

Activity Yachting Holidays

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

All of our Flotilla and Learn to Sail holidays in Croatia start and finish from Murter island and the marina that our in house fleet is based in is **Betina Marina**, Nikole Skevina 20, 22234 Betina, Murter Island, Croatia. Unless we have arranged an alternative yacht for you and advised you of this, it is Betina Marina that you need to get to.

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 5€ 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>



If you are flying into either Split or Zadar airports we offer a shared transfer option on Saturdays from these airports, and can normally offer this for any flight time, and these must be booked in advance. 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, and again this needs to be arranged in advance. Shared transfers are 45Euros per person return for singles or couples while we can give a group rate for larger groups travelling together and filling a minibus or coach. Private taxis or minibuses can also be arranged at any time or if you are coming out on a day other than Saturday.

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 and there is also a service from Pula to Zadar, from June to September, which is useful for people coming from Istria with the timetable for 2010 being

Pula to Zadar: Price 100kn pp	01.06-02.07 Wednesdays and Saturdays Dep: 0700hrs Arr: 1200hrs 05.09-30.09 Wednesdays and Saturdays Dep: 0700hrs Arr: 1200hrs 03.07-04.09 Daily, except Tuesday & Thursday Dep: 0700hrs Arr:1200
Zadar to Pula: Price 100kn pp	01.06-02.07 Wednesdays and Saturdays Dep: 1600hrs Arr: 2100hrs 05.09-30.09 Wednesdays and Saturdays Dep: 1600hrs Arr: 2100hrs 03.07-04.09 Daily, except Tuesday & Thursday Dep: 1600hrs Arr:2100

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For anyone that wants to do some independent travelling in Croatia that involves using the ferries, the local ferry company has a good website in English with an on line timetable for both local and international services at www.jadrolinija.hr

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 also stops at Vodice which is also 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. The Sibenik to Murter times are

BUS (45 min drive)	Šibenik to Murter	Murter to Šibenik
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)

From 2011 it now appears that there will no longer be a direct bus to and from Zadar every day to Murter, so please be aware of this change if you have used this bus in the past. As a result of this to get to Murter from Zadar you need to get any of the buses from Zadar that are going south to Sibenik or Vodice and these are very frequent with a service about every hour during the day. Not all services will stop in Vodice in which case you need to carry on to Sibenik which is a main Bus Station where virtually all services will stop.

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 travellers 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.

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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) 098 1800560

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/EN/voznired.aspx>

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 then there is again an airline bus operated for all Croatia airlines flights and also a bus to both Zadar Old town centre and Zadar bus Station (about a 15minute walk apart) to suit all Ryan Air and all German Wings flights and you can view the time table on the Zadar airport web site at <http://www.zadar-airport.hr/en/kako-do-nas.php>

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Car Hire

There are no hire car hire offices on Murter, with the nearest location for these being in Sibenik. One company from there however will drop cars to the marina or collect cars from there by pre arrangement. This is not a service that you can check on line, but is tailor made and please email Ivica at imeko.carental@si.t-com.hr. Imeko are a local specialist company with their own fleet of cars, but they also work with a number of the larger chains and so can offer cars from all over Croatia and can also arrange one ways. Please note that our experience is that they are very reliable but tend to give you the total price when quoting and so may appear expensive compared to some of the on line checks that you can do. In reality however with the on line bookings there are usually then all sorts of extra insurances to add on when you collect the car, so the price is often very little different to the one from Imeko, with any extra charge usually being for a pick up or a one way fee, which is often well worth the extra.

Budget car hire then also have an office in Sibenik which you can search on line but they do not offer a pick up or drop off service that we are aware of.

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.