



Our Fleet

... consists of classic motorized sailing boats, mostly made out of wood. Nowadays, new boats are usually made of steel, so our newcomers like Maček, Antonela, Columbo and others have steel hulls, while the interiors are still made of wood.

The boats differ in size, equipment and comfort – please note the respective descriptions and the table “Technical Specifications”. All information and comments refer to August 2011 – changes in appearance and structure may be possible, due to off season overhauling.

Occasionally, during winter time, it may happen that a Captain decides to sell his boat or to buy himself a new ship. It is therefore possible that a ship will be steered by another Captain with another crew. Also single crew members may change the boat they work on.

Some wooden vessels in our fleet are already more than 100 years old – which actually means that only the name and the hull shape are really that old. During renovation and overhaul, over the years, all ribs and planks, nails and screws were replaced. One thing, however, all vessels have in common: They are not to be confused with the large cruise ships – you will live on board in convivial company, without any major formalities.

Cabins

The cabin size may differ from ship to ship, and then again from cabin to cabin. The cabins in small and simple ships are, on average, about 4-6 m²; in superior and larger ships about 7-10 m².

The cabins offer enough space to sleep in and stow a duffel bag or a travel sack. They are usually functional, and have, in addition to beds, a small wardrobe and/or an open shelf.

The beds are often one above the other (bunk beds, usually without a ladder); some cabins also have queen-size beds or two single beds. Triple cabins usually have a queen-size bed, with a third bed above. Type and arrangement of the beds can be found in the descriptions of individual ships.

The majority of the vessels have cabins with shower/toilet and a sink. These are basically wet cells, separated by a door from the cabin space; in general there is no shower curtain or shower cabin. The shower water typically runs through a single drain in the floor.

Have a look at the table “Technical Specifications” to get a general overview of vessel length and width, and of the number of cabins. Cabins below deck have a small ventilation shaft or a porthole. Many ships have cabins both below and on deck; in the ship’s description there is also a distinction between main and upper deck. When making your reservation, you may choose among cabins on or below deck (subject to availability); this will be accordingly confirmed with your booking confirmation/invoice. There is no distinction between main and upper deck. Preferences regarding main or upper deck, or a specific cabin number, will be forwarded to the captain and considered, but not confirmed and therefore are not subject to the travel contract.

The allocation of the cabins is generally organised according to the date of reservation.

At your arrival, beds with clean and crisp sheets will be waiting for you; anyhow, you should bring your own towels. Since the cabin crew will not enter the cabins during the trip, the guests are responsible to keep them in order. Also showers and toilets will not be cleaned by the crew during the tour. Communal showers and toilets are regularly cleaned during the whole journey.

Some ships have more cabins, as indicated in the description. These cabins are usually not bookable, but can be assigned in exceptional cases (e.g., for charter groups – surcharge applies). These cabins do not always match the standard of the other cabins on the same ship (e.g., no shower/toilet). The crew members have their own cabins on board, which are not listed in the descriptions.



Air Conditioning

The majority of the ships have air conditioning in the lounge or in the aisle below deck; more and more ships now have also air-conditioned cabins (with individual controls). With air conditioning in the aisle, a cooling effect in the cabin is of course only possible if you leave the cabin door open. Generally the air conditioners are activated only when the boat engine or generator is in operation, or when the ship is connected to the mains supply on land. At overnight stays in secluded coves and small fishing villages without power supply, air conditioners are usually turned off, since it is not possible to run the engine or aggregate without disturbing the night-time peace.

Clothing and Luggage

Leave your evening gowns and suits at home – casual holiday wear, such as shorts and T-shirts, as well as swim wear, are more appropriate. For cooler evenings (especially during the off-season), we recommend a sweater or a sweatshirt; also a rain jacket can occasionally be useful. Since the storage space in the cabins of most ships is not very generous, you should avoid suitcases (especially bulky shell suitcases are completely out of place) and instead bring a duffel bag or sports sack. Even if the ships are always guarded by at least one crew member, you should leave valuables at home.

The Food

... corresponds to Mediterranean standards. The breakfast is simple, with coffee or tea, bread, butter and jam. The main meals (lunch and/or dinner) usually consist of soup, meat or fish with side dishes and salad. Although our tours are sea voyages, and you often will be served fish, meat is frequently on the menu.

On request vegetarian food is available on all ships – please inform us already at the moment of your booking. Vegetarian food does not mean that special menus are prepared; rather more side dishes (vegetables) will be served instead of meat.

The preparation of special diet food is generally not possible.

Half or full board is available, depending on the ship (see the price list).

