



Croatia - Sailing Short Break on the Dalmatian Coast



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Croatia

BROCHURE CODE: 4033
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Spend a memorable short break with the family as you cruise along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast. During this three-night holiday, your family will explore National Parks, saltwater lakes, secluded bays and historic towns in a variety of ways including paddle boarding, snorkelling and cycling.

Our Opinion

“ Sailing onboard a catamaran gives you an exclusive vantage point in which to admire Croatia's stunning Dalmatian Coast and surrounding islands. It also gives you brilliant access to take a dip, dive, swim or snorkel in the clear blue waters of the Adriatic – not a bad way to spend a weekend! ”

Jono Archer



What's included?

- **Accommodation:** 3 nights on board a catamaran
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts
- **The following activities are included in the holiday:** 3 days sailing between islands, paddle boarding, cycling, snorkelling (order subject to change)
- **The following destinations are included in the holiday:** Kolocep, Lopud, Sipan, Mljet, Zuljana, Ston, Broce
- Fully qualified skipper
- Activity equipment and training (some activities are guided)
- Free use of the equipment during the cruise

Please note: there is now a mandatory 80€ per person fee to be paid locally and in cash, before the start of the trip. This fee covers fuel, water, moorings and boat maintenance.

Please note: flights and transfers are not included in this trip because just about everybody wants to add a day, days or even a week in Dubrovnik before, and/or after, the sailing part of the holiday.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday departures start at 10am and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday departures start at 2pm, all from nearby Komolac Marina. The marina is approximately 15 minutes by road from Dubrovnik and we recommend staying in the city the night before.

Trip Overview

There can't be many better ways to spend a short break with the family than this one. Together, you will sail the brilliantly-blue Adriatic Sea and explore luscious-green islands off Croatia's Dalmatian coast. Pair this with the fun-filled included activities such as paddle boarding, snorkelling and cycling and you have the makings of an unforgettable adventure.

You will sail and sleep on board a modern catamaran which has plenty of deck space to soak up the glorious weather and the surrounding sights. Every day, you and the family will explore different locations together and enjoy the variety of included activities.

In the evenings, you'll have free time to absorb the culture of the small villages and towns as you stroll along the seafront and enjoy the local restaurants.

On day one, your family adventure gets off to a brilliant start as you set sail from Komolac and explore the Elaphiti Archipelago. Dive right into the holiday as you take a dip in the Adriatic waters and try paddle boarding around the smallest inhabited island of Kolocep. You'll also visit Lopud and Sipan before finishing the day onshore in a beautiful bay with plenty of restaurant choices nearby.

The sights continue to amaze on day two as you travel to the island of Mljet, a stunning National Park with two inland saltwater lakes. From here, you'll head to Peljesac Peninsula and anchor in a lovely bay near Zuljana.

On your final full day, you and your family will have time to explore the peninsula as well as the walled city of Ston, then it's just a short journey to your base at Broce.

Your family sailing adventure comes to an end as you work your way back to Komolac and disembark in the early afternoon.

From here, we can arrange a transfer to the airport or to Dubrovnik, where we can also organise your accommodation if you would like to extend your family holiday.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, BRIEFING AND THE ELAPHITI ARCHIPELAGO

Your family adventure starts nearby Komolac Marina, a 15-minute taxi ride from Dubrovnik. If you are starting this trip on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, you will board the boat at 10am today, whereas Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday departures will board at 2pm. We recommend staying in Dubrovnik the night before; please ask one of our Family Travel Experts about flights, accommodation and transfers to suit your requirements.

The crew will welcome you on board the catamaran and give you a full safety briefing. Then it's time to set sail on the wonderful Adriatic Sea.

Your first point for exploration is the Elaphiti Archipelago and the smallest inhabited island, Kolocep. Spend time together as a family swimming and paddle boarding in the beautiful surrounding waters.

Next, you will sail towards the islands of Lopud and Sipan. Your skipper will take you to the quieter spots, mooring in a lovely harbour. Use the local knowledge from the crew to get

some brilliant restaurant recommendations for the night and if you can, find somewhere to sit and admire the spectacular sunsets that the Dalmatian Coast is known for.

