



## Onboard a ship

### General information

The captain of a ship, much like a captain of an airplane has an almost unlimited authority in order to ensure a safe and pleasant journey for everyone. In addition to the rules and suggestions listed below, the captain (or skipper) of any ship can impose additional rules in case of rough weather or other unpredictable circumstances.

All participants are encouraged to learn about sailing and navigation (both before and during the school) to better enjoy the trips between our venues.

Passengers should take care when moving around. The floors can always be wet and slippery, (dis)embarking or crossing between the ships when in port should be done with care. Do not hesitate to ask a crew member for assistance when crossing.

In case of rough weather move around with special care. The best place to stay is then in the salon. The portholes in cabins under deck should be closed during navigation, to avoid the cabins getting wet.

Because of the limited space and facilities on any ship, participants are encouraged to maintain their cabins and common areas in good order. Please take special attention not to throw anything into toilets except of toilet paper. Throwing garbage overboard (including cigarette butts) is strictly forbidden! Jumping ships underway or in port is dangerous and forbidden. There will be plenty of opportunity for swimming under safe circumstances! Swimmers are not easily noticed by ship's crews so they should never be in the sea close to moving or maneuvering ships.

All participants are responsible for any intentionally caused damage and for injuries caused by reckless and careless behavior. We hope that you will not need your insurance policies, as we, our agent, or the ships crew and agent can not be held liable for your actions or actions of *force majeure*.

Smoking is forbidden in closed spaces on the ships and on land (everywhere in Croatia). The two cruise ships feature bars and drinks are available at reasonable prices. It is against the house rules for passengers to bring food and drinks onboard.

Space on a ship is especially valuable, so it is important to pack your luggage as efficiently as possible. The best way to achieve this is to pack everything into smaller, flexible, foldable bags or backpacks. The more space you save, the more time you'll have to enjoy our cruise :-)  
Participants are responsible for looking after their personal belongings (cabins can be locked).

220V power is available on ships underway and in port and on sailboats in port.

We have equipped the ships with mobile hot-spots that rely on cell phone, 3G network coverage. The bandwidth should be sufficient for email clients and browsers. We appeal to you to avoid video and cloud services to preserve capacity for others.

Water is also a resource limited on a ship.

#### Passengers on "Queen of the Sea" are also members of the crew

The "Queen of the Sea" was purpose built as the national training ship for sailors and naval officers of the Republic of Croatia. Those sailing on it will have a unique opportunity to experience a recreational cruise, as well as the life of a cadet. You will observe operations of the professional crew, how order is maintained and how safety for ship, crew and passengers is ensured under all conditions. However, you will also participate in performing the daily duties. At this ship smoking and alcohol are not allowed.

#### Notice to the sailboat crews

While these boats have cabins and amenities comparable to the bigger ones and provide comfortable accommodation, they provide an experience closer to recreational sailing (as the boat rolls under full sail, the deck can easily get flushed and spray is inevitable) which means special considerations are necessary. Still, in most cases it is more pleasant to spend time outside the cabin. Underway, especially with sails set, the utmost care has to be taken when moving around in cabin or in cockpit. Cockpit and deck of a sailboat are covered with different sailing hardware - watch your hands, feet and head. Also, be considerate to your fellow crew members – you'll have to share the same space for a week.

Finally, we advise everyone to bring the following:

- waterproof/weatherproof jacket (to protect from spray, splashes and strong wind)
- warm clothing (the temperatures may drop during the night or strong wind)
- any kind of non-slippery, stable footwear (sport shoes, sneakers are OK)
- swimsuit, sunglasses, sunscreen lotion, flip-flops and a cap

Looking forward to welcome you,  
wishing you a pleasant and safe stay and days filled  
with inspired lectures and inspiring discussions  
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