

# Topdeck

## SAIL & SWIM: CROATIA



TRIP CODE:  
TCNSS3

## TOPDECKER, meet Europe (TD)

TRIP VIBE = fun in the sun with refreshing swim stops, jaw-dropping scenery and time to hang with your crew. Gather round, me hearties. We've a secret to share. Want to know the best way to discover Croatia's incred coastline, ancient towns and B-E-A-U-T cities? It's this. Eight days aboard one of our pirate-style sailing boats: Moja Maja or Toma. Expect cosy cabins and a super-chill sundeck. Included breakfasts and lunches prepped by your own on-board chef. Floaties for all those bluer-than-blue swim stops. And an expert Topdeck rep to help you experience the REAL Croatia. Get on board.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Sail & Swim



Nights



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This is a sector  
trip.

# 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 walk of Korcula Old Town with Trip Leader
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with local guide

### MORE INCLUSIONS

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## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Split  
Croatia

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Split  
Croatia

## TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Croatia -

# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1 | SPLIT (CROATIA) – HVAR (DALMATIAN ISLANDS)

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, stew and sauce-drenched pasta your speedos can handle? We thought so. Meet your awesome AF new crew in Split, then we'll away anchors and motor to our first swim stop. Next: grub's up – time to test how stretchy those swimmers really are with our first group lunch. And later, we'll go for a stroll up to the fortress for some I-N-C-R-E-D-I-B-L-E views. Tonight, there's an optional BBQ dinner aboard the boat. Dig in, mateys.



### MEALS:

+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Hvar Fortress (entrance not included)



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ BBQ dinner aboard the boat:  
from 110 HRK

## DAY 2 | HVAR – KORCULA

Rise and shine sailors! Or sleep in – you do you. This morning is all about refreshing swim stops and embarrassing belly flops (soz, we mean world-class diving), plus 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 cobblestone 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. This baby is slow-cooked in hot coals for 6 hours so make sure you pre-order!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Orientation walk of Korcula  
Old Town with Trip Leader

## DAY 3 | KORCULA – DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

What's your plan of action this morning? Swim? Sunbathe? Stuff (your face)? It's the perfect opportunity to peel open that new pack of playing cards – Go Fish, anyone? This afternoon, we'll dock at the most famous walled city in Europe. Thanks Game of Thrones. Take a moment to regret that big lunch as we squeeze through Dubrovnik's narrow cobblestone streets with a local guide. And later? Head to Buza Bar for relaxed cliffside bevies. Or party like it's 1599 at the world-renowned nightclub inside a 16th-century fortress. Damn, the olden days were wild.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Dubrovnik  
with local guide

## DAY 4 | DUBROVNIK

Don't be fooled. Dubrovnik is so much more than snapping a selfie on some steps. Though you can totally get your fill of GOT with a Cersei-themed tour today, if that's your thing. 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 where there's #nofilter required. Then tonight: hit the d-floor for round two. Or find a local wine bar to sample Croatia's tasty grape-juice. DE-lish.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the ancient City Walls of Dubrovnik: from 270 HRK

## DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK – MLJET (DALMATIAN ISLANDS)

Shake off last night's antics with another scenic AF 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. Or jump in a kayak and go for a paddle. Tonight, there's an optional Captain's dinner aboard the boat to get stuck into. All in favour? Aye, aye!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Mljet National Park: from 115 HRK
- + Captain's dinner aboard the boat: from 170 HRK

## DAY 6 | MLJET – MAKARSKA (CROATIA)

Land ahoy! 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 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 rep for some dinner recommendations – the seafood here is ridiculously good. Tonight, prepare to party pirate-style at Deep (think: cave club).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch

## DAY 7 | MAKARSKA – SPLIT

Ok, nobody panic – this is our last day together. So make every second count. Savour one last swim stop before we pull into Split this afternoon. Ready to roam like a Roman and discover a few thousand years of history? Opt in for a 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 immense 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 with local guide: from 80 HRK

## DAY 8 | SPLIT

After breakfast, it's time to walk the plank. Jk – but seriously, you do have to bid farewell to your fellow shipmates \*sob\*. Swap those Insta handles – you'll need them to plan next year's reunion trip. Who said the adventure has to end here? Slovenia and Montenegro are only a stone's throw away...



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## TIPPING

### NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

## 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**

## **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.

## 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!)

Heading on our Namaste India trip? Your luggage is capped at 15kg, so maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

- + 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 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



**THAT'S IT!**