

## CROATIA – SOUTHERN DALMATIA TO DUBROVNIK or v.v. *E-BIKE TOUR* 8-days / 7-nights Moderate cycling, **PREMIUM PLUS** to Korčula, 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 30 - 60km of cycling to a height of 400 - 700m 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 Fridays: Split to Dubrovnik:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022

**Dubrovnik to Split:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

**Cost from:** \$2965 per person (twin share lower deck cabins) includes e-bike hire.

**Mid/High season supplement from:** \$175 - \$350 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, 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 €50 per person paid aboard), helmet, bicycle insurance (can be pre-paid if required, 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: (Friday) Arrive Split**

Make your way to Split Harbour to board the boat between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. At around 4.30pm take 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 spends the night in Split offering you an opportunity to relax or experience Split's nightlife.

#### **Day 2: (Saturday) Split - Insel Brač: Pučišća – Bol – Insel Hvar: Jelsa cycling @ 25km**

Cruise to the island of Brač, 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 Pučišća 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: (Sunday) Hvar Island: Jelsa – Stari Grad - Hvar – Korčula Island: Vela Luka cycling @ 35km**

Today's ride heads to Stari Grad and later on to the opposite side of the Island of Hvar. After a short break ride through lavender fields and small villages to Hvar, the island's capital. Stroll through the city and take in the view from the magnificent Renaissance Square up to the Spanish fortress towering high above the city before boarding the boat. Enjoy dinner aboard and an overnight stay in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka on Korčula, regarded as one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia.

#### **Day 4: (Monday) Korčula Island: Vela Luka - Korčula town cycling @ 60km**

The cycling route today heads across the charming island of Korčula all the way to Korčula city. Take your time, and take a break to enjoy the view over the deep blue sea and neighboring islands. The picturesque town of Korčula competes with Venice for the honor of being the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. In the evening take the opportunity 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: (Tuesday) Korčula Island: Korčula town – Lastovo Island– Mljet Island cycling @ 30km**

This morning cruise to Lastovo Island, 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 "Augusta Insula" after him. The approximately 1,000 inhabitants continue fish in the rich waters, farm the land and make 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: (Wednesday) Mljet Island cycling @ 30km**

Start in Pomena and cycle across the verdant landscape of Mljet, 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. The boat waits in Sobra from where we will cruise to the island of Šipan, the largest of the Elaphiti Islands, in the afternoon.

#### **Day 7: (Thursday) 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: (Friday) Dubrovnik**

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

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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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