

An aerial photograph of a white sailboat with a black mast and rigging, sailing on clear turquoise water. The boat is viewed from above, showing its deck, sails, and a small outboard motor at the stern. A blue surfboard is visible in the water near the stern. The water's color transitions from a lighter turquoise to a deeper blue towards the bottom of the frame.

BEST OF CROATIA

Local Heroes Signature Trip

We are a team of experts who are dedicated to make your travel experience unforgettable. Travelling with Local Heroes is always exclusive, private and away from the crowds!

Find your travel inspiration in our signature trips, but only consider them as an example. Local Heroes will 100% tailor make your holiday until it fits you like a glove. We are totally flexible and compose every trip from scratch.

BEST OF CROATIA

14 days | 13 nights

Price for family of four from 15.460,00 € to 22.550,00 € depending on travel season. All mentioned transfers, tours, accommodations and sailing charter are included in the stated price.

CROATIA

DAY 1 – 3 ZAGREB

ESPLANADE HOTEL ZAGREB Two nights in 2 Deluxe Rooms, B&B service.
CULINARY TOUR with private guide

DAY 3 - 4 NATIONAL PARK PLITVICE LAKES

FENOMEN PLITVICE RESORT Overnight in a 2 bedroom Luxury Suite, B&B service.
PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK TOUR with private guide

DAY 4 – 7 ŠIBENIK

D-RESORT ŠIBENIK Three nights in two Superior Marina View Rooms, B&B service.
NP KRKA e-BIKE TOUR with private guide
QUAD BIKE TOUR with private guide

DAY 7 – 14 DALMATIA

SAILING ON THE ADRIATIC SEA Seven days, six nights on a truly spectacular boat The First Yacht 53 Zenith with a captain and a hostess

BEST OF CROATIA

Your journey starts in Zagreb where you will discover Croatia cuisine. Your next destination is beautiful National Park Plitvice. Finally discover Šibenik town and explore National Park Krka on e-bikes and National Park Kornati on a speedboat. On Saturday board your floating home for a week of freedom, total privacy and enjoyment lies ahead of you..

Croatia boasts the best sailing areas in the entire Mediterranean. It has a coastline of 800 kilometres and spread across the Adriatic Sea there are more than 1200 islands to be found. Thousands of bays and coves, all surrounded by crystal clear waters, begging to be explored. Snorkelling, swimming, diving, supping. Picturesque villages pop up restaurants and always other islands to be seen on the horizon. This area is almost begging to be sailed.



CROATIA

You will find that Croatia is much more than just sun, sea and beach. Croatia also offers alluring landscapes such as the impressive Plitvice lakes and breath-taking Krka waterfalls, captivating coastline, ancient Roman cities and villages, UNESCO monuments in Split, Šibenik, Korčula and Dubrovnik.

We organize beautiful bicycle tours through Istria and a quad bike tour through the hinterland of Split.

Don't forget the sea; there are hundreds of islands and islets surrounded by crystal clear water. You can go on a speedboat, a sailing yacht or an impressive *goolet*. This can be arranged as a day trip, but we are also happy to arrange multi-day tours for you.

Croatia is also full of culinary surprises, from a delicious *peka* in a local *konoba* to a splendid dinner in a Michelin star restaurant; always accompanied by unique local wines.



LOCAL HEROES has its own office in Croatia, and we know the best way to travel around. We make it a wonderful and memorable journey. And that is a promise!

We are a team of local experts dedicated to make your travel experience in Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia truly unforgettable. We live and breathe in our destinations, and we proudly want to help you explore these beautiful destinations the best possible way, away from the crowds.

DAY 1 Upon arriving in Zagreb a private transfer is organised to take you to Esplanade Hotel Zagreb.

ZAGREB

Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and with its 1 million inhabitants also by far the largest city in Croatia. The city is developing at a rapid pace and there are all kinds of festivals throughout the year.

Ban Jelačić square is the beating heart of Zagreb and from here you can actually explore all interesting parts of the city on foot. St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Dolac farmers market and the "upper town" close by. All trams stop on the square, so the more distant parts of the city are also easily accessible.



