

Croatia & Montenegro Yacht Rally 2017

14 July to 29 July – 15 days

From
\$5,875pp
includes hotels
and 13 day
sail

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It's no secret that Croatia is a dream sailing destination. Clear seas and endless islands to explore. But what about that little nation that sits at the southern end – Montenegro?

It is a quarter of the size of its northern neighbour, but where it lacks in size, it makes up for in height. Meaning 'Black Mountain' in Italian, this beautiful country has a dramatic landscape unlike any other in Europe, and a coastline made for cruising. So when it comes time to picking a country to explore by boat, why not choose both? Join this Yacht Rally where you can have the best of both worlds!



About the Rally... sail in company, explore on your own

How does it work?

Arrive at your luxury hotel in Dubrovnik and meet your guides. The location of the hotel is second to none and you can enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring the old town of Dubrovnik. The following day, transfer to the charter base and board your yacht. Unpack and unwind, this is your home for the 13 nights! The fleet will depart Dubrovnik for the nearby Elafiti Islands, Mljet Island and the resort town of Cavtat.

After a week of exploring the southern end of Croatia you will head south to Montenegro and the Bay of Kotor. Along the way your guides will organise fun races, land tours and dinners in fabulous restaurants. You will cruise in company, however there are plenty of 'Leisure days' where you can drift off to explore on your own.

All you need to do is grab some friends and choose a yacht from our list, or book a cabin and meet up with other sailing adventurers.

How to get there?

Situated near the border of the two countries, Dubrovnik airport is the best gateway into both Croatia and Montenegro. *Doha Airlines* offer services from Australia to Croatia's capital of Zagreb where you can take a connecting flight to Dubrovnik. Alternatively, flights from most major European airports are frequent.

Mariner Boating Holidays work closely with *Travel Counsellors*, a specialist travel organisation whose agents are experts at creating tailored flight solutions. Contact us for further details.

Highlights

Mljet: Mljet is a beautiful green island covered in forests, fields and small villages. The western end of Mljet is a national park known for the two adjoining salt water lakes Malo Jezero and Veliko Jezero. Take a morning walk through the national park, then set off in the afternoon to a secluded bay for the evening. Clean seas ensure that swimming is a joy.

A road less travelled: Compared to tourism mecca Croatia, Montenegro is a relative newcomer to travellers. Cruise ships still dock daily in the Bay of Kotor and the towns are thriving, but travelling throughout Montenegro you will get the sense that you are tapping into a bit of an unknown gem. There is an authenticity here that you just don't find in other European destinations.



The Black Mountain: When a country is named 'black mountain' you know it was built for adventure travel. Cycling, hiking and treks are very popular throughout Montenegro, the narrow roads snake through National Parks, up winding rugged mountains and then descend around river canyons into glittering harbour towns and sleepy fishing villages. If you enjoy cycling then be sure to enquire about the *Cycling Extension Tour* offered in conjunction with this Yacht Rally.

Dubrovnik or Kotor? Two of the biggest drawcards for travellers to the Balkans are the walled cities of Dubrovnik in Croatia, and Kotor in Montenegro. No one should be forced to choose, so the Yacht Rally package includes one night in each town to give you adequate time to soak up the history and sheer beauty of these medieval fortresses.

The Bay of Kotor: Entering the Bay of Kotor by yacht is a sight everyone should behold in their lifetime. Gloriously imposing mountains frame the bay while tiny villages and ancient towns dot the coastline. Billed as Europe's largest fjord (although not an actual fjord!), the bay is breathtaking.

Weather and tides

- Croatia and Montenegro have a Mediterranean climate with dry hot summers and mild winters
- In July the average daily air temperature is 29 °C and the average water temperature is 24°C
- Rainfall – Rain is uncommon during the summer months with the most common forms of precipitation being brief showers or thunderstorms

- Wind – generally light during summer, but there are variations depending on your location and the time of day.
- Tide – little to no tide during Summer

Sailing Experience

The goal is for you to have the most enjoyable experience possible so it is important that you are comfortable with the person in charge of your vessel. If you or a friend choose to skipper a yacht then we will require details of your experience and an internationally recognised qualification such as the International Certificate of Competence.

