

# Activity Yachting Holidays

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## General Guidance notes on getting to our base on Murter Island:

All of our In House Flotilla Yachts and Learn to Sail holidays start and finish from **Betina Marina** on Murter, in Croatia. The address is Nikole Skevina 15, 22244 Betina, Murter Island. If you are on a Bareboat/Flotilla Yacht then the location of this maybe from the same base or Hramina Marina on Murter which is just a 10 minute walk away, so all of this information still applies.

If you are taking a yacht from an alternative marina, then this may be up to 25 miles away, and the address will be on the base information provided at step 8 of your booking Check list. In this case please adapt any information as relevant

Normal check in is from 1700hrs on a Saturday but the Flotilla and Learn to Sail boats do not actually sail until the Sunday morning so you miss nothing by arriving late on a Saturday evening, and any arrival time on the Saturday or even early Sunday morning is fine. For late arrivals however please call the base on the day to let them know your estimated arrival time so they can either meet you or inform you of where the yacht will be, for late arrivals.

Murter is joined to the mainland by a bridge so there are no ferries involved and you just drive straight to the marina, and if you are arriving by car, there is secure parking at the marina for about 50kn per day. The turn off the main coast road is easy to find and is by a cross roads where there is a sign for Murter and for Tisno.

The nearest Motorway exit is 22km from Betina marina and is exit point "Pirovac". You will find more useful information on Croatia Motorways at <http://www.croatia-expert.com/toll-croatian-highway>

### **Airport Transfers:**

If you are flying into either Split or Zadar we can arrange transfers for any flight arrival or departure time from these airports. If you are travelling independently then often it may suit for you to get to either of these airports, either by local bus or you may be dropping off a hire car, and then joining a transfer from there. Unless specifically arranged otherwise all transfers will be shared. Singles or couples may have to wait a bit to join others while groups of 3 or more will have a transfer to suit their arrival time Shared transfers are 200Kuna per person each way for singles or couples, while we can give a group rate for larger groups travelling together and filling a taxi, or minibus. Transfers can also be arranged at any time or if you are coming out on a day other than Saturday or taking a Bareboat/Flotilla yacht from a different marina.

If you combining the sailing with some other travelling around in Croatia, and plan on using public transport, then the following information may be useful.

### **Ferries:**

There are no ferries that go to Murter or anywhere nearby. The nearest main ferry ports are in Zadar, about 50 miles to the North and Split about 75 miles to the south. These are where the international ferries from Italy arrive. Split also has connections from the islands further south and there is a daily service from



Dubrovnik in the main season. Zadar has connections from the islands to the north and there is normally a service from Pula but in the main season only.

The following web sites then are useful

- This is the main ferry company with most internal and international routes [www.jadrolinija.hr](http://www.jadrolinija.hr)
- This is a catamaran ferry service between Dubrovnik and Split [www.krilo.hr](http://www.krilo.hr)
- The Pula to Zadar ferry is due to operate from June 2017 and you will need to look on-line for details

#### Trains:

There are international trains from all over Europe that arrive into Zagreb. From Zagreb there is a service to Zadar or to Sibenik, although the latter is a slow service. There are no train services to Dubrovnik, and no train services that come down the coast from the north from Rijeka, so train travel is limited in Croatia. The web site for train information and a timetable in English is

<http://www.hznet.hr/iSite3/Default.aspx?sec=80>

#### Buses (general):

Croatia has very good bus services and these can broadly be broken down into two groups. Every town or area will be part of a local network and then there is also an excellent range of intercity buses that provide a regular service both between all the main towns in the country, as well as quite a few connections to central European cities, and these services are operated by a number of different companies. In the bigger towns like Split then please note that there are two bus stations, the intercity Station which is by the main ferry port, and the local Station which is about ten minutes walk from there. The bus to Trogir that passes by Split Airport goes from the local station but connecting buses from Dubrovnik or other towns will arrive at the intercity station.

#### Murter Buses:

Murter is part of the local network that is operated out of Sibenik, which is the nearest big town, about 25 miles south of our base and the trip takes about 50 minutes. En route the bus stops at Vodice which is on the main coast road and a number of the intercity services stop there, which is often useful for people travelling down from Zadar, who can make a connection or take a taxi from there. Vodice is about 12 miles from Betina.

Unfortunately there never appears to be a single online timetable for these buses and the closest we can make is below. We recommend that you always check times with the Bus Station in advance if you are hoping to get the last bus as this list may not be 100% accurate.

