

CROATIA – DALMATIA HIGHLIGHTS: DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT or v.v. 8-days / 7-nights moderate cycling **PREMIUM PLUS E-BIKE TOUR**



Explore the unique villages and beautiful islands of Southern Dalmatia – the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia – on this one-way tour from Dubrovnik to Split or vice versa. We visit the splendid island of Korčula with its picturesque old township, the lavender-covered island of Hvar and the artists' colony at Stari Grad. Sail and cycle with an experienced tour guide on the 'honey island' of Mljet and unspoilt, remote Vis Island. A highlight is the visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed walled city of Dubrovnik.

Our moderate graded cycling tours require a good level of fitness, and regular cycle training beforehand. Tours range up to a height of 400-700m above sea level. The daily itineraries of 25 - 60km 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 stop for a rest or photos too. E-bikes are an ideal way to neutralise the steeper hills, though of course you will still be pedalling. We cycle mostly on quiet sealed roads and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the group and guides.

Cruise onboard a stylish motor yacht, with 16 spacious air-conditioned cabins with ensuite. Meals are served in the large, airy saloon, or eat and unwind with a drink in the shaded open-deck terrace. There is plenty of space to relax and soak up the sun on the expansive sundeck.

Premium Plus cruise from: \$3630 per person (twin share lower deck)
Upgrade to luxury yacht from: \$880 per person twin-share, on selected departures – ask for details
Upper deck supplement from \$440 per person twin-share
Single cabin supplement on request

Departs from Split: 18 April; 2, 16, 30 May; 13, 27 June; 11, 25 July; 8, 22 August;
5, 19 September; 3, 17 October 2025

Departs from Dubrovnik: 25 April; 9, 23 May; 6, 20 June; 4, 18 July; 1, 15, 29 August;
12, 26 September; 10, 24 October 2025

Mid/High season supplements: \$350 - \$705 per person
Applies 2 May to 11 July and 15 August to 17 October 2025

Includes: 7 nights in comfortable cabins with shower/toilet; 2 days full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and 5 days half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner); English speaking tour guide, guided cycling tours as per itinerary; **hire of E-Bike**; city tours of Dubrovnik, Korčula & Split.

Not included in tour: Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, drinking water and port taxes (approximately €60 per person paid to captain), bike helmets (mandatory – we recommend you bring your own, some available aboard, must be requested beforehand), bicycle insurance (available for additional cost), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks, transfers to/from Split/Dubrovnik Airports.

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Suggested itinerary: *Cruising and cycling are subject to change at the discretion of the captain and cycle tour guide depending on weather and local circumstances. Tour operates in reverse on alternate weeks.*

Day 1: Arrive Dubrovnik

Make your way to Gruž, the main port of Dubrovnik harbour, to board the boat between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. At around 4.30pm take a guided tour through Dubrovnik to learn of the town's history. The boat spends the night in Gruž offering an opportunity to relax or experience Dubrovnik's nightlife.

Day 2: Dubrovnik – Šipan

cycling @ 11km

In the morning we sail to nearby Šipan, with perhaps the chance for a swim on the way. Šipan is the largest of the Elaphiti Islands, though still humble in size, making it a perfect spot for our first bike tour and to get used to riding in a group. After cycling round the island we return to the boat for a relaxing evening in Šipan.

Day 3: Mljet & Korčula Islands

cycling @ 33km

We cruise to Mljet, known as the Honey Island. With 70% of its landmass covered by woodland it is the most forested island in the Mediterranean. In Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* it was home to the nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek king Odysseus, who could not resist Calypso and stayed on Mljet for seven years.

From Sobra harbour we cycle the length of the island to Pomena and re-join the ship. We then sail to Korčula, where we moor in Korčula town. This picturesque town competes with Venice to claim the honor of being the birthplace of the famous explorer Marco Polo. A guided city tour will give you an overview of the city and the opportunity to wander through the narrow laneways and soak up the vibes of this stylish town.

Day 4: Korčula Island

cycling @ 60km

We ride across charming Korčula Island to the sheltered bay at Vela Luka. The mild Mediterranean climate allows for a variety of landscapes, including vineyards, pine forests and terraced olive groves. Our route follows the coastline in sections, with ascents and descents as we climb passes and hills. Take your time, and stop to enjoy the view over the deep blue sea and neighboring islands. We spend the night in quiet Vela Luka.

