

FREE PLANNER · 2027 SEASON

Croatia Sailing Planner 2027

A week on your own yacht in Croatia: what it really costs, skippered or sailing yourself, a first route from Split, and the checklists that make change-over Saturday easy.

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01 · BUDGET

What a week really costs

The price on a boat listing is the yacht for one week, Saturday to Saturday. It is the biggest line, but it is not the whole bill. These are the figures our charter partner SkipperCity publishes for the 2027 season.

Line	Typical amount	Notes
The yacht, per week	40–42 ft catamaran: about 3,000–11,500 €	Depends on season, age and size. Early-booking and last-minute discounts change this line only.
Transit log / final cleaning	usually 400–600 €	Paid at the base, fixed per boat.
Fuel, marinas, mooring buoys	300–600 € (sailing yacht, from Split)	Paid as you go. More for a catamaran.
Skipper (optional)	from 2,100 € a week	Plus their food (they eat with you or about 30 € a day) and a cabin.
Tip for the skipper	105–210 €	Customarily 5–10% of the skipper fee, if the week went well.
Cook (optional)	from 2,100 € a week	Half board about 500 € per guest a week.
Security deposit	refundable	Card pre-authorisation or cash at check-in, released after check-out. Never part of the total.

Rule of thumb: for a 40 ft sailing yacht in June, plan on roughly the listing price **plus a quarter**, and at least 2,100 € more if you take a skipper. Split six ways, a skipper works out at about 370 € each for the week.

Your budget

Yacht for the week	_____ €
Transit log / cleaning	_____ €
Fuel, marinas, buoys	_____ €
Skipper, food and tip	_____ €
Provisions and meals ashore	_____ €
Flights and transfers	_____ €
Total ÷ number of guests	_____ € each

Figures: SkipperCity, 2027 season. Check the live price before you book.

02 · CHOOSE

Skippered or sail yourself? Catamaran or sailboat?



Take a skipper if...

- ☐ Nobody aboard holds a recognised boating licence
- ☐ You want everyone, including you, to relax
- ☐ It is a family trip or a celebration
- ☐ You want local knowledge of bays, wind and restaurants

The skipper looks after the boat, navigation and safety. The route, the pace and the swimming stops are yours. A skipper is not a cook; add one if you want meals made for you.

Sail it yourself (bareboat) if...

- ☐ At least one of you holds a recognised boating licence and one a VHF radio certificate (check the exact rules with the charter company)
- ☐ You are confident with stern-to mooring in busy harbours
- ☐ You want the lowest price and full control

Where the skipper sleeps (this decides the boat)

Boat	Skipper's berth	Guest cabins lost
Catamaran, 45–50 ft	Bow crew cabin	None
Catamaran, 40–42 ft	Bow cabin with a toilet, or a guest cabin	None or one
Monohull, 50 ft+	Forepeak crew cabin, or a guest cabin	None or one
Monohull, 45 ft	The forward cabin	One
Monohull, 40 ft	A guest cabin	One

Catamaran: more space, stable at anchor, the favourite for families and friends. **Sailboat**: more of a sailing feel and often the best value for smaller crews. If privacy matters, a catamaran with a crew cabin can be the cheaper answer once you count cabins rather than euros.

Source: SkipperCity skippered-charter guide

03 · ROUTE

A first week from Split

Split has the largest charter fleet on the Croatian coast, and most "Split" boats actually leave from Kaštela, Seget or Trogir, all within about 20 minutes of the airport. Change-over day is Saturday and check-in usually starts around 17:00.

From Split to	Distance	Under sail
Šolta (Maslinica or Šešula)	12 nm	2 h
Brač (Milna)	11 nm	1 h 50
Hvar Town / Pakleni islands	22 nm	3 h 40
Vis Town	30 nm	5 h
Brač (Bol, Zlatni Rat)	26 nm	4 h 20
Korčula Town	50 nm	8 h 20

At 6 knots. A comfortable week is 100–150 nm in total.

The easy loop: Šolta, Brač and Hvar

Day 1	Split to a bay on Šolta (Nečujam or Šešula)
Day 2	Šolta to Milna or Bobovišće on Brač
Day 3	To the Pakleni islands for swimming, evening in Hvar Town or a quiet bay
Day 4	Short hop to an anchorage on Šolta or the Brač north coast
Day 5	Back towards Split with one more swim stop
Day 6	Marina night (stay within an hour of base) and the old town on foot
Day 7	Check-out

Want more sailing? Swap days 3–4 for Hvar then Vis Town or Komiža: one longer open-sea leg, and one of the most beautiful islands in the Adriatic.
Prefer the south? From Dubrovnik (ACI Marina Dubrovnik, Komolac) the Elaphiti islands and Mljet are within easy reach.

