



# Croatia Family Adventure

9 Days



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# ➤ Croatia Family Adventure

Set off on a thrilling family adventure along Croatia's captivating coastline, dotted with idyllic islands, fragrant pine forests, and ancient towns. Visit 2,000-year-old Diocletian's Palace in Split, then take a ferry to sun-kissed Hvar island. Explore the emerald coves of Pakleni archipelago and boat to the rugged cliffs of Bisevo to dip into the Blue Cave's shimmering waters. At nearby Vis island, have fun stand-up paddle boarding, and learn to catch and grill fish for dinner. End by summiting Mount Hum, the island's highest peak, to take in panoramic views of the sweeping Adriatic.

## Details

Arrive: Split, Croatia

Depart: Split, Croatia

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size: 6-16 Guests

Minimum Age: 9 Years Old

Activity Level:



## Testimonials

*"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in li should be so easy."*

Kathy J.

*"Exceptional trips! Go with MT Sobek!"*

Mitch S.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

MT Sobek has been inspiring adventure seekers for 50 years. Our new family adventures make it easy to explore with the ones you love.

### REASON #02

Our expert and kid-friendly guides have extensive experience leading family groups in Croatia.

### REASON #03

All water-based activities include support boats with fresh drinks and snacks, and a chance to opt out and relax.

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## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, swimming, cooking, learning how to fish, boat trips, meeting locals, arts and crafts, and scenic hikes.



### LODGING

Boutique hotels and beachside resorts with swimming pools make this trip a great choice for both parents and kids.



### CLIMATE

June is the perfect month to visit Croatia. Long sunny days with sea breezes make the days enjoyable for all.

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## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Irena cannot live without two worlds: nature and art. She grew up between Slovenia and Croatia where she developed a love of nature, mountains and the sea. Today she is inseparable from outdoor life, and enjoys life as an adventure travel guide, and skiing and rock climbing instructor. In her spare time she is devoted to the art world, where she produces visual art events in Slovenia and abroad. Irena's expert guiding knowledge, coupled with her love of art, makes her an interesting and fun travel companion on explorations through Slovenia.

**Irena Silic**

Ana has degree in tourism and has been leading adventure tours for more than a decade to various destinations around the world. She has travelled extensively from South America to Asia and lived in Australia. After years of traveling, she realized that her homeland, the Balkan peninsula, is one of a kind, so she started sharing her enthusiasm to visitors of her homeland area. She lives in Slovenia but spends her summers with family members in Croatia and Bosnia. Ana is passionate about simple pleasures of life: hiking, gardening, fishing and spending time with her dog. She is a great leader and is tremendously kind, thoughtful, and knowledgeable.

**Ana Mikos**

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### ARRIVE IN SPLIT

Meet the group and the guide at Split airport and transfer to the downtown hotel. Enjoy some time to settle in and stroll around this bustling Mediterranean city, Croatia's second largest. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with the group.

**Meals:** D

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## DAY 2

### HEAD OUT TO HVAR ISLAND

This morning, have a tour briefing and head out on a walk through the Diocletian Palace, Split's ancient core and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with millennium-old alleyways. Then board a ferry to sun-soaked Hvar, one of the world's most stunning islands filled with emerald coves and ancient coastal towns and villages. Stay at a hotel in gorgeous Hvar town, and explore its maze of Venetian stone houses clambering up a hilltop citadel with marvelous vistas. Enjoy a swim on the beach or in one of the hotel pools.

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### TREASURE HUNT IN HVAR TOWN

What could be a better place for a treasure hunt than an ancient town with narrow alleys built by the Venetians? Receive a special map and instructions on what to see and find in town. It may be a hidden chocolate shop, a lady who makes mouthwatering gelato, or a centuries-old monastery where a priest tells you how to reach the hilltop fortress using a secret path. In the afternoon, have fun on the beaches, or swim in the swimming pool. Alternatively, hike a coastal trail through pine forests to secluded coves in the bay of Milna.

**Activity:** 2 hour/2 mile scavenger hunt walking & 4 hour/3 mile optional hike, 300' gain & loss

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### KAYAK THE PAKLENI ARCHIPELAGO

Today visit the stunning archipelago of Pakleni, a unique marine landscape of tiny coves and fragrant pine forests only half a mile away from Hvar — a superb spot for sea kayaking. Paddle with top-quality single or double kayaks, with a support boat available and packed with fresh lemonade and sandwiches. Have a terrific lunch at an agriturismo (farm) on an islet, featuring delicacies right from the sea. Kids can make their own lunch — pizza baked in the rustic wood oven.

