

# Croatia Multisport Tour

*Peace and stability have made the splendors of Croatia available once more. Come and explore the water carved gorges of Krka National Park, bike pastoral landscapes dotted with medieval villages, swim and rappel through wild Cetina Canyon, kayak the legendary Dalmatian Coast and experience the world famous Mediterranean charm and seaside beauty of Split and Dubrovnik.*

Please note: This is our standard itinerary for 2012. The July 19, 2012 departure will vary in the order that the trip is run. It will start in Split and conclude in Dubrovnik. Please request the specific itinerary for this departure.

## **Day 1. Arrive in Split, Hotel Villa Zarko** (<http://www.villa-zarko.com/> + 385 (0)21 228-160 / + 385 (0)21 228-152 / private bath)

Welcome to Croatia! After clearing customs a tour representative meets us at Split airport for the transfer to our hotel.

This evening we gather for a welcome dinner with our tour leader and an orientation on our upcoming adventure. After dinner, we enjoy a taste of Split's vibrant nightlife with a drink in one of the many café-bars on the *Riva* (seaside promenade), *the* place to see and be seen in the city. (D only)

- Airport transfer 15 minutes

## **Day 2. Biking & Hiking, Krka National Park, Hotel Villa Zarko**

After breakfast we drive to Skradin, the ancient city of Scardona, to explore Krka National Park, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site whose heart is the Krka River's massive limestone gorges which drop over 700 feet in just 30 miles. This area is famous for its waterfalls, and Skradinski Falls is the most impressive of all with a 150 foot drop over 17 limestone steps. The surrounding forests are a mix of hornbeam, cypress, poplar, oak and willow where 200 bird species have been identified including golden eagles.

We begin our visit with a gentle bike ride to Skradinski Falls and then explore its shores along the river with opportunities to cool off in Krka's inviting pools. After a relaxing meal in Scardona, we return to Split via the scenic, seaside villages of Primosten and Rogoznica with time to explore these quaint towns with beautiful bays. (B,L)

- Split to Scardona 1 hour
- Bike up to 15 miles, rolling terrain, paved and dirt roads

## **Day 3. Biking Brac Island, Hotel Villa Zarko**

This morning we're off to the island of Brac, an island renowned for its marble and white stone. The White House in Washington DC was built using stone from this island. After a short ferry ride we arrive in Supetar. After a brief bike orientation, we bike uphill alternating between a tarred and gravel road to the church of St. Jure.

We are challenged by a few hills on our journey but are rewarded with a exhilarating downhill ride as we head down to the village of Skrip, the oldest settlement on the island, where numerous monuments attest to the presence of Illyrians, Romans and later Croatian settlers. We continue along a gravel road down to the coast and wind our way along to Lovrecina, a beautiful inlet with a long sandy beach, different from all the other pebble beaches on Brac. Here we stop for a swim and spend some time relaxing.

Once refreshed, we will wind our way along the gravel roads hugging the coast to Splitska where we will meet some of the local people and enjoy a traditional lunch.

From there it's back to Supetar and we return by ferry to Split. (B,L)

- Shuttle to ferry - 20 minutes
- Ferry to Supetar - 45 minutes
- Mountain biking 25 miles, hilly terrain, gravel and paved roads
- Shuttle from ferry to hotel - 20 minutes

## **Day 4. Korcula Island, Hotel Lumbarda** (<http://lumbardahotel.com/index.html> / +385 (0)20 712 700 / private bath)

This morning we depart Split via the scenic ferry to Korcula Island, the reputed birthplace of explorer Marco Polo and one of the most beautiful islands in the Adriatic. The Greeks originally named it Korkyra Melaina or "Black Corfu" for its dark, densely wooded appearance

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and it was a favorite holiday spot for the Greeks over 2,000 years ago.

We explore the island's main town, also named Korcula, a wonderful example of a medieval Dalmatian city with its protective wall, round defensive towers and clusters of red-roofed houses.

This evening, we enjoy a picturesque local beach and restaurant within a short walk from Hotel Lumbarda, our comfy accommodations for the evening. (B,D)

- Ferry to Korcula 3 hours
- Drive to Korcula town 1 hour

**Day 5. Tour of Dubrovnik, Hotel Perla**  
(<http://www.perla-dubrovnik.com> + 385 20 438 244 / private bath)

This morning we take the ferry back to the mainland and drive to Dubrovnik, the jewel of the Adriatic and the most beautiful and well preserved city in Croatia.

