

SAILING ITINERARY - JUNE & JULY 2026

Good Vibrations

Vrboska to the Ionian Islands & Back

55ft Beneteau Oceanis

VESSEL

16 June 2026

DEPARTS

6 July 2026

RETURNS

Croatia - Greece

ROUTE

801

NAUTICAL MILES

21

DAYS

2

OVERNIGHTS

14

NIGHTS AT ANCHOR

7

HARBOUR NIGHTS

Three weeks aboard Good Vibrations, sailing from Vrboska south through Dalmatia, through Dubrovnik, then overnight across to Corfu and into the Ionian Islands of Greece - and back. Two overnight passages mark the transitions. A week of island-hopping with guests. Plenty of quiet anchorages, swimming stops, and taverna dinners.

KEY DATES

- > June 16 - Depart Vrboska
- > June 18 - Overnight stop: Dubrovnik
- > June 19-20 - Overnight Passage 1: Croatia to Corfu (~155nm)
- > June 22 - Arrive Ionian / Lefkada area
- > June 23 - Pick up guests at Preveza airport
- > June 30 - Drop guests at Preveza
- > July 2-3 - Overnight Passage 2: Corfu to Dubrovnik
- > July 6 - Arrive home, Vrboska

DESTINATIONS

- > Korcula, Mljet, Dubrovnik (Croatia)
- > Corfu & Paxos / Antipaxos
- > Lefkada & Meganisi
- > Ithaka - Homer's legendary island
- > Fiskardo & Kefalonia
- > Porto Katsiki, Sivota, Atokos
- > Lopud, Mljet, Korcula (return)

CREW

- > Gunnar & Dora - full voyage
- > Daughter & son-in-law: June 23 - 30
- > Pickup & dropoff: Preveza/Aktion (PVK)

NIGHTS

- > 14 nights at anchor - free, peaceful, scenic
- > 7 nights in harbour - showers, provisions
- > 2 nights at sea - the adventure
- > Target: max 1/3 harbour nights - achieved

Day 1 Monday 16 June

Vrboska, Hvar -> Korcula Town (30nm)

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail east along Hvar through the Hvar Sound
- Swim stop: Badija Island - sandy beach, Franciscan monastery
- Afternoon arrival in Korcula's stunning medieval harbour
- Evening: walk the old town walls, visit birthplace of Marco Polo
- Dinner ashore at a waterfront konoba

OVERNIGHT: Korcula Town harbour (harbour night)

NAV TIP: Approach from the east channel. Marina Korcula has easy berthing for 55ft.

Day 2 Tuesday 17 June

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Korcula Town -> Polace, Mljet (25nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sail west along Korcula, then south through the Mljet channel
- Swim stop: Okuklje Bay - sheltered turquoise cove on east Mljet
- Anchor in Polace Bay inside Mljet National Park - Roman ruins ashore
- Explore the famous salt lakes by dinghy
- Quiet evening at anchor - one of Croatia's most peaceful spots

OVERNIGHT: Polace Bay, Mljet National Park (anchor in 4-8m)

NAV TIP: Good holding sand/mud. Small dinghy quay for national park access.

Day 3 Wednesday 18 June

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Mljet -> Dubrovnik (35nm)

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning sail east through the Elafiti islands
- Swim stop: Sipan Island - beautiful olive groves
- Afternoon arrival Dubrovnik - ACI Marina or Gruz harbour
- Walk the legendary 2km old city walls - breathtaking views
- Evening: Stradun promenade & dinner in the old town

OVERNIGHT: ACI Marina Dubrovnik or Gruz (harbour night)

NAV TIP: Book marina in advance for June. Watch for Bora squalls off the mountains.

Day 4 Thursday 19 June

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Dubrovnik -> Cavtat (depart overnight) (12nm)

OVERNIGHT DEPARTURE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Short sail south to Cavtat - charming Venetian bay
- Afternoon: rest, provision, fuel, weather briefing
- Early dinner, short nap - depart 21:00-22:00 for the big overnight
- OVERNIGHT PASSAGE BEGINS: Cavtat to Corfu (~155nm)
- Watch system: 3 hours on / 3 hours off

OVERNIGHT: Underway - overnight passage to Corfu (~155nm, ~24 hours)

NAV TIP: Check forecast carefully. Route passes well offshore of Albanian coast (12nm+).

