 385 (0) 51 603 400.

Our first stop is lunch and a swim in one of the many quiet bays and onward to Rogoznica or Primosten. These picturesque waterside towns are both home to many cute cafes and restaurants. Why not relax and gaze at the ocean whilst enjoying a glass of some locally made wine. Lunch and overnight - onboard

## day 2 - krka waterfalls

Rogoznica or Primosten - Sibinek - Krka Waterfalls - Skradin or Zlarin Port. This morning you have time to explore the historical town of Sibinek. This quaint town has a lively atmosphere and little streets lead to attractive squares where modern architecture blends seamlessly with old. The beautiful stone and marble baroque Cathedral of Sveti Jakov is well worth a visit, as it is one of the most original architectural projects of the middle ages. Also check out the Gothic styled Foscolo Palace.

If you are feeling more energetic why not take a hike up to the old castle and admire the fantastic views of the coastline and town. We continue on to Krka and then the afternoon is free for you to explore this stunning national park with its canyons and beautiful waterfalls, the highest of which has a drop of 46metres and cascades down seventeen limestone steps. Why not see if you can spot one of the local fat trout that are a protected species and live only in this area, or one of the many other fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles that have Krka as their home. Breakfast, lunch and overnight - onboard

## days 3-4 - kornati reef

Skradin or Zlarin Port - Sali- Kornati. Some 150 islands, islets and reefs make up the archipelago of Kornati, 89 of which are within the protected area known as the Kornati National Park. Many of the islands drop sharply into the sea, the rich vertical underwater shelves and the variety of undersea clefts, vaults and caves and submarine meadows provide shelter for an abundance of marine life. Don your snorkel and mask for an afternoon of snorkelling. The morning of day 4 is reserved for further snorkelling and swimming.

This afternoon at the port of Zadar we have a possibility to join a guided tour of the city or explore independently. Zadar contains lots of architecture from different eras, and it has a rich monumental heritage dating from Roman occupation in the 1st century AD, such as the Roman forum. The imposing and austere church of St Donatus still stands and is circular in shape, typical of the early Byzantine age and dating back to the ninth century, and is Zadar's most famous spot. The romanesque cathedral of St Anastasia dates back to the 13th century and is well worth a visit. In all this island houses 39 different churches.

Zadar was also known as one of the centres of development of Croatian literature and cultural events, the first Croatian university was established here in 1396, the first Croatian novel was written here in 1536 and this was also the spot where the first Croatian newspaper was created and published. Perhaps the most amazing attraction of Zadar is the giant Sea Organ designed by artist Nikola Basic. This unusual instrument has 35 giant tubes that are played by the force of the waves and the wind, creating a somewhat random but harmonious melody.

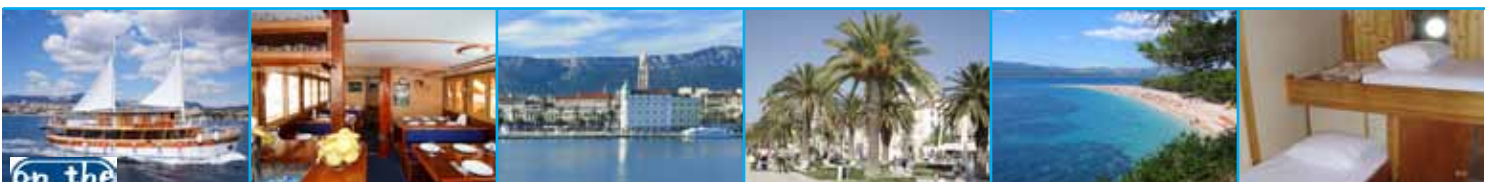
By the same inspired artist is another magical piece of permanent art named: "Greeting to the Sun," in which a representation of the solar system is futuristically illuminated by a huge disc of solar powered colour changing lights inlaid into and stretched out along the promenade. Once the sun sets, the lighting elements built into the circle are activated, producing a wonderful and exceptionally impressive game of lights to the rhythm of the waves and the sound of the Sea Organ.