Day 5: Vis Island

cycling @ 35km

We bid farewell to Korčula and over breakfast we cruise to the island of Vis; if time permits we may stop for a swim before arrival. Vis is the farthest inhabited island from mainland Croatia. The island was variously controlled by the Greeks, the Republic of Venice and the Austrian Empire, and during WWII Marshal Tito's Partisan resistance movement was headquartered here. Due to its strategic location in the Adriatic Sea it was a military zone until 1995 and prohibited for foreign tourists. In the afternoon we explore this unspoilt island by bicycle. From Vis town we circumnavigate the island with a stop for refreshment at the harbour of Komiža.

Day 6: Hvar Island

cycling @ 20 + 20km

The day starts with a relaxing cruise to Hvar town on the eponymous island. There should be time to stroll through the city before our cycle tour. Standing on the magnificent Renaissance Square you can enjoy a view up to the Spanish Fortress towering above the city. From Hvar town we cycle steadily upwards through small villages and lavender fields, then descend to the harbour town Stari Grad on the other side of the island. The descent offers breath-taking views.

After lunch aboard the ship, we have the opportunity for a second, more leisurely ride to the town of Jelsa. We should have time for a mid-afternoon coffee or ice cream before our ride continues through the picturesque town of Vrboska and through the ancient Greek plains, now a protected UNESCO heritage site, back to the artists' village of Stari Grad where we spend the night.

Day 7: Brač Island

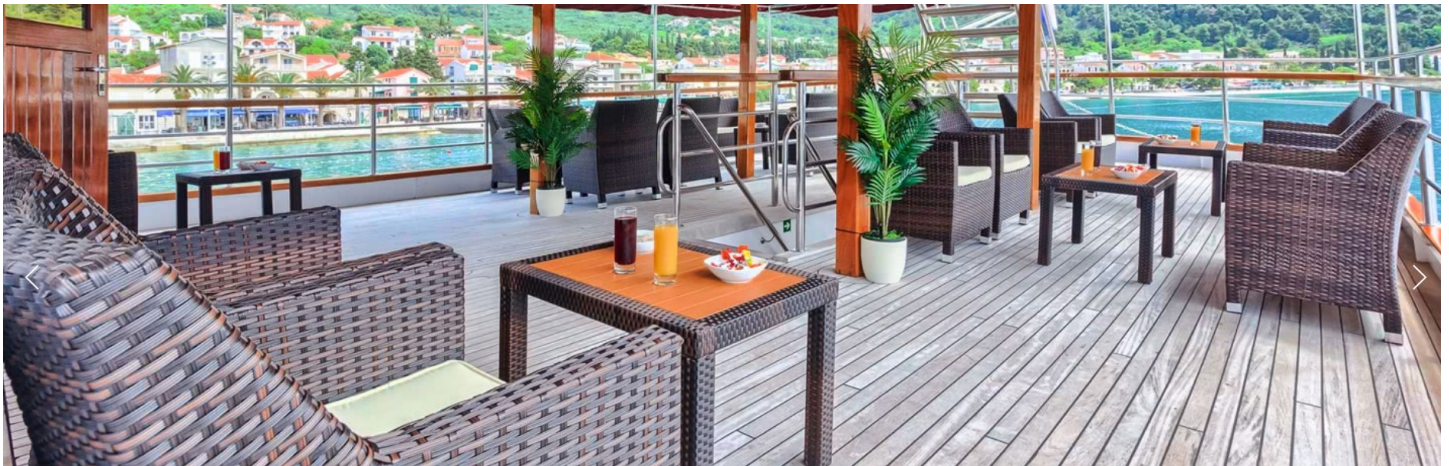
cycling @ 30km

In the morning we cruise to the island of Brač, known for its radiant limestone that was used for parts of the White House in Washington as well as the German Reichstag building in Berlin. We cycle from Milna across to the picturesque harbour town of Postira, where our boat awaits us for lunch and the final cruise of the week to the UNESCO world heritage city of Split. On a guided city tour, we get the opportunity to see inside the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and learn about Split's transformation into the city it is today. In the evening we celebrate the wonderful week with a farewell dinner on board the boat.

Day 8: Departure day

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

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