# **EXPLORE!**



# Why book this trip?

Enjoy a week of activity on the Dalmatian coast as we experience the thrills of whitewater rafting, sea kayaking and take the challenge of canyoning through caves and waterfalls. There is also ample time to discover neighbouring Trogir's collection of cobble stoned squares and medieval architecture, not to mention its fine restaurants and bars, making this an ideal family holiday to Croatia.

- Cetina Gorge Scramble and clamber over rocks as you canyon down the river
- The Dalmatian Coast Discover the beautiful bay and picturesque inlets while sea-kayaking along the coast
- Whitewater rafting Raft the Cetina River through an impressive gorge with grade three rapids







TRIP STAFF
Explore Tour
Leader
Activity Guide(s)
Driver(s)



TRANSPORT Bus



ACCOMMODATION



**TRIP PACE:** Moderate



GROUP SIZE:

# **Itinerary**

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

# **Trip information**



# Croatia

#### Climate

The Croatian Adriatic has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and warm, dry, sunny summers. There is a chance of sporadic rain in spring and autumn, though generally it is in the form of short showers. Thunderstorms can occur in summer, generally helping to cool the air. Hvar Island gets the most sunshine in summer with 10-12 hours each day, followed by Split, Korcula Island and Dubrovnik with around 7-8 hours. Temperatures from May to October are generally in the low to mid 20's (in °C), but can reach into the 30's (in °C) in July and August. Trip itineraries with boat cruises can occasionally be disrupted due to bad weather.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+1	2 Pin Round	Roman Catholic	Croatian

### **Budgeting and packing**

# **Optional activities**

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

A selection of optional activities are listed below to help you budget for your Family adventure. Whilst the basic tour price you pay before you travel includes a great selection of highlights, we have also built in free time to allow you the flexibility to choose from a carefully selected range of additional excursions and activities or take time to relax, the choice is yours. At certain destinations along the way there may be several options to choose from and it may not be possible to fit all the activities in; your Explore Leader will be able to give advice on which are the most suitable for your family.

Day 4: Split and Trogir - Visit to Old Town €39 per person (minimum of 5 people, for less than 5 people a higher price may apply)

Day 4: Krka and Sibenik National Park, full day visiting regions best national parks €82 per person (minimum of 4 people)

# Clothing

July and August are the hottest months, but early and late in the season go prepared with clothing to suit drops in temperature and the showers. You'll need your swimming gear and a beach towel. Light rainwear may be needed at any time of year, and a warm fleece/jacket is recommended for cooler evenings and nights.

### **Footwear**

Comfortable walking shoes, trainers and sandals; some strong footwear that you don't mind getting wet - a pair of old trainers would be ideal.

# Luggage

20kg

# Luggage: On tour

One main piece and a daypack.

# **Equipment**

Wetsuits, lifejackets and helmets for the canyoning, canoeing and kayaking excursions will be provided locally. A water bottle, sunhat and high factor sunscreen are all essential though and you may also wish to bring your own mask, snorkel and shows suitable to wear in the water to protect from rocks and sea urchins.

# **Tipping**

#### **Explore leader**

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. You may

however, want to recognise a leader that has done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It is a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we would recommend £15 to £20 per family member as a guideline.

#### Local crew

Although voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly, you should allow approximately £20 of local c urrency per family member.

In order to make things easier for you, the Explore Leader may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the trip.

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

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#### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£18	£2	£1.5

# Foreign Exchange

#### Local currency

Croatian Kuna.

#### **Recommended Currency For Exchange**

Pound Sterling, US Dollars and Euro cash can all be exchanged for the local currency.

### Where To Exchange

Most major towns and cities - your Explore Leader will advise you on arrival. Only exchange money at reputable places like banks, ATM's and official Forex Offices.

### **ATM Availability**

Most towns and cities have ATM's for cash withdrawal.

#### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Generally accepted throughout including most restaurants and hotels.

#### **Travellers Cheques**

Travellers Cheques can only be exchanged in banks.

### **Transport, Accommodation & Meals**

# **Transport Information**

Bus

# **Accommodation notes**

Your family run hotel for the week is located on the Island of Ciovo which is 4 km from the historic town of Trogir. The hotel overlooks the beach and the clear blue waters of the Adriatic and is surrounded by pine forests. Facilities include; a restaurant offering traditional and western cuisine, a large pool, a bar and a terrace area with views over the coastline. All en-suite rooms have air conditioning, satellite TV and a mini bar. Wi-Fi is available in the lobby of the hotel.

# **Family swimming**

Available every day at the hotel and in the sea

#### **Essential Information**

# **Government Travel Safety Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click here.

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click here

### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

# **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. Booking Conditions

# **Visa and Passport Information**

Croatia: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US or Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

# **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

### **Transfers**

Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.

# Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

# **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers. If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click here

#### Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the

United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

# Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

# Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

# Ability to swim

An ability to swim is essential for your safe enjoyment of the water based activities on this trip. If you wish to participate in these activities then we insist that you are able to swim.

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#### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend being up-to-date with your routine vaccination courses and boosters as recommended in the UK including protection against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio. Tick-borne encephalitis protection is recommended by some medical sources at certain times of the year. Ticks are most active between spring and late autumn. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

# **Family information**



Get active or relax, the choice is yours: Known in some quarters as 'Europe in miniature' for its combination of coastline, mountains, historic cities and easy going lifestyle it's possible to combine Croatia's stunning natural beauty spots with its pristine bays and sapphire waters with a fun filled week of activities on a family holiday to Croatia. There is so much to keep the kids occupied from White water rafting, sea kayaking, climbing and canyoning, all included in the price. It's no wonder this week long active adventure is one of our bestselling family adventure holidays.

**Triple rooms:** We use a family run hotel overlooking the sea, with a covered outdoor pool. The hotel offers triple rooms to be included within the booking, if you would like this option please ask our Sales team for further information.

**Average Age:** As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 13 years old.

**Minimum age:** This trip is suitable for children of all ages from 7 upwards, however the minimum age for canyoning is 8 years old. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5 if travelling with older siblings, please speak to our reservations team for details.

# **Additional Information**



# Why book this trip

This trip is wet and active! A range of adventures await from whitewater rafting, canyoning and sea kayaking to a great walk along the island where we stay plus optional trips to discover the coastal towns of Omis, Trogir and Split.

Our base is on the picturesque island of Ciovo a short distance from Split. Ciovo is an ideal base, less crowded than the mainland, more laid back, with fantastic views back the mainland as an added bonus. Our hotel has been chosen for its large pool and beach front location which is a great place to return to after your pursuits. Active families will love this great value adventure with a number of included activities and meals within the price.

# **Reviews**





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