According to statistics, Zagreb has the highest museum density in the world. In this abundance we highlight two: In the city museum in a somewhat classic setting on the north side of the center, you get to know Zagreb in all its aspects, from rare to ordinary, from a long time ago to the most contemporary. The "Museum of the Broken Hearts" offers a mixture of humorous, emotional and sometimes poignant memorabilia of past loves. In the adjacent restaurant of the same name, the statement that love goes through the stomach is fully realized. Zagreb is also one of the first cities in which the battle with graffiti was not fought, but the collaboration with the art painters was achieved.

DAY 1 - 3 Two nights in two Deluxe Rooms in Esplanade Hotel Zagreb, B&B service.

ESPLANADE HOTEL, ZAGREB

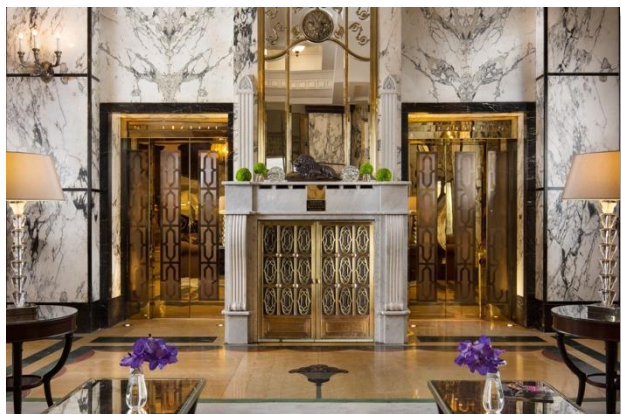
Classic beauty in Zagreb

Housed in one of the city's most prominent buildings, the 5-star Esplanade Zagreb is the Grande Dame of Zagreb's hotel industry. The classic Art Deco hotel dates from 1925, when it was built as a 'stop' for the Orient Express. After an extensive renovation in 2004, the hotel is in absolute top-vintage condition. The Esplanade hotel still has a colonial look, but the atmosphere in the hotel is much more contemporary and vivid than it would seem from outside.



The hotel is located just outside the center, right next to the Zagreb main station. Zagreb's main square, Trg Bana Jelačića, is 900 meters from Esplanade Zagreb Hotel, and a wide variety of cafes and restaurants can be found on the nearby Tkalčićeva Street.

The spacious rooms in Art Nouveau style are equipped with satellite TV and a minibar. The marble bathrooms have a bath, shower and free L'Occitane toiletries.



The hotel is a true culinary hotspot. Zinfandel is the fine dining restaurant - one of the very best in all of Croatia - and it offers highly creative menus from the talented chef Ana Grgić. In the casual Le Bistro you can enjoy a modern mix of traditional Croatian and French specialties. On the lovely Oleander terrace you can find delicious dishes or a cocktail prepared by one of the award-winning mixologists.

LOCAL HEROES TIP

Celebrate with a glorious Sunday Brunch in the Zinfandel restaurant. The brunch consists partly of a buffet and a number of dishes that can be ordered a la carte. A nice detail is that two of their famous classics (the Caesar Salad and the tartare) are prepared at the table. What better way to end the perfect Sunday afternoon than with small sweet pleasures - delicate crème brûlée, seductive chocolate mousse, chic French macarons, traditional cakes, fruit desserts, ice cream or homemade pralines. All in all a nice culinary experience and also attractively priced. Highly recommended.

"When I first arrived at Esplanade it looked impressive, but it also made a somewhat business-like and distant impression. Once inside that impression faded. The service is youthful, attentive and informal, the restaurants are great, and the rooms are well equipped. If you are looking for a top hotel with excellent service and exquisite culinary delicacies, you've come to the right place."

Croatia specialist Joep

DAY 2 Culinary tour with a private guide.

ZAGREB FOOD TOUR - CULINARY WALK THROUGH THE CAPITAL OF CROATIA

Your guide will be waiting for you at hotel's reception and you will set off for a delightful walk through this ever-changing city. Eat your way through the market stalls, taverns, and local restaurants of Zagreb on a foodie adventure filled with some of the best local dishes in the city. As you eat you learn the stories behind the many distinct culinary traditions of Croatia. We suggest taking it easy at breakfast, as it is not wise to start this tour with a full stomach.