Distances and routes: SkipperCity Split guide

Before you book, and on change-over day

Before you book

- [ ] Dates fixed, Saturday to Saturday
- [ ] Crew size, plus a cabin for the skipper if you take one
- [ ] Base chosen to suit your flights (exact marina, not just "Split")
- [ ] Catamaran or sailboat decided
- [ ] Licence and VHF certificate checked (bareboat only)
- [ ] Budget agreed per person (page 2)
- [ ] Payment plan understood (typically 50% at booking)

Paperwork

- [ ] Passports for everyone
- [ ] Crew list sent to the charter company
- [ ] Licence and VHF certificate (bareboat)
- [ ] Card for the security deposit
- [ ] Travel insurance

Change-over Saturday

- [ ] Arrive at about 16:00, not at noon: the boat is rarely ready early
- [ ] Do the big food shop before you reach the marina
- [ ] Keep swimwear in hand luggage
- [ ] Plan a short first leg
- [ ] Give your transfer driver the exact marina name

Packing

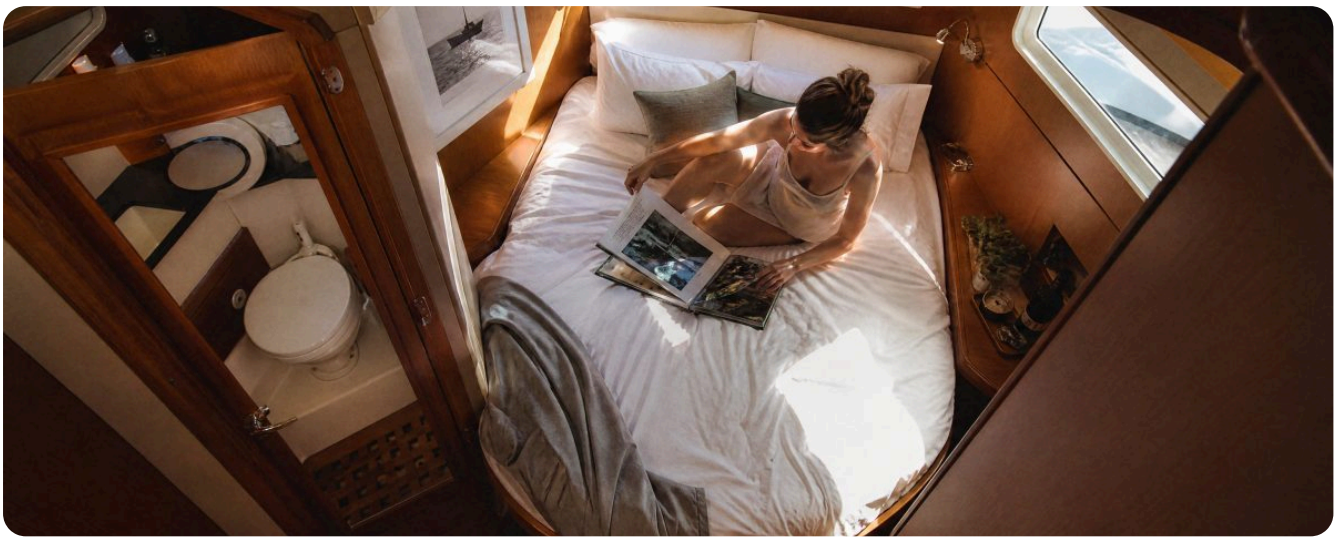
- [ ] Soft bags, not hard suitcases
- [ ] Non-marking deck shoes
- [ ] Reef-safe sun cream, hats, sunglasses with a strap
- [ ] A light fleece for evenings
- [ ] Power bank and 12V charger
- [ ] Dry bag for the dinghy

Last day

- [ ] Be within an hour of base on Friday
- [ ] Fuel up early: the Friday queue is real

05 · NEXT STEP

See which boats are free for your week



We recommend **SkipperCity**, a Croatian yacht charter specialist with more than 3,000 boats along the coast. Every listing shows the free weeks and the charter company's own prices, and they say they are never above booking direct. Booking online can hold a free option on a boat while you arrange payment.

Browse boats and free weeks | **Skippered charters** | **Catamarans**

> **Tip:** the yacht price is the only line that early-booking discounts change, so the best boats and the best prices for July and August go first. Shortlist two or three boats and hold an option while your crew decides.

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