



## CROATIA KAYAKING

*Paddling and Cruising the Dalmatian Coast*

CROATIA ~ SEA KAYAKING ~10 DAYS

### TRIP DETAILS

*10 days*

*Easy to intermediate sea kayaking. Cruising, snorkeling and light hiking*

*7 nights aboard a classic 100 ft sailing yacht. Private double cabins with en suite bathrooms*

*3 nights boutique hotels*



### 2012 DATES

*June 15 - 24*

*September 21 - 30*

### 2012 LAND COST

*\$4550 US per person*

*From: Split (SPU)*

*Group Size: 14*

Europe's most beautiful unspoiled coastline lies in Croatia. Here mountains meet the sea and form the sun-drenched Dalmatian Coast. Scattered along this shore is an archipelago of 1000 spectacular islands where traditional hospitality and a relaxed lifestyle are still the norm. These islands boast glorious stretches of intricate shoreline set against backdrops of olive groves and vineyards. Our expedition begins in Trogir, a charming ancient town and a World Heritage Site with a profusion of Romanesque and Renaissance architecture near the city of Split. It ends in Dubrovnik, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's best preserved medieval walled cities (Lord Byron called it "the Pearl of the Adriatic"). Our home on this trip is aboard an elegantly appointed 100-foot classic sailing yacht. From this mothership we paddle along dramatic sea cliffs, explore sea caves and pocket beaches that are only accessible by kayak, and swim in warm azure water. Ashore we go for short hikes to historic fortresses and meander through timeless Venetian villages, stopping to sip coffee or to dine at little sidewalk cafes draped in bougainvillea and jasmine. An adventure not to be missed!

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 — TROGIR (D)

Arrive in Trogir and transfer to a charming family run hotel in the heart of the medieval town of Trogir. In the evening we meet for our welcome dinner at one of the town's best restaurants.

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**DAY 2 – TROGIR AND DALMATIAN COAST (B,L,D)**

After breakfast we have a guided tour of Trogir. In late afternoon, we board our beautiful mothership and sail to the island of Brac and we begin our exploration of the Dalmatian Islands with a lovely paddle into the charming harbour of Milna.

**DAYS 3 – HVAR (B,L,D)**

We sail and kayak to the island of Hvar, famous for lavender fields and jetsetters. After anchoring for lunch and a swim we transfer to Hvar town, where we spend the afternoon and evening exploring its narrow streets, unique main square and historic citadel.

**DAYS 4 – VIS (B,L,D)**

Today's destination is the remote island of Vis. From our base in Komiza harbour, we go exploring by kayak along beautiful limestone cliffs, looking for caves and stopping to swim from white sand beaches in tiny coves.

**DAYS 5 – KORCULA (B,L,D)**

A highlight of the trip is sailing into the unsurpassable harbour of Korcula town. Our knowledgeable local guide takes us deep into the past of this picture-perfect medieval settlement, before we spend the late afternoon exploring on our own, by foot and/or kayak

**DAYS 6 – MJLET (B,L,D)**

After a morning paddle along Korcula's fortified walls, we head for the island of Mjlet. We kayak through a maze of remote and uninhabited islets close to the village of Polace. In the evening we a traditional dinner cooked 'under the bell' in a harbor side restaurant.

**DAYS 7 – STON (B,L,D)**

Famous for its ancient salt pans and long fortifying walls, the town of Ston lies at the base of Pelješac Peninsula. After approaching it by kayak down a protected inlet, we enjoy a traditional lunch, then have time to explore the town and walk along part of the walls.

**DAYS 8 – SIPAN (B,L,D)**

Arriving by kayak in the leafy harbor of Sipanska Luka, we admire the grand summer 'palaces' built in centuries past by rich nobles from Dubrovnik. After lunch on the boat we hike across Sipan, past fields of pomegranates, figs and olives, to a special restaurant where we enjoy our last dinner on the islands.

**DAY 9 – ARRIVAL IN DUBROVNIK (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, we say goodbye to our mothership and transfer to Dubrovnik's Old Town, the most beautiful and intact medieval settlement in Europe. Our tour of this world famous UNESCO heritage site begins with Dubrovnik's massive ramparts and walls. After lunch the afternoon is free to discover the city on your own. In the evening we celebrate our successful mothership/kayaking adventure with a sumptuous Dalmatian dinner.

**DAY 10 – DEPARTURE (B)**

After breakfast – return home.

