

# Topdeck

## SAIL TO THE STEINS



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## TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

As if going to Oktoberfest - the biggest party in Europe - wasn't enough, on this trip we'll also be taking the time to sail the beautiful Croatian coastline en route. Get your tan on and soak in the chilled vibes before heading back on land. Then it's on to the mighty Oktoberfest. Expect pretzels, bratwurst and more singing and dancing than you can shake a litre-sized beer at. Did we mention there are fairground rides here too? Let's gooooo!

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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# Thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

Ready for the time of your LIFE?  
The countdown's on...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

**IMPORTANT:** please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

### INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Visit Hvar Fortress (entrance not included)
- Night out in Hvar
- Walking tour of Korcula Old Town

# YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME  
TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | SPLIT, CROATIA TO MILNA

Swap some cash for kuna, put your bags on your bunk and hit the big blue. When we dock at sleepy fishing village Milna, you can choose to chow down on an optional barbecue feast or hang out on deck. You'll all be shipmates in no time.



### MEALS:

- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- BBQ dinner onboard

## DAY 2 | MILNA TO HVAR

Anchors up and motor on this morning, with a few swim stops en route. First stop: Hvar, the self-proclaimed 'sunniest spot in Europe' with a supposed 2,715 hours of sunlight in an average year. Lather up the sunscreen – ain't nobody got time for burn when we have an afternoon at Hula Hula beach bar to get involved with.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Hvar Fortress (entrance not included)
- Night out in Hvar

## DAY 3 | HVAR TO KORCULA

Did you pack your sense of adventure? Good. We're moving on to Korcula, where we'll be hitting the cobblestone alleys on a walking tour. Later on, there's plenty of time to climb your way to the top of an old-school cathedral tower to savour a colourful cocktail. Take note: the ladder to the top of Massimo's cocktail bar is seriously steep, so watch your head! Anyone for an optional village dinner experience afterwards?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Walking tour of Korcula Old Town



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Village dinner experience

## DAY 4 | KORCULA TO DUBROVNIK

First today: Dubrovnik. Beyoncé and Jay-Z fell crazy in love with it, and if you're into Game of Thrones you're sure to find your inner fanboy on an optional tour. Why not soak up Dubrovnik's unique vibes with a stroll along the top of the 1,940 metre long city walls? Some optional sea kayaking around the city walls will put the cherry on the cake today.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Sea kayaking around the ancient City Walls of Dubrovnik
- Game of Thrones tour

## DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK TO MLJET

If you had 99 problems, Dubrovnik probably took care of a few. Today it's on to Mljet, which, despite its lack of vowels, is pretty spesh. Opt in to pay a visit to the National Park (and the chance to see St Mary's Island). This afternoon is on your watch, so feel free to spend it as you wish. Tonight, there's an optional captain's dinner aboard the boat to get stuck into.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Visit Mljet National Park
- Captain's dinner onboard

## DAY 6 | MLJET TO MAKARSKA

Time to trim the sails again and set course for the Makarska Riviera, one of the best unsung holiday spots in Europe. Today's all yours to stroll the pretty promenade, indulge in some adventurous activities (think hiking and biking), or simply lounge about on the pebbly beach. You do you.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

## DAY 7 | MAKARSKA TO SPLIT

Seize the chance to zipline across the Cetina Gorge (optional) before we set sail back to Split for the ultimate vacay finale. Yes, it's a UNESCO World Heritage-listed city, and yes, it has an abundance of Roman architecture, so don't just sit there. Get exploring! You won't want to miss Diocletian's Palace – it's one of the best preserved Roman monuments in the world. Plus, if it's good enough for an emperor, odds are you'll rate it too.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Ziplining

## DAY 8 | SPLIT TO ZADAR

Hear the sounds of the sea? The Sea Organ is a quirky art installation that sits among Zadar's eclectic mix of Roman ruins and public art. Don't forget to check it out!



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## DAY 9 | ZADAR TO ZAGREB

Ahhh yeah – you’ve got two whole days to do Zagreb your way! Partial to a bit of architecture, food, culture and music? Good news! Zagreb is too. We reckon you’ll get on great.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 10 | ZAGREB

Want more today? Check out St Mark’s Church, Zagreb Cathedral and the markets. Not bad hey?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 11 | ZAGREB TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Onwards to Ljubljana (lyoob-lya-nah). Ljubljana Castle and Old Town have been waiting for you to visit since Celtic times. The nightlife here is also pretty special. Anyone for vino with a side of live music and underground art installations?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 12 | LJUBLJANA

Want more? Dragon Bridge and the Cathedral of Saint Nicholas are worth a visit. Want more? Ask your Trip Leader for some insider info.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 13 | LJUBLJANA TO SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Go for baroque as you take a wander around the fairytale city where Mozart was born. Hold up – is that a fortress overlooking the city?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



## DAY 14 | SALZBURG TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Welcome to the city where beer is officially considered a food. Check off the sights on a walking tour, then slide on your lederhosen and get ready for three unforgettable nights at the jolliest festival around: Oktoberfest. You'll be table dancing in no time. Included Activity: -Walking tour of Munich



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 15 | MUNICH

Today, we see what all the hype is about. You won't be disappointed. Complete with rides, food stalls and of course beer, you know you've made it to Oktoberfest.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 16 | MUNICH

Today is yours to do as you please. Go exploring and set foot in the beer halls you may have missed yesterday (there are loads more than just Hofbräuhaus). The city centre is also pretty close, so feel free to go exploring there too.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

## DAY 17 | MUNICH

After breakfast we say bye to Oktoberfest for another year. But hey, why not head out for one final drink?



### MEALS:

- Breakfast

# MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' section of this document.

Breakfasts (usually continental breakfasts) are included every day, except on the first morning of your trip. A typical continental breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yogurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, and cheese – with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions some hot food may be available.

Included meals will be provided at local restaurants and the accommodations in which we stay. In most cases, table water is provided with meals. If you wish to purchase additional drinks, you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

Please note: Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater to tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



## YOUR SAFETY

### NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, remember to avoid walking alone – particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking – and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

### DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

**REMEMBER:** if you are found in possession of drugs, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!



- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and- tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

## TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

# RESPECT ON THE ROAD

## RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates . The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

## HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

# INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

## TIPPING

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

## WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket

- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**