

# Croatian Island Hopping Family Holiday

Trip Code: FCR

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MULTI ACTIVITY



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayaking and paddleboarding around calm coves and islets in Croatia
- Centre-based for 5 nights in a seaside hotel with a pool on the idyllic island of Korcula
- Short walks along the coastline with swimming and snorkelling time at hidden bays
- Visit the medieval fortified town of Korcula and historic Split

**AT A GLANCE**

- 5 night centre based in hotel with pool, Kayaking and SUP'ing
- Short walks
- Optional bike ride
- Swimming in the sea and pool
- Join at Split

**ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**

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

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## Introduction

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If you are looking for some sun, sea and activities with the family then this is the holiday for you. Our main base is at a lovely small hotel with a pool located right next to the sea. From here we have a variety of activities including SUP'ing and kayaking. We know swimming is always extremely popular with the children and we have two short walks which are interspersed with stops at hidden bays for a snorkel and a swim. Away from the bigger, tourists towns and islands such as Trogir and Ciovo we are tucked away on the lovely island of Korcula in the little village of Lumbarda. Here the locals busy themselves with their vineyards and olive groves. The local dry white wine 'Grk' is especially refreshing sipped whilst watching the children play in the pool or on the beach, after a day of SUP'ing, walking or kayaking. With many flight options from the UK to Split there will be a regional airport to ensure that your journey time is at a minimum. Everyone will truly relax on this active holiday with some exercise and fresh air during the day, and simple meals in restaurants overlooking harbours and the sea in the evenings. This itinerary is genuinely a delight.

### Is this holiday for you?

#### Suitable for children from 7 yrs old

This holiday has 2 nights in a sea-side hotel near Split Airport and 5 nights in a hotel with pool on the idyllic island of Korcula. To enjoy the water based activities all participants have to be able to swim unaided for a minimum of 25m, no other experience is required. For all activities full safety equipment (buoyancy aids, etc) will be provided as well as instruction by a fully qualified leader(s). The walking is a maximum of 4-5 hours on each of the walking days. This is spread out over the day interspersed with swimming, lunch and plenty of shady break spots to ensure everyone enjoys the day and the views. This trip is perfect for teens, one's who've just finished their exams or others. Younger children will also thoroughly enjoy this holiday with all the swimming and beaches.

# Itinerary

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## DAY 1

### Meet at the group hotel near the beach.

Our holiday starts the group hotel, near the beach, just 10 mins from Split Airport. Transfers are quick, cheap and simple. They can be arranged prior to departure allowing you to arrive at any time of the day. The hotel is located near to the beach, so on arrival an obligatory swim in the warm waters of the Adriatic is a must! This is a great and relaxing start to our active holiday.



**Accommodation**  
Hotel

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## DAY 2

### Morning SUP or kayaking. Ferry/catamaran trip to the island of Korcula to our beach side hotel with pool.

This morning we enjoy some SUP'ing or kayaking. Our instructors are helpful, friendly and fun and we'll all get going quickly on our chosen board or boat. We'll spend some time paddling around this large natural harbour where the sea is usually calm. Expect some laughter, getting wet and swimming! Depending on ferry timetables we have time to explore Split. This afternoon we take the scenic ferry/catamaran journey (around 3hrs) to the island of Korcula. This island is often known as 'Little Dubrovnik' due to its medieval squares, churches and houses. However being slightly further away than the more touristy islands of Brac and Hvar, and of course Dubrovnik itself allows for a place with all the beauty and fewer crowds. Our hotel is situated in the town of Lumbarda, a small village of wine and crystal clear seas, has a pool and is located next to the sea.

Meals: **B D**



**Accommodation**  
Hotel with swimming pool

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## DAY 3

### Walk to the village of Zrnovo. Afternoon swim in the pool or at the beach.



Today we enjoy a lovely walk inland to the village of Zrnovo. The walk takes us from our hotel, out of the



village and into the surrounding vineyards, then olive groves and into the maquis shrubland. The path is good and the views of the surrounding island and water are fabulous. On arrival in Zrnovo we'll find a café for a drink or maybe an ice cream. We make our way back to Lumbarda and enjoy our picnic along the way. There are plenty of stops under shady trees to rest and enjoy the views and refuel the children! Back at our hotel we'll have time for swimming in the hotel pool or at the beach/bar 300m down the road.

