

Modern Sailing Global Destinations is Proud to Present



SAIL CROATIA

Leg 1: September 9 to September 19, 2023 (10 nights)

Leg 2: September 20 to September 30, 2023 (10 nights)

\$7200 Double Cabin (\$7920 after 15 April)

\$6500 Single Cabin (\$7150 after 15 April)

Bareboat: \$15,600 (\$17,160 after 15 April)



Modern Sailing School and Club



Sail Croatia

By popular demand, Modern Sailing Global Destinations returns to enchanting, picturesque Croatia for two 10-night legs among the beautiful Dalmatian Islands. Join us as we explore and learn why this the one of Europe's most spectacular sailing areas. In Croatia, Nautical Tourism is a top government priority so facilities are abundant and modern. Croatia is now part of the EU, recently accepted as a Schengen member.

Fly into either Split (Leg 1) or Dubrovnik (Leg) Board at Trogir or Dubrovnik's Frapa Marina. From base, we'll set sail for the Dalmatian Islands. On layover day, explore the local culture and flavors of Korcula or Hvar with day tours of the local sites, wineries and markets. Sailing over the blue waters of the Adriatic Sea, we'll visit islands steeped in Mediterranean history. frequented by Etruscans, Greeks and Romans.

Septembers in the Croatia coast are ideal to avoid the August crowds and still enjoy the tail end of the summer sun. These islands offer a rich mix of culture and history. Discover why Croatia is a favorite for sailors in Europe and around the world.

For additional information about the Croatia, we strongly recommend research using Lonely Planet or Trip Advisor. Your trip will be much enriched by studying the area and its history



THE BOAT—Lagoon 46 Catamaran



Length overall 13.99m / 45'11"

Hull beam 7.96m. / 26'10"

Draft 1.35 m / 4'5"

Fuel capacity 1040 l / 274 US gal

Water capacity 600 l / 160 US gal

Engines Yanmar (2) 45 HP



The Boat

- Easy to sail. Self-tacking jib
- Contiguous cockpit and main salon
- 6'4" headroom in galley and salon
- 4 cabins with hanging lockers and storage; each with en-suite head
- European AC power outlets and USB charging outlets in each cabin.
- LED lighting throughout
- Outdoor shower on transom swim step
- Raymarine Instruments: TriData (wind, speed, depth), VHF, autopilot, chartplotter at helm

Sleeping Accommodations

- Wall-mounted fans
- Hanging locker, shelves and storage
- LED Reading Lamps and LED lighting
- Ample Head Room
- Bed linens and pillows included



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

You are responsible for booking your own airfare and transit to/from marina. Air fare will likely be about \$1200 to \$1500 per person. If you would like to use a travel agent to book your flights, we suggest Bob Entwisle at E&E Travel, (415) 819-5665, or email bobetravels@gmail.com. If you plan on arriving early, there are hotels in Split, Trogir and Dubrovnik.

WHAT TO BRING

Luggage

We suggest traveling light. Your gear should fit in a medium duffel bag and small carry-on bag. Your carry-on should be less than 15 pounds – we recommend using a dry bag or backpack. Both bags should be collapsible for easy storage on the boat in a small space. Please do not bring bags with hard frames or rolling wheels as they are difficult to stow.

Gear

We have found that people often only use about half of what they bring. A great way to bring only what you use is to lay all your items out and reduce it by 50%. Lay them out again and then reduce again. Gear weight depends on weather conditions of course, but lightweight clothing that is layered and wicks well to dry fast is essential. Avoid cotton. Your total gear weight should be less than 55lbs including carry-on.

Sun conditions can be very different than in San Francisco Bay. You should consider lightweight clothes that cover exposed areas without adding bulk or weight. There are a variety of lightweight pants/slacks and shirts/blouses that are UV-protected. Sunscreen and hats are essential.

Note If you require sleep apnea equipment you will need a battery pack.

