

# Elaphiti Islands, Dalmatia, Croatia

A scattered chain of car-free islands just 30 minutes from Dubrovnik, the Elaphiti offer sandy beaches, Renaissance monasteries, olive groves, and a pace of life that hasn't changed in centuries.

 Tender / anchor (small ships only)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Croatian

## MY DAY IN PORT

|                  |               |                   |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Small/expedition ships anchor off Lopud or dock at Šipan's stone pier; large ships call Dubrovnik (Gruž) and ferry out

**Best For:** Sandy beaches, peaceful walking, local seafood, unspoiled Adriatic scenery

**Walk to center:** 0 min — tender dock lands in the village harbor

**Don't Miss:** Šunj Beach on Lopud — one of Croatia's rare natural sandy beaches

 Getting around:  Hop-on hop-off  Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Šunj Beach, Lopud** — One of Croatia's very few natural sandy beaches — a crescent of warm, shallow water ringed by pine forest.
- **Lopud 1483 Franciscan Monastery** — A meticulously restored 15th-century fortress-monastery housing a world-class private art collection.
- **Koločep Forest Trails & Blue Cave** — Hike through dense pine and carob forest on this tiny car-free island.
- **Šipan Olive Groves & Village Walk** — The largest island, Šipan once held a Guinness record for olive trees per square meter.
- **Seafood Lunch on the Waterfront** — All three islands have konobas (taverns) serving ultra-fresh seafood.

## BEST WALKS

- **Lopud Village to Šunj Beach** 1.5 miles • 25 min • Easy paved path — From the tender dock, follow the waterfront promenade past the botanical garden and cafes, then take the signed paved path up and over the hill through pine forest to...
- **Koločep: Donje Čelo to Gornje Čelo** 1 mile • 30 min • Easy dirt path — A gentle walk between the island's two tiny villages through olive groves and pine forest.
- **Šipan Valley Walk** 3 miles one way • 60 min • Flat — Walk the island's fertile valley from Suđurađ (ferry dock) to Šipanska Luka, passing the 16th-century Skočibuha Castle, olive groves, vineyards, and historic summer...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

|  CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|
| Mon                                                                                                               | High | Low | Rain |
| Apr                                                                                                               | 63°  | 50° | 11d  |
| Jun                                                                                                               | 80°  | 67° | 9d   |
| Aug                                                                                                               | 86°  | 71° | 6d   |
| Sep                                                                                                               | 78°  | 64° | 9d   |
| Oct                                                                                                               | 70°  | 57° | 10d  |

|  DAYLIGHT &  MONEY |  |
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| Apr 6:06AM–7:30PM · Jun 5:09AM–8:27PM · Aug 5:55AM–7:49PM · Sep 6:28AM–6:57PM · Oct 7:01AM–6:05PM                                                                                         |  |
| Currency: Euro (€)                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

