

## CROATIA – SOUTHERN DALMATIA TO DUBROVNIK or v.v. **E-BIKE TOUR** 8-days / 7-nights Moderate cycling, **PREMIUM PLUS** to Korula, Mljet, Šipan and Lastovo Island



This one way tour in Southern Dalmatia, the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia, will take us on a journey of unique little towns and beautiful island countryside, with the addition of the UNESCO World Heritage listed walled city **Dubrovnik**. Boat & Bike touring is a perfect way to explore the the Dalmatian Coast. Highlights also include the splendid islands of Brač, Hvar and Korčula, the island of Mljet with its impressive national park, lush Šipan island, and relaxed, peaceful Lastovo island.

You will stay on a **Premium Plus** boat on this tour, an elegant, modern, comfortable motorised yacht with generous cabins, inside and outside deck areas and superior fittings.

Our **moderate** graded cycling tours are all-inclusive. They require a good level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. The daily itineraries of 20-45km will take you up to a height of 200-500m above sea level through hilly, sometimes mountainous terrain without any time-constraints. There are long and steep climbs, with plenty of time to rest or walk as you choose. 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. You are free to swim or relax on board the boat as the mood takes you. **This Premium Plus tour includes E-bike hire**, to help with the steeper ascents.

**Departs: Split to Dubrovnik:** 21<sup>st</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**Dubrovnik to Split:** 28<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**Cost from:** \$2875 per person (twin share lower deck cabins) includes e-bike hire.

**Upper Deck Supplement:** \$285 per person twin share

**Single Cabin Supplement:** \$950 lower deck, \$1330 upper deck

**Cruise includes:** 8-days / 7-nights on a motor yacht with crew, double/twin or single cabins with shower/toilet, 4 days full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), 3 days half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner), English speaking tour guide and guided cycling tours as per itinerary, E-bike hire, city tours of Dubrovnik, Korčula & Split, overview-maps for the daily tours (on board).

**Not included in tour:** Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, port taxes and flat rate for drinking water (approximately €40 per person paid to captain), bicycle insurance (can be pre-paid if required, please ask for details), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks (tally sheet onboard to be paid at end of trip), transfers to/from Split/Dubrovnik Airports (private transfers can be pre-booked, please ask for pricing and details).

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**Suggested itinerary:** *Please note that the cruising and cycling will be determined by the weather and local circumstances and may be subject to change completely at the discretion of the captain and tour guide. Tour operates in reverse on alternating weeks.*

**Day 1 Sunday Arrive Split**

Make your own way to meet the boat between 2 and 2.30pm at Split Harbour. At around 4.30pm we have a guided tour through Split to learn of the town's history and visit sites such as the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and to learn about its transformation into the city which it has become. The boat will spend the night in Split offering you an opportunity to experience Split's nightlife.

**Day 2 Monday Split - Insel Bra : Milna – Bol – Insel Hvar: Jelsa Cycling @ 45km**

We cruise to the island of Bra , 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 to Jelsa on the Island of Hvar.

**Day 3 Tuesday Hvar Island: Jelsa – Stari Grad - Hvar – Kor ulla Island: Vela Luka Cycling @ 35km**

Today's ride 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 till 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. From the magnificent Renaissance Square enjoy a view up to the Spanish fortress towering high above the city. Dinner on board and overnight stay in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka on Kor ulla, regarded as one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia.

**Day 4 Wednesday Kor ulla Island: Vela Luka - Kor ulla town Cycling @ 45km**

Today's cycle tour leads us across the charming island of Kor ulla all the way to Kor ulla city. Take your time, and remember to take a break to enjoy the view over the deep blue sea and neighboring islands. The Picturesque town of Kor ulla competes with Venice for the honor of being the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. Use the evening to wander through the fishbone alleyways and soak up the vibes of this stylish town. A guided city tour will give you an overview of the city and its features.

**Day 5 Thursday Kor ulla Island: Kor ulla town – Lastovo Island Cycling @ 25km**

A morning crossing 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. The barely more than 1,000 inhabitants continue to live from fishing the extremely rich waters, agriculture and viticulture. Today's cycle tour takes us in a large circle around the beautiful island. The gold-coloured white wine "Marastina", known even beyond Croatia's borders, is grown here. Dinner is served on board as the sun sets.

**Day 6 Friday Lastovo Island – Mljet Island Cycling @ 25km**

We start with a short crossing to the next island: Mljet. Ashore at Pomena on Mljet 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 "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 Saturday Šipan Island – Dubrovnik Cycling @ 20km**

A short crossing in the morning to the island of Šipan, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands. Accompanied by your tour guide a pleasant cycle trip takes us past villas with exotic gardens and through a fertile valley framed by a

range of limestone hills. Returning to the boat we enjoy our last crossing after an adventurous week. After arrival in Dubrovnik there is plenty of time to explore the UNESCO world Heritage city and to take part on a guided city tour. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat gives you time to celebrate the success of the week with fellow travelers and tour guides.

### **Day 8 Sunday      Dubrovnik**

Tour ends after breakfast in Dubrovnik – ask about additional accommodation or transfers at extra cost..



We offer this as a Bike & Boat cycling tour however, you can decide each day if you want to cycle as part of the group with the guide, cycle independently or not ride and stay with the boat. Non-cycling passengers should bear in mind that no alternative sightseeing options are planned for cycling days.

**Outdoor Travel** offers **Bike & Boat** cruises to many areas of Europe including the islands of Greece, the Lycian Coast of Turkey, and in several locations in Italy. **Bike & Barge** cycling cruises are available on many canals and rivers of Europe including the Seine, Loire Valley and Burgundy or Provence in France and on the 2-week route between Paris and Bruges through WW1 battlefield and memorial sites in northern France.

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