Meals: **B**

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	<b>Accommodation</b> Hotel with swimming pool		<b>Ascent</b> 290M		<b>Descent</b> 290M		<b>Time</b> 4 - 5 hours walking
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## DAY 4

### SUP'ing or kayaking in the delightful clear waters around the island.

We have a full day with the SUP's and kayaks. Having 'got the hang of things' a few days earlier we'll be able to set off with confidence through the peaceful, clear waters. The pace of the day is relaxed as we make our way along the coastline discovering hidden coves and beaches. At every corner, bay and beach we can jump in for a swim or a snorkel. In total we'll probably paddle for around 3 hours during the day, interspersed with swimming, lunch, snorkelling and children generally messing around in the water. The plan is to go to Vrnik Island where they have a cafes and restaurants on the beach for some lunch. This delightful day will be a highlight of the holiday.

Meals: **B D**

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	<b>Accommodation</b> Hotel with swimming pool		<b>Time</b> 3 hours of SUP'ing or kayaking
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## DAY 5

### Free day. Optional visit to Mljet Park National Park with a cycling excursion or day trip to Dubrovnik.

Today we have a free day to enjoy the area as we please with our families. There is much to do and plenty of time for swimming in the hotel pool or at the local sandy beach, 15 mins walk from the hotel, and enjoying some lunch and wandering around the town. There are plenty of other excursions to the nearby islands of Irnik and Daija using the water taxi. We can also arrange a full day excursion to the National Park on the island of Mljet. Here we can hire some bikes and enjoy exploring the peaceful Big lake and Small lake on two wheels, or by foot. On this excursion there is also an opportunity to visit the St Mary 12th century Benedictine monastery. Dubrovnik is also very doable as a day trip. Whatever we choose and whoever we choose to do it with (we tend to find that children want to stay with their new friends by this point), it will be enjoyable.

Meals: **B**



**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

**DAY 6**

**Short coastal walk to the town of Korcula. Swimming along the way.**

This morning we walk to the town of Korcula along the beautiful coastline from Lumbarda. The path follows the shore with panoramic views of the 22 islets in the surrounding archipelago. Small boats will bob in the waters making their way back from a fishing trip or a visit to a nearby islet. Along the way we stop for a swim. The town of Korcula is a medieval fortified harbour and is very beautiful. The old town was built in a fishbone layout as a way of protection against the winds. We have some free time to do as we please. We have lunch at one of the many establishments including local cuisine and pizza to please the children! The old town is lovely to walk around with its narrow cobbled streets, pretty houses, churches and trinket shops. We return to our hotel in Lumbarda in the afternoon, where it is likely the children will be keen to get straight in the swimming pool!

Meals: **B**



**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool



**Ascent**

130M



**Descent**

130M



**Time**

2 - 3 hours walking

**DAY 7**

**Return to Split on the passenger ferry/catamaran. Transfer to our hotel by the beach.**

After some obligatory time in the pool, we say goodbye to our lovely hotel, and make the journey back to Split on the ferry/catamaran. Depending on the ferry/catamaran timetables we arrive into Split in the middle of the afternoon, and then return to our hotel near the beach, where we can swim in the sea, and enjoy the last of our holiday time in this beautiful environment. We have a delightful last dinner in a restaurant by the beach.

Meals: **B D**



**Accommodation**

Hotel

**DAY 8**

**Departure day.**

After breakfast we say our goodbyes (maybe after a quick swim in the sea!). Our holiday ends after breakfast. Split Airport is just 10 mins away.

Meals: **B**

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# Holiday Information

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**What's Included**

- A professional and qualified tour leader
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- All activities and excursions as described

**What's not Included**

- Travel insurance
- Airport transfers
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc

**Joining Arrangements & Transfers**

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**TRAVEL TO YOUR DESTINATION**

If flying from the UK there are low cost airlines available to the start and from the end of your holiday.

To benefit from full financial protection, ease your holiday planning, and avoid dealing with airlines, we can book scheduled flights from the UK as part of a flight inclusive package. Scheduled flights are usually more expensive than low cost alternatives, however potentially less stressful if your flight is cancelled or delayed. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

The group will meet at the group hotel in Kastel Kambelovca, just outside Split.

Airport transfers are not included. It is a 10mins journey to our hotel on arrival and departure, and you can pre-book a private transfer through KE from £10pp one-way for a family of four. 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

Included in your holiday price are all breakfasts and 3 dinners.