Alternatively you may wish to hire a professional skipper to help sail and manage the vessels systems. Speak to your Mariner Boating Holidays consultant for more information.

Yachts & Prices



Yacht Rally Package*	Cabins		Shower/WC	Recommended Guests	Price per person Based on recommended capacity	Yacht Bond
	Dbl	Twin				
Dufour 382 Liberty – Premier	3		2	6	\$5,875	€500
Dufour 412 Grand Large – Premier	3		2	6	\$6,350	€500
Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 449 – Premier	3		2	6	\$6,475	€500
Beneteau Oceanis 48 – Premier	4	1	3	8	\$6,575	€550
Dufour 500 Grand Large – Premier	4	1	3	8	\$6,795	€550
Yacht Rally Package with Skipper – book by the cabin	Cabins		Shower/WC	Recommended Guests	Price per person Twin Share	Yacht Bond
	Dbl	Twin				
Beneteau Oceanis 48 – Premier	4	1	3	8	\$6,945	€550

Prices are in Australian dollars and do not include airfares. Prices will vary according to the final numbers sharing the yacht. Please enquire with Mariner Boating Holidays for the full price list. Premier yachts are less than 3 years old from their first charter date. Older vessels at a lower price are available upon request. *Yacht Rally Package requires one person in your crew to skipper the yacht, or you must hire a professional skipper to sail for you.

What's included?

Yacht charter and equipment

- 13 night bareboat charter
- Marina or berthing fees as per Yacht Rally program
- Yacht security bond reduction
- Standard navigation equipment
- End of charter cleaning
- Welcome pack
- Dinghy and outboard motor
- Snorkeling gear
- 2 sets of bed linen per person
- 2 sets of bath towels and beach towels per person
- Cruising permit
- Croatian Tourist Tax

Land

- First night accommodation in Dubrovnik including breakfast
- Welcome drinks in Dubrovnik
- Transfer from Dubrovnik hotel to yacht charter base
- 6 dinners on race days as per Yacht Rally program
- Final dinner presentation in Kotor
- Transfer from yacht charter base in Kotor to hotel
- Last night accommodation in Kotor including breakfast

Everything else!

- 24/7 support from Mariner Boating's experienced guides
- 24/7 professional technical assistance for the yacht
- Race management
- Prizes for race days

- Yacht Rally 2017 shirt
- Daily weather updates
- Regular newsletters with up to date itinerary suggestions
- Annual subscription to *Travel Play Live* magazine

Additional costs

- Airfare and taxes
- Airport transfers
- If required, add a professional skipper from AU\$1,800 per week, plus food and beverage
- Add a single supplement if you would like your own room in Dubrovnik and Kotor
- Optional pre and post yacht rally extension tours
- Travel Insurance
- Mandatory refundable yacht security bond
- On board provisioning
- Marina fees on leisure days
- Fuel for the yacht and outboard motor
- Stand up paddle boards available upon request

Personal travel insurance

A valid travel insurance policy is a Mariner Boating booking condition. We partner with Suresave, with whom we have special arrangements for cover during our yacht rallies. Please ask your Mariner Boating consultant for a Suresave no obligation quote.

Please note

- A booking form and deposit of AU\$1,500 per person is required to confirm a booking
- The designated skipper on board your yacht must possess suitable experience and qualifications
- Hotel accommodation is twin/double share and includes breakfast
- Prices are subject to currency fluctuation until paid in full
- Credit card transactions are subject to merchant fees
- The prices are correct at the time of issue but subject to changes without notice (05/08/2016)

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Extension tour Mountain Biking in Montenegro

Extend your time in Montenegro and spend 8 days cycling through picturesque countryside and coastline. This trip is suitable for anyone with a reasonable level of fitness and some off road riding experience. We are taking expressions of interest, so please contact one of our consultants.