



## TRIP NOTES CROATIAN KORCULA ISLANDS

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### Basic information

Our swimming holiday on the **Croatian island of Korcula** offers you a chance to explore some of the best parts of southern **Dalmatia**. Being located far out at sea between the island of **Hvar** and **Peljesac peninsula** gives us a remote feel as we discover its natural beauty. We swim in the warm and crystal clear **Adriatic sea** surrounded by the rich **Mediterranean** flora and fauna.

Our base at the picturesque harbor in **Vela Luka** is ideally located for our daily boat trips out to numerous bays and islands on the western side of Korcula.

This five-day swimming adventure is suitable for different levels of open water swimmers, as well as friends and family members.

We also have a **kayak** and to use for partners and friends if they want to come along. At least one of our tour guides is local and has a great knowledge of the region and speaks the local language.

### Swimming Map



### Summary

**Country:** Croatia  
**Duration:** 5 Days (4 Nights)  
**Tour Type:** Island Hopping and Coastal Swims  
**Accommodation:** Hotel Korčyra 4\*  
**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:** 24-25 (°C), **Air temp:** 30+ (°C)

### Highlights

- swimming in the warm waters of Adriatic sea in southern Dalmatia,
- staying at seafront 4\* star accommodation,
- enjoying boat rides along Korcula and its islands,
- island-hopping swimming routes and stops in the several bays,
- tasting local Croatian cuisine,
- exploring Vela Luka town, traditions and history.

### Included in the price

Fully guided tour with comprehensive safety escort (escort boats, swimming guides, local boat pilot), swim coaching, technique & stroke analysis, 4 nights accommodation, all breakfasts, two lunches, and snacks & water (drinks) on the boat.

Each guest receives a silicone swim cap. Should you require other swimming gear please bring it with you.

Recommended to bring: reusable water bottle.

### Additional cost

Travel to and from the start of the tour, evening meals, one lunch, drinks out.

Optional single room supplement: from 120 Eur.

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival to Vela Luka. Meet your guides and fellow swimmers at the hotel lobby (at 6.30pm) for a group meeting and trip briefing. We get to know each other and make a plan for the following days ahead. Dinner at the hotel. It costs 20 Eur and if you do not wish to be part of it, please inform us in advance.

### Day 2

We begin our first day by heading out towards Proizd island at the end of Vela Luka bay. For our first morning swim, we start at Batalo bay on the north side and swim west towards the lighthouse followed by a turn east to Perna bay.

We stop here for a tasty Croatian island lunch at a local restaurant. Before our afternoon swim, we walk across the uninhabited Proizd island to stretch our legs under the pine trees and then capture the best views.

Your swim guides will also film your swimming stroke in the clear sea which is followed by video analysis at the hotel and supported by some tips on how to improve your technique in open water.

The second 2.5 km swim takes us from Meja bay over to Stracicnica bay and further to Gradina bay as we follow beautiful rock formations along the way. Boat ride back to Vela Luka.



### Day 3

Today we are heading south to experience some of the best island-hopping swimming in southern Dalmatia. Our first three island crossing starts at Trstenik island heading towards Mali (small) and Veli (big) Prznjak islands.

We swim a total of around 2.7 km. We base ourselves in the stunning bay for lunch on the boat followed by a short walk on the island.

For our second 2.5 km island-hopping swim we drive a bit further to Zvirinovic island. We start the swim on the northern side and swim all the way to Obljak island.

We make a water drink stop at Gubesa island and regroup with each other. We often spot dolphins in this area. While going back to Vela Luka we enjoy warm drinks and snacks on the boat.

### Day 4

After some great island hopping swims we are looking to explore some of the best remote bays of western Korcula which are only accessible by boat.

Our first swim starts at Poplat bay heading south towards Krnji Rat point. Lunch at Trstena bay.

After a nice walk in the shade we hop back into the Adriatic sea for our afternoon swim by continuing further south towards Zaklopatica bay. On the way, we stop at a small blue cave to capture some breathtaking views.

What a day in the wilderness and adventure in paradise! On the way back we enjoy the magical views of Vela Luka bay on either side.

### Day 5

Before we say goodbye to each other we go back for the final morning swim at Osjak island. We aim to do a complete 360 loop swim of 2.2 km. Return to Vela Luka for a final hotel breakfast.

Trip finishes at around **11.00am**. You can catch the 13.45 am ferry from Vela Luka to **Split**. Or take a bus across the island to Korcula town where you take a ferry at 19.25 to **Dubrovnik**.

### 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, small changes to the planned itinerary may be required to find the best sheltered swimming spots.



## Swimming distances & locations

**Korcula island** on the western side offers many sheltered bays and smaller islands to swim around. This gives us a great gateway to swim out to different places every day.

