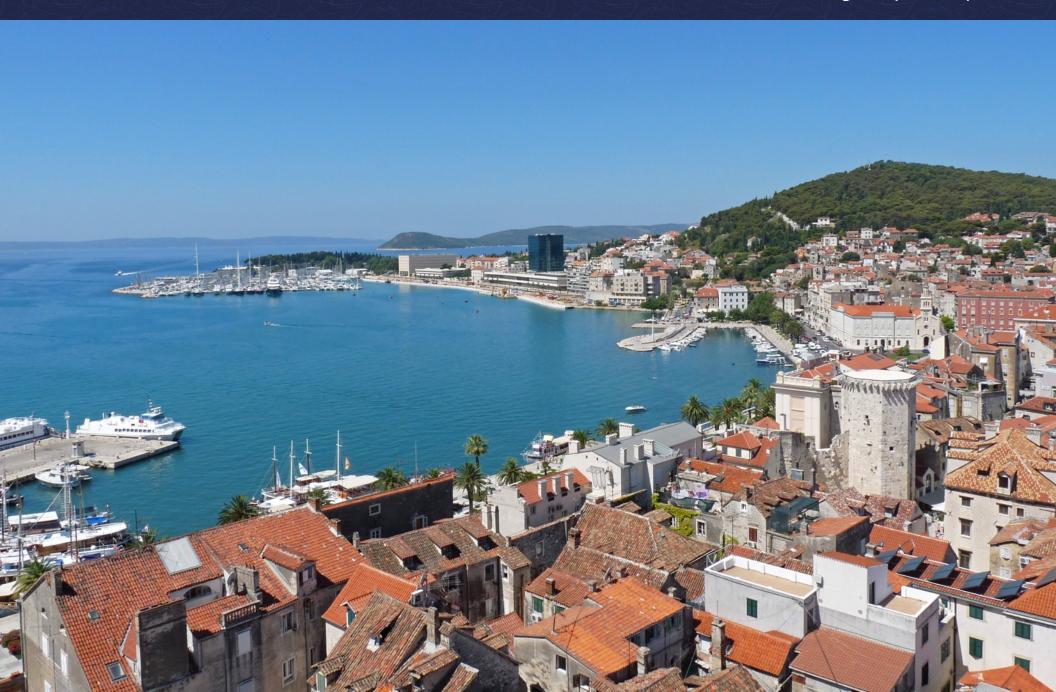


Croatia: Dalmatian Coast

14-night: Split to Split





Split to Ciovo

5 miles – 1 hour. Motor to a nearby anchorage if weather is good. The Split International Airport is 5-minutes by taxi to marinas around Trogir town, 20-minutes to Kastela marina and about 40-minutes to Split city.

Day 1: Saturday

Trogir and Split are easily accessible by taxi or pubic transport regardless of which marina is the start point. It is advisable to see Trogir or Split on Day 1 prior to boarding.

TROGIR: A charming UNESCO World Heritage town and home of some of the tallest medieval bell towers in Croatia. Easily navigable by foot, a full afternoon can be spent touring interesting architectural sites, fortifications and museums. Trogir features dozens of excellent restaurants set in priceless courtyards and some of the liveliest night-life along the coast, with free live concerts in the summer months.

KASTELA: Simply a large marina with restaurants and a huge supermarket nearby.

SPLIT: A much larger centre known for its famous festivals and huge boardwalk bordering on Diocletian's Palace. In 300BC the Roman emperor Diocletian fell in love with the area calling it the flower of the Adriatic and building one of the most beautiful palaces in the Roman Empire. Guided tours of the palace are available all day.

Arrive at the pre-arranged marina for boarding at 17:00hrs or earlier if you are provisioning for your own charter yacht.

Upon boarding there is time to unpack and a safety briefing or yacht check-in will follow with the skipper or yacht operator. It is important to understand the safety and operational information prior to sailing. The first night is typically a sleepover in the marina unless early boarding has been pre-arranged but there is time to motor to Ciovo for a night on anchor.

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Dinner: Eat aboard at Ciovo or remain in the marina and dine at one of the local marina restaurants in Trogir, Kastela or Split.





Split or Ciovo to Primosten to Skradin

45 miles - 7 hours. Motor sailing along the coastline.



Day 2: Sunday

SKRADIN: Sail early stopping for lunch at Primosten then head for the Krka river inlet, silently guarded by St. Nicholas Fortress. Pass by the built up town of Sibenik and navigate the windy river to the picturesque village of Skradin. This is the access point to the beautiful Krka National Park. Drop anchor off the town in the silty river, or enter Skradin ACI marina in time for a swim in the cool river. Later, wander the quaint boardwalk for shopping, ice cream or cocktails.



Dinner: Dine at fantastic Bonaca Konoba restaurant, famous for filet mignon, grilled scampi or tasty river eel.

