

# Topdeck

## CROATIAN RIVIERA PLUS (LEONARDO)



TRIP CODE:  
ESCLSS-1

## TOPDECKER, meet Europe

Is this boat for me? HOMEY. EXTRA-PERKS. FUN.

If a traditional Croatian sailing boat was vanilla ice-cream, then our Plus boats are the sprinkles on top. Aboard Leonardo, you've got everything a Croatian sailing trip should have - free days laying on sun lounges, diving into bluer-than-blue water and treating your eyeballs to landscapes that are so good it actually hurts. BUT this custom-designed boat comes with a few extra creature comforts. We're talking bigger rooms and even bigger deck space for the good times spent with a small group of legends. Wi-Fi when we're cruising. Fresh linen and towel changes during the week. Included hot English breakfasts and three-course-freshly-cooked-by-the-crew lunches. And the crew? Well, experienced doesn't even cut it. Been dreaming of cruising the Adriatic like the high-balling-but-budget-busting traveller you are? Meet Leonardo. She's been designed to make you feel right at home.

## WORTH NOTING...

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sailing



Nights



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This is a principal  
package.

This itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and mooring conditions.

Avoid bringing large luggage aboard the boat as there is limited storage space. We recommend a soft backpack or rucksack.

Tipping is standard in Croatian culture. And our all our Croatian crew work tirelessly over the 5-month summer period to deliver exceptional service and ensure all their passengers have the best trip possible. If you're happy with the service the crew provides, we encourage the contribution of a small tip (around €10) for each of the local crew members. Your Topdeck Sailing Representative will not expect, nor ask for any tips as per our No Tipping Policy.

# Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit UNESCO World Heritage-listed destinations Dubrovnik and Split
- + Visit Hvar Fortress (entrance not included)
- + Orientation tour of Korcula Old Town
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Visit Hvar Fortress viewpoint (entrance to Fortress not included)
- + Orientation tour of Korcula Old Town
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Split  
Croatia

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Split  
Croatia

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Croatia - HRK

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | SPLIT, CROATIA TO HVAR

Ready to spend your day horizontal on a sun-soaked deck. Diving head-first into translucent aquamarine water. Exploring the cobbled streets of ancient towns. And eating alllll the seafood, peka and pasta you're speedos can handle? We thought so. Meet your awesome AF crew and trip mates in Split – then we'll away anchors and motor to our first swim stop. Later, get the run about Hvar Town – including a stroll up to the fortress for some I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E views. Then: the afternoon is all yours. Our suggestion? Tuck into some delish local fare before heading to one of the many cocktail bars for sunset. This is livin'



### MEALS:

+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Hvar Fortress viewpoint  
(entrance to Fortress not included)



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ BBQ dinner aboard the boat:  
from HRK 110

## DAY 2 | HVAR TO KORCULA

Rise and shine sailors! Or sleep in – you do you. This morning is all about refreshing swim stops, sun-soaked deck-time and seriously good food served up by our very own on-board chef. Later, we'll sail on to the (supposed) home of Marco Polo. Known for its dry Croatian wine and dense pine forests – we'll hit the cobblestoned alleys for an orientation tour. Then? The afternoon is yours for the taking. You could climb to the top of Massimo's old-school tower for a colourful cocktail. Or tuck into a mouth-watering serving of peka at Kavana Noi. This baby is slow cooked in hot coals for 6 hours so make sure you pre-order!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation tour of Korcula  
Old Town

## DAY 3 | KORCULA TO DUBROVNIK

What's your plan of action this morning? Swim? Sunbath? Stuff (your face)? Siesta? It's up to you. This afternoon, we'll dock at the most famous walled city in Europe. Thanks Game of Thrones. Take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets with a local guide – before finding a local haunt to fill your belly. Later, you can head to Buža Bar for some relaxed cliffside bevies. Or find the world-renowned nightclub inside a 16th-century fortress.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Dubrovnik  
with a local guide

## DAY 4 | DUBROVNIK

Don't be fooled. Dubrovnik is so much more than snapping a selfie on some steps. Although, you can totally get your fill of GOT with an optional Cersei-themed tour today. Rather take to the water? Sign up to a sea kayaking excursion – swim stops at the island of Lokrum included. Get your fix of awesome views with a stroll along the ancient city walls or take the cable car up Mt Srd. Then tonight: hit the d-floor for round two. Or find a local wine bar to sample Croatia's delicious grape-juice.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the ancient City Walls of Dubrovnik: from HRK 270
- + Game of Thrones tour: from HRK 100

## DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK TO MLJET

Shake off last night's antics with another deliciously refreshing swim stop. Today: it's on to Mljet. Despite its lack of vowels, this place is pretty spesh. Once we dock, you've got the whole afternoon to simply do you. Our suggestion? Opt in to explore the National Park. Hire a bike and whiz around on two wheels. Take a boat over the Islet Melita and check out the monastery. Ride the natural waterslide between the two saltwater lakes. Jump in a kayak and go for a paddle. Or simply relax under the pine trees with a good book. Tonight, there's an optional Captain's dinner aboard the boat to get stuck into.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Mljet National Park: from HRK 115-130
- + Captain's dinner aboard the boat: from HRK 150

