



## TOPDECKER, meet Australasia (TD)

Is this boat for me? LOCAL. TRADITIONAL. ADVENTUROUS.

Toma is THE Croatian sailing boat to live out all your Pirates of the Caribbean fantasies (minus Johnny Depp). Named after the original captain's grandfather, this noble aquatic steed features traditional wooden hulls, cosy bunk beds, common areas to share good times with the gang, relax-y sundeck and private bar for all your bevies. Air-con? Oh yeah, Toma has that. And that's just the boat! Get amongst the friendly local vibes as soon as you step aboard thanks to our fun and experienced crew. Don't worry about the essentials - they're covered. We're talking included breakfast and lunches prepped by your own on-board chef. Floaties for all those bluer-than-blue swim stops. Plus, your expert Topdeck rep to cover all the logistics. An epic aquatic adventure never looked better.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sailing



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## WORTH NOTING...

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) tip 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.

# 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)
- Orientation tour of Korcula Old Town

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA TO MLJET

Forget the hype of Game of Thrones, Croatia is so much more than taking the walk of shame down some steps. Ready to uncover the REAL Croatia? Meet your awesome AF crew and trip mates in Dubrovnik – then we'll away anchors and motor to our first swim stop. After lunch, 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 BBQ dinner aboard the boat to get stuck into.



### MEALS:

- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- BBQ dinner aboard the boat: from HRK 11
- Visit Mljet National Park: from HRK 115-130

## DAY 2 | 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 scenery is going to blow. your. mind. Then, this afternoon is totally up to you. Take a stroll along the pretty promenade. Unleash your inner thrill-seeker with a side of adrenaline-pumping water sports. 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 r 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 3 | MAKARSKA TO SPLIT

Shake off last night's antics at another deliciously refreshing swim stop before we pull into Split later. 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, go on the hunt for some fresh seafood – you won't be disappointed with the choice here.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Walking tour of Split: from HRK 80

## DAY 4 | SPLIT TO HVAR

What's your plan of action this morning? Swim? Sunbath? Stuff (your face)? Siesta? It's up to you. 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:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Hvar Fortress (entrance not included)

## DAY 5 | 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 6 | KORCULA TO SIPAN

Another morning spent horizontal on a sun-soaked deck or diving head-first into translucent aquamarine water. There's no better way to forget the daily routine than this. This afternoon, we hit the sleepy town of Šipan. Take the afternoon to wander the quaint cobblestoned streets, visit the 11th century church, and soak up all those relaxed Croatian vibes. Before you head back to the boat for an optional Captain's dinner, we recommend sampling a glass of the town's famous Dingac wine. Then make room in your rucksack for a bottle – you're going to want to relive this moment back at home. Trust us.



### MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Captain's dinner aboard the boat: from HRK 150

## DAY 7 | SIPAN TO DUBROVNIK

Ok, nobody panic – this is our last full day together. So, when we pull into the most famous walled city in Europe, get ready to hit the ground running. 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 head to Buža Bar for some relaxed cliffside bevies. Then tonight: gather the gang for one last night out together and give this epic trip the send-off it deserves.



### 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 8 | DUBROVNIK

Shake the salt from your hair and wipe the tears from your eyes – after breakfast, it's time to say goodbye. But who said the adventure has to end here? Get on Skyscanner and book the cheapest flight to Budapest. This is your chance.



### 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.



# 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

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.

## 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.

## FINANCES

## 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.



**THAT'S IT!**