

Walking Croatia's Islands

Trip Code: WCI

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WALK & TREK



GUIDED GROUP



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk, explore and island hop along the spectacular Dalmatian Coast
- Follow trails through lavender fields, olive groves, pine forests and vineyards
- Experience the beautiful islands of Brac, Korcula and Mljet National Park
- Stay in the Venetian gem of Trogir and stroll through the old town of Split
- Explore Korcula the island of Marco Polo or head to Dubrovnik on a free day

AT A GLANCE

- 5 days walking and sightseeing
- Join at Split

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 7 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners
- 2 nights Guesthouse with swimming pool
- 3 nights Hotel with swimming pool
- 2 nights Hotel

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Introduction

Home to some of the most spectacular islands and coastal scenery in the world, Croatia is a magical destination for a European walking holiday. Here you'll find stunningly beautiful medieval towns, sleepy hamlets, pine-scented national parks and a wonderful variety of walking trails and footpaths. This Croatian walking holiday introduces you to the most charming islands in the Adriatic – wildly beautiful Brac, lavender covered Hvar, the medieval masterpiece of Korcula and the 'green gem' of Mljet. Alongside wonderful walking we'll ferry hop between the islands like a local and enjoy evenings sampling traditional food. Using fresh local produce and vibrant ingredients, Croatia's food is as varied as its scenery, and dinner is the perfect way to share stories after an excellent day of walking. The unique UNESCO walled city of Dubrovnik, known as the pearl of the Adriatic can be experienced on your free day. With its ochre-tiled roofs, stone towers and towering walls, Dubrovnik is one of the world's most famous cities. The holiday finishes in the Venetian gem of Trogir, complete with magical old town, secluded alleys, charming harbour and wonderful coastal promenade. Croatia remains one of Europe's most stunning destinations, so let KE walk you across its most magical islands.

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is planned to make the most of the excellent local ferries and island trails. Each day we'll enjoy a hike of between 9km to 12km with ascents between 200m and 700m. We'll be walking on a variety of trails from quiet country lanes to coastal paths and even include a day to the summit of Brac (780M). Paths are generally good, but there are also some sections which are more rough and rocky. There is enough walking on each day to satisfy regular hikers. Once based on Brac and Korcula walks are day walks, meaning you can do as much or as little as you wish. It is good to remember that with island hopping and hiking this holiday has been designed to explore quite a lot of the Dalmatian coast. A free day gives you the opportunity to explore the island of Korcula a little more or head to Dubrovnik for a day trip. Travelling between the islands is by ferry and we cannot predict the sailing weather in advance. Therefore if you are prone to sea / travel sickness it is a good idea to bring some suitable medication.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Meet at the group accommodation in Kastel Kambelovac.

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Accommodation
Hotel

DAY 2

Ferry to the island of Brac and hike to the spectacular hermitage of Blaca.

After taking the ferry to Brac, we'll transfer across the island to the starting point of the day's walk. Then, hiking downhill on a steep trail, we'll arrive at the hermitage of Blaca which was originally established in a cave used as shelter by priests escaping from Ottoman persecution in the mid 16th century. The hermitage gradually grew up around the cave and its collection of buildings and retaining walls is now quite spectacular. There was a religious presence here until 1962 and a school run by a resident priest, Father Nikola Milicevic, who was a poet and well known astronomer. Our guide will take us on a tour of the site, before we continue our walk down to the coast. There's the option of a refreshing swim, before we continue along the coast to the village of Murvica with its views across to the island of Hvar. We'll transfer inland from here to our accommodation in the area of Nerezisca.

Meals: **B D**



Accommodation
Guesthouse with swimming pool



Ascent
300M



Descent
600M



Time
5 - 6 hrs walking








Distance
13KM

DAY 3

Hike up Vidova Gora (780m) - the highest point on the Adriatic Islands.

One of the best Adriatic viewpoints, Vidova Gora (780m) is the culmination of a limestone ridge that stretches along the southern coast of Brac. We hike up onto this ridge through open coniferous woodland that includes Aleppo pine, the resin of which is used to flavour the famous Greek drink of Retsina. From the summit there are panoramic views and we can look down to the distinctive golden beach of Zlatni Rat (Golden Horn). Descending, we follow a rock trail southwards to the coast at Bol, once a sleepy fishing and now a popular tourist destination. This is another opportunity for a swim, before driving back to our accommodation.

Meals: **B D**






	Accommodation Guesthouse with swimming pool		Ascent 420M		Descent 780M		Time 5 hrs walking
	Distance 16KM						

DAY 4

Walk to a beautiful viewpoint on the lavender island of Hvar, then ferry to Korcula.