Skradin, Krka Falls National Park to Kakan Island

20 miles - 4 hours. Motor out the river delta, then short tacks through the islands.

Day 3: Monday

KRKA FALLS: Half the day should be dedicated to the Krka National Park and falls, accessed by riverboats from Skradin every hour. The spectacular falls cascade down the forested hills into numerous emerald pools. Hiking the 45-minute trail, swimming and photography make for an unforgettable morning topped-off by lunch in the beer gardens. Wildlife includes swans, grey herons, turtles and river fish.

KAKAN: In the afternoon, motor downstream stopping to purchase fresh mussels at one of the numerous mussel farms along the river. A great anchorage for the evening is an enchanting bay on the east coast of Kakan Island. This protected bay is great for swimming, eating mussels and a perfect sunset.



Dinner: Dining at anchor under a canopy of stars while feasting on fresh mussels and pasta aboard.





Kakan Island to Vrulie, Kornat Island

30 miles - 6 hours. Motor sail north to the Dugi passage followed by a run south through the Kornati's.



Day 4: Tuesday

KORNAT ISLANDS: Motorsail north-west and enter Kornati National Park, 118 protected islands with little or no development. The islands have a golden glow as a result of herbs and wild flowers, making this area the pride of every Croatian. It is possible to reduce the distance by 10 miles going directly to charming Vrulje bay. For an enjoyable lunch and swim stop followed by a great run south through a myriad of beautiful Kornati islands, head north and take the Dugi passage between Kornat and Katina island. Reservations are a must to tie up to one of the small jetties at charming Vrulje bay, a tiny Popeye village. Hike up the hill for a sweeping view of this island playground and the sunset.



Dinner: Robinson Konoba restaurant offers wonderful barbequed fish, steaks and salads.

Day 5: Wednesday

Solta Island: Leave the Kornati Islands early and enjoy a spectacular day of blue water sailing. There are numerous opportunities for a quick lunch and swim stop along the way. A prearranged mooring is necessary off Sesula Konoba. Enjoy a swim in crystal clear waters before a delightful meal on picnic tables set under towering pine trees.



Dinner: Rustic Sesula Konoba offers fresh grilled sardines as well as other fish and meat dishes.





Solta to Bisevo to Vis

34 miles - 4.5 hours. Sail south to Bisevo then motor to Vis..



Day 6: Thursday

BLUE CAVE BISEVO: Leaving Sesula early allows a visit to the Blue Cave at Bisevo, which lies to the west of Vis island. Take the small tour boats into the cave and see morning sunrays reflect off the sandy bottom, making cave waters a translucent blue. The iridescent display ends at noon as the angle of the sun no longer reflects into the cave.

VIS: Later, motor or sail to Komiza or further to Vis town. Both ports offer lazy-lines along the seawall, mooring balls and fuel docks. A pre-arranged transfer to Roki's Organic Wine farm allows for a fun visit to this well-known local wine producer in the interior of the island. Wander the vineyards before a divine Peca meal.



Dinner: Roki's offers a Peca crockpot of lamb or seafood slow cooked on coals for 4 hours. Accompanying organic white wine caps a unforgettable experience.



20 miles - 3 hours. Wonderful broad reach all the way to Hvar town.

Day 7: Friday

HVAR TOWN: Sail early for Hvar town and moor on the west side of the harbour in a row of boats, take a mooring ball at the bow and run long stern lines ashore. The trick is to get a space as a boat leaves. This side of the harbour is clean for swimming, is less noisy and only a short walk along the boardwalk into bustling Hvar town. The view of Spanjola Fortress looming over the town is incredible. There is time for a hike up to the fortress before wandering the cobblestone streets and seeing St. Stephen cathedral and its 17th century bell tower. Hvar town dubbed the 'Jewel of the Adriatic' became the capital in 1420 because of its central location and safe natural harbour.



Dinner: Great pizza and fantastic Asian food restaurants are right in the main square. For fine dining in a beautiful courtyard don't miss Luccallus restaurant. Enjoy a nightcap or dance the night away at one of the many bars along the promenade.







Day 8: Saturday

LASTOVO: Sail a beautiful blue water passage to an uninhabited bay on the southern tip of Korcula, then on to Lastovo Island. With reservations, tie up to the pier of Agusta Insula Konoba restaurant in Zaklopatica Bay. Free docking, showers and electricity are offered along with your choice of fish, lobster or meat dishes. This location is a rustic gem as there is only room for 6 yachts on the dock. For the more adventurous, take a hike to sleepy Zaklopatica town, an incredible grey stone village set in a valley forgotten in time. Enjoy a cappuccino in the local café.



Dinner: Choose your fish or lobster from the live trap and pair with delicious local Pinot Grigio.



28 miles - 4 hours. Sail on a broad reach with northerly winds.

