

CROATIA – DUBROVNIK ISLAND HOPPING

8-day / 7-nights or 5-day / 4-nights sea-kayaking from Dubrovnik to Kolocep, Sipan and Elaphite Island



Explore the clear blue Adriatic Sea, Dubrovnik and the many Elaphite islands of Croatia by sea-kayak. With simple yet comfortable guesthouse / villa-style accommodation join our friendly guides on our regular small group holidays paddling past Dubrovnik's old city walls to some of the many small unspoiled islands nearby. We offer an island hopping week or a short break for those with less time.

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights sea kayaking week or 5-days / 4-nights sea kayaking short break

Cost: Sea kayaking week : AU\$1215 per person twin share (Single supplement AU\$255)
5-day short break : AU\$820 per person twin share (Single supplement AU\$150)

Departs: Every Sunday from May to October, inclusive, ex Dubrovnik

Inclusions: Twin Share, 4-nights private guesthouse accommodation in Lopud (both tours), 3-nights private guesthouse accommodation on Sipan Island (week tour only), 7 or 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 or 1 dinners in local restaurant, 6 or 3-days guided sea kayaking, fully-equipped sea-kayaks (paddles, life jackets, spray deck), ferry tickets and local transfers as indicated

Not Included: Dinner & other meals or drinks, optional sightseeing or personal expenses

Difficulty: Moderate

A typical day:

Morning: Our base is a guesthouse where we stay overnight and meet each morning for breakfast. The main activity is paddling and we stop en route at hidden beaches and caves for swimming, snorkelling and exploring.

Lunch: We take a break from, kayaking at typical local taverns and restaurants where the food is delicious and the prices reasonable. On the islands there are also shops to buy sandwiches or snacks.

Afternoon: After lunch we usually take a siesta as it is the hottest part of the day where we can swim, snorkel, explore the island or simply relax in the shade and enjoy a coffee. After our siesta we continue our kayaking expedition.

Late afternoon: We return to the guesthouse usually in plenty of time to shower and relax before dinner.

Evening: We usually dine in a traditional local restaurant. Three dinners are included in cost for the full week program and the food is usually typically Mediterranean with meat or seafood specialities, fresh vegetables seasoned with olive oil and salad. Vegetarian dishes are usually also available.

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Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1 Arrival: Free time in Dubrovnik until 8.00pm when we take the ferry to the island of Lopud. Lopud with its rich vegetation and mild Mediterranean climate offers two splendid sandy beaches and, with the exception of a few bikes there is no traffic. Highlights include two 16th Century castles and typical stone houses. Tonight there is a '*welcome dinner*' as an opportunity to meet other tour members and get the basic information about your holiday from our guide. Dinner and overnight in a guesthouse in Lopud.

Day 2 Paddling to the island of Kolocep: After breakfast served on the terrace of the local restaurant, we introduce you to kayaking in Croatia in a shallow protected bay: our guide will explain safety procedures and give tips on paddling and technique. We then kayak along the scenic part of Lopud to the sandy beach at Sunj where we stop for a swim and perhaps a traditional local game of 'picigin'. In the afternoon the paddling is optional to the island of St. Andrew returning to Lopud for dinner and overnight.

Approximately 1-hour kayaking introduction, 3-hours paddling, 2-hours snorkelling or swimming. Estimated paddling distance is: 7.5km (or 14km with the afternoon crossing to St. Andrew's Island)

Day 3 - Paddling: Kolocep – Lopud: After breakfast we take the boat to the island of Kolocep and then paddle along the coastline beside green forests, stunning steep cliffs, breathtaking blue caves and rock formations. Kolocep offers a stunning coastline with a quiet inland side with a romantic village and sandy beach; and the wild dramatic coastal side facing the open sea. We stop to relax and explore the picturesque village of Donje Celو with free time for lunch. In the late afternoon we paddle back to Lopud.

Approximately 3-hours of paddling, 3-hours of snorkelling and swimming. Estimated paddling distance: 15km

Day 4 - Paddling: Lopud – Trsteno – Brsecine: After breakfast we kayak across the Kolocep Channel to Trsteno (on the mainland). Trsteno is an old seaside village with a rich history famous for its 15th Century Renaissance Park with many exotic trees and plant species. It is in the style of a Dubrovnik summer manor with a villa, pavilion, aqueduct, Baroque period fountain, and many churches. The shady arboretum is a perfect place to relax. In the afternoon we paddle to the pebble beach of Brsecine past more caves and isolated beaches. In the afternoon we return to Lopud.

Approximately 3-hours of paddling, 3-hours of snorkelling and swimming. Estimated paddling distance: 15km

Day 5 - Paddling: Lopud – Sipan: (Short Break tour finishes this morning with a transfer to Dubrovnik).

Your luggage will be transferred from Lopud to the accommodation in Sudjuradj (island of Sipan) today. After breakfast we paddle to Sudjuradj - sometimes called the Golden Island - Šipan is the largest and most populated of the Elaphite Islands. Much of the island is overgrown with Mediterranean maquis, but there are also many vineyards & olive groves. The charming fishing village of Sudjuradj with traditional limestone houses and Renaissance castles is a delightful place to explore. We dine at local restaurant in Sudjuradj and stay overnight. Approximately 2-hours of paddling, 3-hours of snorkelling, swimming & walking.

Day 6 - Paddling: Sudjuradj – Sipanska Luka: We set out for Luka Sipanska (Sipan), once the centre of Authority of Dubrovnik Republic with its natural setting and unique historical buildings. Sipan has an exciting history - including conquerors, aristocrats, and pirates. There are many historic and cultural sites including a fortress, summer manor houses, a monastery and numerous Renaissance and Baroque churches. We cross back to the island to Sudjuradj.

Approximately 3-hours of paddling, 3-hours snorkelling & swimming. Estimated paddling distance: 14km

Day 7 – Optional self-guided paddling: Today there are some choices and we recommend you take a local bus or walk to Sipanska Luka and then paddle from Sipanska Luka to Sudjuradj from other side of the island. There are many small islets, secluded beaches and pine forests. Our final night is at Sudjuradj.

Approximately 4-hours paddling 2-hours swimming & snorkelling. Estimated paddling distance: 19km

Day 8 – Departure: After breakfast we transfer from the island of Sipan back to Dubrovnik Airport.

These holidays are a perfect accompaniment to our many Bike & Boat cycling cruises or centre-based walking holidays in Croatia. Guided or self-guided walking or cycling holidays are available in most destinations in Europe

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