



Croatia - Adriatic Activity Week



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Croatia

BROCHURE CODE: 4032
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

For several years, Croatia has been one of our most popular destinations, with families attracted to its breath-taking natural landscape and warm, sunny climate. This flexible activity family holiday to Novigrad offers the perfect setting, with the choice of participating in sea kayaking, cycling, hiking, white-water rafting, and canoeing. Whether you pick one of these or all five is up to you – whatever your choice, family fun is guaranteed!

Our Opinion

“ This is one of my favourite parts of the world and an ideal destination for a summer holiday. Croatia has so much to offer adventurous families and the range of activities here makes perfect use of the stunning natural attractions and many of the national parks in the area with cycling, hiking, canoeing and more. Relaxing on the waterside terrace with your family in the evening is a great way to round off an active day here. ”

Ali Mclean



What's included?

- **Flights:** return direct flights from London to Split or Zadar. Regional departures may be available on request. Flight routes subject to change
- **Transfers:** Group airport and activity transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' one-bedroom apartment accommodation
- **Meals:** 7 breakfast, 3 lunches (with activities), 3 dinners
- **Choose from the following activities** (price varies depending on the number of activities chosen): Sea kayaking in Novigrad Bay with Zadar visit, cycling in Krka River National Park, Paklenica National Park hike, white-water rafting and Zrmanja River canoe safari (order subject to change)
- All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors
- Services of our local representatives or guides

Trip Overview

This family activity holiday is based in Novigrad, a small fishing village situated on the coast of the Adriatic Sea. The Mediterranean climate along the coast is perfect for a glorious summer holiday with an average of 2600 sunshine hours per year, compared to the UK average of fewer than 1400.

The region offers an array of spectacular national parks, rivers, and beaches to enjoy during your activities. Our flexible activity format allows you to decide how many activities you would like to take part in, with hiking, biking, rafting, canoeing, and sea kayaking all on the agenda. You will be making the most of some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. All members of the family are sure to have their favourite places and activities after your adventurous week here.

This part of Croatia has so much to offer – as part of this holiday, you will enjoy some of the nearby towns as well as the history and culture of this region, seeing monasteries, churches and Roman ruins.

The people of this small village are exceedingly welcoming and friendly which is sure to add further to the experience. Please note that our Novigrad base is located 90 minutes

north of Split and should not be confused with the town of Novigrad in Istria, which is much further north.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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FLIGHTS, TRANSFERS AND WELCOME

Upon arrival in Croatia, you will be greeted at the airport before being transferred to your hotel in the small fishing village of Novigrad. The village lies between the cities of Split and Pula and is filled with stone houses and local charm.

You will then be given time to check into the hotel, before an introductory dinner with your guide and the chance to meet fellow group members. The hotel sits close to the Novigrad Sea, enjoying wonderful views across the water and surrounding region which you will be exploring throughout the upcoming week. We highly recommend finding a spot on the hotel's terrace the first evening to hopefully enjoy one of the most spectacular sunset spots we have found anywhere!

Included Meals: Dinner

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SEA KAYAKING IN NOVIGRAD BAY AND ZADAR

Your first morning in Croatia will begin with a chance to enjoy the beautiful waters which surround you.

Your sea kayaking tuition takes place on the beach in front of the hotel, and you will be given full instructions before heading out onto the water in two-person kayaks. Crossing Novigrad Bay and heading out towards the Zrmanja River Canyon is a great introduction to the breathtaking scenery that this region offers and is something which is always an enjoyable experience for families. The brackish water here attracts abundant wildlife so be sure to keep watch for turtles, fish and seabirds on the way. On your return, you can enjoy lunch at the hotel or head out to explore the historical charm of Novigrad (payable locally). You will be out on the water for around 4 hours in total as part of this activity.

After some time to relax you will be driven the 40 minutes to Zadar to explore the city and hopefully enjoy one of the wonderful sunsets that can often be experienced here. The city offers an interesting mix of cultures and eras with Roman ruins and medieval churches mixed in with modern shops and cosmopolitan cafés.

