

# Croatia Flotilla, September 2018



Croatia has the most stunning and sunniest coastlines in Europe with more than 1200 islands off this part of the Adriatic coast. Starting in Trogir, we will head north to explore the Kornati and Krka national parks with their waterfalls, lively ports exuding unmistakably Mediterranean character, uninhabited islands and protected coves. You can expect superb sailing as we visit UNESCO heritage towns, snorkel in pristine waters and enjoy delicious European cuisine. Our final destination will end in the historical medieval of Dubrovnik. Be town prepared for an unforgettable sailing adventure. Join us in Croatia

this September!

# <u>Agenda</u>

| Date         | Location   |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Sept 15      | Arrival in Trogir @ Marina Baotić (~10' taxi ride from Split), board charter boats |  |
| Sept 16      | Boat Checkout, provisioning & departure by early afternoon                         |  |
| Sept 17 - 27 | Exploring the Dalmatian Coast  |  |
| Sept 28      | Arrive in Dubrovnik (ACI Marina Dubrovnik), final night on boat                    |  |
| Sept 29      | Departure from boat  |  |

# The Plan

#### Sept 15:

Arrival at DYC base in Seget Donji (a UNESCO cultural heritage town). The first night will be spent aboard the boats in Marina Baotić and getting ready for departure the next day.

#### Sept 16:

Provisioning, boat check out & chart briefings with a marina departure by early afternoon as we sail off towards our first anchorage.

## Sept 16-27:

Our cruising playground will range northward to the Kornati Archipelago and southward to Dubrovnik. We plan to visit the beautiful Krka waterfalls at the Krka Estuary and National Park (<u>www.np-krka.hr/en</u>) while anchored at Skradin. We will explore and sail through the Kornati Archipelago and National Park (<u>www.np-kornati.hr/en</u>) famous for being the most concentrated group of islands in the Mediterranean consisting of 89 unforgettable islands, islets and reefs. Travelling 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 (ACI) and mooring off the sea walls of historic towns.

#### Sept 28:

Allowing for an easy day, we will make our final passage south to the DYC base at the ACI Marina in Dubrovnik. Skippers will need to complete their 'end of charter' paperwork, boats will need to be refueled and we will start packing up. The evening will be spent celebrating in beautiful Dubrovnik at a nearby restaurant while enjoying our final night on the boat.

#### Sept 29:

Disembark boat by 10:00 AM, as we leave with unforgettable memories of another awesome flotilla adventure.

# The Yachts:

The flotilla will feature Beneteau, Jeanneau and Dufour yachts.

| # Boats | Cabins / Heads | # Crew |
|---------|----------------|--------|
| 5-6     | 3-5 / 2-4      | 6-10   |

The yachts feature GPS, bimini, dodger, autopilot and motorized inflatable dinghies. 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 co-skipper are required to fill out resumes for the charter company.



## Life Aboard:

You have the choice of putting your own full crew together or join us by the cabin either as a couple 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 handson sailing adventure including assisting with provisioning, meal preparation, cleaning-up, navigation and sailing the boat. Breakfast and lunches for most days are eaten aboard while most dinners are planned ashore in the unique local restaurants. A few dinners will be planned aboard under the stars. Locations to provision are available along the way to help re-stock fresh items. Meals, drinks, fuel and water tank re-fills are the



## responsibility of each boat. Winds and Sea State



The Adriatic Sea is generally calm. Occasionally, strong northerly (Bora) or southerly (Siricca) winds may occur. 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 increase to 3 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 have selected for our flotilla. Weather conditions will

need to be taken into consideration on a daily basis while keeping our itinerary under consideration with safety in mind.

## Marine Life

If you are lucky, you may encounter dolphins swimming alongside your bow as you sail. Hawksbill and Loggerhead turtles may also be seen. For the snorkelers, octopus, crabs, and many other colorful fish adorn the waters. Croatian beaches tend to be pebbly with beautiful clear water. To protect your feet, water shoes are recommended, as sea urchins are fairly common.



# Pricing:

#### <u>Boat</u>

- **\$1895.00 USD** per person based on double occupancy
- A deposit of 50% is due with your application and to reserve your spot
- Balance due July 1, 2018

#### Flotilla Cancellation Policy

- More than 90 days prior to departure: Full refund (less \$500 penalty)
- Between 90-76 days prior to departure: 25% of total boat fee refunded
- Less than 75 days prior to departure: NO REFUND

#### Insurance

- Cost of flotilla includes a damage waiver on each boat to reduce the deductible to between 600 & 800 USD (depending on the boat). Should there be damage to a boat, all the crew including skipper of the damaged boat are responsible for dividing the damage deductible equally.
- Advantage Boating encourages you to consider purchasing your own travel and health insurance.

#### Others

Croatian cruising taxes and park fees to 3 of the National parks we will be visiting are included in the price of the flotilla. Any side trips, mooring fees, meals ashore, boat provisioning, boat fuel, water tank re-fills, or other incidental fees are not included in the above fees.

#### Passports

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

#### **Liability Waiver and Insurance**

All guests participating in our flotilla will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to departure on the cruise. Flotilla participants are advised to get medical, cancellation and property insurance for

peace of mind while cruising. The yachts are all fully insured for damage but flotilla participants are not covered under these policies.