

Croatia

Guided tour Cycling

Tour description and distances

Day 1	
Split	
Day 2	45 km
To Brač - Hvar	
Day 3	35 km
To Hvar - Korčula	
Day 4	45 km
Korčula Island	
Day 5	25 km
To Lastovo	
Day 6	25 km
To Mljet	
Day 7	30 km
To Šipán - Dubrovnik	
Day 8	
Dubrovnik	

Active Journeys



Floating Adventures: Heart of Croatia

Croatia has a beautiful and well-indented coast with thousands of islands, reefs and bays. Numerous romantic ruins, charming hills, countless natural beauty and phenomena are waiting to be discovered.

If you would like to experience the region of South Dalmatia thoroughly, not wanting to do without Dubrovnik, this sail and bike trip would be an excellent choice. Accompanied by our charming, floating accommodation, you will get to know this sparsely populated part of Croatia including the islands of Brač, Hvar, Korčula, Lastovo, Mljet and Šipán. The highlight of the trip is the town centre of Dubrovnik that is listed on UNESCO's world heritage list with its imposing city wall and its narrow alleys.

The direction of this tour alternates each week.



Tour Details 2019

Dates: Alternating Sundays from April 21 (from Split) to October 27

Cost: Superior boat
\$2795 per person below deck
Upper deck cabin add \$295 p/p

Bike Rental: \$175

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate / Intermediate

Starts / Ends: Split / Dubrovnik

Fact Sheet

Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation on our deluxe boat, with most meals on board included
- Daily maps, guide and all support (choose to ride half day or all day)

E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies on boat, so reservations recommended
- Cube Hybrid or i:SY Flyer models available (depending on tour)



Day 1 Embark Split

Arrive on your own to Split and embarkation at 14:00 at the town port. At 16:30, a guided tour through Split is offered, where we learn of the town's history and visit inside the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and learn about its transformation into the city which it has become. The boat will spend the night in Split offering the guests an opportunity to experience Dubrovnik at night.

Day 2 Islands of Brač and Hvar 45 km

We cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its radiant marble that was, among others, used for the White House in Washington and in the construction of the German Reichstag building in Berlin. Today's cycle tour leads us from the tranquil harbour of Milna to Bol. The boat awaits us here for another crossing by boat to Jelsa on the Island of Hvar.

Day 3 Islands of Hvar and Korčula 35 km

Today's cycling leads us to Stari Grad and later on to the opposite side of the Island of Hvar. After a short break we ride through lavender fields and small villages until we get to the island's capital. Make use of the time and go for a little stroll through the city of Hvar before boarding the boat. Standing on the magnificent Renaissance Square you can enjoy a view up to the Spanish fortress towering high above the city. An overnight stay in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka on the Island of Korčula, regarded as one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia.

Day 4 Island of Korčula 45 km

We cycle across the charming island of Korčula all the way to Korčula city through a broad variety of different landscapes. Take your time, and remember to take a break to enjoy the views over the azure sea and neighboring islands. The picturesque town of Korčula competes with Venice for the honour of being the birthplace of explorer Marco Polo. A guided city tour winding through the fishbone alleyways will give you an overview of this stylish town.

Day 5 Lastovo Island 25 km

And off we go! A morning crossing takes us to the beautiful Island of Lastovo. The island is one of the smaller inhabited islands in the Adriatic Sea. The Emperor Augustus appreciated the mild climate, and in Roman times it was even named "Augusta Insula" after him. Barely 1,000 inhabitants continue to live from fishing the extremely rich waters, agriculture and viticulture. Today takes us in a large circle around this beautiful island. The gold-coloured white wine "Marastina", known even beyond Croatia's borders, is grown here.

Day 6 Mljet Island 25 km

We start with a short crossing to the next island of Mljet. Ashore at Pomena we cycle across the green and forested island - known as the honey island. With 70 % of its landmass covered by woodland it is the most forested island in the Mediterranean region. Homer mentioned this lovely island in his epic poem "The Odyssey". He made it a home for the Nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek king Odysseus, who could not resist Calypso and stayed on Mljet for seven years.

Day 7 Šipan Island - Dubrovnik 22 km

After a leisurely crossing we reach the island of Šipan, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands. A pleasant cycle trip takes us past villas with exotic gardens and through a fertile valley framed by a range of limestone hills. The boat awaits you here for your last cruise to the city of Dubrovnik. After the Captain's dinner, we say goodbye to the crew, tour guides and our fellow travellers.

Day 8 Disembark at Dubrovnik

Disembark for 9 am and individual departure.

Tour direction runs alternatively from Dubrovnik to Split each week



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The weather should be nice and warm during the day, definitely t-shirt weather, but you should bring a jacket or fleece for cooler morning and evenings.

How many hours of cycling a day?

Some days you will cycle up to 6 hours a day. We return back to the boat for lunch, so you can opt to do only half a day if you desire.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better. Croatia is hilly, so you will have a combination of short and longer ascents and descents.

What are the accommodations like?

Our two-masted beauty meets the highest expectations with her 16 luxurious guest cabins including tiled bathrooms with shower cabins/WC. The salon, numerous sun mats and beds on deck and the bathing platform at the stern are at your disposal.



Getting There

Arrive to the airports of Split or Dubrovnik to our departures on this trip in Dalmatia.

Taxi ride from Split airport to the boat (aprx. 20€/ride)
from Dubrovnik airport to the boat (aprx. 40€/ride).

Private airport transfers between Split airport and Split harbour/
Dubrovnik airport and Gruž harbour available, contact us for pricing.

Good To Know

The meals represent southern European cuisine, but taking into account the requirements of active cyclists. The ample breakfast comprises bread, butter, jam, cheese, sausage, coffee, and tea as well as some extras.

For lunch, the cook on board will generally prepare a light menu and for dinner you can expect an opulent menu of several courses that often includes fish or seafood as its central dish.

Casual attire for evenings is fine. Some biking gear for the day is recommended (hard-soled shoes, bike shorts and gloves).

Some Extras

- Unlimited bottled water, Visitor's Tax to be paid to Captain: 40€ per person
- Single cabin surcharge add: \$895 below deck / \$1200 above deck

How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and a pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is due 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.