Included Meals: BreakfastDAY
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CYCLING IN THE KRKA RIVER NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast at the hotel, your guide will transfer you to the Krka River National Park where you will be exploring the countryside via a cycling exploration day. Fully equipped with your bikes and helmets, you will follow a route that showcases a landscape of forests, hills and monuments before your first stop at Skradinski Buk waterfall. At 44 metres high this is an impressive sight to see and the group can enjoy a dip in the water and take some great family snapshots.

The bike journey will then continue to the shores of Visovac Lake where you will take a boat to Visovac Island for an historical visit to a Franciscan monastery. After a chance for your family to enjoy some sightseeing and learn more about the long history of this region, you will head back to shore. The route will then continue back to Skradin, taking in incredible panoramic views of the town and Prokljan Lake.

Lunch is not included today, however, you will be taken to a local shop where you can purchase food and drink for your picnic. The cycling route covers approximately 22 miles, with two climbs reaching 180-190m in altitude. Don't worry though, as the cycling is split up into manageable chunks with plenty of time for rest and play in between. There is also a support vehicle, should you need a helping hand along the way.

Included Meals: Breakfast, DinnerDAY
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PAKLENICA NATIONAL PARK HIKE

Today's main activity is hiking in Paklenica National Park, which is famed for its beautifully scenic routes – many parts of which are off-limits to vehicles. For an additional cost (payable locally, approximately €40), you can also book an exciting optional climbing school, with an instructor to show you how to tie important knots, operate safety equipment, and scale an easy route. Paklenica is famed as a climbing destination, so this is not something to miss!

Climbing will take place in the morning, and families who do not wish to take part in the climbing can either cheer the climbers on or take part in a hike to a mountain stream for some swimming. Everyone will then trek to a mountain meeting point before finishing the rest of the hiking route together.

Exploring on foot is a great way for your family to appreciate the natural scenery of the region and your guide will lead the way on one of the park's most scenic trails. As you follow the route through, the guide will discuss the local wildlife and plant life with you. The park is home to a wide range of rare flowers as well as falcons, eagles, deer and foxes.

The hike will take approximately three to four hours and there will be plenty of stops for

photographs, water breaks, and the chance to take in your wonderful surroundings. You will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant within the park today.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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WHITE-WATER RAFTING

Today is a really fun action-packed day, you will leave the hotel straight after breakfast to transfer south towards the town of Omiš, the starting point for today's adventure on the Cetina River which is approximately two hours from the hotel. The rafting here is sure to make the journey worth it and is the best in this area, with grade two and three rapids to enjoy. Clear water, jungle-like forests, caves and waterfalls add to the adventure, making this thrilling rafting trip an unforgettable experience. The mixture of adrenaline and relaxation makes it a popular excursion with families and each member is sure to have their favourite section! Lunch is included during the activity today.

At the welcome meeting, the whole group will be given a choice between two options this afternoon. The first option is to spend the afternoon in Split and enjoy some free time exploring the shops, bars and restaurants along with some of the city's famous historic sites such as the ruins of Diocletian's Palace or the Cathedral and Bell Tower of St. Domnius (for the very energetic it is also often possible to climb the bell tower for beautiful views across the city!).

The other option is to enjoy the beaches and sights of Omiš. This small Dalmatian port town was known for its fearsome pirates who ruled here centuries ago and there some impressive stone fortresses and churches to see which offer an insight into this interesting past. As part of this option following on from the rafting, if you feel the need for even more adrenaline, then you can arrange a zip line adventure over the Cetina River (bookable and payable locally).

Please note that the rafting activity may take place in the afternoon instead, in which case you will visit either Split or Omiš in the morning.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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FREE DAY

Today has been left free for your family to be as active or as lazy as you wish. You can relax on the beach, swim, play beach games or even enjoy further activities. Several organised and guided tours of the region can be arranged (bookable and payable locally).

Included Meals: Breakfast

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ZRMANJA RIVER CANOE SAFARI

Your final day in Croatia begins with a canoe safari down the magnificent, wild-west-like canyon of the Zrmanja and Krupa Rivers.

After a short introduction to paddling, you will set off for an afternoon of refreshing fun on the clear, warm and emerald waters of these Croatian rivers, considered two of the most beautiful in Europe. The afternoon will involve paddling down easy rapids, searching for hidden swimming pools and enjoying steep-sided canyons. It is unlikely that there will be anyone else on the water except your group, so this is sure to be an exceptional activity. A picnic lunch is included today.

