

onboard at opatija

# go guide

don't leave home without it



## cruise spotlight

### what you see

- Opatija - Adriatic seaside resort
- Krk - old Venetian city & harbour
- Rab - medieval town & 'island of love'
- Zadar - old Roman city and fortress
- Molat or Olib Islands
- Ilovik Island - swim and snorkel stop
- Mali Losinj - clear waters, pine forests and old city
- Cres - harbour & seaside
- Crystal clear Adriatic waters and sun kissed beaches

### what you get

- 7 breakfasts, 7 (two course) lunches
- 7 nights accommodation aboard sailing boat (classic boat)
- 7 days sailing off the Kvarner coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- 2 towels for personal use
- Linen and bedding
- Most Port taxes and visitor fees.

**Note:** 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

- Enjoy Opatija, a Croatian coastal resort favoured for more than 160 years!
- Enjoy a morning swim and fill your mind, body and soul with verve for the day!
- Explore the beautiful islands of Krk, Rab and Cres.
- Discover some of Croatia's best beaches
- Stroll along Opatija's famous 'Lungomare' promenade
- Enjoy locally produced olives, preserves & sweetmeats.





# onboard at opatija: itinerary

## day 1 - opatija

Saturday. Opatija - Krk. Welcome to Croatia and welcome aboard! Your boat will have it's name written on the side and a sign for "Katarina Line" who we work in conjunction with. An on the go/Katarina Line representative will be there to meet you and help you with the check in procedure. Don't miss the boat, board between 10.30 - 12.30pm. Don't miss the boat! YOUR CRUISE DEPARTS FROM THE MAIN OPATIJA HARBOUR AT 13:00 (NOT Marina Ičić or Admiral harbour). Be sure to leave yourself plenty of time to arrive at the harbour, alternatively we are able to arrange a pre nights accommodation in a local hotel should you require. If you are late or have any problems, please contact the head office 00385 51603400.

Nestled into a bay along the Gulf of Kvarner, lies the quaint seaside resort town of Opatija. Surrounded by beautiful woods of laurel, the entire maritime coast to the north and south of Opatija is rocky and picturesque. The oceanfront promenade is lined with grand buildings in the Austro-Hungarian style, an illuminated 12-km-long coastal promenade, well-kept beaches, restaurants, cafes, bars and shops make Opatija a real northern drawcard.

Early afternoon we set sail for the island of Krk. Under Venetian rule from 1480 to 1797, today the island is still loaded with Venetian architecture and charm. Directly opposite the waterfront is the gorgeous old city (also referred to as Krk) complete with defensive city wall, cobbled streets, town hall, cathedral and market square. There are plenty of hidden alleys filled with trinket shops to explore, numerous bars, pizza restaurants and café shops to take respite, whilst watching the sunset and listening to outdoor musicians play their tunes. Lunch and overnight onboard.

## days 2 & 3 - rab and zadar

Krk - Rab - Zadar. Known as the 'island of love' the small town of Rab is encircled by medieval walls with church towers, cobbled streets and ancient facades. Often, local painters exhibit on the small streets. On day 3, we sail to the small islands of Pag and Maun, where there will be time for swimming, before sailing onward to Zadar. Zadar has a rich monumental heritage dating from Roman occupation in the 1st century AD. Make sure to check out the amazing Sea Organ - the waves play a beautiful but haunting and random melody through giant tubes built under the sea. There is also a lively cafe and bar scene for you to enjoy. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard - (2).

## day 4 - molat or olib

Zadar - Molat or Olib. Anchors away as we cruise to the blissfully underdeveloped islands of Molat or Olib. Whether it is Molat or Olib, will be dependent upon where we secure a mooring, such is the compactness of both islands and the pleasingly underdeveloped infrastructure. A stop in either Molat or Olib will be far from the madding crowds, a rare thing these days. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

