

# Trip Details

## Sail Dubrovnik to Split-Above Deck

Discover crystal clear turquoise waters, unspoiled nature, historic towns and cool bars. Begin your amazing week discovering the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Dubrovnik before visiting the natural beauty of Miljet. Walk along the stone streets of Korcula before partying it up Croatian style at Hvar's trendy harbour! Swim in the crystal blue bays and dine at the fashionable cafes and bars of Makarska. Finish off by paying a visit to the Roman Ruins and the buzzing town of Split. Get ready for an experience you'll never forget!

<b>Duration</b>	8 Days	<b>Group Size</b>	15-25 People
<b>Destination</b>	Croatia	<b>Age Req.</b>	18+
<b>Start/Ends in</b>	Dubrovnik/Split	<b>Trip Theme</b>	Discovery, Sailing
<b>Boats</b>	A Category Boat	<b>Departs</b>	May to September

## Why You Will Love This Tour

- \* Cruise the azure waters of the Adriatic for 8 days on stylish A-Category boats with WC and Shower in each cabin!
- \* Follow a unique itinerary balanced amongst relaxation, fun and cultural discovery. Sail from Dubrovnik to Split via diverse islands and ports with plentiful swimming stops along the way.
- \* Spend a night at each port and delve into the local culture, enjoy fresh breakfasts and lunches prepared by your professional crew every day.
- \* Follow your guide on orientation walks in each island to learn about the best sights to see & best locales to savour the delicious Mediterranean cuisine.
- \* Tag along a local expert for a guided tour of the walled city of Dubrovnik, famed for its unspoiled medieval architecture and fascinating views.
- \* Shape your adventure with options to zipline over deep green valleys of Omis, hike around the lakes of Mjlet National Park or try white-water rafting in Makarska.

## Arrival Details

The group welcome meeting with you guide and other travellers is held around 13:00 on the board on Day 1 of your tour, unless otherwise notified. For the Dubrovnik to Split tour, the boat will remain in Dubrovnik port on the first night.

### Meeting Point

The meeting point is your boat, "M/S Lav or M/S Ribic" at Gruz Port in Dubrovnik. Check in time is 13:00 p.m. The boat must leave the port at 13:00 p.m. Look out for the Travel Talk flag on your boat at the port.

## Highlights

- \* **Dubrovnik:** This complex is one of the most beautiful and strongest fortified systems in Europe, but the lively streets show that there is more!

- \* **Split:** The largest city of Adriatic has a stunning coastline with countless cafes, bars or shops, it's a popular tourist destination.
- \* **Makarska:** Makarska is a port town on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, known for its Makarska Riviera beaches, seafront promenade and nightlife.
- \* **Mljet:** A true beauty of nature, the island of Mljet is covered in green with some small villages and lakes, you will love walking around the island.
- \* **Omis:** Omis is a small port located at the mouth of the Cetina River and surrounded by huge gorges, is an ideal place for ziplining.
- \* **Hvar:** Most popular of the Adriatic, it was named a top destination to travel in 2012. Crowding streets and the crazy nightlife.
- \* **Korcula:** The birthplace of Marco Polo, make your way to the old city tower to grab a cocktail and enjoy the stunning view.

## Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary may be subject to small changes depending on the conditions during the tour.

### Day 1: Dubrovnik, City Tour

All board, it's time to set sail on 8-day Croatia sailing adventure! At 1:00pm meet your tour leader, crew and group on board your boat in the Dubrovnik Harbour. After enjoying our first lunch together on board, we will head off to explore Dubrovnik on a guided tour. The walled city of Dubrovnik is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander along the 2km walls and see epic views of the Adriatic. Spend your free afternoon strolling through Old Town's marble streets or swim at the beach and enjoy a cold beer. In the evening join us for an option group dinner at a local restaurant before experiencing Dubrovnik's insane nightlife and party in a 13th century fortress.