The start is a visit to the Dolac farmers market where you will get to know some typical dishes. After this you will get to know all kinds of things and get acquainted with a variety of local dishes. Of course, there are a few classics in this exploration. You will be introduced to specialties such as štrukli, ajngemahtec, gemišt, sir i vrhnje, purica s mlincima and knedle sa šljivama. Currently incomprehensible and exotic but soon part of your favourite flavours. You will not be thirsty either, because you will have a wine tasting, drink your own beer and if desired also stronger stuff. But today it is about more than just eating and drinking. You will also get to know the city, its inhabitants, and history. You will set off with an extremely knowledgeable guide who is flexible, and you can always adapt schedule on your next stop. A wonderful day in Zagreb!

DAY 3 The rental car is delivered the day before in front of Esplanade Hotel Zagreb. In the morning you continue your trip and you drive to Plitvice Lakes National Park, a ride of approximately 4 hours.

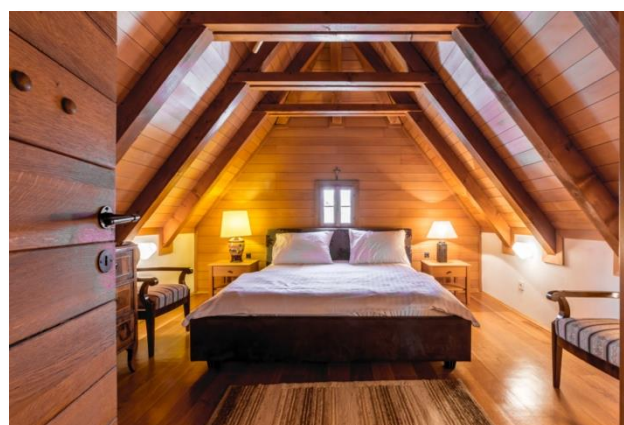
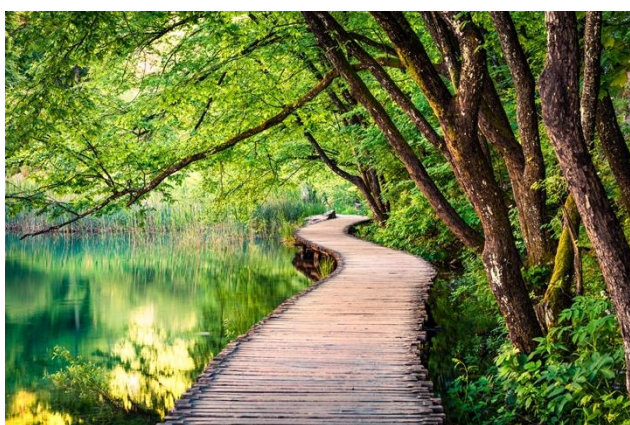
DAY 3 - 4 An overnight in a Luxury Suite in Fenomen Plitvice hotel, B&B service.

FENOMEN PLITVICE HOTEL

Luxury chalets in the middle of untouched nature

Plitvice Fenomen Resort is located in a park-like setting and is the most luxurious accommodation in the Plitvice National Park area.

The hotel has a restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serving local and international specialties. In a good weather you can have breakfast outside in the morning, a wonderful start of the day. The main reason to stay here is Plitvice lakes, the very first national park in Croatia that was already on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1979.



“If you are looking for peace and privacy, you arrived to the right place. Excellently equipped chalets in the middle of nature provide a very relaxed atmosphere.”