After a day of exploration, relax with the sea views or check out the lively cafe and bar scene. Breakfast, lunch and overnight (2) - onboard (Sali & Zadar)

## day 5 - vodice

Zadar - Vodice. Today we sail south stopping for swim breaks at any one of the beautiful bays along the route. After lunch we dock at the lively resort town of Vodice. After admiring some of the many beautiful stone structures and churches, why not sample the delicious locally produced food at one of the local cafes and restaurants? After dessert, make sure you order a glass of homemade maraščina, sweet wine made of a particularly tasty sort of grape - maraščina. This sweet wine is made by a special drying procedure

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used only in Vodice. Breakfast, lunch and overnight - onboard

## day 6 - little venice

Vodice - Trogir. Today we arrive at the port in the old Dalmation town of Trogir, referred to as a "miniature Venice", or the floating museum town, due to its many canals and masterful architecture. This historic city is also a UNESCO world heritage site due to the outstanding renaissance and baroque buildings that were built in the Venetian period and is the best-preserved Romanesque-Gothic complex not only in the Adriatic, but in all of Central Europe. The old medieval city contains a castle, tower and several dwellings and palaces all surrounded by ancient city walls. Encircling these cultural buildings is the familiar scenery of lush vegetation, numerous islands and inlets surrounded by turquoise seas and rocky and pebble beaches. Breakfast, lunch and overnight - onboard

## day 7 - ciovo island

Trogir - Ciovo Bay - Split. Stopping at any one of the bays off Ciovo island, we enjoy our last morning of swimming and relaxing before returning to Split. Breakfast, lunch and overnight - onboard

## day 8 - split

Sunday - Split. Our week of sun and sailing concludes after breakfast.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Captain has the right to change the route due to weather and sea conditions or to ensure the boat stays on schedule.**

## useful stuff

### Luggage

You will need to use a large holdall or rucksack rather than a suitcase because there is limited space in the cabins.

### What will I eat?

Aboard the cruise, Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Continental breakfast will comprise tea or coffee, fruit juice, bread, butter and preserves, plus cold cuts and cheeses. Lunch will include a starter of home made soup or pasta and a main course comprising either fish, meat or chicken with a minimum of two sides (potatoes, cabbage, other vegetables) and side salad and desert. Desert will be either seasonal fruits, ice cream or perhaps pancakes. All menus are designed and cooked by the onboard cook.

### Is there a bar onboard?

A bar operates on board all boats. Prices are in line with those one will pay in port at bars/cafes for beers, wines, basic spirits, mixers, soft drinks and bottled mineral water. Since there is a bar aboard, it is not possible to consume personal supplies of alcohol or beverages not purchased aboard. If you were found to be flouting this rule, you would be asked to consume such personal supplies when ashore. The same would happen if you were drinking BYO drinks in a hotel lobby!

### Can I smoke onboard?

Smoking is restricted to OUTSIDE ONLY - ONDECK.

## classic boats

Offer mostly twin bunk cabin accommodation with private en suite bathrooms. Dependant upon craft, occasionally double-bedded cabins are available. All boats offer plenty of deck space and room to lounge about. Only Classic boats available on our dalmation discovery.

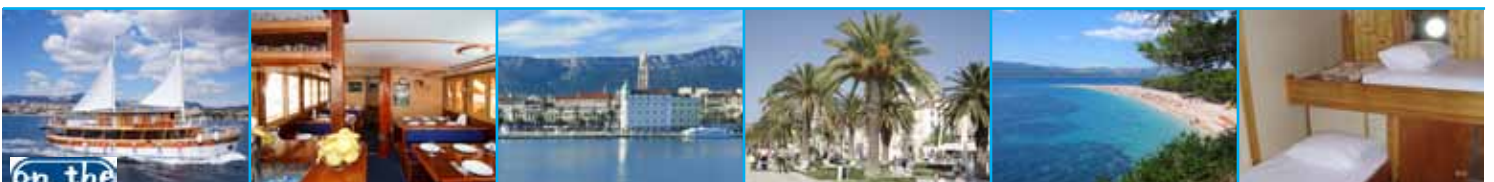
## Should I book an 'on deck' or 'below deck' cabin?

There are small differences between 'above deck' and 'below deck' cabins. 'Above deck' cabins are arranged on the main or top deck of the boat and have windows allowing fresh air and views. Whilst 'below deck' cabins are arranged within the hull of the boat below the main deck. 'Below deck' cabins may have port holes, but these will not necessarily open.

## Optional extras:

There are a couple of optional extras available to you onboard. You are able to purchase a fully-cooked breakfast if so desired or join other travelers aboard for a Captains Dinner (subject to 10 participants - the cook wants to make cooking a big meal worthwhile!) and/or have one's bed linen changed during the cruise. These services are available at reasonable cost.

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