Suggested Packing List

<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Non-Clothing</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick-dry T-shirts, sun shirt• Shorts w/zipper pocket• Swim suits• Sweater or fleece jacket• Deck shoes, water shoes, reef shoes, or sandals (they will get wet)• Hiking shoes for exploring ashore• Long-sleeved shirt for snorkeling• Rain gear for boat & ashore• Sailing gloves• Extra towel (microfiber quick dry)• Long pants• One 'casual nice' outfit for evenings ashore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport (with copy)• Vaccine card (paper version)• Two Covid test kits• Cash• Sunscreen• Insect repellent• Sunglasses (2 pairs)• Camera or smart phone• Medications with prescriptions• Special dietary items• Flashlight/Batteries• Dry bag, backpack & Ziplok bags• Seasick medicine• Salt water soap/shampoo• Chargers for Electronics• European & 12 volt adapters

What Not to Bring

Different states and countries have different travel rules, regulations, and considerations. If you have specific questions about an item, ask us. Some general items you should **not** bring are illegal drugs, weapons, hair dryers, expensive jewelry, pets, rigid suitcases, surfboards (it has happened), fireworks and dive tanks.

NOTE: Marijuana products are illegal in Croatia.

Linens, towels, and pillows are provided on the boat.

Considerations

There are lifejackets on board the boat, however, you are more than welcome to bring your own. Inflatable PFD can be problematic at TSA checkpoints.

The charter base will have a variety of snorkel gear and equipment to choose from. These items are included in the cost of the trip. You are more than welcome to bring your own. Keep in mind that these items tend to be bulky and heavy. A reasonable compromise may be to bring your own mask and snorkel and use the fins provided on board.

WEATHER

More than 2.500 hours of sunshine per year rank Croatia as one of the sunniest regions in the Mediterranean. September is the best time to visit. Crowds are diminished and weather is very pleasant, characterized by temperatures in the 70s°F to lows in 60s°F, some chance of rain begins in late September. Nights begin to cool but water is still 'summer' warm.

September days are mostly clear and warm. Relative humidity typically ranges from 65% (mildly humid) to 75% (humid). Temperatures away from the water can climb into the 90's. Average sea water temperature in the 70s. Visibility is 5-6 miles.

WIND and TIDE CONDITIONS

Winds along Dalmatian Islands is milder than further north. Predominantly NW it can also come in from SE. The bora and the jugo are the dominant winds. The famous bora is a dry cold, north-easterly wind that cleans and freshens the summer air, and blows hard in the winter. The jugo (sirocco) is a southerly, humid wind that flows from the sea and freshens the southern coast. The maestral is a landward-blowing wind which gives pleasant sailing along the Istrian coast in the north, especially in the summer, but gathers force as it sweeps down to Dalmatia. The bura is a heavy catabatic wind off the mountains. It blows from north, northeast wind and can be extremely strong in the winter months. Nevera, a strong summer westerly wind, brings bad weather. It whips up the sea very suddenly, usually accompanied by thunder and then quickly dies down. It is most common in the Northern Adriatic.

Weather forecasts are broadcast on VHF Channel 21 and 68.

Tidal range is 1 to 2 feet, with minimal current effect.

PROVISIONING AND GALLEY

Provisioning will be discussed at the Crew Pre-Planning meeting and initial menus will be made. Pre-provisioning for basics will be done in advance by Global Destinations. This includes the lion's share of breakfasts and lunches, galley supplies, and condiments. Dinners and additional meals are purchased along the way by crew members. Everyone contributes to a cash 'kitty' that pays for group expenses. The crew will complete final provisioning once they arrive at marina location. There will be opportunities to re-provision en-route at small stores and markets at various stops.

The crew will decide on how many meals they plan on eating ashore and provision accordingly. Costs of eating ashore can vary but breakfast, lunch, and snacks usually average between \$35 and \$60 per person per day.

Global Destinations recognizes that people have different experiences and tastes in personal beverages and alcohol. Each crew member is responsible for his own wine, beer or alcohol purchases.

Upon arrival, one or two crew members are assigned to stow the provisions. This does not mean they will have galley duty the whole trip, but it helps guide others in finding stowed items. Cooking and cleaning duties are shared equally.



Meal Planning, Special Dietary Needs and Health Issues

Each Skipper will work with the crew to select items for individual tastes on board. Pre-trip planning will include discussion of food preferences with a pre-provision plan drawn up for each boat. Please let us know if you have specific dietary needs or restrictions. We can plan ahead to accommodate you. If there are unique items you desire, you can bring them with you or you can purchase them during a trip to the market. Additionally, if you have any health issues, please inform us in advance so we can accommodate.

Breakfast

Breakfast will generally occur around 8:00 to 9:00 based on each day's schedule, group and individual desires. We have enjoyed full course breakfasts together as well as individual bread, jam and cheese, or granola, yogurt and fruit. As Croatia is a coffee culture, we'll step ashore at the quay for an espresso and fresh, Croatian savory pastry.