## Food & Water

Water is drinkable from the taps on this holiday. Please fill your personal bottles for your day in the morning. 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. Due to its close proximity to Italy there are few towns on the coast without a pizzeria, which are always simple, reasonably priced and excellent - and always a winner with hungry children and teenagers! Whilst on the coast fresh seafood is extremely popular and should be sampled. Croatians enjoy fresh vegetables and side salads with dinner, alongside turkey, pork, chicken or fish. Cevapcici are very thin sausages, or kebabs, made from minced meat and are a popular local dish. There will always be a choice for vegetarians too with Italian risottos, gnocchi and pastas on most menus. Alongside the excellent food, Croatian wine is fantastic and very reasonably priced. Good quality wines are available by the glass and Croatians prefer to buy wine by the glass, half litre or litre. In the area that we stay on Korcula Island there is a specific white wine made from the surrounding vineyards which grow on the sandy ground. This wine is called 'Grk' and should be sampled whilst on holiday.

## 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

For 2 nights, on arrival and departure, we stay in a family friendly hotel, just 10 mins from Split Airport. The hotel is situated near a beach, so the children can just dive in the warm waters when they arrive (depending on arrival times!).

All rooms have twin beds, and a further bed is added for a triple. There are no family rooms or interconnecting rooms. But we will ensure that families have rooms next to each other.

When we are on the island of Korcula, for 5 nights, we stay in the Hotel Borik in Lumbarda. The hotel has a swimming pool and restaurant with great views over the water and a small harbour with little boats. The rooms are en-suite with air conditioning. Here we have double, twin and triple rooms. There are a limited number of family rooms, which have 2 bedrooms (a double bed and 2 twin beds). Some rooms have balcony's.

We will do everything to ensure that you are happy with your rooming allocation.

These are our preferred hotels for this holiday, however they are subject to change at any time. Any alternative hotels will be of a similar standard and spec.

## Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional and qualified tour leader. He/she will have experience working with family groups to ensure that maximum fun is had, and the best spots for swimming and ice cream are found! For the SUP'ing and kayaking an additional instructor may join the group.

## Spending Money

Approximately £250 per person (or equivalent in US dollars or Euros) should be allowed for tips, soft drinks, snacks, non-included meals and miscellaneous expenses. Alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and optional activities are additional so you may wish to budget for these. A simple lunch is around €10, and dinner around €20-30. Coffee €2, beer €2-3, Ice-cream €1.5-2. You will be able to get Kuna from bank ATMs in many of the places that we visit, or you can change sterling at the airport. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency.

Optional activities on the free day:

Mljet excursion with bike hire: €70 per person. Min of 6 people required.

Water-taxi from Lumbarda-Korcula with stops on Badija and Vrnik islands: €11 per person

## Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying 'thank you' for good service. It is important to remember that tipping is voluntary and should be dependent on good service. We estimate around £10 per family member.



## **Baggage Allowance**

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

## **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

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## 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.

## Climate

On the coast in Croatia the temperatures in May are around 15-25 degrees C, and in the summer months July & August they are usually 22-32 degrees C. Plenty of sunshine is the norm during these months from May-September.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## FAQ's about our family holidays

We welcome all family dynamics and we will try to accommodate you in the roomings of your choice. The only stipulation for joining a family group holiday is that 1 party member is 17yrs or under, and they are accompanied by an adult. An average group size is around 10 members in total. Further general information and FAQ's are available here: [KE Family Adventure Holidays general information](#).

## 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

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## Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

### YOU SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Walking shoes or trainers
- Sandals teva or shoes that are comfortable when wet for kayaking
- Lightweight walking trousers / shorts / skirt
- T-shirts and/or casual shirts
- Loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirt with collar (for sun protection)
- Socks & Underwear
- Lightweight waterproof jacket & overtrousers
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat
- Warm hat
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 25-30 litres (depending on how much of the kids' stuff you want to carry)
- Sun protection
- Insect repellent
- Water bottles (approx 2 litre per person) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Washbag and toiletries.
- Swimwear
- Swim towel
- Torch and batteries
- Basic First Aid Kit. Including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OPTIONAL:

- Camera
- Rash vest
- Goggles
- Snorkel and mask
- Flip-flops
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

### NOTE:

All specialist equipment required for the activities on this holiday are provided.

## 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 allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The holiday starts at the group hotel in Kastel Kambelovca, Split.

# Why Choose KE

## Why KE

Based in a peaceful location away from the main crowds on the island of Korcula, in a hotel with pool next to the sea.

**Please Note** This document was downloaded on 09/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change