### Swims Distances (km/miles)

Proizd island (Batalo Bay)	2.2 km (1.4 mi)
Meje Bay – Gradina Bay	2.5 km (1.6 mi)
Trstenik island – Prznjak islands	2.7 km (1.7 mi)
Zvirinovik island – Obljak island	2.5 km (1.6 mi)
Poplat Bay – Krnji Rat (Point)	3.0 km (1.9 mi)
Trstena Bay – Zaklopatica Bay	2.5 km (1.7 mi)
Osjak island loop (Vela Luka Bay)	2.2 km (1.4 mi)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	17.6 km (11.3 miles)

## Swimming Information

Month	Water Temp. (°C/F)	Air Temp. (°C/F)
June	24 / 73	29 / 84
July	25 / 77	32 / 90
September	24 / 75	27 / 82

\* 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. 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

Easy walking up to one kilometer.

## 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: Water bottle, rash vest, fins. We provide **swim caps** and tow floats if required.

## 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 Korkyra (4\*)

**Hotel Korkyra (4\*)** is located right in the centre of **Vela Luka** town, not far from the ferry line Jadrolinija. If you arrive by ferry from Split you can just walk to the hotel along the road (10 min).

Rooms are based on twin-share and double-share with en-suite facilities. Double rooms for single 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 for an additional cost.

### Extended stay (extra nights)

If you require additional nights' before or after the tour, please book directly with the Hotel Korkyra. Email: [info@hotel-korkyra.com](mailto:info@hotel-korkyra.com)

### Hotel Korkyra ([google map location](#))

Obala 3, br. 21, 20270 Vela Luka, Croatia  
Ph: + 385 (0)20 601 000, [www.hotel-korkyra.com](http://www.hotel-korkyra.com)



## General Information

**Start Point:** Hotel Korkyra, Obala 3, br. 21, 20270 Vela Luka, Korcula island, Croatia

**Start Time:** 6.30pm on the 1st Day, **Finish Point:** Hotel Korkyra, **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 20-25 Eur per meal), drinks and other personal items. Market shops and local bakeries are also nearby.

### Currency

The local currency is Croatian is Euro. Korcula island has several ATMs so you can get cash there on location. It is advisable that you bring some Euros with you. Restaurants prefer cash while hotel services can be paid all by card. The hotel can also exchange currency.

### Group size (larger groups on request)

Up to a maximum of 18 people, with 2 swimming guides, local boat pilot and boat escorts or kayak.

## Travel - Getting There

The best way to travel to Vela Luka is **by ferry** ([www.jadrolinija.hr](http://www.jadrolinija.hr)) from either **Split** or **Dubrovnik**.

You can also travel **by bus** from Dubrovnik ([www.arriva.com.hr](http://www.arriva.com.hr)). See options and times below.

**1) BY FERRY** from **Split** to **Vela Luka** (Korcula island) by Jadrolinija ferry line daily

**GETTING THERE:** Split to Vela Luka

Daily 10.15 from Split getting to Vela Luka at 13.15 (Car ferry line no. 604)

Daily 15.00 from Split getting to Vela Luka at 17.20 (Catamaran line no. 9604)

Daily 17.30 from Split getting to Vela Luka at 20.15 (Car ferry line no. 604)

**RETURN:** Vela Luka to Split

Daily 06.15 from Vela Luka getting to Split at 09.00 (Car ferry line no. 604)

Daily 13.45 from Vela Luka getting to Split at 16.30 (Car ferry line no. 604)

MON-SAT: 05.50 from Vela Luka getting to Split at 07.40 (Catamaran line no. 9604)

SUN: 08.05 from Vela Luka getting to Split at 10.20 (Catamaran line no. 9604)

Total cost one way: ferry (150 Kuna, 20 Eur).

**2) BY FERRY** from **Dubrovnik port** to **Korcula town** (Korcula island) by Jadrolinija ferry line daily.

And then you need to catch a local **ground bus** ([www.arriva.com.hr](http://www.arriva.com.hr)) from Korcula town to Vela Luka.

Total cost one way: ferry (140 Kuna, 19 Eur) + bus (40 kuna, 6 Eur).

**GETTING THERE:** Dubrovnik to Korcula town (Korcula island)

Daily 07.00 from Dubrovnik getting to Korcula town at 09.00 (Catamaran line no. 9811S)

**RETURN:** Korcula town (Korcula island) to Dubrovnik

Daily 19.25 from Korcula town arriving to Dubrovnik at 21.25 (Catamaran line no. 9811S)

**3) BY BUS** from **Dubrovnik bus station** to **Korcula town** and then onwards to **Vela Luka** town by Arriva bus. Usually, you can book [Arriva bus online](#) directly from Dubrovnik to Vela Luka (with a stop at Korcula). The bus costs about 120 Kuna (15 Euro) one way and it takes about 4-5 hrs.

**4) Private car or shuttle transfers**

You can also travel by private car from Dubrovnik. More details at: <https://korkyra.info/car-transfers>

**5) To travel from [Split](#) or [Dubrovnik](#) airports** into town, please refer to the airport websites.