Lunches



Lunches are very casual with no set schedule. Sandwiches, veggie sticks, or local fare are among a variety of lunch options. Croatian tomatoes are world famous. Charcuterie (cheese, meat and bread), for example, is very popular. Lunch is often served under way. Conditions may dictate when it is prepared and what is served. If the schedule permits, we may stop at a nice anchorage to dinghy ashore to a konoba or a picnic on the beach.

Snacks

Snacks are always a very personal thing and whatever the crew desires. Sometimes they can be chips and salsa, or cheese and crackers. Fresh fruit and nuts are always good (and delicious) as they are easy snacks and help maintain energy.

Dinners

Dinners provide the most flexibility. We can choose to relax on board, cook and watch the sunset, or go ashore and sample the local culture and cuisine. Most quay or mooring stops have a one or more konobas. Croatia is famous for its food and wine.



Dinner Ashore



Croatian food is outstanding. Seafood, of course, is abundant in the islands. Do not miss a peka meal, cooked in a type of Croatian 'dutch oven.' We will, occasionally be Med-moored directly in front of a konoba. Shore meal costs will be the responsibility of each person. Most establishments are reluctant to split checks, so we'll divide checks by boat and sort out costs later. Be sure to bring cash with you as small family businesses are sometimes cash only. As the itinerary is finalized we will have better idea of how many meals will be on shore or aboard. Expect 3-4 dinners aboard.

Perishables

We will stock up on fresh goods to start the trip and we'll and we'll restock en-route at local markets.

Important Travel Considerations

Customs and Passports

Make sure your passport is up to date. Passports must be valid for 3 months beyond the date of departure and are required for American, Australian, English, and Canadian travelers. If your passport is due to expire within 6 months of your travel dates, we recommend that you renew it now. No visa is required for stays under 90 days for Australian, Canadian and US citizens, but you must have a return ticket in possession upon entering Croatia. Croatia allows EU nationals to enter the country with a valid national identity card (no passport or visa required). Make sure you purchase your plane tickets and have your travel papers lined up well in advance. Talk to us to make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.



Communication

Typical of sailing destinations, Internet service may be spotty in some locales. We will have basic WiFi on the boat with limited number of users. There are Internet cafes or wi-fi available in many ports. Phone calling plans are available from most major carriers and text messaging is fairly reliable. WhatsApp is an easy to make calls via internet to other WhatsApp users. Many travelers buy a cheap phone for use during the trip.

Bring a European adaptor for electronic plugs and also a 12-volt charger. The boats are equipped with AC when connected to shore power and will have a 12-volt adapter at the nav station and probably in cabins.

Transportation

On the islands, local taxis or private car/driver can be arranged. Bicycles and scooters are available for rental in some ports. Communicate with drivers in advance to ensure you understand the fees. Islands are not large so it is easy to navigate.

Money and Banking

As of 15 January 2023, Croatia uses the Euro. The kuna has been retired. Current Dollar/Euro exchange rate: \$1.00 = €0.92 There are cash exchange locations or kiosks in airports. ATM's can be found at marinas and towns. Most restaurants will prefer cash, and while they will usually accept credit cards there may be a service fee. Travelers checks can be difficult to exchange and are not recommended. Cash tips are appreciated.

Trip Insurance

Trip insurance is highly recommended in the event you have to cancel the trip. There are a variety of carriers that provide trip insurance and you should select one that fits your coverage level. Note, many insurance companies do not insure for Covid related issues. Some possible insurance carriers:

CSA Travel Insurance - csatravelprotection.com
Geico Insurance - geico.com/travel-insurance
Travelex Insurance Services -
travelexinsurance.com
Travel Guard Insurance (AIG) - travelguard.com

Allianz Global Assistance -
allianztravelinsurance.com
Travel Safe Insurance – travelsafe.com
Generali Global Assistance –
generalitravelinsurance.com

PROPOSED ITINERARY*

Two Legs, 10 Nights Each (9 September and 20 September departures)

Leg 1 Depart from Trogir

Leg 2 Depart from Dubrovnik

MSC/Global Destinations will host a shore-side lunch, near the marina, prior to boarding (location to be announced). We'll board the boat, load provisions and set out on our adventure.