- **Accommodation**

Traditional Motor Sailing Boat

- **Meals Included**

Lunch

- **Included Activities**

Dubrovnik City Tour

- **Optional Activities**

Historic Wall – 200 Kuna

Game of Thrones Tour – 180 Kuna

### Day 2: Dubrovnik, Mljet

Time to say goodbye to Dubrovnik and cruise down the coast to the forest-covered island of Mljet to see its stunning national park and big salt-water lakes. The salt-water lakes were formed about 10 000 years ago and were originally freshwater lakes until the Benedictine Monks dug out a channel to sea. You can still find their medieval monastery on the island of St. Mary in the middle of Veliko Jezero (Big Lake). Spend the afternoon visiting the lakes, go swimming, kayaking, or cycling around the island. In the evening, it's our famous on-board 'Pirate Party' with a delicious BBQ and traditional Croatian cuisine. We'll play games and "P-aaarrrr-ty" the night away! Time to shake ye booty!

- **Accommodation**

Traditional Motor Sailing Boat

- **Meals Included**

Breakfast, Lunch

- **Included Activities**

Cruise in Dalmatian Coast

Swim Breaks

Orientation Walk

- **Optional Activities**

Dinner Party on Board – 150 Kuna

- **Entrance Fees**

National Park in Mljet – 125 Kuna

### Day 3: Mljet, Korcula

Today we sail to Lumbarda Beach for some swimming, sun baking or water-sports. Afterwards we continue to Korcula, a town blessed with indented coves, rolling hills and a walled old town that looks like a miniature Dubrovnik. After an orientation walk, the afternoon is free for you to do as you please. You could also spend the afternoon checking out the markets or enjoy a cold drink in a bar located at the top of the old city tower for some phenomenal views.

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Traditional Motor Sailing Boat

- **Meals Included**

Breakfast, Lunch

- **Included Activities**

Cruise in Dalmatian Coast

Swim Breaks

Orientation Walk

### Day 4: Korcula, Hvar

It's time to say goodbye to Korcula and set sail for Hvar – one of the sunniest islands in the Adriatic and one well-known for its pumping nightlife, gorgeous beaches and celebrity hot-spot. After an orientation walk of Hvar, we can sample the fresh cuisine in the numerous restaurants then get ready to party at the local bars and clubs.

- **Accommodation**

Traditional Motor Sailing Boat

- **Meals Included**

Breakfast, Lunch

- **Included Activities**

Cruise in Dalmatian Coast

Swim Breaks

Orientation Walk

### Day 5: Hvar, Makarska

This morning we will stop at hidden bays to go swimming, before we depart for the popular mainland resort town of Makarska – a town with a stunning backdrop courtesy of the Biokovo mountain range. We will have a brief orientation walk, and then you've got the afternoon free to lie on the beautiful stretches of beach or do some water sports. There are loads of cafes, bars and restaurants that line the coastline. At night, get ready to party in a cave!

### Day 6: Makarska, Omis

Feeling a little under the weather from last night's antics? Don't worry you've got ample time to relax and go for a swim before we sail to Omis, which has rich and turbulent history of pirates. Omis is located at the mouth of the Cetina River and is surrounded by massive gorges which is perfect for white-water rafting!

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Traditional Motor Sailing Boat

- **Meals Included**

Breakfast, Lunch

- **Included Activities**

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Swim Breaks

Orientation Walk

- **Optional Activities**

Rafting – 250 Kuna

### Day 7: Omis, Split

It's another day in paradise as we sail further along the coast and stop for swimming and a lunch along one of the amazing coastal beaches. Soak up the sun and relax before we arrive in the buzzing city of Split. In the 4th Century the Roman Emperor Diocletian built a palace here as a retirement home but today you will find countless restaurants, shops and bars. The day is free yours, so you have the chance to pick up some souvenirs at the markets, relax in a café along the promenade or have one last sun tan or swim at the beach. For the adrenaline junkies, there is a chance to take a ride on a zipline to see epic views of the island and

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Breakfast, Lunch

- **Included Activities**

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Orientation Walk

- **Optional Activities**

Ziplining – 400 Kuna

Pirate Party on Board – 150 Kuna

### Day 8: Split

Our trip has sadly come to an end after one last breakfast before we disembark and say goodbye to new friends.

