

Sailing Croatia - Dubrovnik to Split - ECVD

8 days: Dubrovnik to Split

What's Included

- Sailing aboard a 15m (50 ft) sailing yacht (7 nts)
- Fully licensed skipper
- Snorkelling equipment

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Itinerary



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Day 1 Dubrovnik/Adriatic Sea

Arrival day. Join the group at 14:00 for a welcome meeting and safety briefing before beginning the sailing journey to Split at 15:00. Enjoy a nightcap with crew mates on the boat and get to know fellow passengers.

15m (50 ft) sailing yacht

Dubrovnik – Adriatic Sea

Get into the thick of things swiftly aboard one of our cozy, sharp-looking yachts.

Sailing Welcome Meeting

14:00Afternoon

Welcome aboard! Before setting sail meet the skipper and the rest of the group at a welcome meeting. Your skipper should be easy to spot in a G Adventures shirt or with a G Adventures flag at the skipper table.

Days 2–6Adriatic Sea

While travelling the Dalmatian coast by sailboat, discover secluded beaches perfect for a beach barbeque. Opt to hike through the national park in Mljet that inspired Odysseus for years or kayak through gorgeous inlets and explore the caves of Korčula. Enjoy the option to tour the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik and Hvar, which offer insight into Croatian culture and architecture. Explore the beaches of Brač as the tide comes in and shifts their shape. Then, arrive to Split and choose to discover ancient Roman ruins, including the Palace of the Emperor Diocletian.

Our 15m (50 ft) nimble yacht is the perfect platform to explore the gorgeous Adriatic islands. Flexibility is key to adapt to local weather conditions, and the skipper will modify the itinerary to our advantage while sailing. Possible stops include: Brač, Mljet, Ploče, Korčula, and Hvar.

Optional Activities

Brač Island Excursion

Otok Brač

Head to Brač Island to explore its coastline and beaches, and play in crystal clear waters. Have a barbeque lunch on a deserted beach, visit local vineyards, or go for a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean Sea. Be sure to visit the island's well-known Zlanti Rat beach, where the tides, currents, and wind are constantly shifting the shape of the beach.

Hvar Island Excursion

Hvar

Head out to explore Hvar, a definite must-see and UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy some amazing beaches, nightlife, pop and classical music concerts, and festivals in the city that have inspired many Croatian writers and artists. This island truly has it all!

Korčula Island Excursion

Korčula

Sail to Marco Polo's place of birth, Korčula, a typical medieval walled Dalmatian city and one of the Adriatic's most lush green islands. Indulge yourself on this historic island and forget about the world around you. Discover the caves and secluded beaches that make this an attractive destination for exploration.

Mljet Island Excursion

Mljet

Stay active on Mljet, well known for being a perfect place for hiking, biking, and swimming. Soak in the island's stunning scenery and peaceful atmosphere. This lushly forested island is so seductive, it's said that Odysseus came and stayed for seven years. Take a guided tour of the Mljet National Park, or bask in the green waters by the rocks.

Ploče Excursion

Ploče

Step ashore at this bustling port town on the Adriatic coast for some shopping, or laze at one of its many beautiful beaches. Take a walk along the splendid coastline, and catch up with your fellow travellers in the evening for dinner.

Day 7Adriatic Sea/Split

Weigh anchor early morning for the last passage to Split. Before crossing the Brač Channel, find a picturesque inlet to enjoy lunch before entering Split harbour. Enjoy the last night aboard, or join the rest of the group for dinner and drinks while reminiscing about the epic journey through the Adriatic Sea.

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Free Time

SplitEvening

Explore the nightlife of one of the oldest cities in Croatia. Wonder the city streets and marvel at the Roman walls, squares, and temples. Discover the neighbourhood of Varoš, one of the oldest parts of town, which boasts charming houses.

Day 8Split

Departure day. Tour ends in the morning. If you would like extra time in Split after the sailing journey is finished, we recommend booking extra time.

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

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Highlights

Discover secluded islands and deserted beaches, explore Korčula- the birth place of Marco Polo, wander the forested paradise of Mljet National Park, connect with history at Diocletian's Palace in Split, Enjoy the nightlife while meeting new friends

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Important Notes

Please note that while it is our intention to adhere to the route described in the itinerary, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the program and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. On Day 1 of your tour you will be advised of any amendments. This itinerary may need to change due to inclement weather and this decision will be made solely at your skipper's discretion, based on the safety of the group and yacht.

A NOTE REGARDING SMALL SPACES ON SAILBOATS: Please note that the rooming for these boats is done on a first-come, first-serve basis and no particular cabins nor berths can be guaranteed. Our skippers will pair up travel partners or if you are travelling single with someone of the same sex individuals. Please be aware that as this is a real sailboat and not a cruise vessel that the space on board is tight. You will be sharing a small room with one of your fellow passengers or travel partner and sharing the three bathrooms onboard. The sleeping quarters on sailboats are generally kept to a minimum size in order to maximize public space and performance. Some people are not comfortable with the type of close quarter arrangements typically found on sailboats, however if a real sailing experience on a real sailboat is what

you are after, then this experience should more than make up for cramped quarters. Please note that the skipper will also be sharing the ship's quarters and amenities with you.

