



## TRIP NOTES SIPAN ISLAND-DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

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### Basic information

Imagine swimming along high, dramatic cliffs in an ocean so blue that it blends into the sky. Crystal clear waters and islands covered with lush Mediterranean vegetation, the unique **Elaphiti islands** have a stunning, unearthly beauty. Immerse yourself in island life and discover Sipan, an island in the Elaphiti archipelago and the base for our swimming adventure.

**Sipan island** is easily accessible by daily ferries from **Dubrovnik town**. Back in time it was a popular retreat for the Dubrovnik nobility in the 16th century and is now a perfect destination for adventurers looking for an idyllic holiday haven.

The tour appeals to different levels of open water swimmers (please check our [FAQs](#) for swimming speed) looking for a sea swimming adventure in Southern Dalmatia. We also have a **kayak and SUP board** to use.

**Non swimmers** are welcome to join and stay on our main boat while others swim. At least one of our guides is local and has a great knowledge of the region.

### Map



### Summary

**Country:** Croatia    **Duration:** 5 Days (4 Nights)  
**Tour Type:** Island Hopping and Coastal Swims  
**Accommodation:** Hotel Sipan Rooms  
**Average Daily Swimming Distance:** 5 km  
**Level:** All level swimmers (see our FAQs for speed), Non-swimmers can join and spend time on boat  
**Escort:** 2-3 boats, 2 swimming guides, 1 boat pilot  
**Water temp:** 24 (°C), **Air temp:** 28-30 (°C)

### Highlights

- great accommodation location on Sipan island
- varied island to island swims in clear, warm Mediterranean sea
- scenic boat rides on a traditional boat
- relaxed walking between swims and lunch stops
- visiting local villages: Suđurađ, Slano, Jakljan.

### Included in the price

Fully guided tour with comprehensive safety escort (escort boats, 2 swimming guides, local boat pilot), swim coaching, technique & stroke analysis, 4 nights accommodation, all breakfasts, two lunches. Each guest receives a swim hat to use. Fins, rash vests and other swimming gear are limited and we advise to bring your own if required.

Recommended to bring: reusable water bottle.

### Additional cost

Travel to and from the start of the tour, evening meals, one lunch, drinks. Single room supplement: 100 Gbp.

## Itinerary

### Day 1

We meet at the accommodation at **6.30pm** for welcome and safety briefing to discuss the trip plan for days ahead. Following our meeting you can enjoy dinner in the beautiful harbour of Šipanska Luka.

### Day 2

Before our breakfast we jump in for a short acclimatisation swim, ie. 300m. After breakfast we head off with a short 20 min boat ride to get to the northern tip of Šipanska Luka bay.

Our first 2km swim is from the small island of Misnjak to the lighthouse of Cape Tiha. We swim coastal along two beautiful and quiet bays (Uvala Danici and Uvala Tihi).

Boat ride to our lunch spot in Sudurad (southern part of Sipan island). You have a chance to explore the town and visit some local sights. Afternoon 2.5km swim is on the western side of Sipan island. We start at the Blue cave and swim north towards the Jakljan island. Return to Šipanska Luka.

### Day 3

Today is a true island hopping trip. We start off our morning 3km swim along Jakljan island where we follow the archipelago of little islands – Kosmer, Golec, Crkvina, Tajan.

Once we reach the end of Jakljan island we base ourselves at Olipa island Bay. We walk up to the hilltop to see where you just swam. Lunch in the bay. Video analysis filming.

In the afternoon we do our crossing swim between Cape Pologrin to the end of Olipa island. Boat ride back to Šipanska Luka.

### Day 4

Today we swim and connect several little islands alongside the northern Sipan island. Lunch base in the bay near Jakljan island or in Slano opposite of Sipan island.

After the lunch break we go off the boat to explore some local sights. Afternoon swim between Misnjak island and the lighthouse along Sipan island. Return back to Šipanska Luka.

