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Yacht charter costs explained

Flotilla or Overnight Mileage Builder (OMB)

A yacht will have the basic charter rate fee but like hiring a car, there are additional mandatory costs.

Refundable security deposit or damage waiver

All yachts require a security deposit (paid by the skipper of record of the boat) and a damage waiver payment (paid by Advantage Boating) to insure them while on charter. A refundable security deposit (paid by skipper of record) is authorized by credit card or left in cash upon arrival at the base. The amount (\$660 - \$780 USD) represents the maximum deductible and any damage to the yacht will be deducted up to the total amount authorised. A damage waiver is a non-refundable charge based on a daily amount. It is charged even if no damages occur to the yacht, however it offers piece of mind that even if the yacht incurs significant damage, you will only incur the cost up to the maximum of the security deposit. In the event there is a damage claim made against the boat (by the charter company), the security deposit will not be refunded, and the amount will be divided equally between each person onboard during the flotilla and made payable to the skipper of record for your boat.

End cleaning, starter pack and handling fees

These are one-time mandatory fees. The mandatory starter pack includes some basic supplies to get you started on your charter. These fees are included in your flotilla pricing.

Fuel

You will be given a yacht full of fuel and you will be expected to refuel upon arrival back at the base at the end of the charter. You can pay by credit card. This fee is not included in your flotilla/OMB fee and will be divided evenly between each person on board.

Water

Yacht water tanks will be full upon arrival but you will have the opportunity to fill your tanks along the way should you require more. This fee is not included in your flotilla/OMB fee and will be divided evenly between each person on board. You can return the yacht with empty tanks.

Tourist tax or cruising tax

This is a tax per person normally added in Croatia and Caribbean destinations. It is normally paid upon arrival at the base or in some instances paid in advance with the yacht price. These fees are included in your flotilla/OMB pricing.

Joining a flotilla or overnight mileage builder with Advantage Boating

Ron Schute and Doris Parolin are your lead skippers and flotilla leaders. We pride ourselves on our flotilla/OMB sailing vacations and we strive to ensure your sailing vacation is fun, interesting and trouble free from the moment you book until you pull back into the harbour at the end of your trip. We offer information about the destinations, technical support as well as help with docking procedures in harbors and anchorages

Also included in your flotilla/OMB vacation:

- Pre-departure preparation for provisioning and packing for your trip
- An expertly guided sailing tour led by Ron Schute and Doris Parolin
- Chart briefing and assistance with boat technical briefing
- Daily informative skipper meetings
- Daily briefings on weather, course, swim stops and ports of call
- VHF radio and/or cell phone contact
- On the water support
- Mooring and docking assistance at each port if requested
- Onshore recommendations for interesting sights & activities
- A well-researched, gastronomic selection of local restaurants
- Social activities

Extra costs

Provisioning

Provisions are not included and all items in addition to food also need to be purchased such as cleaning supplies and food condiments such as salt and pepper. In general, most marinas offer mini markets or larger supermarkets nearby. In some cases it is possible to pre-order some or all of your provisions. We encourage each boat in the flotilla to plan their provisions as a group. We will provide full provisioning details for your flotilla/OMB during the pre-departure meeting.

Mooring and anchoring

Port fees are paid locally and are not included in the flotilla/OMB. Mediterranean ports generally have yachts reverse and stern to the wharf or dock. This is known as [Med mooring](#). There is limited anchoring offshore and few mooring balls (it is often too deep to anchor safely off shore). Some ports offer lazy lines for mooring. In the Caribbean, mooring is generally by mooring ball, anchor or at a marina facility. Any docking or mooring fees will be divided evenly between each person on board.

Not included in the cost of a yacht charter

- Flights and transfers
- All land excursions, hotels, transport, car hire and meals
- Cancellation and medical insurance
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Yacht inventory

What is included will vary per yacht but as a guide a charter yacht will include: dinghy, full cruising area charts and cruising guide or pilot book, navigational equipment (binoculars, hand bearing compass and course plotting equipment), initial full tank of water, fuel and cooking gas, VHF radio, autopilot, electric anchor windlass, wind instruments, furling or battened mainsail, furling genoa sail, galley equipment (cooking and eating utensils), standard safety equipment (navigational and first aid), hot water, bed linen, FM radio, CD player, dodger and bimini for shade, berthing fees at home port.

You can also expect your charter yacht to include a GPS (plotter), cabin fans, cabin reading lights, BBQ, outboard engine, snorkelling equipment and cockpit cushions.

Required sailing certification

AS CREW: To join our flotilla/OMB sailing vacation we recommend that you have a minimum of your Sail Canada Basic Cruising (or equivalent) certification.

AS SKIPPER: To join our flotilla/OMB sailing vacation we require a minimum of Transport Canada's PCOC, Sail Canada's Intermediate Cruising certification (or equivalent), VHF-ROC(M), Basic Coastal Navigation, ICC (in the Mediterranean) and a completed sailing resume indicating your sailing experiences as skipper. Original certificates must be brought with you.

Pricing and invoicing

Our flotilla/OMB prices are shown in USD. Pricing is subject to change without prior notice. A booking is not confirmed until a 50% deposit payment is received. Payment (deposit and balance) can be made by cash (US or CND equivalent), US bank draft, VISA (CND equivalent) or Mastercard (CND equivalent).

All website exchange rates are advisory and are intended to provide general currency rate. At time of payment, the most current exchange rate will be used if payment is made in CND funds.

Budgeting Extra Costs

Boat Kitty & Provisioning typically runs about \$40 USD / day

- Provisioning is either ordered ahead or picked up locally on the day the charter starts
- Boat kitty starts with each person on board contributing ~\$100 USD and covers items such as:
 - Ice
 - Boat fuel
 - Fresh water tank refills
 - Mooring fees
 - Additional groceries
 - Customs/immigration fees

If the boat kitty runs low then each person is asked to add more money. At the end of the trip any money left over in the boat kitty is divided equally among each person on board.