Group Leader Description

A G Adventures skipper will be with the group throughout your journey. The aim of the skipper is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible, as well as taking complete charge of the sailing, your safety on board and the safety of the vessel. As this is a real sailing adventure, our skipper might also request your help on board and will be more than happy to impart some of their vast sailing knowledge during the course of the journey. Our skippers are all fully licensed with many years of experience sailing in the area. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and you can expect your skipper to have a broad general knowledge of the Croatian Islands you will visit.

Group Size Notes

Max 8.

Meals Included

Basic items on the boat will be covered by a food kitty of about EUR50 per person.

Meals

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

On our Croatia sailing trips, your G Adventures skipper will offer to make a food kitty for small items, such as ice, water, coffee, tea, milk, snacks, drinks, and so on. The average amount suggested for the kitty is around EUR 50 per person, per week.

Meal Budget

Allow EUR250-300 for meals ashore not included.

Transport

15m (50 ft) sailing yacht.

About our Transportation

Our 50ft sailing boats are equipped with state of the art technology offering all travellers onboard a safe and enjoyable experience. Space is optimized – sleeping quarters are snug, meaning that more of the boat is open from everyone to enjoy. Cabins are allotted by the skipper based on the gender and traveller make-up of the group.

Solo Travellers

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

4 twin/double occupancy cabins, 3 shared bathrooms, 4 showers.

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Joining Instructions

Meeting point is at marina café which is at ACI Marina reception. As you arrive at the ACI Marina reception, the café is located on the other side (water side) of marina reception (in very same building as marina reception).

Please wait here until 2pm when skipper will arrive. The Skipper will be wearing a G Adventures T-shirt, and/or have G Adventures purple flag at his table.

Toilets/showers are located in the round building 30metres other side of marina reception building.
Coffee/drinks/snacks are available here.

****Note - this yacht marina is in Komolac, 15mins by car/bus from Dubrovnik old city. It is located 3miles up the river Ombla.**

The airport is located 30km from the old City of Dubrovnik. The airport is well connected in Europe with many transfer options internationally.

From the airport, take the bus for the old city of Dubrovnik. Here you will need to change to bus No. B1, which will take you to the ACI marina for 15HRK (2EUR); ask the driver to stop when at the marina. Its about 15min from the old city.

By Taxi: 250HRK (30EUR) and takes 30min.

By Bus: 35HRK (4EUR) and takes 30min. Buses depart hourly to and from the airport.

For passengers that would like to book pre and/or post-tour accommodation, we recommend the following:

Dubrovnik:
Old Town City Centre Apartments
Dropceva 13, Old Town, 20000
Dubrovnik, Croatia

From 60 EUR per night. Available on www.hotelbooking.com at discounted rates if G Adventures is quoted.

Split:
Villa Vice
Zrnovnicka, 12, Split, 21000
Split, Croatia

From approx 70 EUR per night. Available on www.hotelbooking.com at discounted rates if G Adventures is quoted.

Emergency Contact

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Primary: Head Skipper Teo Fras (+385 91 1519 118)

Secondary: Julle Gylling (+30 694 6044317)

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below, which will connect you directly with our 24 hour Sales team, who will happily assist you.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0844 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 01805 70 90 30 00

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

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What to Take

There is limited space on the yachts. We recommend the use of a duffel bag or backpack. A good size daypack is also essential.

PLEASE NOTE: No hard suitcases are permitted.

Checklist

- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Light fleece top
- Light windproof/waterproof jacket
- Small towel and swimwear
- Towel for personal use (only one towel will be provided for the whole trip)
- Sun hat
- Sturdy walking shoes
- Shoes/sandals with light coloured soles
- Flashlight
- Sport sandals
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Toiletries (biodegradable)
- Watch or alarm clock
- Water bottle
- Pocketknife
- Money belt
- First-aid kit
- Rehydration powder
- Insect Repellent

Optional Items:

- Camera and film
- Reading/writing material
- Binoculars
- Cover for backpacks
- Biking gloves (if you wish to participate in sailing)

Documents:

- Passport (with photocopies)
- Travel insurance (with photocopies)
- Airline tickets (with photocopies)
- EUR cash
- Credit or debit card (see personal spending money)
- G Adventures vouchers, pre-departure information and dossier
- Any entry visas or vaccination certificates required

Laundry

Laundry facilities can be found in some harbors, ask your skipper for the best places.

Visas

Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

A valid passport for at least three months beyond length of stay is required. USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand passport holders do not need a visa to visit Croatia for stays of up to 90 days.

Detailed Trip Notes

Welcome on board!! We are happy that you decided to be a guest on board our sailing yachts for your holidays. To make sure it's a real one of a kind experience, your skipper wants to give you some information about the things you'll meet on the yacht and on the trip.

No worries, we won't make you spend your precious time on too much information, simply take it as a possibility to start your adventure at home.