Croatia specialist Joep

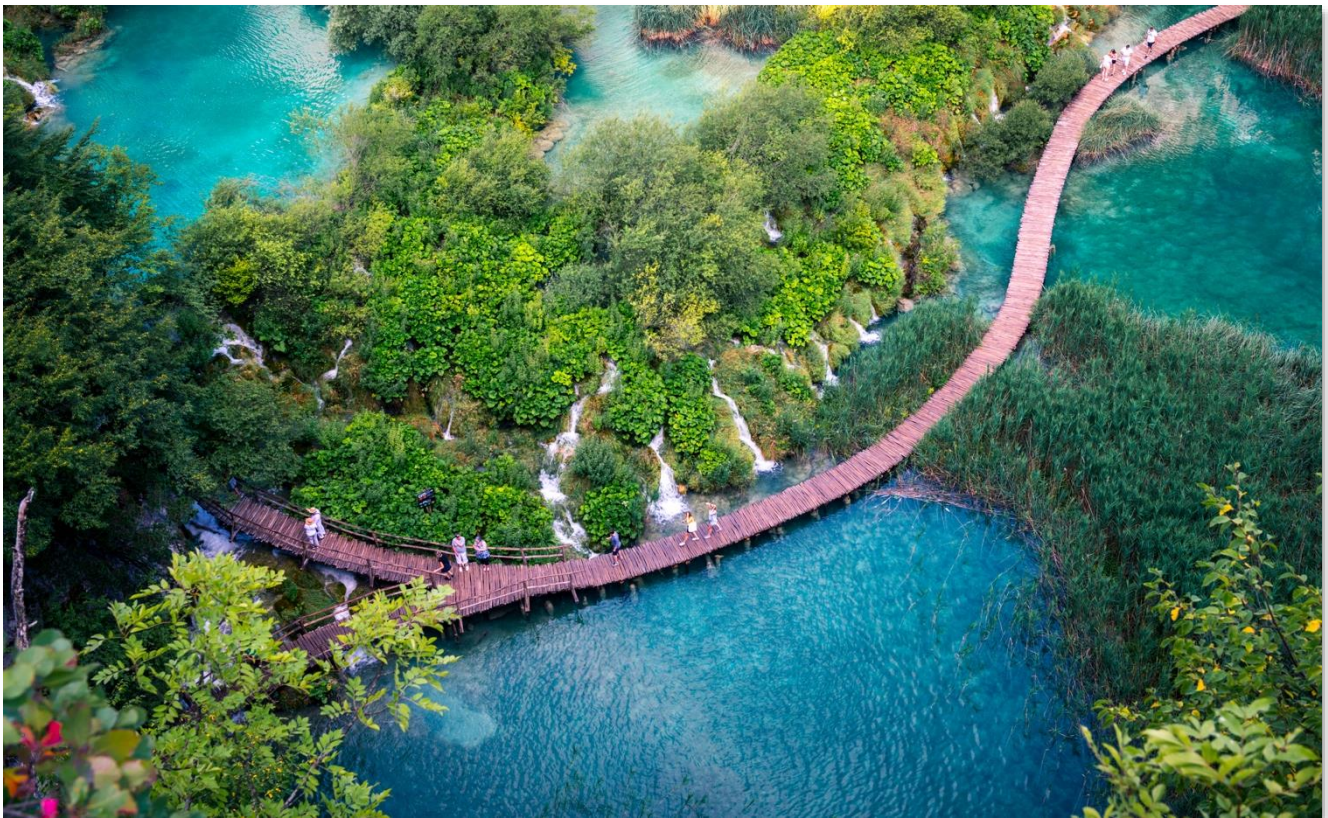
DAY 4 Plitvice Lakes National Park walking tour with private guide

PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

The Plitvice Lakes are magical nature reserve that has been under the UNESCO World Heritage List. It is a truly impressive and very busy area, where one scenery is even more beautiful than the next. It is a large park with a total of 16 lakes, divided into the 'upper lakes' and the 'lower lakes'. The spectacular routes lead you along streams and waterfalls. Everywhere you look you will see the unbelievably blue and crystal-clear water.

EXPLORING PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

The most beautiful (UNESCO) National park in Croatia



National park Plitvice are an extremely impressive park under the protection of the UNESCO World Heritage. It is one of the biggest tourist attractions in Croatia, therefore, it is very busy. The area with a total of 16 lakes offers a huge range of hiking trails, each time with unique views. The different routes can be combined with boat connections.

Together with your guide you will avoid the greatest crowds and you'll determine the intensity of this walking tour. Don't forget to get a beautiful picture of this unique destination.

DAY 4 In the afternoon drive to Šibenik, a ride of approximately 2,5 hours.