- **Meals Included**

Breakfast

## Inclusions & Exclusions

The tour price covers the following services:

<b>Accommodation:</b>	Twin, double, triple and quadruple above deck cabins in 'A' category private boats
<b>Meals:</b>	7 breakfasts   7 lunches   1 liter of drinking water per day.
<b>Transportation:</b>	A' category traditional Croatian motor cruiser with air condition in common areas.
<b>Guide:</b>	Services of an experienced Travel Talk tour leader, guided Dubrovnik tour.
<b>Sightseeing:</b>	Dubrovnik, Makarska, Mljet, Omis, Split, Hvar, Korcula.

### What is NOT included in the tour price?

- Any flights not mentioned above
- Travel insurance
- Meals not stated above
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips & gestures
- Entrance fees to the sights and museums
- Optional activities
- Other services not stated in the itinerary

## Boats

### MS LAV

Lav is a unique boat sailing the waters of the Adriatic. It is a modern Pirate ship built in 2003 and renovated in 2010. The 25m long beautiful ship awaits its passengers with its 10 cabins with private facilities. Don't let its authentic image confuse you because Lav also has 2 decks, bar, lounge and dining room. Sun decks with sunbeds, TV & audiovisual equipment in main lounge and water sports equipment are also available.

### MS IKA

The 25m long traditional Croatian ship MS/ IKA awaits its passengers with its 13 cabins with private facilities. It has 2 decks, bar, lounge, dining room, sun decks with sunbeds, TV & audiovisual equipment in main

## Budgeting

Please note that entrance fees to sights and optional activities are not included in the tour price. Optional activities are not operated by Travel Talk and may require a certain number of attendees to run. Your guide will be happy to inform you further about the available optional activities at the start of your tour. Optional activities are also listed under each day in your tour itinerary.

### Optional Activities

Please note that Optional Activities are not operated by Travel Talk.

Pirate Party on Board	HRK 150
Ziplining	HRK 400
Rafting	HRK 250
Game of Thrones Tour	HRK 180

### Personal Spending

The Croatian Kuna (HRK) is the official currency of Croatia. Debit and credit cards are widely accepted at the major mainland cities and tourist locations. However, cash remains king across the smaller island towns and can be easily accessed using ATMs. While every traveller's spending habits may differ slightly, we have estimated the average daily expenses to help with budgeting for your next trip. Here you will find the average cost for a meal or drink and advice for best practice in tipping.

### Meals

Dinner at restaurant	US\$ 15-20
Gelati Ice cream at a stall	US\$ 2-3
Crni rižot (black risotto)	US\$ 10-14

### Drinks

Bottle of water	US\$ 1
Coffee	US\$ 2-4
Tea	US\$ 1-3
Bottle of beer	US\$ 3-5

### Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory in Croatia but is encouraged for good service. If satisfied with service, round up your bill to the nearest Euro or denomination of Kunas in markets and basic restaurants. In more up-market restaurants or bars, we suggest tipping 5-10% of your bill. Your Guide and Sail Crew would also appreciate tipping as a sign of gratitude at the end of your tour.

### Shopping

Croatia is covered in a healthy and unique smattering of shopping options, from open-air markets to modern malls, factory outlets, souvenir stands and quaint hipster boutiques. The best places to shop include the Old Towns of both Split and Dubrovnik. Hagglng is not commonplace in Croatia with most items on sale in both shops and markets being sold at a fixed price.

### Lavendar products

Home to endless fields of blossoming and aromatic lavender, Croatia is the perfect place to shop for locally grown lavender products. Hvar Island is particularly well known for its hilly landscape fields and magnificent scent. From soaps to cosmetics, dried fragrance bags, essential oils and even lavender flavoured ice cream, Hvar has it all! Lavender products range in pricing with dried fragrance bags starting from 2 USD.