“Half board plus” (HP+) generally includes breakfast and lunch. On the day of arrival you will get a lunch snack after the embarkation and dinner, additionally “captain’s dinner” once per trip. On the other days, dinner can be enjoyed in restaurants ashore. Now and then the captain will offer you to dine on board (e.g., during overnight stays in sheltered bays); this will be paid separately on board (approx. € 7 to € 25 per meal and person, depending on the order and selection of dishes). At embarkation, dinner will be served as part of the half board (no lunch). The last meal is breakfast on the day of disembarkation.

Full board consists of breakfast, lunch and dinner; the service will start with the lunch snack on the day of embarkation and end with breakfast on the day of disembarkation.

The treatment for “Island Hopping by Bicycle” is generally “half board plus” and consists of breakfast and dinner aboard, plus a lunch snack after the embarkation and a captain’s dinner. Lunch can be enjoyed in typical local restaurants or taverns on the road – it is not included in the tour price and is paid directly by the participants. Depending on the route, it may also happen that lunch is served on board, while in the evening you have an individual choice in the place chosen for the overnight stay.

On our Island Hopping routes we have adapted the menu to meet the needs of cyclists. For breakfast, in addition to the usual coffee or tea, bread, butter and jam, cold cuts, cheese, corn flakes, muesli, fruit, juices and dairy products like yogurt will be served.



On Hiking Cruises we will serve full board; lunch is served either on board or in lunch boxes during the hike.

Beverages

The boat saloon functions as restaurant, lounge and bar at the same time; here you will always receive cool drinks – with or without alcohol. Typically, the beverage consumption will be entered in a “checklist” and then settled at the end of the journey. Of course, drinks on board are more expensive than in the supermarket around the corner, but remember that you are on a small „floating“ pension. The prices of the drinks, however, are generally lower than in hotels and can be compared to those in cafes and pubs; for example, about € 2 for 0.5 litres of mineral water, soft drinks or beer, and from about € 10 for a bottle of wine. It is not allowed to bring drinks on board.

Embarkation

Embarkation usually takes place from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm, in Trogir until 1:30 pm. Once all guests are aboard, we weigh anchor and set sail towards the first destination.

The port of embarkation for passengers arriving by plane depends on the flight schedule. Guests, who book their flights with I.D. Riva Tours, will be in the case of late arrival of their flight, transferred to the first overnight port, to embark there in the late afternoon or evening.

With flight booking via I.D. Riva Tours and arrival to Split airport until 12:30 pm, embarkation in the port of Trogir is guaranteed; at later arrivals, embarkation will take place in the first overnight port.

If chartering on of our ships, you can decide about the time of embarkation and the start of the cruise by yourself. The time frame is set for embarkation from 11:30 am on the day of arrival and for disembarkation until 9:00 am on the day of departure.

Disembarkation

Disembarkation generally takes place on the last day until 9:00 am. The crew needs time between disembarkation and embarkation, to organize the cabins as neat and tidy, as you received them one or two weeks before.

Travel Documents

To enter Croatia, for EU citizens, a passport (stay up to three months) or identity card (stay up to 30 days) is sufficient. The documents must have a corresponding period of validity (3 months respective 30 days).

To enter Montenegro (Routes T4 and D1), as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina (Route D2), for EU citizens a valid identity card is sufficient. Upon entry into Montenegro with an identity card, a free entry permit is issued at the border, which grants the right to stay in Montenegro. To avoid time-consuming paperwork at the border, it is preferable, however, to enter the country with a valid passport.

Citizens of non-EU countries, please ask for information in relevant embassies or consulates.

If you arrive by car, you should always keep the green insurance card at hand, although it is no longer required in Croatia for vehicles registered in the European Union.

Arriving by Plane

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If booking your flight on your own, e.g. directly with the carrier, you are responsible for your transfer to the port of embarkation or to the first overnight port. Of course, you can book your transfer from the airport to the ship and vice versa as a separate service with I.D. Riva Tours.

Since most return flights are scheduled around noon or in the afternoon, you may still have the opportunity for a relaxing shopping trip or a visit to the beach.

Luggage Storage

If you combine your cruise with a hotel stay, you might not want to take your entire luggage on the ship. In Rijeka, you can leave your luggage in the baggage room of the bus station (about 300 metres from the port of embarkation). The cost is approximately € 1.50 per day, per piece of luggage. In the ports of Zadar, Trogir and Dubrovnik, our representatives will suggest appropriate solutions. The cost is about € 10 per item, per week.