**Itineraries are subject to change based on sea/weather conditions, marina/mooring availability.*

PROPOSED STOPS

Split and Trogir

You'll be glad you added time to explore. **Split**, the second largest city in Croatia. Walk Diocletian's Palace, the most famous cultural and tourist attraction of Split (think Game of Thrones). Although called a palace, it is more like a fortress surrounded by walls and towers. It was built in the 4th century by Roman Emperor Diocletian who wanted to



build a fortress to spend his retirement age. The construction of the palace was finished in 305 AC, and it lasted less than ten years. Today, the palace is part of UNESCO World Heritage and includes the old town of Split. People live and work in the palace today.



Trogir, nearby, is a small UNESCO town, is a charming destination, with its UNESCO protected Cathedral, Riva, old town's charming atmosphere and fortress Kamerlengo. Our marina is a short walk across the bridge.

Brač Island, Milna For years, Milna was known for its shipbuilding. Located on the west side of the island, this has been a favorite port to sailors for centuries. Milna is reputed as the most beautiful and the safest harbor of Brač. In the village you'll find a beautiful Baroque church with a typical Dalmatian bell tower. We'll tie up to a fully equipped ACI marina. On Leg 2, we'll moor in Uvala Lucice, nearby, where we'll swim before shore boat takes us to dinner.



Hvar Island There are two stops on this Island. Both legs moor in **Uvala Probinja**, a small inlet on northwest corner of Hvar Island. Take the shore boat to the konoba. Hvar Town and Stari Grad are a short taxi ride. **Leg 2 Layover is**

Jelsa, is a charming inlet facing east in central Hvar Island. From venture out to nearby Vrboska, Stari Grad, Hvar town or one of the many wineries on the historic Hvar Plain.



Korčula is a historic fortified town on the protected east coast of the island of **Korčula**. The old city is surrounded by walls, and the streets are arranged in a herringbone pattern allowing free circulation of air but protecting against strong winds. The town's historic sites include the central Gothic and Renaissance Cathedral of St Mark, the Town Hall and the massive city fortifications. A 15th-century Franciscan monastery with a beautiful cloister is situated on the islet of Badija, near Korčula Town. Considered a honeymoon destination this is our **Layover destination for Leg 1** and stop on Leg 2. Explore the historical town or venture out to nearby **Lumbarda** for a wine tour.



PROPOSED STOPS



Vis Island A beautiful Central Dalmatian island located 45km from the mainland. The island is characterized by clear and beautiful sea, sandy and pebble beaches, as well as numerous coves. On Leg 1 we'll tie up to the quay at Kut, across the protected bay from Vis town on the north side of the island. There are numerous archeological remains in Vis, which tell the story about how the town came to life. You can see numerous ancient arts in Vis.

Lastovo Island Like the island of Vis, Lastovo was closed to foreigners under Yugoslavia as it was the site of army bases (now closed). It has only allowed visitors since 1988. For that reason, and also due to the slightly more difficult nature of getting there, the island has a very remote feel. Lastovo and neighboring Mljet are part of a National Park. We'll moor at Borovo or Skrivena— both protected bays on opposite ends of the island.



Mljet Island We'll tie up to the quay in Pomena, a small village as well as a harbor located at the west end of the Island. Take a short walk to the main entry point to the Mljet National Park—Malo Jezero (Small Lake). Explore restaurants and coffee bars, grocery and shops on the way to the park.

Okuklje is a beautiful, small bay on the northern shore of the Mljet island. It is a popular anchorage for sailors as a safe haven (in case of bad weather) on their way along the coast to/from Dubrovnik.

Facing Croatian Mainland, this relaxed seaside village offers good swimming spots to enjoy the clear waters. Hills around the bay are excellent hiking locations offering great views over the channel.



Dubrovnik Truly, the gem of the Adriatic. Put on your hiking shoes and explore some of the 5,423 public stairs. If you only do only one thing, you must walk the Dubrovnik Walls. There is no better way to experience Dubrovnik than to see it from the medieval walls.

Remember 'Game of

Thrones?' Dubrovnik is King's Landing. This city is one of the best Game of Thrones filming locations you can visit. Dominika Street is where Cersei made her walk of shame. Minceta Tower is used as the House of the Undying and this is where Daenerys recovers her stolen dragons.



NIGHT 10 Arrive marina 3:30 pm. Off boat following morning by 8:00.

For additional questions contact [Stephen Spoja](#) or [Modern Sailing](#).