ŠIBENIK

Where cities like Zadar and Dubrovnik attract a lot of visitors, Šibenik stays a bit behind for some incomprehensible reason. It is the underdog of the Adriatic coast even though it is the one of the very few cities to have two buildings under UNESCO protection: the famous St James Cathedral and St. Nicholas Fort.



This city has much more to offer than medieval splendour. The surrounding nature is also magnificent: the beautiful Kornati islands National Park are easily accessible while the world-famous waterfalls of Krka are only a fifteen-minute drive away.

The city also has a great culinary trump: restaurant Pelegrini is one of the best in all of Croatia and was awarded a Michelin star in March 2018. Add to that the very beautiful city centre and the excellent price/quality ratio and you will understand why we strongly recommend staying in Šibenik.

DAY 4 - 7 Three nights in two Superior Marina View rooms in D-Resort Šibenik, B&B service.

DAY 4 Upon arriving in the hotel you can drop off your car rental at the reception.

D-RESORT ŠIBENIK

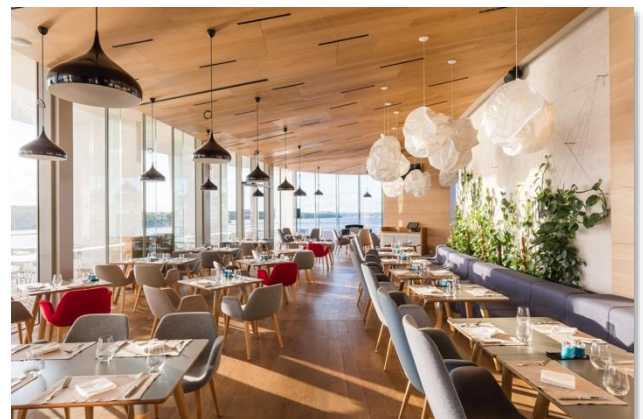
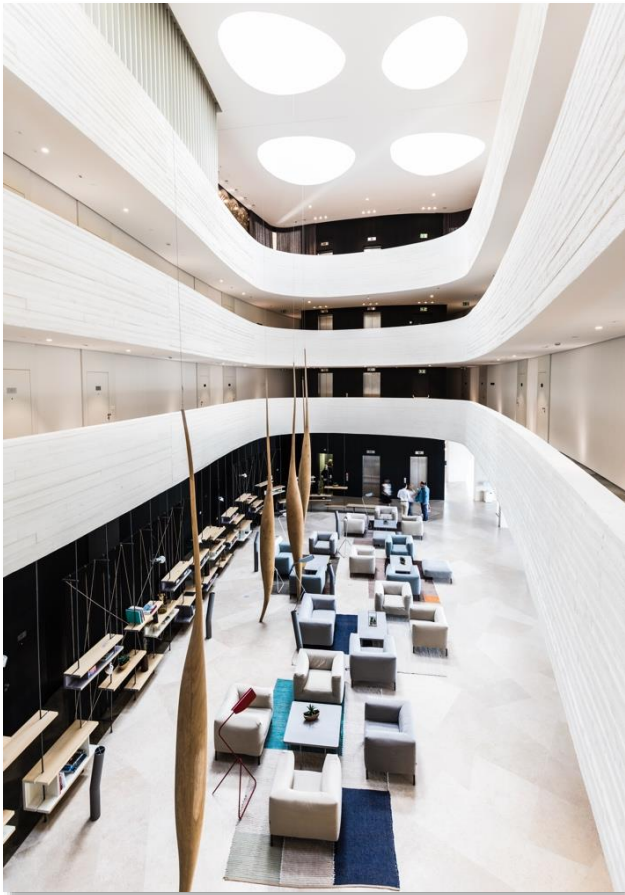
Top class hotel on the Adriatic coast

The D-Resort Šibenik is a member of the exclusive SLH (Small Luxury Hotels of the World). It is a beautifully designed and brand-new boutique design hotel on a peninsula close to the old town of Šibenik. The hotel offers everything you would expect from a top resort: plenty of facilities, two swimming pools, a spa and a fitness club.