## PREREQUISITES:

No previous kayaking experience is needed: The warm, calm waters of Dalmatian Islands are ideal for novice paddlers. Having our mothership close at hand makes it possible to everyone to take part in as much or as little paddling as they want.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

When booking your flights, please ensure that you arrive in Split (SPU), Croatia in time for our briefing and welcome dinner. We will provide transfers from the airport to the hotel on this day. There are several European hubs that offer flights to Croatia including London Heathrow, London Stansted, Frankfurt, Vienna. If possible, try to book your returning flights from Dubrovnik to avoid having to transfer back to Split. A van transfer from Dubrovnik to Split airport is possible but takes approximately 4 hours. If possible, try to book your returning flights from Dubrovnik International Airport (DBV) to avoid having to transfer back to Split.

## LAND COST

\$4550 US per person.

Rates are per person, based on sharing double accommodations. Single Supplement: \$400 US

Cost Includes: guides, all accommodations, all kayaking equipment, all meals, ground transportation, boat charters, park entrance fees.

## THE NEXT STEP

### **Ready to go? Registering is easy!**

Just call us at 1-800-677-0877 and reserve your spot! You can also book a reservation online at our website ([www.tofino.com](http://www.tofino.com)).

### **Leave the Rest to Us**

Before you go, we provide you with extensive pre-departure information, including clothing recommendations, suggested reading lists, up-to-date health advice and other details.

### **Why Tofino Expeditions?**

We have more than 20 years of experience as an expedition guide service, are leaders in sea-kayak instruction and have an industry wide reputation for safety, service and great food. We have guided thousands of paddlers on wilderness trips and are thrilled that so many guests become repeat clientele. Our trips are physically satisfying vacations that are designed to be relaxing, safe, thought-provoking and fun.

### **References**

Don't take our word for how great our trips are. We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travelers.

### **Our Commitment to Conservation**

Tofino Expeditions has always been at the forefront of minimum impact camping technique and we have been formally recognized for our responsible expedition methods and management. We actively support a range of organizations that share our commitment to wilderness preservation.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Deposits and Payment:** A \$1000 US per person deposit holds your space until 90 days before departure payment is due in full. If your deposit is made by credit card we will process further deposits and balance prior to departure unless notified to do otherwise. Due to the nature of international operations, prices are subject to change.

All payments may be made by check or credit card (Visa, MC or Amex). Prices are in US or Canadian dollars as specified in the trip description and schedule. All payments are to be made in US or Canadian dollars. Immediately after we receive your deposit you will receive a detailed package with a clothing and equipment list, invoice, medical form, Release From Liability Agreement and other information needed to prepare for your trip.

**What's Included:** The information package for each trip contains a comprehensive list of equipment and services which are included in the trip cost. Please read these carefully and call our office if you require further information.

**Not included:** Airfares, gratuities to staff, insurance of any kind, airport taxes (if any), alcoholic beverages or soft drinks and other items of a personal nature. Medical costs, costs of hospitalization, evacuation by helicopter or any other means are not covered in the trip cost.

**Delays:** If the trip is delayed because of bad weather, canceled or delayed flights or delays of other modes of transport, sickness or situations for which Tofino Expeditions or its agents cannot make provisions, the cost of delays is not included.

**Insurance:** We strongly recommend the purchase of cancellation insurance for your protection in event of illness. Please contact your travel agent for more information.

**Single Travelers:** Hotel and tent accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will match you with a room/tent mate of the same sex if one is available. If there is no one with whom you can share, or if you prefer single hotel accommodations, you are requested to pay the single supplement fee listed for your trip.

**Trip Prices:** Prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuations and other factors beyond Tofino Expeditions' control.

**Cancellations:** A significant portion of our expenses are committed long before departure. At the time we receive written notice that you must cancel your trip, the following fees will apply (all dates are from departure date):

From time of reservation until 120 days prior to departure: \$500

119 to 90 days prior to departure: 25% of Land Cost

89 days or less prior to departure: 100% of Land Cost.

**Canceled Trips:** Due to the nature of operating in the wilderness and remote international areas, Tofino Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure for any reason whatsoever, including inadequate sign-up which makes the trip economically unfeasible for us to operate or logistical problems which may impede trip operations. At least 1 month notice prior to the departure date will be given for a trip cancellation due to inadequate sign-up. In such a case, a full refund of the trip Cost is given, but Tofino Expeditions is not responsible for expenses incurred by trip members in preparation for the trip (e.g., non-refundable airline tickets, medical expenses, equipment etc.).