Brief History of Yachting

Known since the old Egyptian Empires yachts were dedicated only to the pleasure of it's passengers in the exclusivity of independence. Long time before tourism discovered the pleasure of big steamboat cruises around 100 years ago, the wealthy parts of societies enjoyed yachting in different ways: cruising the Nile, sailing the Greek Islands or enjoying huge parties on board of Caligula's yachts in a lake south of Rome.

Fortunately technology developed allowing us the opportunity to sail the oceans in smaller yachts. Yachts of today are constructed under the rules of hydrodynamics, defining the shape of the hull, the needs of stability and comfort.

When only twenty years ago, running water and a stove were a pure luxury on board a yacht, you'll find almost everything you need on your yachts today: electricity -though it's only 12V offshore and only sometimes 220V when we're moored, refrigerators, showers, hot water, music and much more.

But never forget: a yacht always is 'on the budget'...budgeting room and weight for mobility and stocks for ongoing comfort.

Each yacht comes with the safety gear and instrumentation required by law to assure you a safe and successful holiday.

Here are some technical terms for you to learn to help you orient yourself:

Boat

Hull: the 'body' of the boat

Keel: stabilising part of the hull under the waterline to prevent capsizing

Deck: upper level of the boat

Cockpit: area in the back where we are operating the boat

Bow: Forward area of the boat

Stern Backward area of the boat

Helm: steering facility

Helmsman: Person at the helm, not necessarily the skipper

Starboard: right side of the boat looking forward from aft

Port (side): left side of the boat looking forward from aft

Rigg: all fixed equipment standing up above the deck

Mast: vertical massive pole to fix the sails

Boom: horizontal massive pole going backward from the mast

Mainsail: sail at the rear of the mast

Foresail/Genua/

Headsail: sail in front of the mast

Fender: sort of 'bumper' to avoid damage of the hull when moored

Winch: sort of drum to operate loaded lines or anchor chain

Beaufort: intl. scale for strength of winds, starting with 0 up to 12

Operations

Manoeuvre: changing the course of the boat or doing several operations

Tacking: turning the bow through the wind
Gibing: turning the stern through the wind
Round up: turning the boat exactly into the wind to stop moving
Fetch sth.: pulling tight a line
Ease sth.: detaching a line

Lines

There are only LINES on a boat, no ropes etc.
Most important ones:
Furling lines: to set and take away the sails
Sheets: to adjust the sails during sailing
Mooring lines: connecting the yacht to the pier
Ground lines: fixing the bow when moored 'stern too' (the peer)

Knots

Figure-eight knot: belongs to the end of certain lines to avoid going by the run
Half hitch: easiest knot to fix a line somewhere, not very strong one
Clove hitch: famous knot to fix various lines like mooring-, fender- etc.
Reef knot: used to connect two lines of same size to each other
More ambitious but often used:
Bowline: creating a strong and everlasting loop to a line

Spending Money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Tipping

It is customary in Europe to leave a small tip for service providers, such as waiters, if you are pleased with the service (€1-2). Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture. Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO or skipper did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline €5-8 EUR per person, per day can be used.

Optional Activities

Please note: All optional activities which are listed in the full itinerary, may incur additional costs. Costs may be incurred for (but are not limited to) additional transportation needed to reach certain areas/activities and for equipment hire. Please keep this in mind when budgeting for this trip.

Health

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

No particular health issues in Croatia, just that in some more remote islands bottled water is more recommended to drink. Just keep in mind that some heat waves are possible from June to October all over the country. People who are sensitive to seasickness should come prepared.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit, hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements.

Safety and Security

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

Trip Specific Safety

Croatia is a relatively safe country if you take the same precaution you would back home in any major and/or touristy cities, use common sense and do not hesitate to ask your skipper about specific areas to avoid. Also it is recommended to carry with you only the money and documentation you need for the day. Always keep an eye on your belongings, while having a drink, at the internet cafe, waiting at the bus station.

Medical Form

Our small group adventures bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that, as a minimum, an average level of fitness and mobility is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. Travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a short medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our CEOs work hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided. Please refer to the physical ratings in this Trip Details document for more information.

The medical questionnaire can be found online at:

www.gadventures.com/medical-form.

A Couple of Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

Planeterra-The G Adventures Foundation

Through our commitment to responsible tourism we have developed the Planeterra Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of people and communities around the world through support of international charities, local organizations and community projects in the places that we visit on our tours. G Adventures matches all individual donations and pays all administration costs, which means that 100% of each donation is doubled and goes directly to support our projects. For more information about Planeterra and the projects we support, or to make a donation, please visit www.planeterra.org

Planeterra Dollar-A-Day Program

Our Dollar-A-Day Program provides travellers with the opportunity to help us give back to the people and places visited on our tours by donating one dollar per day for the duration of their tour. 100% of these proceeds will go directly to support our Planeterra projects.

To participate in this program please indicate at the time of booking that you would like to participate in G Adventures' Dollar-A-Day program, either by clicking the check box online, or by advising your G Adventures specialist or travel agent. (Note: Donation will be charged in the currency of your booking)

Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletter_signup

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Minimum Age

Minimum age of 16 years for this trip. 16 and 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.