

CROATIA – ISLANDS OF KVARNER BAY

8-days / 7-nights moderate cycling island hopping along the Istria Peninsula

PLUS - E-BIKE OPTION



The crystal clear waters of the Northern Adriatic Sea offer many picturesque islands with dramatic cliffs, beautiful sandy beaches and small bays. All the islands are different, each with their own unique history. Spend a week discovering the landscape and people of this unique island world by bicycle, independently or with our knowledgeable tour guides on our comfortable motor yacht accommodation.

Our motor yachts get away from tourist resorts to mostly undiscovered corners of the Adriatic. There is a cycling after breakfast returning at midday for lunch. In the afternoon there can be more cycling or a cruise to the next port with time for a swim or to relax. In the evening enjoy the sunset with dinner onboard or at your own choice of restaurant, followed by a stroll around the harbour town for a beer or coffee.

Bike and Boat cruises combine cycling with island cruising, allowing partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together. Unpack once and come 'home' each night to a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. We offer this as a Bike & Boat cycling tour however you can decide each day if you want cycle with the group, cycle independently, or stay with the boat. No sightseeing provisions are made on cycling days for non-cyclists.

The cycling is moderate with 20 - 50km each day with hilly, sometimes steep terrain mostly on sealed roads.

PREMIUM cruise from: \$1895 per person (twin share lower deck cabin)

Upper deck supplement: \$175 per person twin share

Single cabin supplement: Lower deck - \$775 Upper deck - \$1160

Departs: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September, 4th, 11th October, 2020

PREMIUM PLUS E-BIKE cruise from: \$2435 per person (twin share lower deck cabin).

Upper deck supplement: \$265 per person twin share

Single cabin supplement: Lower deck - \$965 Upper deck - \$1355

Departs: 12th April, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th May, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June, 12th, 19th, 26th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August, 6th, 13th, 27th September, 4th, 11th October, 2020

Mid/High season supplement on all boats from: \$175 - \$530 per person, applies May to September 2020

Tour includes: 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-German speaking tour guide, guided cycling tours as described in the itinerary, hybrid bicycle hire (E-bike hire is included on the Plus E-Bike cruise only), cycling maps (available on board)

Not included: Personal expenses, gratuities, drinking water and port taxes (approximately €50 per person paid to captain), drinks, meals ashore, bike insurance (available if required), transfers to the ship in Omišalj (transfers possible at extra cost - ask for details). E-bikes on Premium tour - at extra cost (on request - limited availability).

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Suggested itinerary: For all tours the cruising and cycling each day will be determined by the weather and local circumstances and may be subject to change at the total discretion of the captain and cycle tour guide. Under certain circumstances the tour may be conducted in reverse..

The **PREMIUM PLUS E-Bike tour** has a slightly different itinerary, usually with longer cycling distances.

Day 1 (Sunday) Omišalj to Cres

Plan to arrive by 2.00pm in Omišalj, a picturesque harbor village on the island of Krk. Our boat will depart for the island of Cres at 3.00pm. Once at Cres we have the opportunity to follow our guide on a tour through the old town with its Venetian mansions, reminders of when the island was under Venice's rule.

Day 2 (Monday) Islands of Cres and Lošinj

cycling @ 25km

In the morning we cycle from Cres to Martinšća. We board the boat and enjoy a cruising lunch. Weather permitting there is time for a swim along the way to the Island of Lošinj and the large harbor at Mali Lošinj, an old seafaring and health resort, with its colourful facades and cafes. We spend the night in the harbor of Mali Lošinj.

Day 3 (Tuesday) Islands of Lošinj and Molat

cycling @ 20 + 10km

We cycle along the coastline of the south of Lošinj and visit the picturesque Veli Lošinj before returning to our ship for lunch. In the afternoon we cruise to the charming island of Molat for another short cycling tour, and we stay overnight in Molat's quiet harbour.

Day 4 (Wednesday) Island of Dugi Otok and Olib

cycling @ 35km

During breakfast, we cruise past many small islands before reaching the 'spice island' of Dugi Otok. Our bike tour starts in the bay of Božava, which is surrounded by woods of pine, agaves and tamarisk trees; we ride on a road virtually free of any traffic. After a ride on the island's "Road in the Sky" we arrive in the peaceful harbour of Savar or Bribinj where we meet our ship for lunch. This afternoon we can indulge in a refreshing swim before continuing on to the small island of Olib for the night.

Day 5 (Thursday) Island of Pag

cycling @ 35km

This morning there is time to explore the island of Pag. In the harsh but delightful landscape of the island we come across many fig and olive trees. Over the centuries the island locals have built numerous stone walls for protection against the wind. Starting from Mandre, we cycle on the narrow peninsula until we reach the sea where our ship will be waiting to take us to Rab. The island of Rab is one of the sunniest places in Europe. The town of Rab, the fortified capital of the island, was built in the middle ages on a wedge shaped headland, and marks one of the highlights of our trip. The four famous bell towers are iconic symbols of the town. After dinner there is time to explore the narrow alleys with numerous cosy cafés.

Day 6 (Friday) Island of Rab

cycling @ 25km

We cycle along the coast to the east side of the island, an area with virtually no vegetation; whose rough rocks and cliffs are similar to that of a lunar landscape. At lunchtime our ship awaits us in the harbour directly in front of the old town of Rab. After a swim-break we cruise over to the neighboring island of Krk, where we spend the evening in the historical town.

Day 7 (Saturday) Island of Krk

cycling @ 45km

We cycle over the ridge of the island, covered by fragrant macchia, to a valley of vineyards and then onwards to the small museum town of Vrbnik in the northeast. The town, built on a 50m cliff and surrounded by vineyards, is the home of *Zlahtina*, a grape found exclusively here which makes a light, refreshing white wine. Vrbnik is also home to the second narrowest alley in the world. We continue on across the island through old villages and rich vegetation to Omišalj, with a chance to swim in the bay of Soline. We spend the last night in Omišalj.

Day 8 (Sunday) Omišalj –

The tour ends after breakfast at 9.00am. Ask for details of ongoing flights or airport transfers.

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