## day 5 - mali losinj

Molat or Olib - Ilovik - Mali Losinj. Cruising via the island

of Ilovik we enjoy a swim and snorkel, before continuing to the island of Mali Losinj. With its clear waters, pine-scented air and old city, Mali Losinj is a popular stop in the northern Adriatic. The nightlife is always good along the harbour edge with an abundance of fresh seafood local wine and golden coloured Zlahtina (aniseed spirit) from the Vrbnik region if you feel like a tippie. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

## day 6 - cres

Mali - Losinj - Cres. Long and narrow, the island of Cres is carpeted with oak trees, pine forest, olive groves and grape vines. Cres and Mali Losinj used to be one island but a channel dug by the Romans separates them! Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

## day 7 - cres

Cres - Opatija. Taking in the views of the Kvarner region as we cruise back to Opatija. Breakfast, lunch and overnight onboard.

## day 8 - opatija

Saturday - Opatija. Our week of 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. Also note that all boats have an onboard motor which they tend to use for the majority of the time, rather than the sails.**

## 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! You'd be asked to consume the drink(s) beyond the confines of the hotel!

### 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, triples and more occasionally double-bedded cabins are sometimes available. All boats offer plenty of deck space and room to lounge about. There are only Classic boats available on our Onboard Opatija.

### 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.

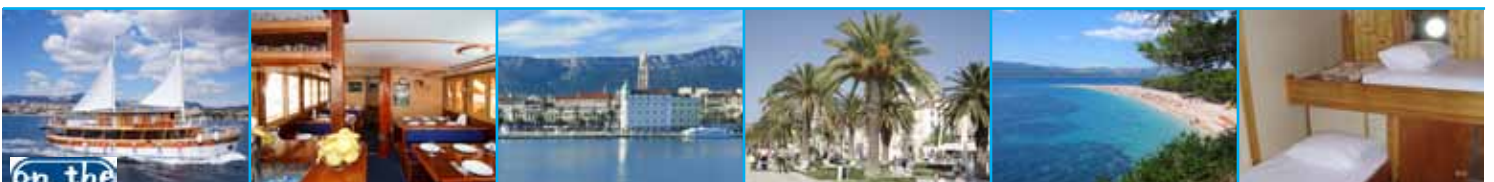
### Shopping

Traditional handicrafts such as embroidery, woodcarvings and ceramics make good souvenirs, as do Croatian-produced wine, olives, oils and preserves. Olives have been growing in Croatia since Roman times, and many stuffed and bottled varieties can be purchased including olives stuffed with dried fig, almonds, fennel, capers, anchovy and of course, regular pimiento. Avjar, a tasty relish made from grilled red pepper, aubergine (eggplant), garlic, olive oil and chili is available in jars and offers a tasty reminder with bread and cheese of that wonderful holiday you've just enjoyed in Croatia! Eduard Slavoljub Penkala (1871-1922) was a Zagreb-based inventor, who invented the auto-pencil in 1906. Penkala brand writing instruments are available in some stationary shops dotted across Croatia. Presently tourists can reclaim VAT on expenditure of more than HRK500. Visitors must retain their receipts for such.

### Getting to Opatija

If commencing a cruise from Opatija, EasyJet (ex Luton) and Croatian Airlines serve nearby Rijeka. Ryanair also serve Pula, on the Istrian coast. Though not quite 100 km south of Opatija, the route from Pula to Opatija is served by bus. Please see [www.pula.info.hr](http://www.pula.info.hr) to view timetables and schedules. We regret to inform we cannot reserve bus journeys. Rijeka Airport is approximately 45 minutes by bus/taxi from Opatija centre. Flying into Trieste (Italy), Ljubljana (Slovenia) or Zagreb (Croatia): It is possible to fly into Trieste, Ljubljana or Zagreb with Ryanair/EasyJet/Wizzair and from there take a local bus south to Opatija. For buses into Opatija and Split from other Croatian towns/cities, please see - [www.ak.split.hr](http://www.ak.split.hr) for basic timetable information. We regret to inform we cannot reserve bus journeys. If wishing to travel south to Split after a cruise commencing/concluding in Opatija, we can reserve ferry tickets (cabins, seats or deck) for the route - Rijeka - Split - Rijeka and on other routes. Please contact us for further information on the route you are looking at undertaking.

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