

Split Sailing Adventure

8 days | Starts/Ends: Split



Take in the warm Mediterranean weather, gorgeous beaches, vibrant nightlife and historic towns on this magnificent Adriatic coast 8 day adventure. This young traveller sailing trip is best-suited for 18 to 29 year old's.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- A fun and exciting cruise for like minded **18 to 29 year olds**
- Split – Historical port
- Makarska – Port and Riviera
- Korcula – fortress and medieval old town
- Dubrovnik city walls - Pearl of the Adriatic
- Mljet – National Park and salt water lakes
- Hvar - harbour town, culinary delights & night clubs
- Omis – stunning beauty of the River Cetina canyon and historic pirates
- Golden Horn Beach and swimming at secluded beaches
- Optional - Cetina river rafting or zip line

What's Included

- Bedlinen & a bath towel each for personal use (extra towels can be rented locally for EUR 3 & beach towels EUR 5, per week/ towel)

- 7 continental breakfasts, 7 3-course lunches & 1 litre of bottled water per day
- 7 nights accommodation in cabins (mostly bunk beds) with shared shower/toilet facilities (No A/C)
- 7 days sailing off the Dalmatian coast in the Adriatic Sea
- Services of captain and onboard crew
- Opportunities to swim, snorkel, soak up the sun, hike and bike ride
- Sightseeing in Dubrovnik, wine tasting in Korcula & daily happy hours
- Most port taxes and visitor fees

What's Not Included

- International flights, visa and transfers to and from the port
- Tips for the crew are not included and at your own discretion. As a guideline we suggest EUR 3–5 per person per day
- Supplementary port tax of EUR 40 to be paid upon cruise check in
- Entrance tickets to national parks not included. The exact cost is dependent on the season and parks visited, approx EUR15 per person

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Split & Makarska

Saturday. Split to Makarska. Hello Croatia and welcome aboard! Located in the heart of Dalmatia, Split became a popular retirement

destination in the 4th century for Roman emperors such as Diocletian. Today, it is renowned for its variety of archaeological, historical and cultural monuments among them the UNESCO listed Diocletian Palace. The first detailed tourist guide published in 1894, bears witness to the long tourist tradition in hospitable Split!

Don't miss the boat! Cruise departs from SPLIT HARBOUR ON SATURDAY AT 13:00. If you do require pre-tour accommodation, we are able to offer suggestions. Check in from 11am to 12 midday. **Overnight - Makarska - onboard (L)**

Day 2 : Korcula & wine tasting



Makarska - Korcula. After breakfast the ship departs for Korcula, believed to be the birth place of Marco polo, but it is also famous for its scenic city walls and the impressive fish bone street alignment, which you will notice while exploring this charming town and enjoy fine Croatian wine on our included wine tasting excursion. Once the night falls, get ready to

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go out in style and visit Dos Locos cocktail bar amongst many others. **Overnight - Korcula - onboard (B, L)**

Day 3 : Enchanting Dubrovnik



Korcula - Dubrovnik. We leave Korcula and cruise to the world famous town of Dubrovnik, with another short swim stop before arrival this afternoon. To fully understand the story behind this historic town and its monumental walls, our guide will take you on a walking tour to discover the history of this once highly important and independent republic. To walk the walls and refresh with a cold drink in caffe Buza is a must, but for an unforgettable finish take an optional kayaking tour around the Dubrovnik walls!

Our boat will overnight in Dubrovnik, so get ready for a night out in, what many people call, the most enchanting city in the world. **Overnight - Dubrovnik - onboard (B, L)**

Day 4 : Mljet National Park

Dubrovnik - Mljet. Early morning departure towards Mljet with a stop for a refreshing swim. Mljet National Park offers wonderful salt water lakes and an emerald green forest. The entrance ticket (paid locally) includes a boat ride to St. Mary's Isle, located on the Big Lake. Overnight in the port of Pomena or Polace. **Overnight - Pomena or Polace - onboard (B, L)**

Day 5 : Pakleni Islands & Hvar



Mljet - Hvar. Morning departure from Mljet, our swim stop today will be on Pakleni Islands where we enjoy free time to relax and chill out before our arrival into Hvar later in today. Hvar is renowned for its nightlife and bars - the place to be, so get yourself dressed and ready to go! The most famous bars are Carpe Diem, Kiva, Sidro, Nautica and there are many others experience. **Overnight - Hvar - onboard (B, L)**

Day 6 : Omis

Hvar - Omis. This morning we take in the sites of the enchanting sand and pebbles of Golden Cape Beach in Bol, on the Island of Brac. After a swim break and lunch we continue to Omis where you can enjoy an optional hair-raising zip line adventure, in Cetina River Canyon. For those that are not as adventurous, take a stroll around Old City Centre, or enjoy a swim on one of the beaches in the estuary of Cetina river. **Overnight - Omis - onboard (B, L)**