**Activity:** 3-4 hours/2-3 miles kayaking

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**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 5

### EXPLORE HVAR ISLAND

Tour Hvar island today, passing lavender fields, old villages, and fishing hamlets. Visit a local artist on her medieval estate that showcases an open-air gallery surrounded by fig trees and organic gardens. Enjoy a homemade lunch at the estate and do some fun arts and crafts or just relax in the garden. While the kids are enjoying their time at the estate, the adults will visit a nearby boutique winery for a tasting of plavac, a top-quality red wine native to Dalmatia. Enjoy beach time, an olive oil tasting, a visit to the ghost village of Hum, and a short hike to a panoramic viewpoint. In the afternoon, relax at the hotel or take a swim.

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 6

### TAKE A BOAT TRIP TO THE BLUE CAVE & VIS ISLAND

Today take a private boat to Vis, one of Croatia's most pristine islands. In recent years, Vis has turned into an "it" island for those in-the-know, due to its stellar beaches and top-rate food. Take in the mesmerizing Blue Cave off the small island of Bisevo, entering this magical grotto by boat to witness its unearthly blue light. Then explore Vis island's rugged coastline and end up in striking Vis town. Check into the hotel and enjoy dinner on your own.

**Meals:** B, L

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## DAY 7

### EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF VIS ISLAND

Today we visit the fishing village of Komiza, where kids spend the afternoon on a secluded beach with orienteering games, a campfire lunch, and demonstrations on how to fish and tie sailing knots from a local fisherman. Meanwhile, the adults enjoy a tour that takes in the island's highest point; Tito's cave, a secret hideout used by the late president of Yugoslavia at the end of WWII; a winery; and a scenic trail to the secret cove of Stiniva.

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 8

### PADDLE BOARD IN TURQUOISE BAY

This morning, the kids take a scenic trip by wooden boat to the secluded Turquoise Bay. Once in the bay, have fun learning how to stand-up paddle board and then paddle to a nearby beach. At the beach, try your skills and balance on a Slackline. Then make lunch with the local fishermen, learning how to catch and grill fish. The grown-

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ups join in the bay for lunch, arriving either by bicycle or van. An option for parents: a fully supported cycling tour around the island.

**Meals:** B, L, D

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## DAY 9

### TAKE A FERRY BACK TO SPLIT

Leave Vis island today by ferry and return to Split. For those extending their journey to Dubrovnik, a shuttle will wait in the port of Split.

**Meals:** B

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## Dates

Jun 22 - 30, 2020

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## Pricing

2019

\$ 6,095 per person

### Additional Cost

\$ -250 Child Discount (age 17 and under)

\$ 1,400 Single Supplement

2020

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### Additional Cost

\$ -250 Child Discount (age 17 and under)

\$ 1,400 Single Supplement

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced family-friendly adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- 1 - 2 nights of planned childcare activities
- All necessary kayaking gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Dinner on Day 6
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection
- Optional tips to your adventures guide(s) and driver(s)

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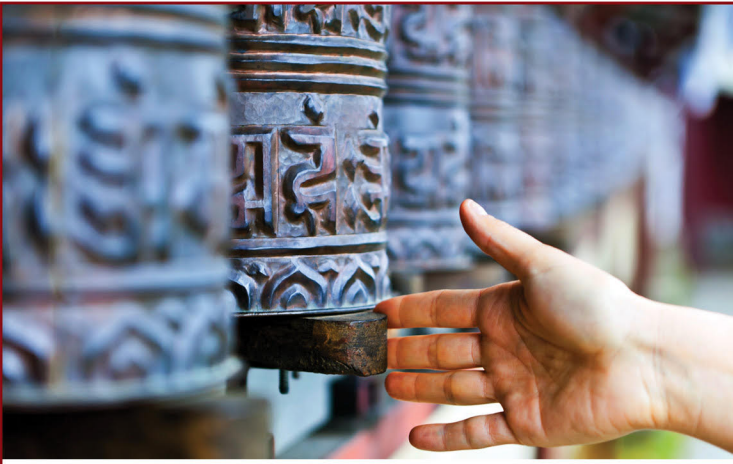


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### **Awards**



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