OVERNIGHT PASSAGE

June 19-20 OVERNIGHT PASSAGE

Cavtat -> Corfu, Greece (155nm)

AT SEA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Night 1 at sea - your first offshore passage
- Route: SSW from Cavtat, past Albanian coast well offshore, into Corfu Channel
- Spectacular stargazing - no light pollution
- Dawn at sea - one of sailing's greatest experiences
- Arrive Corfu Channel mid-to-late afternoon Friday

OVERNIGHT: At sea | AIS on, nav lights on, VHF Ch16

NAV TIP: Keep Albania 12nm+ to port. Albania does not welcome unannounced vessels.

Day 5 Friday 20 June

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Corfu Channel -> Corfu Town

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome to Greece! - arrive after your first offshore passage
- Rest, shower, cold Fix beer - celebrate!
- Corfu Old Town: UNESCO World Heritage, Venetian architecture, two fortresses
- Evening: Liston promenade, excellent Greek food
- Early night - well deserved

OVERNIGHT: Gouvia Marina or Old Port, Corfu (harbour night)

NAV TIP: Gouvia Marina (5nm north of Corfu Town) is well-equipped and easy.

Day 6 Saturday 21 June

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Corfu -> Paxos (28nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beautiful sail south - Ionian turns impossibly turquoise
- Antipaxos: anchor off Voutoumi Beach - white sand, electric-blue water
- Afternoon sail to Paxos - tiny island covered in ancient olive groves
- Anchor at Lakka Bay (north Paxos) - stunning horseshoe bay
- Evening: walk to Lakka village for dinner at a classic Greek taverna

OVERNIGHT: Lakka Bay, Paxos (anchor in 3-6m)

NAV TIP: Antipaxos is best before charter fleets arrive mid-morning.

Day 7 Sunday 22 June

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Paxos -> Dessimi Bay, Lefkada (45nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Early departure - longer day to position for tomorrow's guest pickup
- Swim stop: Sivota Bay (mainland) - spectacular turquoise lagoon
- Through Preveza narrows into the Lefkada Channel
- Anchor in Dessimi Bay - sheltered, scenic, peaceful
- Final evening just the two of you - prep the boat for guests

OVERNIGHT: Dessimi Bay, Lefkada (anchor in 4-8m, sand, beautiful)

NAV TIP: Sivota has a small beach taverna - excellent fresh fish.

Day 8 Monday 23 June

Dessimi Bay -> Preveza + Meganisi (15nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Taxi to Preveza/Aktion Airport (PVK) to collect daughter & son-in-law
- Return to boat, settle in, cold drinks on deck
- Afternoon sail to Meganisi - lush, unspoiled island
- Swim at Papageorges Cove - dramatic limestone cliffs
- Welcome dinner ashore at Vathy, Meganisi

OVERNIGHT: Vathy, Meganisi (small quay - arrive by 16:00 for a good spot)

NAV TIP: Airport is Preveza/Aktion (PVK). 10-min drive to marina.

Day 9 Tuesday 24 June

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Meganisi -> Fiskardo, Kefalonia (20nm)

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning departure across to north Kefalonia
- Swim stop: Emblisi Beach, Kefalonia - secluded pebble beach, gin-clear water
- Afternoon arrival Fiskardo - the most elegant village in the Ionian
- Beautifully preserved Venetian architecture, upscale restaurants
- Dinner at a Fiskardo waterfront restaurant - splash out tonight

OVERNIGHT: Fiskardo Town harbour (arrive by 14:00)

NAV TIP: Fiskardo fills up fast in summer. Med-moor on the town quay.

Day 10 Wednesday 25 June

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Fiskardo -> Frikes, Ithaka (25nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning sail south along Kefalonia's dramatic west coast
- Assos Bay: anchor below the stunning Venetian castle ruin - crystal water
- Optional: dinghy ashore to the beautiful village of Assos
- Afternoon crossing to Ithaka - Homer's island, birthplace of Odysseus
- Anchor at Frikes: picturesque whitewashed village, fish tavernas on the water

OVERNIGHT: Frikes, Ithaka (anchor or pick up a buoy - well sheltered)

NAV TIP: Assos Bay: anchor in 5-10m off the village beach. Beautiful clear water.

