



Croatia Flotilla, September 2014

Once again, we have another wonderful and adventure-filled flotilla planned. This two week cruise along the Croatian coastline will cover approximately 300nm as we take in the gorgeous scenery and explore beautiful bays, islands and drop anchor in towns with an unmistakably Mediterranean character. This will surely be an unforgettable and action packed sailing adventure of a lifetime - not to be missed. We hope to have you aboard as we set sail in Croatia this September!

Agenda

Date	Location
Sept 19	Ottawa departure
Sept 20	Arrive in Split, transfers to Agana (spend the night at base on boats)
Sept 21	Boat checkout, provisioning, & departure
Sept 22 - Oct 2	Exploring the Dalmation Coast
Oct 3	Final night back at Sunsail base
Oct 4	Ottawa return

The Plan

Sept 19:

Departure from Ottawa for an overnight flight into Split, Croatia.

Sept 20:

Arrival in Split. Transfers will be provided from the airport in Split to the Sunsail base in *Agana*. The first night will be spent aboard the boats in *Marina Agana* (www.marina-agana.hr) and getting ready for departure the next day. We'll enjoy a delicious dinner the first night in the marina complex or in town.

Sept 21:

Boat check-outs, provisioning for trip and our departure from the Sunsail base.

Sept 22 to Oct 2:

Our cruising playground will range northward to the southern tip of *Dugi Otok* and southward to the islands of *Vis* and *Hvar*.

There will be a side trip into the Krka Estuary and National Park (www.npkrka.hr) to visit the beautiful Krka Waterfalls, during our stop at *Skradin*. Explore and sail

through the Kornati Archipelago and National Park (www.kornati.hr) which is the most concentrated group of islands in the Mediterranean consisting of 152 islands, islets and rocks. As we travel up and down the coast we will be able to enjoy a mix of anchoring under the stars in secluded bays, the comforts and facilities of full service government owned marinas (www.aci-club.hr) or mooring off the town sea wall.

Oct 3:

Allowing for an easy morning, we will make our final passage back to *Marina Agana*. Skippers will need to complete their 'end of charter' paperwork as we start packing up. We will celebrate the end of the trip at a nearby restaurant and sleep aboard Friday night.

Oct 4:

Disembarkation and farewell at 9:00 am. Bus ride back to the Split airport for our flight back to Canada. Our time has come to a close on another awesome flotilla adventure.

The Yachts

The flotilla will feature Jeanneau Odyssey yachts.

# Available	Boat Type	Cabins / Heads	# of Crew
6 - 7 boats	Jeanneau 41 or 47	3/2 or 4/4	5 - 7 crew

The yachts feature GPS, CD stereo, bimini, dodger, autopilot and motorized inflatable. Furling headsails and jiffy-slab reefing mainsails are standard. All yachts meet the safety standards required by Croatian maritime law. Life jackets, basic first-aid kits and all the standard safety equipment for sailboats are all part of the inventory.

Skipper and a First Mate are required to fill out resumes for the charter company.



Life Aboard

You have the choice of putting your own full crew together consisting of 5 – 6 people or join us by the cabin either as couple(s) or single(s). Get ready for a relaxing sailing holiday as we explore the attractive and diverse coastal landscape that is Croatia. You also need to be prepared to pitch in with all the duties that occur with a hands-on sailing adventure including assisting with provisioning, meal preparation, clean-up, navigation and sailing the boat. It is necessary to be respectful of fellow crew mates.

Breakfast and lunches for most days are eaten aboard while dinners are planned ashore in the unique local restaurants. There will be a few dinners planned aboard under the stars. Locations to provision are available along the way to help re-stock fresh items.

Meals aboard, drinks, fuel and water tank re-fills are best handled through a boat kitty and a budget per person will be provided.



