

CROATIA - NATIONAL PARKS & ISLANDS OF CENTRAL DALMATIA

8-days / 7-nights includes Trogir, Primošten, Šibenik, Zadar, Krka-waterfalls and Kornati Islands



Croatia is regarded still as old Europe, how Europe used to be, with many beautiful old buildings and a relaxed pace to life. It also has a beautiful coast with thousands of islands, reefs, bays and beaches. This tour starting from Trogir offers a wonderful relaxing week cruising between the mainland and the islands, visiting two national parks and the islands of Central Dalmatia. Highlights include the UNESCO listed towns of Trogir, Primošten, Šibenik with its famous cathedral, Zadar, National Park Krka-waterfalls and the Kornati Islands.

Bike and Boat cruises combine 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 leisure cyclists OR enthusiasts), you unpack once and return 'home' each day 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.

Premium Plus from: **\$2945** per person (twin share lower deck).
Upper deck Supplement: \$355 per person
Single cabin supplement: Lower deck: \$965 Upper deck: \$1355
Departs: 3, 24 May; 14, 28 June; 16, 30 August; 13 September; 4 October 2024

Premium Plus E-Bike from: **\$3575** per person (twin share lower deck)
Upper deck supplement from: \$440 per person
Single cabin supplement: Lower deck: \$1160 Upper deck: \$1545
Departs: 26 April; 10, 24 May; 21 June; 5, 26 July; 9, 23 August; 27 September; 11 October 2024

Mid/High season supplements: From \$175 - \$350 per person on all boats
 Applies 10 May to 21 June and 16 August to 27 September 2024

Cruise includes: 7 nights in comfortable cabins with shower/toilet, 2 days at full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), 5 days at half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner), English/German speaking tour guide and guided cycling tours, hybrid bicycle hire (E-bike hire is included on the *Premium Plus E-Bike* cruise only), entrance fees for the National Parks (group entry), overview-maps for the daily tours (available on board).

Not included: Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, bottled drinking water and local port and tourist taxes (approximately €60 per person paid to captain), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks, bicycle insurance (available for additional cost), transfers to/from Trogir. E-bikes on *Premium Plus* tours - at extra cost (on request).

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Suggested itinerary: Cruising and cycling are determined by the weather and local circumstances and are subject to change at the discretion of the captain and tour guide. The Premium Plus E-Bike tour has a slightly different itinerary, usually with longer cycling distances and the pace is usually faster due to having E-bikes.

Day 1 (Friday) Trogir - Rogoznica

Plan to arrive at Trogir (a short taxi ride from Split airport) between 2:00pm - 2:30pm as the motor yacht begins with a short cruise at 3:00pm to Rogoznica. It is here we spend our first night.

Day 2 (Saturday) Rogoznica - Primošten - Šibenik - Skradin

cycling @ 20km

We begin with a ride from Rogoznica to Primošten, then cruise to Šibenik and the spot where the Krka River flows into the Adriatic. We have a chance to visit the cathedral and the lovely old town before we cruise the lower course of the river Krka following the river's bends until we reach Skradin, where we spend the night.

Day 3 (Sunday) National Park of Krka - Vodice

cycling @ 36km

The port of Skradin is the starting point for our excursion by boat and on foot to the most famous part of the Krka National Park with its unique waterfalls. After lunch we cycle from Skradin to Vodice, a well-known and lively resort on the Dalmatian mainland, where we meet our boat.

Day 4 (Monday) Vodice - Island of Murter - Telašćica - Dugi Otok

cycling @ 25km

We cycle from Vodice across the drawbridge at Tisno to the island of Murter and continue along the waterfront, passing two very old coastal villages. At a small landing point we embark the boat for a cruise through Kornati national park, an archipelago known for its rich underwater life. We disembark at Telašćica Nature Park, at the southern end of the island of Dugi Otok, and take an evening walk atop the dramatic cliffs of the park.

Day 5 (Tuesday) Dugi Otok - Zadar

cycling @ 30km

We cycle along a quiet country road across the whole of Dugi Otok, with panoramic views of islands in the crystal blue sea. We meet our ship and sail for Zadar, which for centuries was the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia. Here we have a guided walk through the lively laneways of the old city centre. Three thousand years of history have left their mark – there are signs of the Romans, Venetians, and Habsburgs who all once ruled over Croatia. We tour the city's magnificent, fortified walls and time permitting may visit the Romanesque Basilica of St Donatus.



Day 6 (Wednesday) Islands of Ugljan, Pašman and Primošten

cycling @ 35km

During breakfast the boat cruises to the island of Ugljan, sometimes called the 'green island' for its profusion of both native vegetation and cultivated plants, including vines, olives and fig trees. We have most of the day to explore Ugljan and the neighbouring island of Pašman, which is connected to Ugljan by a recently built bridge. We cycle along the east coast, with beautiful views of the ocean and mainland. In the afternoon we cruise to the Primošten on the mainland where we can relax and enjoy dinner.

Day 7 (Thursday) Island of Šolta – Trogir

cycling @ 15km

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 of Grohote. At around midday we cruise back to Trogir. In the afternoon we can relax or explore the narrow alleys, shops and cafes of the old town. Farewell dinner this evening onboard the boat.

Day 8 (Friday) Departure

Tour ends after breakfast at 9.00am in Trogir.

Fitness requirements: These cycling routes require a basic level of fitness achieved through regular cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 100 – 300m. The daily cycling routes, of 15 - 50km, cover 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 the group with the tour guides.

We offer this as a Bike & Boat cycling tour however, you can decide each day if you want to cycle with the group, ride independently, or take a break from cycling and relax onboard the boat.



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