Day 11 Thursday 26 June

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Frikes -> Vathi, Ithaka (15nm)

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Slow morning sail south inside Ithaka, stopping at Kioni village
- Sarakiniko Beach - Ithaka's most beautiful anchorage, sheltered turquoise bay
- Afternoon arrival Vathi - Ithaka's legendary horseshoe harbour
- Archaeological Museum, Homer's Odyssey references everywhere
- Best dinner of the trip at a Vathi waterfront taverna

OVERNIGHT: Vathi, Ithaka (harbour - very reasonable fees)

NAV TIP: Kioni is beautiful but small - good calm-weather lunch stop.

Day 12 Friday 27 June

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Vathi -> Atherinos Bay, Meganisi (25nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning departure north - today's theme: wild and remote
- Atokos Island: uninhabited, dramatic limestone, pristine water
- The definition of 'off the beaten track' - bring the snorkelling gear
- Afternoon sail to Meganisi's north coast
- Anchor at Atherinos Bay - stunningly beautiful cove

OVERNIGHT: Atherinos Bay, Meganisi (anchor)

NAV TIP: Atokos: anchor in the south bay in 5-8m, good holding. A true highlight.

Day 13 Saturday 28 June

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Meganisi -> Vasiliki Bay, Lefkada (20nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- North through Meganisi, up Lefkada's dramatic west coast
- Porto Katsiki: arguably the most spectacular beach in the Ionian - white cliffs
- Approach by dinghy - anchor offshore in 8-12m in calm conditions
- Optional: Egremni Beach nearby - even wilder, fewer visitors
- Anchor Vasiliki Bay - sheltered, world-famous windsurfing spot

OVERNIGHT: Vasiliki Bay, Lefkada (anchor, SE corner in 4-6m)

NAV TIP: Can be breezy rounding south Lefkada - exhilarating sail with guests.

Day 14 Sunday 29 June

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Vasiliki -> Parga or Nidri (20nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Relaxed final full day with guests
- Morning swim - last dip in the Ionian for the guests
- Option: sail to Parga (mainland) - Venetian castle, beautiful beach
- Leisurely sail to Nidri, Lefkada - easy and close to Preveza for tomorrow
- Final dinner together - cook aboard or find a good taverna

OVERNIGHT: Parga or Nidri, Lefkada (anchor)

NAV TIP: Parga is a lovely last stop if weather allows. Nidri is closer to Preveza (20nm).

Day 15 Monday 30 June

Nidri, Lefkada -> Preveza - Farewell (20nm)

HARBOUR NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning sail north through Lefkada Channel to Preveza
- Final breakfast/brunch on deck at anchor
- Drop guests at Preveza marina for their flight
- Hugs, goodbyes - promises to do it all again next year
- Afternoon: provision, fuel, laundry - plan the return leg

OVERNIGHT: Preveza Marina (harbour night)

NAV TIP: Preveza Marina is well-equipped. Good supermarket and chandlery nearby.

Day 16 Tuesday 1 July

Preveza -> Paxos (45nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Just you and Dora again - tranquil return begins
- Morning departure north through Preveza narrows
- Antipaxos again - less crowded on a Tuesday, pure magic
- Explore the famous Blue Caves of Paxos (west coast, go by dinghy)
- Anchor in Mongonisi or Lakka for a quiet night

OVERNIGHT: Mongonisi or Lakka, Paxos (anchor)

NAV TIP: Mongonisi: south tip of Paxos, great snorkelling. Walk to the tiny chapel.

Day 17 Wednesday 2 July

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Paxos -> Corfu (depart overnight) (28nm)

OVERNIGHT DEPARTURE

HIGHLIGHTS

- Short sail north to Corfu - arrive by early afternoon
- Palaiokastritsa: one of Corfu's most beautiful bays, monastery on the hill
- Afternoon: provision, fuel, weather check for overnight passage
- Last Greek dinner - stock the boat for 24 hours at sea
- Depart 21:00-22:00 for overnight passage back to Croatia

OVERNIGHT: Underway - overnight passage to Dubrovnik

NAV TIP: Gouvia Marina is a good departure base. Check 48h forecast before committing.

