



Marine Conservation in Split

Introduction:

Marine Conservation volunteers in Split have the unique opportunity to provide support to underwater clean-up efforts, helping to reduce sea pollution and conserve marine life!

The program is open to beginners without any diving experience; however, volunteers will have to gain dive certification before engaging in any type of underwater conservation activities. The Program Fee covers the cost of the required online and in-person training, full scuba equipment, and volunteer supervision from an experienced dive instructor. All volunteers complete internationally recognized SSI (Scuba Schools International) diving certifications. The diving certification you complete will depend on your current diving experience and the length of your stay. The courses range from Suba Diver through to Open Water Diver, and specialties such as Marine Ecology and Fish Identification. The project works with a local diving school, therefore you are always supervised by an experienced dive instructor. All volunteer efforts on the project work towards the vision of healthier oceans, thriving ecosystems and a clean coastline – all driven by an aware and inspired community. As part of this, your tasks as a volunteer can include collecting trash from the sea, logging information on items collected, learning more about the marine ecosystem and how to protect it, and observing and identifying fish.

Please note in your application when you apply for the program if you have any existing dive certifications.

What is included?

- Accommodation at a dormitory at a sustainable and social hostel (Private rooms are also available for upgrade.)
- Three meals a day, everyday: breakfast, lunch and dinner (Local style. Vegetarian, gluten-free and meals for lactose-intolerant are also available upon request.)
- Pick-up at the airport (On the Sunday prior to an Introduction Day.)
- Responsible guided city tour (2 hours.)
- Allocation to a non-profit and placement coordination on the first day of volunteering.
- Materials for the volunteer activities.
- All diving equipment necessary.
- Diving classes and instructors.

- Diving certifications appropriate to your diving experience.
- Free maps, city guides and the best tips to discover the city!
- Support 24/7 (365 days a year at anytime.)
- Limited coverage civil liability insurance.

What is NOT included?

- Flights
- Pick-up at the airport on other dates
- Drop-off at the airport
- Transport between accommodation and volunteer project location
- Personal expenses
- Personal insurance (health or accidents)

Typical day

After the initial orientation in Split, you will spend the rest of your program in Omis with other volunteers.

08:00 - 09:00 am | Breakfast at the volunteer house.

09:00 - 09:30 am | Departure by bus from the accommodation to the diving school.

09:00 - 10:00 am | Setting up of the equipment.

10:00 - 12:30 am | First dive of the day and collecting waste in wrecks and corals. You will start learning the basics and after a few days you will start diving in the Adriatic Sea.

01 :00 - 02 :00 pm | Break for lunch.

02 :00 - 04 :00 pm | Second dive of the day.

04 :00 - 04 :30 pm | Return to Split.

05 :00 - 07 :30 pm | Time to relax and travel. Usually, the evenings are free to travel around the city, learn Croatian or relax.

07 :30 – 09 :00 pm | Dinner at the volunteer accommodation with the other volunteers.

09 :00 – 10 :30 pm | Stroll around the city or rest.