The D-Resort is ideally located on the Dalmatian coast. Šibenik with its ancient city center is close by and the hotel has its own marina. You can be picked up less than 100 meters

from the resort by your private boat with captain to explore beautiful waters around the Šibenik Archipelago. Krka National Park with its famous waterfalls is also only a 20-minute drive away. Here we have developed some very special cycling excursions. All in all, this is a great base to explore the still relatively undiscovered, but oh so beautiful Šibenik and its surroundings.



“It took a while until we realized how special Šibenik really is. The first time I was there I got lost in the wrong part of the old town and the second time lunch ended in failure. With each next visit, I became more impressed by the charm of this undiscovered town on the Dalmatian coast and the endless possibilities the area offered. We get nothing but positive feedback from our customers and over the years it has become our No. 1 hotel.”

Croatia specialist Joep

DAY 5 Bike tour in Krka National Park with private guide

CYCLING AROUND ŠIBENIK

Krka National park at its most beautiful

This is a very nice way to explore Krka National Park without being bothered by the large flow of day tourists that visit the park every day. A wonderful bike ride through this impressive park, far from the crowds with beautiful views, a visit to the ancient Skradin, a top lunch and a relaxing boat trip back to the hotel.

“The best way to explore Krka National Park far from the crowds: cycling, eating and a boat ride.”

You will be picked up from the hotel and start the tour at a viewpoint high above Torak Lake, a perfectly round lake nestled between high cliffs. An almost surreal image. From here, you will drive along the rim of the canyon to arrive at the next visual treat: a beautiful view of the source of the rivers Krka and Čikola. A strange idea that the enormous waterfalls are only a few kilometers away.



Then you drive between stone walls on gravel paths that with the high grass and the (hopefully) clear blue sky are reminiscent of South African landscapes, after which you start the beautiful descent towards Skradin. In the beginning you drive through fairytale landscapes, parallel to the river. Then you are confronted with the excesses of the bucket

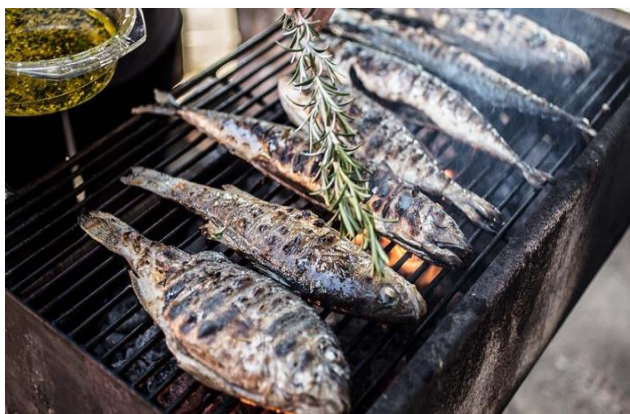
list and Instagram tourism: the enormous crowds at the famous waterfalls. A great contrast to the serene tranquility of the first part of the day. But the inconvenience is short-lived: after the visit to the waterfalls, you continue to Skradin where the bicycles will be returned.

Skradin is the oldest town in this area and has been inhabited since the Neolithic era 5500 years ago. After that it was the capital of the Illyrian Liburnia and then the Romans ruled here for a while. For a time in the 14th century it was the medieval capital of Croatia. So no shortage of history. This picturesque town has grown in recent years in the pace of the nations. For example, the harbor regularly hosts mega yachts and it is one of Bill Gates' favorite destinations.



Now the culinary enjoyment begins: you take a taxi boat from the port of Skradin to restaurant Vidrovace. This is a great family restaurant that is quite rightly attracting attention at Gault Millau. A big contribution to the charm of this restaurant is that it is only accessible by boat. Although meat is also served, the sea is the main supplier and much of the "seafood" is brought in from the private boat. The location is also great: it is located

on a beach with plenty of shade, a wonderful place for a refreshing dip (of course we provide towels). After the late lunch, the party isn't over yet.



You do not have to cycle back, because we have arranged the most beautiful return journey.

You will be picked up at the restaurant for a wonderful private cruise through the impressive Skradin Channel, after which you will be delivered to the port of the D-Resort.