Day 7 : Split



Omis - Split. Breakfast is served on board while departing towards the final destination on our cruise. A swim stop is made along the way with arrival in Split in the time for lunch. Don't miss out on seeing the numerous sights and shops in this city, experience the beauty and night life and see why this city has become so popular with young people from all round the world. The UNESCO protected

Diocletian Palace - the heart of the city, cannot be missed as well as visit to the Bacvica beach that lives both day and night. **Overnight - Split - onboard (B, L)**

Day 8 : Split

Saturday – Split. Early breakfast after which it is time to say goodbye to the crew and all your new friends! **Overnight - Croatia Sailing (B)**

Our partners

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.

The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 – 32 persons.

Optional Excursions

Below are some optional extras and tours available locally (booked and paid locally). Please check on board your ship for the full list available. We feel that offering optional excursions affords a greater degree of flexibility, independence and choice to our travellers. To help you budget, below is a selection of optional excursions available on this trip.

Please note the following: All excursions are subject to availability and prices are subject to change.

All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of On The Go Tours. They are undertaken at your own risk and On The Go Tours take no responsibility for personal loss/ injury caused. Please ensure that you have an adequate travel insurance in place for all activities you wish to participate in.

CETINA RIVER RAFTING (EUR 34 per person)
This is one of the most popular adventure activities in this area. The rapids of Cetina River are not difficult but it is still fun and exciting and the scenery is breath taking. Wear a swimsuit, shorts, a T-shirt, and you should put on flip-flops or sandals. Also bring a towel and a change of clothes as you will most likely get wet. Remember to take a bottle of water with you. Tour includes: bus transfer to and from the ship and instructor guide.

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Life vest and helmets are provided. Duration approximately 5 hours.

CETINA CANYON ZIP LINE (EUR 60 per person)

Feel the adrenalin in the Cetina river canyon! 8 steel lines to make you scream while sliding 150m above the ground.

SEA KAYAKING AROUND DUBROVNIK CITY WALLS (EUR 30 per person)

Half day excursion to experience swimming in hidden bays, snorkelling and magnificent views of Dubrovnik city walls from the sea. Excursion starts from Pile bay with English speaking tour guide.

RENT-A-BIKE ISLAND MLJET (EUR 11 per person for 3 hours)

Most of the island Mljet is a National Park so enjoy the beautiful nature and rent a bike.

SEA KAYAKING HVAR (EUR 35 per person)

Paddle in your kayak from one inlet to another, from one island to another in less than ten minutes and explore the beauty of nature and its creations. Pakleni islands is a group of 14 islets and rocks dispersed in front of the town of Hvar, who got their name by the tar used to preserve wooden boats.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Croatia.

UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA passport holders don't require a visa for a stay of less than 90 days.

South African passport holders REQUIRE a visa (issued before departure). Requirements for the procurement of a Croatian visa are subject to change but application requirements include the need to show

proof of sufficient funds to cover duration of stay, proof of pre-paid accommodation or documentation regarding the purpose and means of travel (such as a return or onward ticket, details of holiday arrangement etc).

Health Requirements

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Croatia from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. The tap water in Croatia is generally considered safe to drink, but as a precaution against stomach upsets you may want to drink bottled mineral water, which is readily available from shops, hotels and restaurants.

Holiday Money

The official currency in Croatia is the Croatian Kuna.

Any money paid locally for optional excursions that you may wish to partake in can be paid in local currency only - Kuna.

If travelling with Euro, British Pounds, US Dollars and other major currencies these can be exchanged locally or in advance of departure. Internationally recognized debit/credit card can be used for cash machine withdrawals (available in all bigger towns). It's advisable to request bank notes in smaller denominations, as it can sometimes be hard to get change from large notes and smaller notes are handy for smaller purchases and gratuities. Traveller's Cheques are not recommended as they're often difficult to exchange and incur high fees.

Time & Voltage

Croatia is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Meantime (GMT). From the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October, Croatia observes Daylight Saving and is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Standard voltage is 220 volts, AC 50Hz. Primary sockets generally require European plugs, of the two round pin variety. We recommend that you pack a universal travel adaptor. You will need a

voltage converter, and plug adaptor in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate

Croatia is a northern hemisphere destination with Mediterranean and continental climatic conditions. The continental climate is predominant with hot summers and cold winters. Along the Adriatic coast, dry summers are experienced with mild winters. Our cruises operate during the Croatian summer, when temperatures are generally high (particularly from June through September), so pack sunscreen and a hat, as the sun can be strong.

