

Croatia: Dalmatian Coast

7-night: Split to Dubrovnik





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 public 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.

KASTELEA: 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.



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 Stari Grad, Hvar

27 miles – 4 hours. Reach followed by broad reach all the way to Stari Grad.



Day 2: Sunday

STARI GRAD HVAR: A brilliant sail to the eastern tip of Brac island then across the Hvarski channel all the way into 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.



Stari Grad, Hvar to Hvar town, Hvar

16 miles – 2.5 hours. Motor out of the gulf then a broad reach to Hvar town.

Day 3: Monday

HVAR TOWN: Sail early for an 11:00am arrival at 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.





Hvar to Korcula to Lastovo

35 miles – 5 hours. Broad reach all day.



Day 4: Tuesday

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.



Lastovo to Mljet Island

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

Mljet to Sunj Bay, Sipan

26 miles – 3.5 hours. Sail on a reach in northerly winds.

Day 5: Wednesday

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.

Day 6: Thursday

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.





Sipan to Dubrovnik

21 miles – 3 hours. Broad reach to Ombla river entrance then motor to ACI Marina Dubrovnik.



Day 7: Friday

DUBROVNIK: Sail the 6 miles to Slano ACI marina, or towards the Ombla river entrance then upstream to dock at 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 old town, is set in a divine open courtyard and features exquisite Croatian gastronomy as well as live music and dancing.

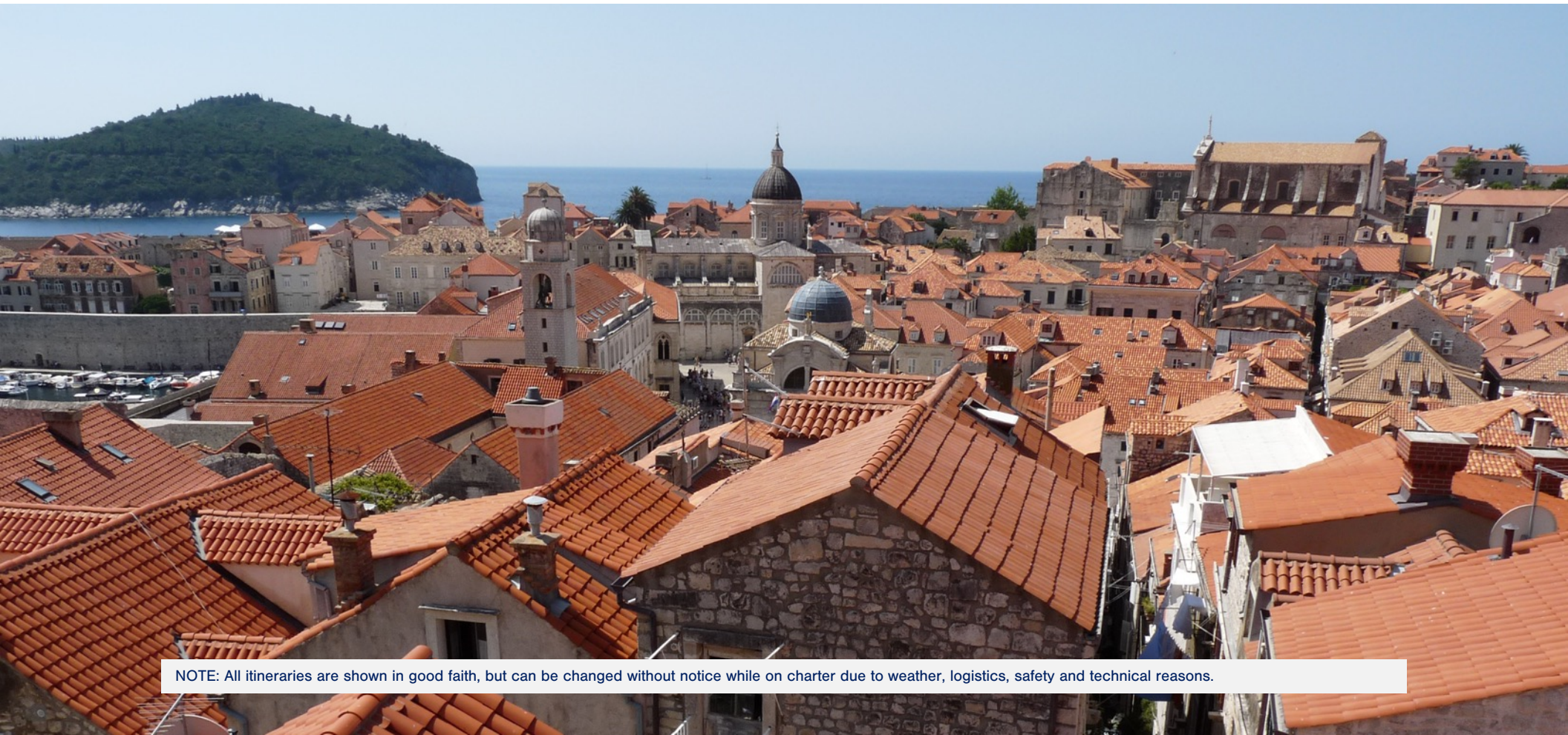


Sipan to Slano ACI or Dubrovnik ACI marina

16 miles – 2 hours. Broad reach to Ombla river entrance then motor to ACI Marina Dubrovnik.

Day 8: Saturday

DISEMBARK: Slano or Dubrovnik ACI Marinas at 09:00hrs.



NOTE: All itineraries are shown in good faith, but can be changed without notice while on charter due to weather, logistics, safety and technical reasons.