Driving back to Bol, we take a ferry to the nearby island of Hvar, then continue our drive through lavender fields, olive groves and vineyards to the pretty village of Vrisnik. Here, the old stone houses with their wooden shutters and compact gardens bounded by drystone walls are overlooked by the striking church of Saint Anton Opat. Today's walk leads westwards from here to the top of the island at the peak of Sveti (Saint) Nikola (628m) with views towards the islands of Korcula and Vis. From the tiny church on the summit, we descend to the village of Dol and from here drive to the town of Hvar where we have some free time for exploration. Hvar is one of the jewels of the Croatian islands with 13th Century walls, Gothic palaces, traffic-free streets and a magnificent central piazza dominated by Saint Stephen's Cathedral. It's also rewarding to wander away from the main square into the maze of white-washed alleys and winding stone streets where the people of Hvar live. After our visit, we'll take the ferry across to the island of Korcula and drive to our hotel in Lumbarda at the eastern end of the island.

Meals: **B**

	Accommodation Hotel with swimming pool		Ascent 560M		Descent 590M		Time 4 - 5 hrs walking
	Distance 14KM						

DAY 5

A day at leisure on the island of Korcula. Optional independent Dubrovnik excursion.

A free day for relaxing by the hotel pool or for independent exploration. There are a number of beaches just a short stroll from the hotel and the town of Korcula (which we will walk to on Day 7) is a short bus or taxi ride away. Korcula is likened to Dubrovnik on account of its cluster of orange-tiled stone houses and towering 13th Century walls. It's a great place to explore, with the Land Gate, Sea Gate, St Mark's Cathedral and Abbey Treasury all highlights. Another alternative today is to hire bikes and see a little more of this island which may have been the birthplace of Marco Polo. There is also the option today to take an independent excursion to Dubrovnik itself, which is 3 hours away by ferry and bus. The tour leader will be able to advise about this and an early start is recommended. Dubrovnik needs no introduction - it is deservedly one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Mediterranean.

Meals: **B**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 6

A visit to the lovely island of Mjlet with its salt-water lakes and forest of Aleppo pines.

After breakfast we take a catamaran to the island of Mjlet, the western end of which is a national park. Disembarking at Pomena, our walk today will take us alongside two saltwater lakes called Veliko and Malo Jezero (Large and Small Lake). On an island in the larger of the lakes there is a church (Sveta Marija) and a former Benedictine monastery built in the 12th Century. Walking again through forest of Aleppo pine, we'll ascend to the viewpoint of Mount Montokuc (256m), looking out en-route for some of the more than 100 types of birds and several animal species, including fallow deer and wild boar. After enjoying the beauty of Mjlet, we'll return to spend a third night at our hotel on Korcula.

Meals: **B**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool



Ascent

280M



Descent

280M



Time

3 - 4 hrs walking



Distance

11KM

DAY 7

Morning stroll to the town of Korcula. Afternoon in Split and overnight in Trogir.

This morning we'll walk along the coastline from our hotel to the town of Korcula with views across to the Peljesac Peninsula and plenty of places to stop for a swim before reaching the town. There will be time for a cafe stop, before catching the ferry to the mainland and transferring to Split. The afternoon is

free to wander through this UNESCO World Heritage listed town, with its maze of cobbled streets, meandering lanes and welcoming pavement cafes. The Riva Promenade is dotted with palm trees and beautiful buildings and the perfect place to look across to the islands. In the late afternoon we'll take the short transfer to Trogir which is set on an island connected to the mainland by bridges. Trogir's streets and buildings are decorated in Venetian style and its historic town centre is one of the best examples of Dalmatian architecture. It is another UNESCO World Heritage listed site and a superb place to enjoy our final night.

Meals: **B**

	Accommodation Hotel		Ascent 50M		Descent 50M		Time 2 hrs walking		Distance 5KM
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DAY 8

Departure Day.

KE package services end after breakfast and you should make your own way to Split Airport to catch your homeward flight. If you have time to explore before your flight, Trogir has much to recommend it including a number of wonderful palaces in the old town.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- Single timed airport transfer on arrival on Day 1
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- All transport required by the itinerary All ferry transfers required by the itinerary
- National park entrance fees

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

A single transfer from Split Airport to the group hotel is provided at lunchtime of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary. Anyone can join this transfer.

There is no airport transfer included on the return on Day 8. There are many different flights from Split.

It is a 10mins journey to our hotel, and you can pre-book a private transfer through KE or an uber booked by yourself might be a cheaper method.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts and 2 dinners are included.