## DAY 6 | MLJET TO MAKARSKA

Time to set a course for the Makarska Riviera, one of the best unsung holiday spots in Europe. Score a spot at the bow (front) of the boat for the ride in – the view is going to blow. your. mind. Then, this afternoon is totally up to you. Take a stroll along the pretty promenade. Unleash your inner adrenaline-junkie with a side of parasailing or jet-skiing. Lounge about on the pebbly beach. Or sip on a cold beer at one of the beachfront bars. Don't forget to ask your Topdeck rep for some dinner recommendations – the seafood here is ridiculously good. Tonight, gather the gang for a party pirate-style at Deep (think: cave club).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

## DAY 7 | MAKARSKA TO SPLIT

Ok, nobody panic – this is our last day together. You’d better make every second count. Savour our last swim stop before we pull into Split this afternoon. Yes, it’s a UNESCO World Heritage-listed city. And yes, it has an abundance of Roman architecture that’s just begging to be explored. Opt in for an optional walking tour and tick off the likes of Diocletian’s Palace, Saint Domnius Cathedral and the Riva. Or head up to Prva Vidilica Na Marjanu for sunset views over the city. This is what you came for. Tonight, gather the gang for one last dinner together and give this epic adventure the send-off it deserves!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Walking tour of Split: from HRK 80

## DAY 8 | SPLIT

After breakfast, it’s time to say goodbye. But who said the adventure has to end here? Slovenia and Montenegro are only a stone’s through away. Swap those Insta handles – we’ll need them to plan next year’s reunion trip.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## MEALS

Evening meals are not included, giving you plenty of free time to discover the local cuisine on offer in each destination. Due to this our guides have a range of recommendations for you and your new Topdeck family to try out in each city.

Keep in mind that some restaurants can be very busy during the peak season and getting space for a large group can be difficult, so menus and prices can vary. There’s no pressure for you to dine at the restaurants suggested if you’d prefer to do your own thing, so be sure to ask your guide for other recommendations.

### DRINKS

Bringing food and drinks on board is not permitted. All drinks are sold on the boat at reasonable prices.

To avoid the hassle of having to worry about always needing cash to purchase drinks on board, we run a bar tab for every passenger. Your tabs are tallied up and made available to you each day so that it is never a surprise as to how much you have bought. All bar tabs are to be paid in cash on the second last day of your trip.

Please note: At Topdeck we always consider our customers’ health and safety. We ask that you drink responsibly and bear in mind that in some countries, alcohol measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to.

## TIPPING

Your Topdeck Sailing Rep will not expect a tip, and will not ask you for one.

However, tipping is standard in Croatian culture, and the five-month summer season is the only time of the year that your sailing crew can take to the water and make money. Therefore, if you’re happy with the service the crew provides, feel free to contribute a small tip (around €10 tip for each of the local crew members) in order to show your appreciation for their hard work.



# TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

## TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

## ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

## CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

## BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

## MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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# PASSENGER SAFETY

## NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, 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

details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck 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.

## **RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS**

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

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

## **DRUG USE**

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers 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. 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 could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn'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 again.

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 of 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 (trust us).

## **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 holiday AND have 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 hotel 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!



# OTHER INFORMATION

## FINANCES

## 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.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit [www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance](http://www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance).

## 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 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.

**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.

## TRANSPORT

### TOILETS

While on board the boat, we request that you do not flush anything 'inorganic' down the toilet other than paper. It only

takes one small unflushable item to block the system and create an unpleasant environment for everyone on board!

Unflushable items include, but are not limited to, the following: paper towels, baby wipes/wet wipes, cotton balls and feminine products. Long story short, if it's not toilet paper, then it shouldn't go down the toilet!

### **BOAT SHOWERS**

Every boat has hot water available, so you can rest assured that you'll be able to freshen up with a nice hot shower after spending your day swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic. Hot water supplies on board are limited, so please use it sparingly when washing and showering to ensure there's plenty to go around for everyone.

### **POWER**

Standard European two-prong plugs are used (CEE7/16).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be electricity when the engine is running so this is the best time to charge your electronic devices! A generator may be available overnight but this is not guaranteed.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

The golden rule is to travel as light as you can, only bring what you really need and leave plenty of space for things you might want to buy. Your cabin will be far more pleasant without large suitcases taking up precious space!

The following is a suggested clothing list only:

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 1 sweaters/jumpers
- + Swimming costume
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Towel (you will be provided with a towel for showering, but not for swimming)
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin, sea sickness tablets etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug

**PLEASE NOTE:** some religious sites (such as cathedrals and mosques) require clothing that covers the knees, chest and shoulders.



**THAT'S IT!**