### Day 5

Before we say goodbye we do a final morning 2.2km swim from the outside Sipan island to Prijezba beach in the bay.

Trip finishes at around **10.30am**. You can catch the 11.55 am ferry from Sudurad to Dubrovnik. Arriving into Dubrovnik at 13.05.

### Itinerary changes

Please note that our swims are carried out in the natural environment and we rely on the current weather (wind and sea) conditions.

As a consequence, changes to the planned itinerary may be required.



## Swimming distances & locations

Sipan island is ideally located between many islands which gives us a great gateway to swim out to different islands every day.

### Swims

Swims	Distances
Sipan Bay acclim. swim	400 m
Kosmec – Crkvina	2.5 km
Blue cave - North end Sipan	2.5 km
Island hopping: Jakljan-Golec-Tajan	3.0 km
Crossing Cape Pologrin - Olipa	2.5 km
Misnjak - Lighthouse	2.7 km
Outside Jakljan cliffs	2.5 km
Sipan - Prijezba beach	2.2 km

## Swimming Information

Month	Water Temp. (°C)	Air Temp. (°C)
June	23	28
July/Aug	25	30
Sept-mid Oct	24	27

\* Temperatures are indicative and can slightly change from year to year.

Keep in mind that you can skip any of the swims you want and relax on the main boat.

## Walking

The walking on the trip is easy and it is on recognised paths and in towns. In order to enjoy your walks when we go off the boat, please bring comfortable light walking shoes and suitable clothes for summer temperatures.

### Walking distances

Sipan island - 1 km, Jakljan island or Slano - 1km

## Essential Equipment To Bring

In addition to normal items, we recommend the following: at least 2 swimming costumes, at least 2 pairs of swimming goggles (one clear and one tinted recommended), sweater/fleece, sun hat, small daypack, waterproof sun cream and jacket, light walking shoes and sandals or aqua shoes. Optional/recommended: Water bottle, rash vest.

## Swimming awareness

Your safety is of utmost importance to us. In the event of adverse weather conditions at any of our swimming locations, we may need to adapt our itinerary. Our team always includes local guides who know the safest and most picturesque places to swim, so rest assured you won't be missing out!

Swimming in the open sea amongst natural wildlife is a unique experience, but you may come across certain marine life such as jellyfish, coral and sea urchins from time to time. There are very few jellyfish along the Dalmatian coast and so the risk of any unfortunate encounters with them is low, and we will always show you the safest areas to swim. If you are stung by a jellyfish and are unable to carry on swimming, you will never be far from an escort boat where one of the guiding team will be able to treat the affected area immediately. If you suffer from Anaphylaxis or any other allergic reactions it is important to inform us at the time of booking

Hotel Sipan Rooms (previously called Hotel Sipan) is located at the front of a 3 km long stunning bay in the charming fishermen's village of Šipanska Luka. Sipan is the largest island of the Elaphiti Islands (Sipan, Lopud, Kolocep). It has its own a sandy beach about 500 m from the hotel.

The island is only 15km away from Dubrovnik and is easily accessible by local ferry every day.

Rooms are based on twin-share and double-share with en-suite facilities. Double rooms for solo use are available. Please specify your preferences (including any other guests you would like to share with) at the time of booking. We do not guarantee sea view rooms as part of our booking. Feel free to email the hotel directly if you wish to upgrade your room.

### Extended stay

If you require additional nights' before or after the tour, please book directly with the Hotel Sipan Rooms. Email: julius.fritz@hotel-sipan.com



## General Information

**Start Point:** Hotel Sipan Rooms, Sipan island (previously called: Hotel Sipan)

**Start Time:** 6.30pm on the 1st Day

**Finish Point:** Hotel Sipan, Sipan island

**Finish Time:** 11am on the 5th Day

### [Google Map Location](#)

#### Passports and Visas

You require a full passport to enter Croatia. Please check whether you require a visa. Most nationalities, including EU, US, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand citizens, do not require a visa to enter Croatia but please check before you travel.

