

CROATIA – PEARLS OF SOUTHERN DALMATIA

8-days / 7-nights of moderate cycling (one or two challenging ascents) from Port of Trogir near Split



Explore the unique villages and beautiful islands of Southern Dalmatia – the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia – on an exciting cruising and cycling holiday. Experience the splendid island of Korčula with its picturesque old township and the lavender-covered island of Hvar. Sail and cycle with an experienced tour guide to the charming towns of Trogir, Hvar, Korčula and the artists' colony at Stari Grad.

The *standard* cruise is aboard a comfortable and spacious traditional style wooden motorised yacht with above and below deck cabins, some with bunks, each with ensuite shower and toilet. Our *premium* cruises offer elegant, modern, comfortable motorised yachts with generous cabins and superior fittings.

Our moderate graded cycling tours require a good level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. Tours range up to a height of 200 - 500m above sea level. The daily itineraries of 20 - 50km will take you through hilly, sometimes mountainous terrain without any time-constraints. There may be long and steep climbs but there is plenty of time to rest or walk as you choose. You are free to set aside a time each day to swim or relax on board the boat as the mood takes you. We cycle mostly on sealed roads (rarely travelled outside the holiday season) and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join with the two multilingual tour guides. E-bikes are an ideal way to neutralise the steeper hills.

Standard cruise: \$1860 per person (twin share lower deck). **Upper deck Supplement: \$190** per person

Single cabin supplement: Lower deck: \$760 Upper deck: \$1140 **E-bike hire:** on request

Departs: 27th April, 11th, 25th May, 8th June, 24th August, 7th, 21st September, 5th, 19th October, 2019

Premium cruise: \$2380 per person (twin share lower deck). **Upper deck Supplement: \$285** per person

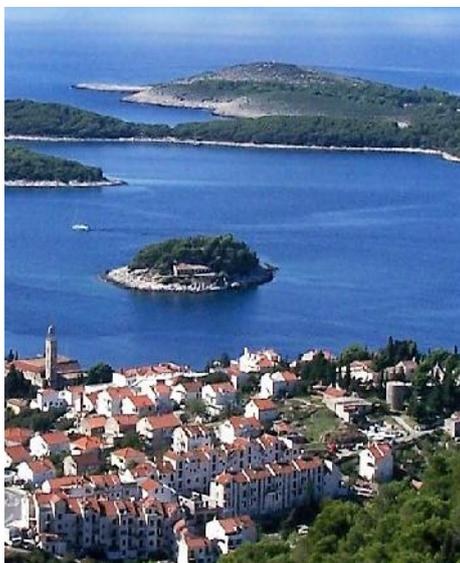
Single cabin supplement: Lower deck: \$950 Upper deck: \$1330 **E-bike hire:** on request

Departs: 20th, 27th April, 4th, 18th, 25th May, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June, 13th, 27th July, 17th, 24th, 31st August, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th September, 5th, 12th October, 2019

Includes: 8-days on a crewed motor yacht, double / twin or single cabins with shower/toilet, 4 days at full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), 3 days at half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner), multilingual (English/German speaking) tour guide, guided cycling tours as shown in the itinerary, hybrid bicycle hire, maps for the daily tours (available on board).

Not included: Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, drinking water and port taxes (approx. €40 per person paid to captain), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks (tally sheet onboard to be paid at end of trip), bicycle insurance (can be pre-purchased if required), transfer to the ship in Trogir (private transfer from Split airport can be pre-booked, please ask our reservations team for pricing and details).

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Suggested itinerary – subject to weather and sailing conditions at the discretion of the captain / tour guide

Day 1 Saturday Trogir – Šolta Island

On the day of arrival (usually at Split Airport which is about 5km from the harbour of Trogir) make your way by taxi to the ship. Check in between 2.00pm and 2.30pm and fit yourself with a bicycle before a short cruise at 3pm from Trogir to Šolta Island. Overnight stay in the sedate harbour of Stomorska.

Day 2 Sunday Islands of Šolta and Hvar Cycling @ 20+20km

We commence our cycle tour past walled fields, numerous olive groves, locust bean and fig trees so typical in Croatia. The herby smells of lavender and rosemary accompany us on our ride around the island. Afterwards we return to the boat in Stomorska and sail to Hvar. We cycle past the quaint harbors of Jelsa and Vrboska and continue to Stari Grad, which has become a Mecca for artists and art lovers in the past few years.