Parking at the Port

In all ports of embarkation, we will be happy to arrange secure parking lots for you; please inform us about your needs and wishes already when booking. In Rijeka, a parking garage is available – the fee is 360 kunas (approx. € 50) per week; in Zadar and Trogir, parking fees are 300 kunas (approx. € 40) per week; in Dubrovnik, a public guarded parking is available in the port of Gruž – the fee is 50 kunas per day (approx. € 50 per week). Parking fees are to be paid on-site, in local currency kuna (HRK). The parking lots are guarded, but not insured through us or the car park operators. There might be coverage in case the vehicle is comprehensively insured (basically the same liability rules apply as in parking lots or parking garages in European Union). Upon arrival, please follow the directions you receive from us with your travel documents and sign up with our representatives at the port. The parking lots are mostly outside the port area – our representatives will accompany you there.

Electricity and Water

Of course there are electricity and water on board, but not in unlimited quantity. All ships have 220-volt generators, which of course are, considering the night-time peace and quiet, not always in operation. The same is true when anchoring in secluded bays, as it certainly would not be pleasant to take a sunbath on deck, “accompanied” by constant motor or generator noise.

We kindly ask you to pay particular attention to the use of high-performance electronic devices, such as hair dryers. With simultaneous operation of a number of hair dryers, the electrical system is quickly overloaded and fuses to interrupt the power supply.

The capacity of the water tanks is related to the number of cabins; there will be sufficient water for washing and showers, even when the tanks cannot be refilled for several days. This presupposes, however, that all passengers use the precious liquid with some common sense. The ships usually use a central hot water system for showers.

Environment

In the interest of environmental protection - enshrined in the Croatian Constitution - we urge you not to throw any waste into the sea or down the toilets. In all ships there are sufficient waste disposal, in order to ensure an environmentally correct waste removal.

Please help actively to keep our Adriatic Sea, the “bluest” of all seas, clean.



Sleeping on Deck

Many of our guests consider it a unique experience to spend the night in the open air, under the starry skies of the Mediterranean. There is of course plenty of room on deck, but please bring a sleeping bag and a foam pad or air mattress, as mattresses and bedding from the cabins are not allowed to be carried on deck.

Night-time, Peace and Quiet

Usually, at 11:00 pm, it gets quiet on board. This is of course not a rigid rule, but rather depends on the formation of the "Holiday-Crew" – on some ships the party will go on a bit longer than on others. Due to their construction, the ships are claudient, and in some ports, due to space constraints, several vessels may anchor side by side – therefore, mutual consideration is appropriate. Generally, the ships moor in harbours of larger towns (see route descriptions). Since the harbour is usually the lifeline of those towns, and since on summer evenings, all social life in Mediterranean countries takes place outdoor (restaurants, cafés, pubs, terraces), the evenings and nights are usually somewhat livelier. Especially in the months of July and August, in the most coastal places traditional annual festivities are celebrated, which often last until the early morning hours. I.D. Riva Tours has no influence on any noise in various ports.

Music and Entertainment

... are not uncommon on board – as are spontaneous parties. If you play a musical instrument, such as a guitar or harmonica, make sure you bring it along.

Routes

As individual as the single ships, so are the routes. They correspond largely to the descriptions in the catalogue, but may vary. Many captains will be pleased to show you their favourite bays, and in many ports, if several ships moor there for the night, there might be no space left.

Places mentioned in the route descriptions are not necessarily places to stay overnight. It may happen, for example, that in the afternoon you have the opportunity to visit the relevant site and then continue to stay in another bay; or that you will stay in a bay overnight and visit the place mentioned in the tour description only next morning. If for the night, both "bay" and "port" are possible options, it basically depends on the captain and on the desire of the majority of the guests, where to go. It is also possible that routes are driven in reverse order; during Route R1, for example, half of the boats will start towards Cres instead of Krk, and then continue the journey accordingly.

We have designed our routes in a way to guarantee that each day's destination is within easy reach under normal weather conditions – it is up to the captain, to change the route according to weather conditions, or to extend or reduce port stopovers.

When which ship is scheduled on which route is determined in the route plans, next to the price tables. This plan shows the situation of August 2011 and can change depending on bookings and occupancy – anyhow, when you book, we will inform you which ship is planned to sail the chosen route, or which route your ship will take. A regularly updated route plan can be found on www.idriva.com.

Charter

When chartering a motorized sailing boat, it is compulsory for all passengers to book half board treatment. If you opt for full board, this will be binding for all tour participants; the combination of



half and full board within a charter group is not possible. However, it is possible for the entire charter group to book half board on specific days and full board for the remaining days (e.g. 3 days half board and 4 days full board). Please inform us at least four weeks prior to your travel date. The selected catering is to be paid equal to the respective minimum number of charter participants, set for the surcharge calculation (see table with charter prices).