Food & Water

Many places on this holiday have drinkable water from the tap to fill your personal water bottles. Please check with the leader at the various locations. Please take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a [Water-To-Go bottle](#)) for days when drinking water out of the tap is not available. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Croatia has a fantastic variety of food due to the rich influence of the Mediterranean and Central Europe, which means that there is something for everyone's tastes. Breakfasts are continental in style with bread, cheese, meats, jams, tea and coffee etc. Late lunches are the main meal of the day for Croatians who prefer not to eat a full meal in the evening, however there are always lighter options available for anyone who prefers a smaller meal at lunch. For some of the days we'll take a picnic lunch to enjoy along the trail. For the other days picnic items can be made up by visiting one of the local supermarkets or bakeries. Due to its close proximity to Italy there are few towns on the coast without a pizzeria, whilst seafood is extremely popular and Croatians love their fresh salads with each meal. We haven't included dinner on some nights due to the excellent range of restaurants available for all budgets and tastes.

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Croatian wine is fantastic and very reasonably priced. Good quality wines are available by the glass and locals prefer to buy wine by the glass, half litre or litre. After dinner digestives are extremely popular in Croatia and worth a try, ranging from the warming and delicious honey, walnut and blackberry brandies to the fiery pear, herb and plum schnapps!

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Accommodation

The accommodation on this holiday is spent in a combination of smaller hotels and traditional guesthouses which are locally known as pensions. Nights are spent in Kastel Kambelovac (1 night), Brac (2 nights), Korcula (3 nights) and Trogir (1 night). This style of traditional accommodation is usually family run. Using small hotel and pension accommodation gives a more authentic holiday experience and we believe that this experience more than makes up for the lack of hotel facilities. The breakfast room is usually where the group will eat in an evening too. Evening meals are taken at your accommodation for included dinners as this is best way of enjoying locally sourced ingredients and supporting local businesses. This also provides a social experience which is more relaxing after a day of walking and sightseeing. You'll also be able to buy local drinks including beers and wine, which is a great way of tasting Croatia's excellent wines.

All rooms are en-suite and based on twin sharing. If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single rooms are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning on extending your holiday additional nights at the group hotel are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualified tour leader.

Spending Money

€250-300 should be sufficient to cover non included meals, tips and extras such as drinks, ice creams etc. ATM's can be found in the airport on arrival, Korcula town, Dubrovnik and Trogir.

Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying thank you to your leader and team. Tipping is entirely voluntary and should be dependent on good service. We advise you to tip as a group. We recommended €30-40 per person.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

Vaccinations

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations.

GHIC / Medical cover

UK residents should carry a free Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This entitles you to state provided medical treatment when you're visiting an EU country or Switzerland. This is not a substitute for medical travel insurance which is vital when travelling overseas.

Currency

The unit of currency in Croatia is the euro.

Climate

Croatia has a mostly dry climate, with a wonderful Mediterranean influence on the Adriatic coast and islands. During the summer you can expect temperatures to range from the low to high 20s. The islands are known for their sunshine, which is expected from May to October. It is also good to be prepared for all weathers so don't forget to pack a small umbrella and something slightly warm for cooler evenings.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

- Chasing a Croatian Girl: A Survivor's Tale: Cody McClain Brown
- A Traveller's History of Croatia: Benjamin Curtis
- Girl at War: Sara Novic

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should always try to keep the weight of your luggage to a minimum.

You should bring the following items:

- Walking shoes or lightweight boots
- Trainers or sandals
- Lightweight walking trousers / shorts / skirt
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Socks & underwear
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Lightweight waterproof jacket & overtrousers
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 25 litres
- Sun protection (including for lips)
- Water bottles 1 litre (x2) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Swimwear (there is a spa at the hotel - for an additional cost)
- Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, insect repellent, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite). Glucose tablets and multi-vitamin tablets.

The following items are optional:

- Walking poles
- Camera
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes:

It is advisable to take luggage with wheels as there are a number of occasions when you will need to carry your luggage for short distances and on/off the ferries.

Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers.
[>> Find out more](#)

Land Only Information

We sell this holiday on a Land Only basis and you should book your transport to Split. Please refer to the 'Joining arrangements and transfers' within Holiday Information for further details.

Transport SHOULD NOT be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

If flying from the UK there are a number of low cost airlines offering flights to Funchal. A flight search website such as Skyscanner or Kayak may be useful to research your options.

If you would prefer to book a 'flight inclusive package' using scheduled airlines from the UK please contact our flights department for a quote. Whilst flight prices are likely to be more expensive you will benefit from full financial protection.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

At KE we believe we've created the perfect Dalmatian Islands walking holiday. Basing ourselves on just two islands, Brac and Korcula, means less packing and more walking. Whilst day walks on Hvar and Mljet leaves you free to do as much or as little as you like....it is your holiday after all.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 20/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change