OVERNIGHT PASSAGE

July 2-3 OVERNIGHT PASSAGE

Corfu -> Dubrovnik, Croatia (155nm)

AT SEA

HIGHLIGHTS

- Night 2 at sea - you know what you're doing now. This one feels different.
- Reverse route: NNE through Corfu Channel, past Albanian coast, into Adriatic
- Watch system as before: 3 hours on / 3 hours off
- Dawn at sea - Dalmatian islands appear on the horizon
- Arrive Dubrovnik area Thursday afternoon

OVERNIGHT: At sea | Experienced overnight sailors now

NAV TIP: The Adriatic is often calmer on the return. Enjoy it.

Day 18 Thursday 3 July

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Offshore -> Lopud Island

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Arrive Elafiti Islands after the overnight - gentler than busy Dubrovnik
- Lopud Island: car-free, beautiful, one of Croatia's hidden gems
- Sunj Beach: the most beautiful sandy beach in Dalmatia
- Long afternoon rest, swim, recover from the passage
- Quiet dinner at the island's small restaurant

OVERNIGHT: Sunj Bay, Lopud Island (anchor in 3-5m, sand, excellent holding)

NAV TIP: Alternative: moor at Lopud village quay on the north side.

Day 19 Friday 4 July

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Lopud -> Mljet (Okuklje Bay) (28nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Beautiful westward sail along the outer Elafiti islands
- Saplunara Beach, east Mljet: one of Croatia's finest beaches, remote and sandy
- Anchor in the lagoon - wade ashore through the shallows
- Afternoon: sail to calmer western bay of Mljet
- Pine forest to the water's edge, peaceful anchorage

OVERNIGHT: Okuklje Bay, east Mljet (anchor)

NAV TIP: Saplunara lagoon is shallow - reconnoitre with dinghy first for a 55ft boat.

Day 20 Saturday 5 July

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Mljet -> Korcula Island (25nm)

AT ANCHOR

HIGHLIGHTS

- Morning sail west through the Mljet channel
- Swim at Prizba Bay, south Korcula - completely unspoiled, few visitors
- Explore the quieter south side of Korcula island
- Anchor in Bacva or Prizba Bay - calm, clear, secluded
- Last sunset at anchor - savour every minute

OVERNIGHT: Prizba or Bacva Bay, Korcula Island (anchor in 3-6m)

NAV TIP: South Korcula bays: mostly sand and clear water. Much quieter than Korcula Town.

Day 21 Sunday 6 July

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Korcula Island -> Vrboska, Hvar - HOME (30nm)

HOME PORT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Final day - the homecoming sail
- Last swim at the Pakleni Islands off Hvar - turquoise lagoons, pine forest
- Sail through the Hvar Channel, past Hvar Town
- Afternoon arrival in Vrboska - Good Vibrations back in her berth
- Champagne on deck. 21 days, 2 countries, 2 overnight passages. Done!

OVERNIGHT: Vrboska, Hvar - home berth

NAV TIP: If arriving late, anchor off Pakleni for one last perfect night.

OVERNIGHT PASSAGES

- > Both crossings: ~155nm / 24-26 hrs at 6-7kts average
- > Watch system (2-person crew): 3hrs on / 3hrs off
- > Depart evening (~21:00) to arrive next afternoon
- > Ideal: NW 10-15kt or calm - check forecast 48hrs before
- > Always have a bail-out plan if weather deteriorates
- > AIS on, nav lights on, VHF monitoring Ch16 throughout

ANCHORING TIPS

- > 55ft boat: use 30-50m of chain (5:1 scope minimum)
- > Ionian: mostly sand and mud - excellent holding
- > Croatia: more rock and weed - Danforth/Bruce preferred
- > June is pre-peak: anchorages far less crowded than July/Aug
- > Preferred depth: 4-8m with good swinging room

WEATHER: JUNE CONDITIONS

- > Adriatic: NW Maestral builds 10-20kt afternoon, dies at night
- > Ionian: Light to moderate NW winds in June. Very pleasant.
- > Overnight passages: often calmer at night - plan accordingly
- > Use Windy.com, PredictWind, or GRIB files daily

FORMALITIES & PAPERWORK

- > Greek Transit Log (DEKPA) from first port of entry (Corfu)
- > Cruising tax (TEPAI) for Greek waters - paid at first marina
- > Croatian: registration papers, insurance, competency certificate
- > All crew passports/IDs valid (EU - no issue)
- > Notify Preveza port authority on arrival as Ionian base