### Lace

Croatia has a long tradition of lacemaking with certain threads protected by the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Europe. Traditionally crafted to decorate costumes, tablecloths, and bedding - it's not uncommon to find elderly women selling their handcrafted small lace doilies down cobblestone alleyways and in marketplaces across the coastline and islands of Croatia. Prices for small doilies start at approximately 5 USD.

### Glassware

Croatia has a great variety of arts and crafts but none quite as prestigious as glassware in the region of Samobor. Here you'll find the specialised traditions of glass making passed down through generations, resulting in the handicraft of anything from kitchen utensils to crystal jewellery. In most of the larger cities, there are daily demonstrations of glassblowing, bead making and miniature glass bottle production which travellers are welcome to attend. Prices for glassware start at 50 USD.

# Essential Information: Croatia

## Passport & Visas

Croatia is part of the European Union (EU) but isn't a member of the Schengen area. Travellers from the EU, Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA and Canada do not require a tourist visa for stays up to 90 days in a 6-month period.

Passport validity entry requirements: Travellers entering Croatia must carry a passport or travel document valid for at least 6 months from your arrival date.

This information is provided as a guidance, we strongly advise that you check with the consulate or embassy as this information can change at any time and with little notice. It is your responsibility to make sure that all the required travel documents are ready when travelling.

## Travel Advice

We are closely monitoring the latest travel updates to Morocco and follow the advice of the UK Foreign Office (FCDO). For the latest travel advice from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/croatia>

We recommend all travellers to check their Government National Travel Advisory prior to their departure:

- Australia - <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>
- Canada - <https://travel.gc.ca/>
- New Zealand - <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/>
- USA - <https://travel.state.gov/>

## Travel Insurance

All passengers travelling with Travel Talk are required to have personal travel insurance before participating in any of our tours. Your guide will collect your travel insurance details on the first day of your trip. It is your responsibility to make sure you have an adequate and suitable travel insurance for you in place, you may read more at <https://www.traveltalktours.com/travel-insurance>

## Health & Safety

The health and safety of our passengers, staff and communities visited is of utmost priority. As we monitor and comply with the official advice from the UK Foreign Office, as well as World Health Organization and government authorities regularly, we have implemented several policies and precautions on our tours for your wellbeing. You may find our Safe Travels Protocols at <https://www.traveltalktours.com/safe-travels>



Travel Talk Adventures has received the Safe Travels stamp by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTTC), which allows travellers to recognise companies around the world that have adopted health and hygiene global standardised protocols – so consumers can experience 'Safe Travels'.

Please make sure to regularly check your Government's travel advice before travelling and be well-informed of any requirements. Your tour guide will also notify you of the regulations and protocols to follow throughout your trip with us.

Please note that if any traveller is unable to complete the itinerary or possess a potential risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we reserve the right to remove them from all or part of a trip.

Please consult with your doctor for the latest medical travel information and any vaccinations you may need. We recommend that you bring any personal medical requirements and medications with you as these may be difficult to obtain while on tour.

## Weather

With a vast coastline to the Adriatic, Croatia enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate on the coast and islands, and a cooler continental climate inland around Zagreb. The best time to visit Croatia is during the summer months of June and August when temperatures sit comfortably between 25 and 30 degrees Celsius across the coastline. The months of May, September and October are also great times to visit if you wish to avoid the crowds and enjoy a cooler breeze. Please note that in October some bars and restaurants may be closed on the islands ahead of winter. Travelling with a tour leader ensures they can take you to the best places based on the time of year you visit! The winter months on the coastline are far milder and frequent rain can be expected.