DAY 7 After the breakfast you check out from the D Resort hotel and continue to private Quad bike tour in the hinterland of Split. After the lunch a transfer to Split harbour is organised.

QUAD BIKE TOUR IN THE HINTERLAND OF SPLIT

Get in touch with your wild side.

You will be picked up at 9 a.m. in the morning for a spectacular tour that will show you a completely different face of Croatia. It is amazing to arrive in a completely different world in less than an hour.





After the arrival in Sinj you start with a short instruction. This tour is very suitable for beginners because the quad bikes have an automatic gear and are in perfect condition. Your guide is a skilled professional and you determine the pace with him. In the unspoilt hinterland of Split, this private quad bike tour takes you through ever-changing landscapes. Uphill and downhill, through green meadows, along deserted villages and sweeping views everywhere.

The roads are partly paved, partly gravel and occasionally you drive through the fields. The chance that you will encounter other tourists during this adventure is basically non-existent. Today you and your guide are alone in the world.

The tour ends with a delicious lunch with local specialties in an idyllic spot in a farm. After lunch, you have a transfer back to your hotel.

DAY 7 - 14 Seven days/ seven nights sailing in Dalmatia's archipelago on a sailing boat
The First Yacht 53 Zenith with a captain and a hostess.

SAILING ON THE ADRIATIC SEA

In the heart of culinary Istria

Croatia boasts the best sailing areas in the entire Mediterranean. It has a coastline of 800 kilometers and spread across the Adriatic Sea there are more than 1200 islands to be found. Thousands of bays and coves, all surrounded by crystal clear waters, begging to be explored. Snorkelling, swimming, diving, supping. Picturesque villages pop up restaurants and always other islands to be seen on the horizon. This area is almost begging to be sailed.



Your journey starts on Saturday from the harbour in Split. After you board your floating home week of freedom, total privacy and enjoyment lies ahead of you and your family.

Together with your captain you decide on the itinerary and the rhythm of the days. Lazing around, swimming, snorkelling, exploring islands and villages. The captain will make sure you will have a table in amazing restaurants, be it a famous place like Lešić Dimitri on Korčula or in one of the quirky pop up restaurants in the Kornati Archipelago. This will be a week of total relaxation after which you are fully energized.

THE BENETEAU ZENITH

This is a truly spectacular boat. With sights set on high-performance cruising and more, this "Luxury Performance" sailing yacht was designed for expert sailors. With a well-balanced hull and helm for unique sensations, easy-flow deck plan, modern marine interior with a décor of white lacquered bulkheads and moulded wood, the First Yacht 53 gets the renewal of the new generation of First sailing yachts truly underway!

The First Yacht 53 is a happy mix of classic and modern lines. With a straight slender bow providing plenty of forward space, and a 5-metre maximum beam further aft, she immediately stands out for her sturdy seaworthy looks. The cockpit has been studied in detail to ensure nothing can obstruct forward movement: manoeuvring close-hauled from the twin helm stations with easy access to the side decks, space given over completely to relaxation near the companionway. With a flush deck, low coach roof and a sleek modern look, she has all the virtues of a thoroughbred. The First Yacht 53 marks a new era with a top quality mast and high-end deck gear and a powerful sail plan that is easily controlled by a short handed crew.

Moulded wood in the interior contrasts with a modern almost minimalist décor of lacquered white bulkheads with a teak sole. There are lots of fiddles and hand rails, as well as plenty of storage indoors, where three double cabins and two heads make up the accommodation. The major innovation in the interior has been separating the lounge/relaxation area, with a sofa and coffee table, and the galley space with a dinner table. The result is bright, well-ventilated and it communicates well with the exterior by an easy and intuitive companionway.