Throughout your sailing adventure, breakfast is served each morning but lunches and evening meals are left flexible. The crew on board know the best spots locally, so they will give you their recommendations.

Changes to the itinerary: very occasionally, the itinerary and/or duration of sailing and activities may change according to local conditions, events or guest preferences. Your skipper and their crew will make these decisions based first and foremost on your safety and comfort. On these extremely rare occasions, we reserve the right to alter the itinerary without prior notice.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

MLJET ISLAND AND THE PELJESAC PENINSULA

After breakfast, you will leave Sipan and sail to arguably what is the most awe-inspiring island in the area.

Mljet (pronounced “Mee-yet”) is a brilliant place to introduce the children to Greek mythology as it’s said to be where Odysseus was shipwrecked and imprisoned for seven years. Although when you see it, we’re sure you’ll agree there are far worse places to be!

Most of the island is a National Park, due to the sheer beauty of the nature here. In the north-west, you’ll find two interconnecting inland seawater lakes surrounded by greenery – a great place to stop for a swim. The largest of the lakes also has a small island, home to a 12th Century Benedictine monastery. You can take a small boat over to the island to explore this wonderfully unique location should you wish. NB. National Park entry fees are not included but can be paid on arrival (approx. £15 in low season and £25 in high season).

Next, you’ll set sail towards the Peljesac Peninsula where you’ll have a perfect vantage point to see the Dinaric Alps, forests and red-roofed towns and villages.

You’ll then drop anchor and spend the night in a bay near the village of Zuljana.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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3

PELJESAC PENINSULA

Peljesac is a quiet and peaceful area known for its small towns, villages and beaches. You and the family will spend the morning paddle boarding, swimming and snorkelling in Zuljana Bay, a pretty setting where you can swim amongst the marine life living in the crystal-clear water.

In the afternoon, you'll set sail to the walled town of Ston. We highly recommend cycling from the shore to the fortified walls where you can look over the town and coastline (entrance fee payable locally).

The old town is almost untouched by tourism so you'll get an authentic feel as you walk around and stop to sample some of the local food.

Back on board, it's a short sail to Broce, your base for the night.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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4

ELAPHITI ISLANDS AND RETURN TO KOMOLAC

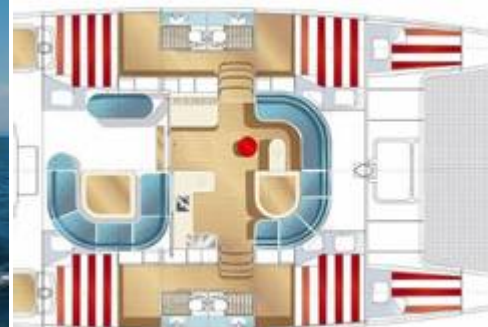
Sadly, it's time for your family sailing adventure to come to an end as you cruise out of Broce, past the Elaphiti Islands and arrive back at Komolac Marina. If your trip started on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, you will be back in Komolac by midday, approximately. If your trip started on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, you will be back in Komolac by 4pm, approximately.

We can arrange transfers to the airport or Dubrovnik. Please speak to our Family Travel Experts if you would like to extend your stay and we can help you build a longer holiday for even more cherished family memories.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Included Accommodation

Catamaran (Nights: 1-3)



The family-friendly catamarans we use are all similar in size and layout, with slight variances in their design and extra bed capacity. The usual vessel layout consists of with four double rooms which are all en-suite. One of the double rooms also has an overhead single bed space, which can be accessed above the double bed. There is also a single room for the skipper which means that the maximum people on board at one time is ten,

ensuring your family holiday is a personal experience.

Occasionally, two additional passengers will sail with the boat but stay in guesthouses rather than on board.

With so much to see, the catamaran has been designed with plenty of space on deck to give you a brilliant vantage point as you sail to different destinations. There are also two sets of steps at the rear of the boat, so it's easy to climb in and out of the clear blue waters for a swim or snorkel.

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Please note: the images shown are from the various different catamarans available.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 4 people; maximum 10 people

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