Relax this evening in peaceful Novigrad, while enjoying a traditional supper on the beautiful terrace, reflecting on the week with your fellow travellers.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

It's time to say goodbye to this magnificent part of the world and head back to the airport to catch your return flight home. We are able to offer some excellent extensions should you not wish to leave this wonderful country just yet. Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Extend your stay in Novigrad

The stunning beauty of the Novigrad region of Croatia may mean that you wish to stay longer here, extending your holiday for an additional week.

Staying at Castrum Novum, we can book bed and breakfast for up to seven nights for you and your family. This is a popular option with families who are perhaps looking to enjoy a week relaxing on

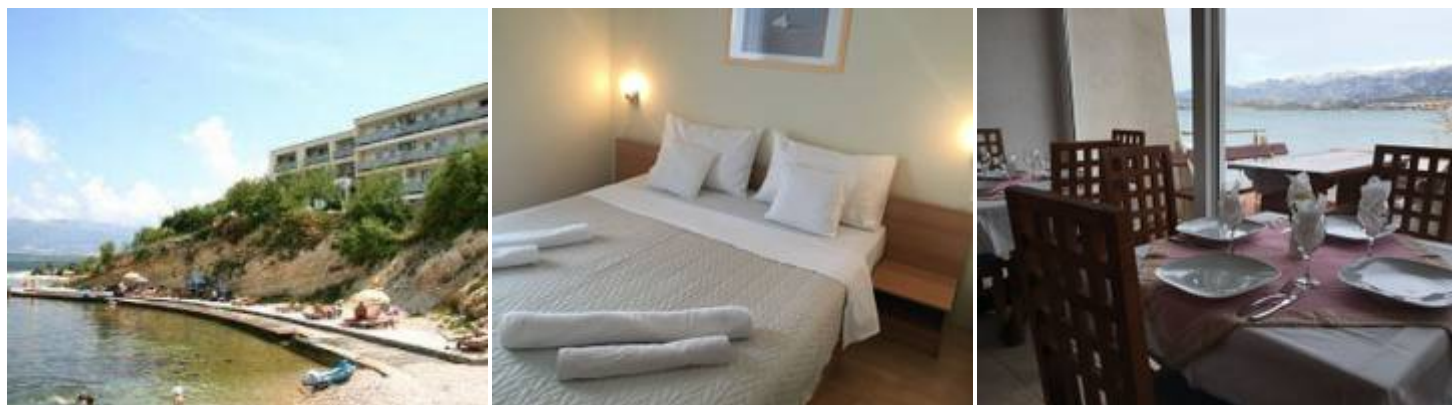
the beach after your thrilling week of activities. Should you wish to explore further during your stay we can also book a hire car for you.

Novigrad is home to a rich array of historical sites and cultural heritage, along with its natural beauty and excellent Istrian cuisine. During your extra time here families may enjoy the numerous museums, book additional activities locally or visit the water park and bird reserves nearby.

Please note: extensions are subject to flight and accommodation availability – please speak to our Travel Experts for further information on this.

Included Accommodation

Mare Nostrum - apartments (Nights: 1-7)



The accommodation here in Novigrad is a small, family-owned hotel with an idyllic location and welcoming family feel. Located just above a beach, it has a wonderful waterside terrace where you can sunbathe during the day and relax in the evening with your family and the rest of the group.

Hotel facilities

- The hotel has an á la carte restaurant which serves a continental buffet breakfast and a range of dishes in the evening; with some local and some international choices.
- The restaurant terrace offers exceptional views of the setting sun with Novigrad Bay and the surrounding mountains as the backdrop
- Free Wi-Fi is available in public areas
- There is a small gym, sauna and spa facilities (treatments can be booked and paid for locally)

Apartments

There are 27 apartments in total made up of one or two-bed options.

These all consist of a bedroom with either a double or twin beds, living room, small kitchen and bathroom and all are fully air-conditioned. There is also a sofa bed in the lounge area and some of the larger apartments have extra beds in the lounge area too.

All apartments are equipped with en-suite shower rooms, telephone and satellite TV. It is possible to upgrade to a two bedroom apartment. Please contact our Travel Experts for a quote and to confirm availability.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 8 people (depending on departure date). Maximum 42 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday

overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only