FIRST 53 YACHT BENETEAU - ZENITH

GENERAL

Year of built: 2020
Cabins: 3
Cabin Notice: Owner's
version 3 double + 1
skipper cabin
Heads: 4
Maximum pax: 6
Length: 17,16 m
Draft: 2,5 m
Engine: Yanmar 110 HP
Bow Thruster: Yes
Heating: Yes
Air Condition: Yes

SAILS

Lazy Bag: 2020
Roll Genoa: 2020
Gennaker: Extra
Electric Winch: Yes

TANKS

Water Tank: 720 l
Fuel Tank: 400 l
Holding Tank: Yes

DECK & COCKPIT

Helm: 2x Steering wheel
Sprayhood: Yes
Spray Tent: Yes
Anchor: chain counter
Electric windlass: Yes
Teak: Deck
Stern Shower: Yes

Cockpit Speakers: Yes
Cockpit Table: Fix

SAFETY

Dinghy: Highfield UL240
Outboard 3.5HP included
Life raft
Life belts
Life jackets
Fog horn
First aid set
2 fire extinguishers
Emergency signals
Electric bilge pump
Manual bilge pump

INSTRUMENTS

Battery charger
Shore power 220V
B&G Autopilot
B&G mast repeaters
GPS chart plotter: cockpit
VHF
FM radio/USB connection
Compass
Electric winch for main
sail
Hydraulic unit for mast
Ship control
Navigation charts
Pilot book
Wind instruments
TV - owner cabin
TV in saloon
Underwater lights
Mast spreaders light

GENERATOR 7,5 KVA 230V
50HZ

SAILS:

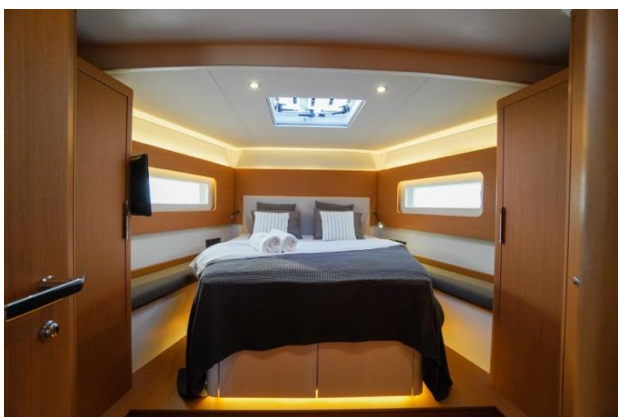
North Sails NPL Tour
Code 0
Gennaker on request

KITCHEN/CABINS

Fully equipped
galley/kitchen
Nespresso coffe machine
Fridge + ice box
Wine Fridge
Stove\oven
Hot water
Heating&AC all cabins
Gas bottles
3 x Electric toilets
Electric pump for deck
cleaning
Electric pump for salty
and fresh water in galley
Bed linen\Towels
Dish washer 6 pax
Microwave
Electrical aft platform
(bathing) with remote
control
Cockpit and deck
cushions
Gangway

In Price included:

1 X SEA SCOOTER
2 X ELECTRIC SCOOTER
1 X SUP



DAY 14 After a week of memorable sailing your Captain will take you back to **Split** where you will have an overnight in the harbour close to the Old Town. The next day a transfer to Split Airport is organised.

START PLANNING.

We have created this example trip and itinerary with different activities just as an example or better say guideline of what you can do. If you like what you see then of course you can copy them exactly, but we like to take individual approach to every new trip.

We will discuss your desired experiences as well as budget to optimise your choice. After you tell us your preferences, we get to know you better and we create a journey just for you. As ever, you can always side-step our forms and example itineraries and get in contact with us by email or phone. You are in the hands of experts therefore prepare for bespoke, once in the lifetime, perfectly tailored experience.

Start planning your perfect trip and fill out our Local Heroes **ONLINE ENQUIRY FORM**. Tell us a few details about your travel plans and we'll create the perfect experience for you.

CONTACT US

FAQ

Everything we do is tailor-made and adapted just for you, so when filling out our form give us as many information as possible so we can create perfect journey. After we receive your Booking Form, our Local Hero Expert will contact you, listen to your ideas and guide you to your dream trip. Your Local Hero Expert will begin to tailor and mould an itinerary around what you want.

Some of the parts in our offer are extremely exclusive and they can get booked quickly as the number of the available units, seats or tables is limited. Travelling with Local Heroes will get you that exclusive and luxurious adventure, so don't wait any longer and get in touch!

 www.localheroestravel.com