Months	Split		Dubrovnik		Zagreb	
	C°	F	C°	F	C°	F
January	10	50	12	54	3	38
February	11	52	12	54	6	43
March	14	57	14	58	11	52
April	17	63	17	62	16	61
May	22	73	21	70	21	70
June	27	80	25	77	25	76
July	30	86	28	83	27	80
August	30	85	29	84	26	79
September	25	77	25	78	22	72
October	20	68	21	70	16	61
November	15	59	17	62	9	49
December	12	53	13	56	4	40

## Money Matters

The Croatian Kuna (HRK) is the official currency of Croatia. Debit and credit cards are widely accepted in the cities and tourist locations. However, we advise to carry some cash for small purchases from simple vendors and shops. ATMs are also widely accessible on the islands and ports. We recommend you do not exchange bulk sums of money at the airport, as the exchange rates are usually more favourable in the major cities. Your tour leader will be happy to help if you need any assistance.

Please remember that everyone has different spending habits, some prefer to spend more on souvenirs, some on experiences and others on a night out! Make sure to budget your trip to your spending habits for shopping, drinking, and tipping.



Tipping is not compulsory in Croatia but is encouraged for good service. If satisfied with service, round up your bill to the nearest Euro or denomination of Kunas in markets and basic restaurants. In more up-market restaurants or bars, we suggest tipping 5-10% of your bill. Your Guide and Sail Crew would also appreciate tipping as a sign of gratitude at the end of your tour.

## Eating & Drinking

Croatian cuisine is varied and heavily influenced its surrounding countries. There is a clear divide between the Mediterranean-style cuisine with fish and fresh seafood playing integral roles in coastal dishes, and the flavours of the Balkans which are more prominent in the continental regions with heartier dishes such as stews. Nonetheless, each region within Croatia proudly promotes its own speciality dishes with unique twists.

Local beers to try while in Croatia include Karlovacko and Ozujsko while Rakija (brandy) is the spirit of choice with many restaurants offer a small glass before or after a meal.

Searching for unique and authentic dishes can often be overwhelming if you're not a local, so here's a few

**Cevapi:** Common throughout Croatia, these grilled skinless sausages are usually served with onions and ajvar (a red capsicum relish) on flatbread.

**Crni rižot:** Listed on early every Dalmatian menu as 'Black Risotto' this dish has a distinctive black colouring and satisfying flavour from the ink of squid and other meaty seafood cooked with risotto rice, onion, and red

**Swiss Chard:** This common Dalmatian cuisine of cooked greens and potatoes, seasoned with olive oil and garlic to accompany grilled seafood including sea bass, sea bream or squid.

**Pasticada:** Slow-cooked beef dish served with gnocchi.

**Paski Sir:** Produced on the Island of Pag in Croatia, this popular hard cheese is produced from the milk of specific sheep and is known for its pungent taste from the sheep's aromatic herb diet in the region.

Travel Talk Croatia Sailing tours include fresh breakfasts and lunches prepared by a professional chef and crew each day. Breakfast consists of a continental array of cereals, yogurt, bread, cold meats, cheese. While lunches consist of hot meals, typically two to three courses prepared by a chef onboard.

If you provide your dietary requirements at the time of booking, we will do our best to make the necessary arrangements. Please note that if you do not inform us of any dietary requirements before departure, these may not be available, or you may be charged a surplus on the boat as the Chef will have to make extra arrangements for alternate meals.

## Internet Access

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in many hotels, cafes, and restaurants across Croatian mainland and islands. Travel Talk's Croatia Sailing boats do not offer onboard Wi-Fi, however with plenty of stops throughout the day comes opportunity to access free Wi-Fi. Please note that 3G/4G Data connection may be unavailable at times while sailing.