The old city of Dubrovnik has been immaculately restored and many of its buildings under special protection as part of a World Cultural Heritage site. We take a walking tour starting on the walls of the old city with spectacular views of the town and surrounding islands, then visit the cathedral, theatre and the glorious city itself.

Overnight in Dubrovnik. Evening is on your own to experience the Dubrovnik nightlife. (B,L)

- Ferry to mainland 15 minutes
- Drive to Dubrovnik 3.5 hours
- City tour 3 hours

**Day 6. Sea Kayaking, Hotel Perla**

After breakfast, we spend the day kayaking on the sparkling Adriatic amid the beauty of the Elafiti Islands, a string of islands stretching between Dubrovnik and the Peljesac Peninsula. Accompanied by qualified instructors, we begin with an exploration of the coves Lokrum Island then paddle on for a break on a hidden beach of Betina, where we can enjoy snorkeling. Enjoy the unique opportunity to experience Dubrovnik from the sea as we paddle around the city walls. Free evening in the city. (B, L)

- Drive to kayaking 30 minutes
- Sea Kayaking 4-7 hours

**Day 7. Rock climbing, Hotel Villa Dvor**  
(<http://www.hotel-villadvor.hr/> / + 385 (0)21 863 444 / private bath)

After an early breakfast, we drive to the beautiful seaside village of Omis and comfortable accommodations of the Hotel Villa

Dvor, the signature hotel property in Omis.

Connection of the mountains, sea and river is the main feature of the town of Omis with the rock climbing site on the edge of town. Various bolted climbing routes allow climbers of all abilities to experience the exhilaration of being on the rock. Our trained instructors will teach you how to climb safely and skillfully.

Tonight we celebrate at Radmanove Mlinice, a local restaurant specializing in traditional Croatian cuisine. (B,D)

- Drive to rock climbing site – 4 hours

**Day 8. Cetina Canyoning, Hotel Villa Dvor**

After a leisurely breakfast, we experience the secret sections of the Cetina Canyon for the new adventure sport of canyoning.

Canyoning combines hiking, climbing, rappelling and swimming and allows us to explore the canyon's waterfalls, rapids and subterranean tunnels in ways never before possible. It also involves some rock scrambling and short climbs on steel ladders. We are provided with wetsuits, helmets and life jackets and are accompanied by experienced guides. Closed-toe water shoes or footwear with good traction when wet are required. Bike gloves are highly recommended for hand protection. Though a bit challenging for some guests, canyoning is the highlight of the tour. (B,L)

- Canyoning 4 hours, hiking, climbing, swimming, rock scrambling, rappelling, short climbs on steel ladders. Water shoes or footwear with good traction when wet are required. Biking gloves are also recommended for additional protection.
- Drive to canyoning start 30 minutes

**Day 9. Tour of Split and Trogir, Hotel Pasike**  
(<http://www.hotelpasike.com/> +385 21 88 51 85 / private bath)

This morning we wind down from yesterday's excitement with a guided tour of Split, a center of Croatian culture and the second largest city in the country. We visit Salona, once the capitol of Roman Dalmatia and the birthplace of the emperor Diocletian, and then continue on to the center of town and Diocletian's Palace with its magnificent cathedral, bell tower and hulking Golden Gate entrance to the old city.

Outside the Golden Gate, be sure to make a wish as you pass the bronze toe of Grgur, a 10<sup>th</sup> century bishop. Local legend says you have to touch his toe each time you pass, if you want good luck and to make your wish come true.

After our tour, we have the afternoon to ourselves to shop in colorful markets, stroll

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under the palms of the Riva or just relax at a local beach.