Day 3 Monday Hvar and Kor ulla Islands Cycling @ 22km

We cycle along an almost traffic-free road through small villages and over the pass to the island's capital Hvar. Here we visit the magnificent Renaissance Square and enjoy the view from the Spanish Fortress situated high above the city. After our cycle tour the boat takes us to Kor ulla Island, where we moor overnight in Vela Luka.

Day 4 Tuesday Kor ulla Island Cycling @ 62km

A chance to explore the island of Kor ulla today. The peace and remoteness, the lush vegetation and myriad cypress trees make this perhaps the most beautiful of the Dalmatian islands. Our cycle tour leads us via the village of Blato, like Rome built on seven hills, along a pass road across to Pupnat Bay and finally to Kor ulla town, where we should have time to walk through the old town's narrow alleys. We stay overnight in Kor ulla town, which vies with Venice for the title of birthplace of Marco Polo.

Day 5 Wednesday Bra Island Cycling @ 15km or 35km

We cruise to the island of Bra, which is famous for its shining white marble used for the White House in Washington DC and the Reichstag in Berlin. After a lunch break we start our bicycle tour from Sumartin to the lovely fishing village Povlja or to the picturesque town Pu iš a. Overnight stay in Pu iš a.

Day 6 Thursday Cetina Canyon Cycling @ 25km or 45km

After a morning sail to Omiš we cycle into the valley of the Cetina River which has carved its course deeply into the limestone cliffs. There may be an option of a 4-hour rafting tour on the Cetina River (at extra cost), or, if you choose not to raft, return to Omiš with its pirate castles by way of small side roads through a varied and interesting rocky landscape. Those who do take part in the rafting trip have a shorter journey back to the ship. In the afternoon we sail to Split, where we stay overnight. The old town of Split, built adjoining the famous palace of the Roman Caesar Diocletian, is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 7 Friday Split and Mt Marjan Cycling @ 15km

In the morning we take our last bike ride to Mount Marjan, a popular recreational site for the residents of Split, which offers fantastic views of the city and the surrounding islands. Returning to Split we load the bikes aboard the ship and enjoy the cruise to Trogir, where if time permits, you can take a tour of the old town which again is a world heritage listed site. Our final dinner together is a traditional, communal meal and a last get-together with the crew and tour guides.

Day 8 Saturday Disembark

Tour ends after breakfast in Trogir.

Please note we also offer this tour as a **Premium Plus E-Bike** tour – a similar itinerary, with longer cycling distances, onboard Premium Plus boats – ask for more details.



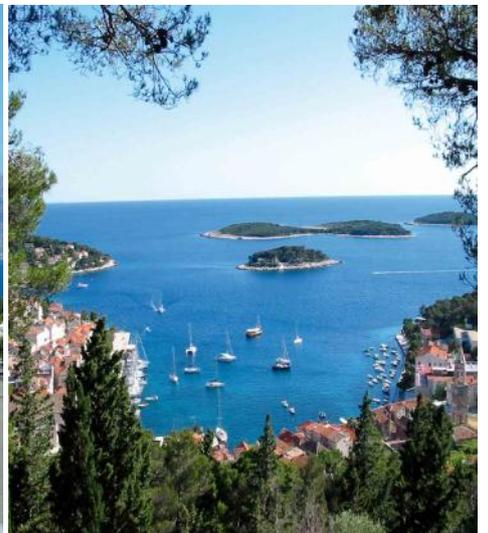
This is a Bike & Boat cycling tour however, you decide each day if you want to cycle with the group and guide, ride independently (using the maps provided), or not cycle at all and relax onboard the boat. Non-cycling passengers are welcome on these tours (but no sightseeing is provided for non-cyclists on cycling days).

Outdoor Travel offers Bike & Boat cruises to many areas of Europe including the Dalmatian coast of Croatia, the **islands of Greece**, the **Lycian Coast of Turkey**, in several locations in **Italy**. Bike & Barge cycling cruises are available in the **Seine, Loire Valley** and **Burgundy** or **Provence** in France and on the **Paris to Bruges** route through the Somme WW1 battlefield and memorial sites. We offer several routes in Holland, Belgium including the **Amsterdam to Bruges**, or the **Saar, Moselle and Rhine Rivers** in Germany.

Inn-to-inn cycling tours, guided in groups or self-guided with luggage transfers, are available in most destinations in Europe, Australia and New Zealand - ask for details.

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