Winds and Sea State



The Adriatic sea is generally calm. However, strong northerly (Bora) or southerly (Siricca) winds may occur during Septmeber. The Adriatic islands are ideal for yachtsmen with lots of places nearby to find shelter should the weather turn bad or a strong wind pick up. Average summer sea temperatures range between 22°C and 25°C. The tidal range is generally so small as to be insignificant. Sea levels are more susceptible to weather (air pressure) than tides. Currents have little impact on navigational safety, averaging 0.5 knots. However, they can raise up to 4 knots in narrow channels or near river estuaries.

All of this is part of the challenge for charter sailing but not a problem for the larger yachts we select for our flotilla. As with all sailing holidays, weather conditions need to be taken into consideration and the proposed itinerary may have to be altered.

Marine Life

Dolphins sometimes swim at the bow while we sail. Hawksbill and Loggerhead turtles swim and sun themselves. Snorkelers may see octopus, crabs, scorpion fish and many other colorful fish. The beaches tend to be pebbly beaches. Sea urchins are fairly common. Fortunately given the clarity of the water you can usually spot them. It is advisable to wear plastic sandals when swimming from the beaches.



Pricing

Boat

Boat - \$2,325.00 CDN per person based on double occupancy

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A deposit of \$1000 per person is required upon booking. Deposit is non-refundable. Balance due June 30, 2014.

Cheque, cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted through Advantage Boating.

Flotilla Cancellation Policy

- \$750 penalty for cancellation up to 80 days prior to departure date
- 75% penalty of holiday cost for cancellation 60 days prior to departure date
- 100% penalty for cancellation within 45 days of departure date

Flights/Transfers and Insurance

\$1,700.00 per person is an approximate cost which includes return flight from Ottawa and transfers to marina base. We will be able to offer assistance with booking flight options as we work with our long time travel partners at Travel Away Inc.

Optional – Trip Cancellation & Health Insurance packages are available. Package options and pricing will be available upon request.

Others

Other fees - any side trips, meals ashore, boat provisioning, boat fuel and water tank re-fills are not included in the above fees. Estimated budget for the trip is approximately \$5,700.00 CDN per person.

Passports

Passports are required and must not expire within 6 months of returning to Canada!

Liability Waiver and Insurance

As a result of the adventurous nature of this type of holiday all guests participating in our flotilla will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to departure on the cruise. Guests are advised to get medical, cancellation and property insurance for peace of mind while cruising. The yachts are all fully insured for damage but guests are not covered under these policies.

To Reserve

For further questions, information or to reserve your spot...

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CROATIA FLOTILLA APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Cabin Mate: _____

(If you are booking flights through us, use your first and last name as they appear on your passport)

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Numbers: _____ Phone Numbers (Cabin Mate): _____

(Home) _____ (Home) _____

(Cell) _____ (Cell) _____

(Work) _____ (Work) _____

Emails: _____ Emails (Cabin Mate): _____

(Email1) _____ (Email1) _____

(Email2) _____ (Email2) _____

BOAT: payable through Advantage Boating

\$2,325 CDN per person. Single Supplement \$550

Cheque VISA MasterCard Cash

Credit Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

FLIGHT: payable through Travel Away Inc. All major credit cards accepted.

VISA MasterCard American Express

Credit Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

TRIP & HEALTH INSURANCE: Optional but strongly recommended and may be booked at a later date, usually around the time of booking flights.

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) _____

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Signature

Date

Sailing Experience

Have you sailed before? (Circle one) YES NO

If yes,

- a) Confidence level (Circle one) STRONG MEDIUM WEAK
- b) BIG BOAT or SMALL BOAT or BOTH
- c) As SKIPPER or CREW or BOTH
- d) Have you owned a boat? YES NO

If yes, make/model type? _____

Do you hold CYA certification? CRUISE POWER SAIL NONE

If yes, which level? _____

Do you hold Power Squadron certification? NO YES

If yes, which level?: _____

Have you ever chartered a boat before? NO YES

If yes, what company?: _____

What size of vessel?: _____

Charter location?: _____

Other sailing/racing experience?

Do you have any related experiences you feel we should know about? i.e.
Navigation/Navy/Pilot