Day 9: Sunday

MLJET: Set sail through a myriad of islands to Mljet. Dock at Antika Konoba restaurant, in the dusty fishing village of Polace. Mljet is a national park island and minibuses allow access to the breathtaking Holm Oak and Aleppo Pine forests of the park. Hikers embark on small vessels in an inland lake, to visit a sacred island where Benedictine Monks built a monastery in 12 AD.



Dinner: Top rated Antika Konoba offers exceptional barbequed meat, fish as well as pasta and scampi.





Mljet to Dubrovnik

39 miles - 6 hours. Broad reach to Lupid then motor sail to ACI Marina Dubrovnik.



Day 10: Monday

DUBROVNIK: Leave the forested bays of Mljet and follow the island towards the Elphant islands, for a lunch and swim at Lupid island. Later, motor up the Ombla river and dock ACI Dubrovnik Marina with reservation. Enjoy a cocktail and swim in the pool then take the bus to Dubrovnik.

One of the most historic and beautiful of all European cities,
Dubrovnik was the home to the largest fleet of merchant marine
vessels in the Mediterranean, with over 500 ships. There are a
number of museums including a very interesting Maritime Museum
and in the evening the incredible architecture is lit up making for a
magical experience to wander the cobblestone laneways after dinner.

A must is to explore Dubrovnik's rich history and architectural wonders by renting a headset and walking the fortified city walls on a 2-3 hour tour. Dubrovnik, founded by the Romans, was taken over by the Byzantine Empire, the Venetians and then the Hungarians before becoming a republic in its own right in 1382.



Dinner: Klarissa, near the main entrance of the old town, is set in a divine open courtyard and features exquisite Croatian gastronomy as well as live music and dancing most nights.



Dubrovnik to Sunj Bay, Sipan

16 miles - 2.5 hours. Motor or sail close hauled.

Sunj Bay, Sipan to Korcula

40 miles - 5 hours. Motorsail in northerly winds.

Day 11: Tuesday

SIPAN: Anchor or take a pre-arranged mooring ball in Sunj Bay, off the outdoor dining area of Kod Marka restaurant. Before dinner walk along the narrow promenade to a lovely swimming area. Enjoy a walk around the enchanting bay and see an abandoned cathedral and 400-year old Oak tree.



Dinner: Kod Marka, is an unforgettable outdoor dining experience serving exquisite poached fish with vegetables and grilled meats on fine tableware, along with chilled wine and welcoming service.

Day 12: Wednesday

KORCULA: Leave early and motor sail north west to Korcula, the home of Marco Polo. Reservations at the ACI marina are necessary but there is also a good anchorage walking distance in a bay to the south east of town. This tiny fortified peninsula is a gem for historians, explore the 13th century St Mark's Cathedral, complete with the spectacular sculpted Gothic doorway, spiral columns, gargoyles and the figure of St Mark. There is a museum dedicated to Marco Polo located in the house where he lived and the Civic Museum which houses an exceptional display of art, coins, icons, dress and artifacts.



Dinner: Enjoy delicious thin crust pizza and fresh home made Gnocchi on the lovely boardwalk, then have drinks in the fort tower bar.





Korcula to Stari Grad, Hvar

60 miles - 9 hours. Motoring followed by a short reach then motoring to both the lunch stop and evening destination.



Day 13: Thursday

STARI GRAD HVAR: The longest day requires an early departure under engine to the tip of the Peljesac peninsula, then sail a broad reach across to the southern tip of Hvar island. A nice swim and lunch stop awaits at Pokrivenik bay, followed by a late afternoon arrival at Stari Grad. Tie up with lazy-line on the promenade on either side of the narrow creek, then explore this exquisite UNESCO Heritage town founded by ancient Greeks in 385 BC. Visit Tvrdalj Castle, the summer residence of 16th century poet Petar Hektorovic. The fascinating Stari Grad museum was home to the Biankini family in 1896 and has been preserved as they once lived.



Dinner: Fabulous traditional food and friendly service is offered at La Gitanas restaurant set in a courtyard.



Hvar to Bol Beach Brac to either Trogir, Kastela or Split marinas

37 miles - 5 hours. Motor sail out of Stari Grad gulf then sail across to Bol beach on Brac island.

Day 14: Friday

BOL BEACH: Swim ashore and wander the incredible geological wonder of Zlatni Rat beach, a 500 metre sand spit dating from millions of years ago when Brac was attached to the mainland. Later motor north to the passage between Solta and Brac and top off fuel at Milna as it's less wait time than at the marina. Return to the respective marina.



Dinner: Local marina restaurants offer convenient Croatian and western dishes. In Trogir Kamerlengo restaurant offers exceptional traditional specialties and grilled meals.

Day 15: Saturday

DISEMBARK: Trogir, Kastela or Split at 09:00hrs