This evening, we visit the ancient city of Trogir with its 2300 year tradition influenced by the Greeks, Romans and Venetians. After checking in to our hotel, we enjoy a scrumptious dinner under the warm, summer night sky at one of the many local restaurants. (B,D)

- Split City tour 1,5 hours
- Shuttle to Trogir 20 minutes

Depending on the international flight time, we may have some time for last minute shopping and to absorb the sights and sounds of the wonderful city of Trogir one last time before transferring to the airport for our flights home. (B only)

- Airport transfer 30 minutes

**Note:** All drive and activity times are approximate.

## **Day 10. Trip Conclusion**

### **Trip Details**

**Trip Type:** Inn

**Trip Length:** 10 days/ 9 nights

**2012 Departure Dates:** May 17-26, June 14-23, June 20-29, July 19-28, August 16-25, September 6-15

**Price:** \$2898 per person double occupancy (\$600 per person extra to confirm with group of 2 or 3)

**Single Supplement:** \$350

**Group Size:** Minimum 2 – Maximum 16

**Trip Rating:** Moderate

**Gateway City:** Split, Croatia

**Meeting Time & Place:** Day 1 (by air or ferry)

#### **By Air:**

On arrival at Split airport. After you clear customs you will be met by a representative of our local tour company with a sign with your name(s) and transferred to your hotel. You will be responsible for lunch or snacks to hold you over until dinner.

Please notify us 60 days prior to departure of your flight arrival and departure times. Airport transfers on the first and last days of the tour are included in trip price. Airport transfers on other days can be arranged for an additional charge.

Some airline suggestions for flying directly into Split from major European cities:

[Easy Jet](#) flies directly to Split from London, Milan, Bristol and Geneva

[German Wings](#) flies directly to Split from Edinburgh, London, Barcelona, Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Copenhagen, Dortmund, Dresden, Hamburg, Leipzig, Marseille, Munich, Stuttgart, Vienna, Zurich

[Wizzair](#) flies directly to Zagreb from London. An additional flight from Zagreb to Split would be needed.

#### **By Ferry:**

On arrival at the Ferry station (6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.). After you clear customs you will be met by a representative of our local tour company with a sign with your name(s) and transferred to your hotel. You will be responsible for lunch or snacks to hold you over until dinner.

[Jadrolinija Ferries](#) depart from Ancona, Italy in peak season every day at 9:00 p.m. arriving in Split at 7:00 a.m. In low season, it runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The ferry departs from Split at 9:00 p.m. arriving in Ancona at 7:00 a.m. In peak season they run every day, and in low season they run every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Prices range from 40 euro per person for deck space only in low season to 173 euro per person for a deluxe outside cabin with full bathroom, TV mini bar in peak season. 20% discount on return ticket.

[Blue Line Ferries](#) depart from Ancona, Italy every day at 8:30 p.m. arriving in Split at 6:30 a.m. The return trip departs Split at 8:30 p.m. arriving in Ancona at 6:30 a.m. Prices range from 86 euro for a deck space, return ticket, in low season to 248 euro for a return ticket in VIP cabin in peak season.

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**Trip Conclusion:** Day 10 with transfer to Split airport. Please schedule departing flights no earlier than 1:00pm. Airport transfers on the first and last days of the tour are included in trip price.

**Trip Fees Include:** Double occupancy lodging, tour transport, airport transfers the first and last day of the tour, ferry rides, meals as indicated in the above itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), bilingual guide, driver, all activities listed in the itinerary including necessary equipment, park fees, and a The World Outdoors t-shirt.

**Trip Fees Exclude:** Airfare, airport departure taxes (approximately \$26 US per person), airport transfers other than on the first and last day of the tour, items of strictly a personal nature, meals as indicated in the above itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), beverages, extras in hotels, and guide gratuities (as deemed appropriate), any additional cost incurred as a result of bad weather, delayed flights, and other elements beyond our control.

**Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary above describes the intended accommodations, activities and route for our tour but the actual itinerary may vary. Changes in lodging availability, road conditions, weather, regulations and other considerations can all affect our tour and we reserve the right to make changes as needed.

### **The Next Step...**

**References** Don't take our word for it that The World Outdoors trips are the finest in the adventure travel industry. Ask our past guests. *Call about any of our trips and we'll be happy to refer you to someone who's been there with us.*

**The Best Value in Active Travel Guarantee:** *We commit to you that all of our trips are of the highest quality at the best value.* If you find a trip of equal quality that matches our itinerary and inclusions at a lower fare within 30 days of booking your trip with us, we will gladly refund the difference. A simple guarantee that assures you of the best trip at the best fare!