#### Vaccinations

There are no specific vaccinations required for Croatia, but you should ensure that your tetanus and polio vaccinations are up to date.

#### Extra Expenses

You need some extra cash for evening meals (cca 12-15 Eur per meal), drinks and other personal items. Supermarket is nearby.

#### Currency

The local currency is Croatian Kuna. Sipan island has an ATM so you can get cash there on location. It is advisable that you bring some Euros or Kunas with you. Restaurants prefer cash while hotel services can be paid all by card.

#### Group size

Up to a maximum of 16 people, with 2 swimming guides, local boat pilot and 2 boat escorts.

## Travel

### [See getting there PDF file](#)

1) To get to **Sipan (Šipan) island**, you can fly into **Dubrovnik airport**.

2) From there you can take a **local bus** going into Dubrovnik town for 40 kuna (6 Euro). You go off at the last stop at main bus station in Gruz. Info: <http://www.atlas-croatia.com/arrangement/dubrovnik-airport-shuttle-bus/>.

Travel time: cca 45 min in total.

3a) **FERRY LINE JADROLINIJA.** From Gruz bus station (Dubrovnik), you can walk to the main ferry port and take a ferry to Suđurad (Sipan Island). Cost: 23 Kuna (3 Euro). Ferry stops at Kolocep and Lopud islands before reaching Sipan island. Travel time: cca 1h 15min in total.

You can book a ferry online:  
<http://www.jadrolinija.hr/>.

#### GETTING THERE -

Ferry Schedule from Dubrovnik - Sipan island (Suđurad):

MON-SAT: 10.00, 14.00, 16.30, 20.00

SUN: 9.00, 11:45, 18:15, 21:00

#### LEAVING THE ISLAND -

Ferry Schedule from

Sipan island (Suđurad) - Dubrovnik:

MON-SAT: 6.00, 11:55, 15:20, 18:30 (Should you plan to leave on the 5th-last day, you can get on the 11:55 ferry), SUN: 7:30, 10.20, 17:00, 19:35

[PDF file of ferry times from Dubrovnik - Sipan island \(Suđurad\)](#)

For updated year-to-year ferry schedule see the Jadrolinija ferry line website:

[www.jadrolinija.hr/en/sailing-schedule](http://www.jadrolinija.hr/en/sailing-schedule)

#### 3b) **CATAMARAN (HYDROFOIL) DAILY LINE:**

**GETTING THERE:** Dubrovnik - Sipanska Luka (Hotel Sipan location). Every day at 19.10, Arrives to Sipan at 20.00. Cost: 35 Kuna (5 Euro).

**LEAVING THE ISLAND:** Sipanska Luka - Dubrovnik. Every day at 06.50, Arrives to Dubrovnik at 07.35, Except TUE and THU at 06.35, Arrives to Dubrovnik at 07.20. Cost: 35 Kuna (5 Euro).

You can buy tickets on the location 30 min prior departure or online at  
<http://gv-line.aktiva-info.hr/> More info online at  
<http://www.gv-line.hr/>

[PDF file of camaran line Dubrovnik - Sipanska Luka \(Hotel Sipan\)](#)

4) **Local bus** from **Suđurad** ferry port to **Sipanska Luka** village.

Cost: 10 Kuna (1.5 Euro). Travel time: 10 min.

Total travel time: cca 2.5hrs depending on stops in between. Total cost: 73 Kuna (10 Eur).

You can also book a night in Dubrovnik and take a ferry the next day.

Flight search engine: [www.Skyscanner.net](http://www.Skyscanner.net)

#### Door-To-Door Airport - Hotel Transfer

You can also book an advance transfer from the airport to the hotel directly. Please see details at:

<http://www.hotel-sipan.com/transfers/>

*See you at Sipan Island, Croatia...*

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