## Essentials to Bring

- \* Face mask/cover and hand sanitiser enough for your personal use throughout the trip – See more at <https://www.traveltalktours.com/safe-travels>
- \* Travel Documents: Passport, Visa (if required), flight or transport ticket (and photocopies)

- \* Travel Talk Tour Voucher (printed or digital)
- \* Travel Insurance Policy (and photocopy)
- \* Personal medical kit and medicine
- \* Money (cash, credit card, travellers' cheques)
- \* Power Adapter
- \* Reusable water bottle
- \* Ear plugs and eye mask
- \* Sun protection – hat, sunglasses, sunscreen
- \* Comfortable, closed walking shoes
- \* Wind/water proof jacket
- \* Beach towel
- \* Sandals, swimwear, shorts for warm weather

## Culture and Traditions

Croatia is a land steeped in history, captivating traditions, and cultural heritage. Croatian people are immensely proud of their country. Their colourful culture is deeply rooted in its vast history and reflected in its wonderful architecture and monuments. Due to their cultural and historical significance, UNESCO has inscribed several monumental sites in Croatia on its World Heritage List, including the old city of Dubrovnik and historical areas of Split. The country holds its cultural richness with a mixture between European, Mediterranean and Balkan traditions. The Slavic heritage of Croatian people is especially evident throughout the display of charming festivals and national holidays, where cities and villages come to life in traditional costume, folk music and feasts. The bulk of Croatia's cultural and traditional festivals take place in the country's capital, Zagreb, in the Spring and Autumn. Although, Dubrovnik and Split also offer a lot in the way of heavyweight music, culture, and drama festivals. The Croatian calendar is also dotted with religious holidays, featuring church processions and celebratory feasting.

## Religion, Etiquette and How to Dress

Croatia hosts a largely Catholic population, with religious holidays and occasions seen as of significance in the yearly calendar. There are also groups of people who identify as Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, and Muslim. Along the coastline and on popular islands, Croatians are accepting of summer clothing such as sandals, t-shirts, shorts and skirts. When at the beach, onboard the Sail boat or at swimming areas, swimsuits are acceptable. However, it is not considered acceptable to walk around the Town Centres in swimwear. In fact, both Dubrovnik and Split have issued bylaws that allow fines for anyone walking around the towns wearing swimwear only or shirtless. Tourists and locals can be fined 1,000 Kuna (160 USD) for being 'In a swimsuit or without their clothes or part of their clothes'.

Please note that religious sites will require you to cover your shoulders and legs when visiting. Travel Talk recommends bringing a set of clothing with you appropriate for such occasions and encourages female travellers to have a scarf to wear around shoulders or waist at religious sites.

## Solo Travellers

We have many solo travellers joining our tours. Solo travellers will be roomed with another traveller of the same gender. If you would like a private solo room, subject to availability and a single supplement, please contact us

## Rules to Follow

We are committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. We do not tolerate any form of violence (physical or verbal), bullying or harassment involving customers, partners, Travel Talk staff or locals. Sexual relationships between a tour leader and a passenger are forbidden.

We will not tolerate any illegal activity, including but not limited to: use and possession of illegal drugs, trespassing, and disrupting public order. If you consume alcohol, please ensure that you drink responsibly and follow the local laws and regulations.

You must follow the advice of your tour leader and local officials regarding health and safety measures. We operate all tours under Safe Travels protocols for the wellbeing of our passengers, staff and communities visited. Please ensure that you have read the <https://www.traveltalktours.com/safe-travels/> and are fully prepared for your trip.

If someone is acting inappropriately regarding these matters, please notify your tour leader immediately or contact us on the emergency contact number provided below.

Your tour leader has the right to remove from the group anyone not abiding by these rules, with no right of compensation or refund. See more at <https://www.traveltalktours.com/booking-terms/>

Please remember that our travellers come from different parts of the world and will have various needs and preferences. Be understanding and patient with your fellow travellers, and always strive to be on time.

## Responsible Travel

We believe that travel is a force for good and show our support through various initiatives and charity organizations, as well as keeping the principals of responsible and sustainable travel at the core of our ethos. These values are engrained in our business culture and the design of our trips just the same. Together with you, we strive to make a positive impact on local people and economies, respecting the local culture, environment, social fabric and customs; encouraging respectful and meaningful cross-cultural exchange.

Read more at <https://www.traveltalktours.com/responsible-travel/>