**How do I join this trip?** Call The World Outdoors at (800) 488-8483 and a Trip Consultant will reserve your space(s) or register online at [www.TheWorldOutdoors.com](http://www.TheWorldOutdoors.com). Your travel agent can also book your trip at no extra cost and provide other helpful assistance.

**Special Requests:** If you have any special dietary needs or any special request that will make your trip more enjoyable, please be sure to notify your Trip Consultant or travel agent upon booking.

**Then Leave the Rest to Us...** Before you go, we provide you with extensive pre-departure information, including your reservation payment receipt and confirmation, travel insurance application, suggestions for preparing for your trip, a packing list, information on pre- and post-trip arrangements, a guest questionnaire and a liability release agreement.

**Travel Protection:** To make your trip with The World Outdoors even more carefree, we strongly recommend the purchase of our travel insurance plan. Offering comprehensive coverage and peace of mind, our travel insurance plan is designed to protect you in case of lost or damaged luggage, a sudden illness or death in the family, emergency medical expenses and transportation costs, and flight delays. We'd be happy to arrange travel insurance coverage for you, so contact us at (800) 488-8483 with any questions.

**How do I book airfare for this trip?** Call our in-house travel agent, Sherry Marriner, at 800-488-8483 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time Monday through Friday or you can email her at [sherrym@theworldoutdoors.com](mailto:sherrym@theworldoutdoors.com). Sherry is also available to assist you with pre- and post-lodging needs. If Sherry is unavailable and your needs are urgent, please call Frosch Travel, a local travel agency, at 800-538-7461 and ask for Georgia (ext 251) or email her at [Georgia.Terry@frosch.com](mailto:Georgia.Terry@frosch.com). Be sure to tell her you are traveling with The World Outdoors. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your airfare online, directly with the airline or through your personal travel agent.

### **General Information, Questions & Answers**

**What weather conditions can I expect?** May through the end June is warm, highs in the 70s and 80s, and spring showers are common. From the end of June to the end August it is hot and dry, especially along the coast with highs in the 90s, but days cool off wonderfully at night. September is warm and dry, highs in the 70s and 80s with occasional windy days. In the mountains expect highs about 10-15 degrees lower than the coast with a greater chance of rain.

**How difficult is this trip...really?** No experience is required for any activity, but this is an active trip. This tour is more challenging than our easy tours and is intended for healthy, reasonably fit adults comfortable being active outdoors 4-6 hours a day.

**Tour Operator:** The World Outdoors operates this adventure through a Croatian tour operator. All tours will include a

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driver and a bilingual guide specializing in regional biology, history and geology.

What are the accommodations like? Clean, comfortable 3-4 star hotels with private bathrooms. Exact lodging for each tour is based on availability and group size. We'll be happy to provide specific accommodation information approximately 30 days before departure.

What about the meal and drinks not included in the tour price? All beverages – water, soda, coffee/tea, wine, beer, etc. - and some meals are not included in the price of the tour. Budget between \$100 - \$125 per person for these expenses.

Visa and Passport Information: A passport with an expiration date that is at least 90 days after your arrival date is required for travel to Croatia. No other visas or shots are required. Check-in for international flights is usually three hours before departure. Valuable items such as camera equipment or binoculars and essentials such as prescription medications should always be hand carried on all flights to avoid loss or damage. Checked luggage should be locked and properly labeled.

Emergency Contact Information: Our office in Boulder, Colorado is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time 1-800-488-8483. For emergencies outside of our normal business hours call Bill Marriner at 720-289-0460, Sherry Marriner at 303-915-9660, Darcie Carr at 303-595-8561 or Eric Wagner at 303-324-7795.

*In Croatia:* Ivan at 098 177 9648 or Debbie at 099 686 8327. From the U.S. dial 011- 385 plus the number and drop the first 0.

We're Always Improving! While the information presented here details this trip's planned activities, routes, accommodations, departure and conclusion times, we are consistently seeking new opportunities to enhance this itinerary and your experience. Our actual activities and sites may vary due to season, special events, or weather. As a result, we reserve the right to alter the itinerary since unforeseen circumstances that mandate change may arise. Naturally, we will keep you up-to-date on any changes that may affect your arrival or departure times.

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