OUTDOOR TRAVEL
THE ACTIVE HOLIDAY COMPANY

BIKE & BOAT CRUISING IN EUROPE

2012

CROATIA - NATIONAL PARKS & ISLANDS OF CENTRAL DALMATIA

8-days / 7-nights includes Trogir, Primošten, Šibenik, Zadar, Krka-waterfalls and Kornati Islands
Regular departures from April to October – selection of ships available & e-bike options

Croatia has a beautiful coast with thousands of islands, reefs and bays. Starting from Trogir spend a wonderful relaxing week on a ship cruising between the mainland and the islands and visiting two national parks and the islands of Central Dalmatia. Highlights of this cycling cruise include the UNESCO listed town of Trogir, Primošten, Šibenik with its famous cathedral, Zadar, National Park Krka-waterfalls and the Kornati Islands.

Bike and Boat cruises combines two popular ways of exploring Europe (easy to moderate cycling with island cruising). They allow partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for non-cycling partners, leisure cyclist OR enthusiasts), you unpack once and come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. These cruises are rapidly becoming the thing to do in Europe appealing to the more active mature traveller. They are ideal for first timers or small groups.

Bike and Boat cruises offer the opportunity to explore beautiful countryside and historic cities sampling wine and local produce in the company of like-minded cyclists. Tours are conducted in English but passengers mostly include a mix of different nationalities - including English or German speaking with French, Italian or Dutch as the other main languages - adding to the cultural enjoyment of bike and barge cruising.

Costs:	Standard cruise:	$1510 per person (twin share).
	Premium cruise:	$1710 per person (twin share).
	Premium e-bike cruise:	$2090 per person (twin share) includes e-bike hire
	Single Use Cabin supplement:	$485 per person
	Above Deck Cabin supplement:	$85pp (twin share) $170 (single person)

Departures from Trogir near Split:

Standard cruise: 28 April, 12, 26 May, 9 June, 25 August, 8, 22 September, 6, 20 October 2012
Premium cruise: 21 April, 5, 19 May, 16, 30 June, 7, 21 July, 4, 18 August, 1, 15, 29 September, 13 October
Premium e-bike cruise: 28 April, 12, 26 May, 9, 23 June, 8, 22 September, 6, 20 October

Services included:

- 8-day / 7-night cruise in a double/twin cabin with private en-suite shower/toilet with linen and towels
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner – onboard cook prepares breakfasts and two warm meals a day – starting with the lunch on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.
- English & German speaking tour guide, bike hire & 7-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary. Helmets are required on all cycle tours (a limited number of helmets are available for hire – a reservation is requested) but we suggest you bring or buy your own.
- Entrance fees to the National parks & maps of the single cycling trips

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Not included:

- Visitor's tax and local harbour charges (@ Euro 20 per person paid directly to the captain on arrival)
- Drinks on board (tally sheet) and Tips for crew and tour guides
- Taxi transfer Split airport – ship in Trogir (one way @ Euro 20)

Fitness requirements: These cycling routes require a basic level of fitness through regular cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 100 – 300m. The daily routes, of 15 - 50km, covers hilly terrain with plenty of time for stops as required. The roads are mostly sealed and there is little traffic outside of holiday periods. You can cycle individually, using the maps provided, or join with the tour guides.

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1 (Saturday) Trogir – Rogoznica (Cycling distances @ 7 - 17km cycling)
Arrive at Trogir (a short taxi ride from Split airport) by 11.00am. After checking-in on the motor yacht we plan for lunch on board followed by a short cruise to Rogoznica. In the afternoon there is an easy warm up ride beside the wide bay with chance to visit a small idyllic hillside village if you choose.

Day 2 (Sunday) Rogoznica – Primošten – Šibenik – Vodice (@ 15km cycling)
In the morning we cycle from Rogoznica to Primošten and the cruise through a narrow sea passage to Šibenik where we can visit the famous cathedral and the old town. We return to the ship to cruise to Vodice, where we spend the night.

Day 3 (Monday) Vodice – Murter – Telašćica (@ 27km cycling)
In the morning we cycle from Vodice to the island of Murter, connected with the mainland by a lift bridge. In the afternoon we cruise through the Kornati islands national park, an archipelago of crystal clear waters known for its diverse flora and fauna. In the peaceful atmosphere of the Telašćica nature park there is time for a walk along the impressive cliffs on the island before rejoining the ship for dinner in a romantic quiet harbour.

Day 4 (Tuesday) Island of Dugi Otok (@ 35km or 65km cycling)
We have a short or longer cycling route today and our guides will explain the options. Our ride begins in the Telašćica nature park along a virtually traffic-free road with panoramic views. We ride across the island with to countless unforgettable vistas of the nearby islands. We meet our ship in the harbour of Brbinj for lunch.

The ship cruises to Zadar for centuries the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia. Join our guided tour through the streets and laneways of the lively old centre. 3000-years of history have left their stamp on the character of this town and there are many things to be explore including as the fortified walls with their bastions, the loggia and the early Romanesque St. Donatus basilica. Overnight onboard in the harbour at Zadar.

Day 5 (Wednesday) Islands of Pašman and Ugljan – Skradin (@ 35km cycling)
Through breakfast we cruise to the island of Ugljan and the Zadar Channel. Cycling along the east coast we reach the island of Pašman. In the afternoon, the ship takes us further up the Krka River to Sibenik and then to our overnight stop at Skradin. The Krka River meanders for through a flat region for about 10km before 40km of canyons and 20km of lakes before connecting with the Adriatic Sea.

Day 6 (Thursday) Skradin – Island of Zlarin (@ 35km cycling)
Today we explore the Krka National Park by bicycle. Through wooded valleys we ride to Lake Visovac and, on an island in the lake there is the Visovac Monastery settled by Augustinian monks with its small 14th Century church dedicated to the Apostle Paul. After a break for a swim we explore the magnificent waterfalls and canyons in the Krka National Park and its many typical sleepy villages. In the late afternoon we return to Skradin and cruise to the coral island of Zlarin where we can relax and enjoy dinner.

Day 7 (Friday) Island of Šolta – Trogir (@ 15 or 40km cycling)
In the morning we cruise to the Island of Šolta. Walled fields, olive groves, locust bean and fig trees line the roads. The fragrances of lavender and rosemary accompany us along our tour of this island as we head to the village Grohote. At around midday we cruise back to Trogir, for our last dinner onboard. In the afternoon we can relax or explore the narrow alleys, shops and cafes of the old town.

Day 8 (Saturday) Departure
Tour ends after breakfast at @ 9.00am.

We offer this as a Bike & Boat cycling tour however, you can decide each day if you want to ride cycling with the group or independently or not to ride and stay with the boat.

Outdoor Travel offers Bike & Boat cruises to many areas of Europe including Croatia, Greece, Turkey, several locations in Italy and in Vietnam. Bike & Barge cruises available on many of the canals & rivers of Europe including the Seine, Loire Valley & Burgundy or Provence in France, for 2-weeks between Paris & Bruges. We offer routes in Holland, Belgium & Germany – along the Saar, Moselle & Rhine or in the Venice region of Italy.

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