The list of participants must be delivered at least four weeks prior to the travel date; until four days prior to departure amendments regarding passenger number and names are free of charge (see also our "General Terms and Conditions").

The routes within Croatian territorial waters can be discussed individually; the average daily sailing time is about five hours (= 35 hours per week), but not more than seven hours per day. When exceeding the average daily sailing time, a fuel surcharge applies, payable to the captain. You should therefore inform us in time, if possible already at the moment of booking, about your route requests and wishes, so we can estimate the daily sailing time and calculate a possibly fuel surcharge.

Example: While the Routes R1 or Z2 are within the scope of the charter price, for the Routes T1 or T3 a fuel surcharge of € 15 or € 30 per person applies (the fuel surcharge is to be paid per person, according to the minimum number of charter participants).

Sports activities, such as bike tours, during a charter trip are possible only on request and on certain ships; additional fees or costs will apply. See also "Important notes for Island Hopping by Bicycle".

"Shared" Twin or Double Cabins

When booking "Island Hopping by Bicycle" and "Hiking Cruises", you may also book "shared" cabins without surcharge. In this case, you will share your cabin with another person of the same sex. For all other cruises, shared twin or double cabins are not available, but single cabins (only M/S Krna Mora) or twin/double cabins for single use (see price list for surcharges).

Life on Board

A cruise on one of our sailing boats is certainly a unique experience. But please note, that those planks have their drawbacks: stairs are narrower and steeper than you may be accustomed to; after a rain shower or with morning dew, the deck can be slippery, thus creating numerous "pitfalls". Since wood is a living material and easily contracts under warm summer temperatures, in case of rain or bad weather, water could enter your cabin. In any case, in bad weather you should always make sure to close all portholes or windows in your cabin.

Since especially in high season some ports may be crowded, often several ships will moor side by side. We therefore ask you to take special care when climbing across other vessels to board or go on land, particularly in relation to the different deck heights of the vessel. This is especially important after the consumption of alcohol, since we are not liable for possible accidents.

Particular caution is also appropriate if you anchor in a bay and take a "bold leap" into the refreshing water. First of all, be careful not to hurt yourself while jumping from the deck; on the other hand, remember the increased danger of slipping, since the deck will be wet due to other guests coming out of the water.

Children on Board

Without any doubt, a cruise is an unforgettable experience for children. Due to the special circumstances on board of a motorized sailing boat, we recommend our cruises only for school-age children who know to swim. Especially children will discover new things on board every day, like the many switches and levers at the helm, hoisting the sails or anchoring. We kindly ask you to consider the risk of accidents and to take appropriate precautions, since parental supervision on board is your responsibility.



Sailing

Normally our ships cruise the routes with engine operation. Even if the conditions may vary depending on the design of the single ships, sails will be hoisted at least once a week, if the weather permits.

Fishing

The Croatian Adriatic is an ideal fishing ground. Of course you can bring your fishing gear and use it from the boat or from the shore. You will need a fishing license, issued by many travel agents and by the port offices (extra fee applies).

Representatives and Guides

In the ports, during embarkation and disembarkation, you will be assisted by I.D. Riva Tours representatives. The representatives are available as contact persons at the port of embarkation (they will accompany you to the parking lot, answer questions about the location of ships, etc.). On board, a short welcome meeting will take place.

The standard routes, such as R1, R2, T1, T3, etc. are not guided routes, i.e., during the trip there will be no guide on board. Sightseeing tours or excursions according to the route descriptions are conducted by local guides.

Active routes like Island Hopping by bike or Hiking Cruises are guided routes, i.e., during the whole trip a guide will be on board, who functions as a bike or hiking guide.

Payment on Board

Sojourn taxes and groundage, as well as drinks and all extras on board can be paid in the local currency Kuna (HRK), in Euros (EUR), Swiss Franks (CHF) or US Dollars (USD). Credit and debit cards are not accepted.

Not Included

Our prices do not include sojourn taxes and groundage. The total amount of € 21 per week and per person (children up to 12 years: € 10) is payable upon embarkation.

Entrance fees to museums and national parks, etc., or additional excursions are not included and must be paid on-site, if not mentioned in the description explicitly as included in the tour price.

Minimum Number of Participants

According to our General Terms and Conditions, our cruises are subject to a minimum number of participants, required to ensure that the cruise takes place. The minimum number of participants for each ship is stated in the price tables. As soon as it becomes obvious, that the specified minimum number of participants will not be reached, we will inform you not later than 22 days prior to the travel date. Of course, we will also provide, availability permitting, an offer on an alternative ship.



Insurance

We recommend you to book a travel cancellation insurance or similar with a travel insurance company; it should also include medical and emergency insurance. Corresponding documentation will be available with your travel agent.