Sibenik Bus Station Tel:00385 (0)60368368 (Premium number)

BUS (50 min drive)	Sibenik to Murter	Murter to Sibenik
Monday to Friday:	05:45, 09:00, 11:30, 14:00, 15:20, 18:00, 20:00, 21:10	06:30, 09:45, 12:15, 14:45, 16:05, 18:45, 20:45, 21:55
Saturday:	05:45, 09:00, 11:30, 14:00, 15:20, 18:00, 21:10	06:30, 09:45, 12:15, 14:45, 16:20, 18:45, 21:50
Sunday & Bank holidays:	09:00, 11:30, 14:00, 15:20, 18:00, 21:10	09:45, 12:30, 14:45, 16:20, 18:45, 21:50

**red-only June, July, August** (in addition to the above there may be some additional buses during school term time)

As the Bus from Zadar passes by the turn off to Murter, there is a bus stop at a cross roads called Capella and sometimes the bus will drop you off here (but you must still have bought your ticket to the next main stop of either Vodice or Sibenik). This point then is about 15km from the marina and some of the Sibenik buses will stop here but in reality for this you would have to be prepared to get a taxi from here and you would have to pre book this with the local taxi company in advance. There is a restaurant at Capella but it is just a cross roads so we do not recommend this for travelers that do not know the area, especially at night, and you are better off carrying on to the bus station in Sibenik even if it means carrying on an extra 17km only to end up retracing your steps.

There is one local taxi company in Murter and if you do want to use the above then you should call them first to make sure that they can collect you and the contact details of this company are

**Auto Taxi: Lucijano Kapov GSM: (00385) 091 200 1000 [or info@taxiotokmurter.com](mailto:info@taxiotokmurter.com)**

**For more information please see: [www.taxiotokmurter.com](http://www.taxiotokmurter.com)**

For those that then do arrive on the bus on Murter Island, it goes to Jezera on the south of the island first and then comes to the north of the island and passes through Betina village with the stop for Betina Marina being the second last stop. In Betina Village there is a very narrow, sharp left hand bend that the bus has to stop to go around, and the marina stop is about 200mt after that, and you have to ask for the stop. You would have to ask for directions from here as you cannot see the marina from the bus and would think that you were just being dropped off by a residential street. It is however only a few minutes' walk. If you do see a big marina, then that is Hramina Marina and are at the last stop. From here is then about a ten minutes walk back to Betina Marina.

For the intercity buses then from places like Zagreb, Dubrovnik or Split, you can search the timetables for these on line by going to <http://www.akz.hr/default.aspx?id=260>

Please note that to find buses to Sibenik which then connect with the local service to Murter, you must spell Sibenik with the accent over the "S" as follows **ŠIBENIK**. The easiest thing is to copy this spelling and just paste it in the search box, but if you cannot do this then, do a search from Split to Zadar for any day at any time and check the list of stops on any service, to find one that stops in Sibenik. Then do a copy and paste of the spelling of Sibenik from there to use in your search.

### **Split Airport Buses**

From Split Airport, which is about 15 miles West of Split city centre, there is a direct bus to the centre by the main port operated by Croatia Airlines to service their flights, but which anybody can travel on. However the times are dictated by the flight times, rather than offering a conventional bus timetable. They leave the centre 90 minutes before and the airport after, every Croatia Airlines flight, and generally there is a regular service throughout the day, but not a regular timetable. In Split Centre you will see the bus near the main ferry port and you just need to go and ask the time of the next service.

From the Airport you can also go out to the main road at the front of the airport where there are bus stops in both directions for the local service which runs between Split City and Trogir and there is a service about every 20 minutes and which costs 20Kuna one way. The bus is the Yellow Number 37 (Promet is the name of the company) and it takes 10 minutes to get to Trogir and 30 minutes to get to Split. You can check an up to date time table at <http://www.promet-split.hr/> This web site is only in Croatian, but just go to the search box on the top left of the home page, click on the second search box and look for Bus No 37 and it is quite obvious which is the Split to Trogir and which is the Trogir to Split service.

**Radni Dan** means working Days (Monday to Friday except for public holidays)

**Subota** is Saturday and **Nedjelja** is Sundays

The following is the web site of Split Intercity bus station and this has a search for arrivals and departures in English. Please see <http://www.ak-split.hr/EN/index.html>

### **Zadar Airport Buses**

From Zadar airport there is a regular bus service from the airport to cover the 5 to 8km to both the Main Bus Station in Zadar and to Zadar centre. Please see <http://www.zadar-airport.hr/en/public-transport>

### **Car Hire**

There are no hire car hire offices on Murter, with the nearest location for these being in Vodice, about 12 miles by bus from Murter. This company also has offices in many other locations in Croatia and you can view options on line at [www.rentacarsplit.net](http://www.rentacarsplit.net).

Sometimes this company will also either deliver or collect a car from the base on Murter. This is not a service that you can check on line, but is tailor made and please email Ivica at [sibenik@novarentacar.hr](mailto:sibenik@novarentacar.hr)

Finally with car hire there are so many options, that you always need to shop around as it may still be cheaper to collect or drop off a car at one of the airports and then to take a taxi to the base.

All of the above information is for guidance purposes and up to date to the best of our knowledge but please double check all times on the web sites given as we can accept no responsibility for any times that have changed, or information that is out of date.