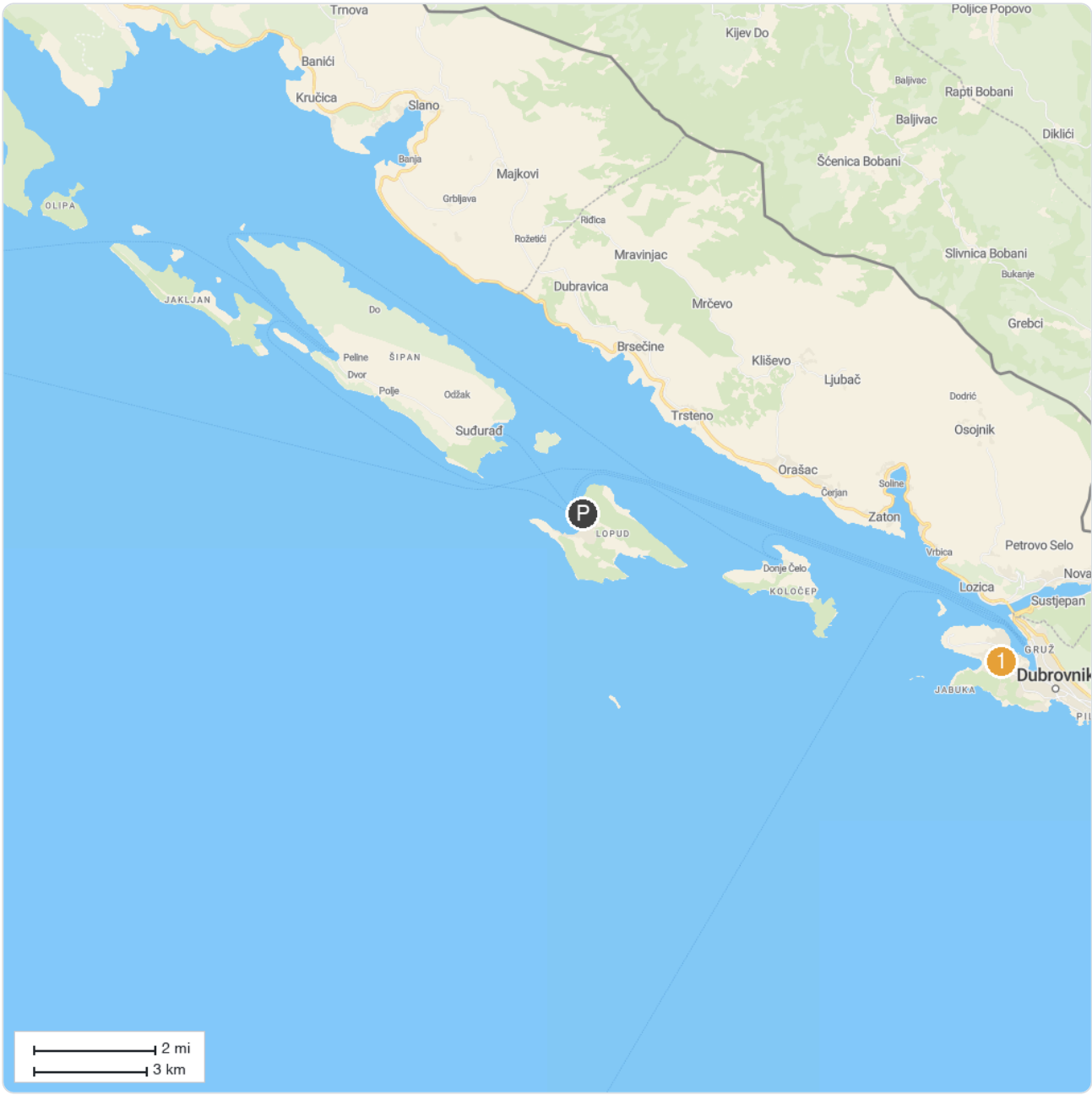
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't miss the return ferry. If you're coming from Dubrovnik independently, know your last ferry back. Private speedboats cost €150-200+ and aren't always available.
- Carry cash. Restaurants on Lopud and Šipan take cards, but golf cart taxis, beach chairs, and small stands are cash-only. ATMs are nonexistent on the islands.
- Bring water shoes. Most beaches are pebble or rocky — and sea urchins lurk in shallow water. A pair of water shoes makes a huge difference.
- Pack snorkel gear. The Adriatic clarity here is outstanding. Even a basic mask and snorkel transforms any swim stop.
- Lopud = sandy beach, Koločep = hiking, Šipan = food & history. If your ship visits one island, choose based on what you want. Lopud's Šunj is the standout for beach lovers.
- Bring insect repellent. Dense pine forest means mosquitoes in shaded trail areas, especially morning and evening.

# Elaphiti Islands, Dalmatia, Croatia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



**1** Puzzle Punks - Dubrovnik Escape Room

An interactive escape room for puzzle-solving fun.

**P** Cruise port / terminal