

## 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



A one-way tour in Southern Dalmatia, the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia, a journey of unique little towns and beautiful island countryside, with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage listed walled city of **Dubrovnik**. This is a perfect way to explore the the Dalmatian Coast staying on one of our **Premium Plus** modern, comfortable motorised yachts with generous cabins and inside / outside decks for you to relax.

Highlights include the islands of Brač, Hvar and Korčula, the island of Mljet with its impressive national park, lush Šipan island, and relaxed, peaceful Lastovo island.

The **moderate** graded cycling tours require a good level of fitness. Daily itineraries offer 20 - 45km of cycling to a height of 200 - 500m above sea level through hilly, sometimes mountainous terrain with long and steep climbs. We cycle mostly on sealed roads (rarely travelled outside the holiday season), each day you can to ride alone using the information and maps provided, or join the two multilingual tour guides. This **Premium Plus** tour includes **E-bike hire**, to help with the steeper ascents.

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

**Dubrovnik to Split:** 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Cost from:** \$2260 per person (twin share lower deck cabins) includes e-bike hire.

**Mid/High season supplement from:** \$175 - \$880 per person, applies to selected departures

**Upper Deck Supplement:** \$265 per person twin share

**Single Cabin Supplement:** \$965 lower deck, \$1355 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 & 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 €50 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 way to meet the boat between by 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. The boat will spend the night in Split offering you an opportunity to relax or experience Split's nightlife.

**Day 2: (Monday) Split - Insel Bra : Pu i š a – Bol – Insel Hvar: Jelsa cycling @ 25km**

We cruise to the island of Bra , famous for its marble that was used to build the White House in Washington and the construction of the German Reichstag building in Berlin. Today's ride leads us from the harbour of Pu i š a to Bol. Nearby is the famous 'Golden Horn', a very popular and uniquely shaped beach. There is chance to relax or have a swim here before the crossing to Jelsa on the Island of Hvar.

**Day 3: (Tuesday) Hvar Island: Jelsa – Stari Grad - Hvar – Kor ula 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 is served on board and the overnight stay is in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka on Kor ula, regarded as one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia.

**Day 4: (Wednesday) Kor ula Island: Vela Luka - Kor ula town cycling @ 60km**

Today's cycle tour leads us across the charming island of Kor ula all the way to Kor ula 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 ula 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 ula Island: Kor ula town – Lastovo Island– Mljet Island cycling @ 30km**

This morning we cross to the beautiful Island of Lastovo, one of the smallest inhabited islands in the Adriatic Sea. The Roman Emperor Augustus appreciated the mild climate, and in Roman times it was named after him, "Augusta Insula" after him. The approximately 1,000 inhabitants continue to live from fishing in the rich waters and from agriculture and wine. Today's ride takes us in a loop around the island. The golden-coloured white wine "Marastina" is grown here and we recommend you try it. A late lunch is served on board as we cruise towards Pomena on the Island of Mljet.

**Day 6: (Friday) Mljet Island cycling @ 30km**

From 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. Homer mentioned this 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. Our boat will wait for us in Sobra from where we will cruise to the island of Šipan, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands, in the afternoon.

**Day 7: (Saturday) Šipan Island – Dubrovnik cycling @ 10km**

A pleasant ride past villas with exotic gardens and through a fertile valley framed by a range of limestone hills. Returning to the boat we cross to Dubrovnik with time to explore the UNESCO world Heritage city and perhaps a guided city tour. The evening dinner is chance to celebrate 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.



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