Croatia Country Guide

Croatia: Fact File

Official Name: Republic of Croatia

Capital: Zagreb

Population: 4.5 million

Total Area: 56,542 square kilometres

Official Languages: Croatian (others Serbian, Italian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Czech) English is widely spoken in the main cities, If you tour also spends time in smaller towns and villages you may wish to bring along a phrasebook to help you pick up a few words of the local language.

Religion: Roman Catholic 88%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.3%

Voltage: 220-240V. Sockets are of European two pronged round pin variety.

Time Difference: GMT/UTC + 1. For all time differences please visit www.timeanddate.com

Croatia: Brief History

Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of World War I. In 1918, the Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes formed a kingdom known as Yugoslavia. Following World War II, Yugoslavia became a federal independent Communist state under the strong hand of Marshal TITO. Although Croatia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991, it took four years of sporadic, but often bitter, fighting before occupying Serb armies were mostly cleared from Croatian lands. Under UN supervision, the last Serb-held enclave in eastern Slavonia was returned to Croatia in 1998.

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Croatia: Geography and weather

Croatia is situated in southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia. Geographically diverse, the country has flat plains along the Hungarian border, low mountains and highlands near Adriatic coastline and islands. The climate is predominantly continental with hot summers and cold winters, although the coast is more Mediterranean with mild winters and dry summers.

Croatia: Visas

Many nationalities (including citizens of the UK, Australia, Canada, the US and EU citizens) do not need a visa to enter Croatia or Slovenia. However, visitors must hold an onward ticket, all documents required for their next destination and sufficient funds. If your nationality is not listed please consult your nearest Croatian consulate before you travel.

Croatia: Money

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Prices quoted in this country dossier are in euros unless otherwise specified.

ALL prices mentioned are for guidance only and are subject to change.

Local currency

The monetary unit in Croatia is the kuna (HRK). For up to date exchange rates with your own currency visit www.oanda.com or www.xe.com. You might find kuna difficult to obtain overseas, however it should be no problem to change currency on arrival

Changing money, credit cards & ATMs

The easiest way to obtain money in Croatia is to draw it out of an ATM (cash machine) on a credit or debit card (e.g. visa or cirrus). ATMs are widely available throughout Croatia and credit cards are accepted in many restaurants and shops. Another option is to bring cash, in either US dollars or euros (pounds sterling and other currencies cannot always be easily changed) but we advise against bringing all your money in this form, in case of theft. In all of the cities that we visit there are many places to change money and your tour leader will be

able to show you where to get the best rates of exchange.

Tipping

In a restaurant, round up the bill unless a service charge has already been added or the service was not up to standard. You should also round up bar bills and taxi fares.

Croatia: Optional excursions

A full list of the main excursions available on each tour can be found in the daily itinerary on these trip notes. All prices given are approximate and are subject to change due to local inflation or exchange rates.

Croatia: Security

Most people find Croatia a very friendly and safe and feel quite comfortable wandering around alone during the day. However, as with any area you are not familiar with (particularly in the capital cities) it is recommended that you exercise more caution at night especially if you are a lone female.

Croatia: Local food and drink

Some breakfasts are included in your tour. Breakfasts can be basic so if you tend to get hungry it may be a good idea to buy some fruit or snacks to eat during the day. All other meals, extra snacks and drinks on the tour are at your own expense.

Ask your tour leader if they can recommend any restaurants in the area to suit your taste or budget or have fun exploring independently.

Food

Croatian specialities include Dalmatian or Istrian prosciutto, Pag or Lika cheese, sheep's cheese, Slavonian paprika-flavoured salami ("kulen" and Samobor or Zagorje garlic sausages ("èe#njovka"). There is also a wide selection of meat dishes, including turkey with a special pasta known as "mlinci", roast lamb, roast suckling pig, and boiled or baked "#trukli" (pasta with cheese). Croatian vineyards produce reasonable wine – particularly red and you will almost certainly come across plum brandy, a national favourite.

Drink

All drinks such as bottled water or soft drinks are at your own expense at all times and are fairly inexpensive. Alcoholic drinks vary in price, with wine and beer generally being the cheapest options.

Croatia: National holidays

1 January - New Year's Day

6 January - Epiphany; Easter Sunday & Easter Monday

1 May - Labour Day; Corpus Christi

22 June - Anti-Fascist Resistance Day

25 June - Statehood Day

5 August - Victory Day and National Thanksgiving Day

15 August - Assumption Day

8 October - Independence Day

1 November - All Saints' Day

25-26 December - Christmas Holidays

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