

# CROATIA – NATIONAL PARKS BY BIKE & BOAT 2009



*Croatia has a beautiful and well-chartered coast with thousands of islands, reefs and bays. Numerous romantic ruins, hills and bluffs and countless beautiful bays and inlets are waiting to be discovered. You will visit two national parks and the charming islands of Central Dalmatia starting from Trogir. Highlights include the UNESCO-listed old towns of Trogir, Primosten and Sibenik with its famous cathedral and Zadar. See the magnificent Krka-Waterfalls and Kornati Islands.*

*Spend a week aboard either of our choice of boats cruising between the Croatian mainland and islands of the Adriatic Sea. Great cuisine with a local flavour, friendly well-trained crew and knowledgeable tour guides are provided. After a relaxing breakfast we cycle usually until midday when we meet the ship for lunch. In the evening the ship will be waiting in the next harbour, so that you can enjoy more cycling or watch the sunsets. After dinner perhaps a stroll through the historic harbour town, and early night or, if you prefer sleep - or stay on deck under a thousand stars...*

<b>National Parks of Dalmatia:</b>	<b>Standard cruise:</b>	<b>\$1855</b> per person (twin share).
	<b>Romantica cruise:</b>	<b>\$2110</b> per person (twin share).
	<b>Above Deck Cabin supplement:</b>	\$120pp (twin share), \$240 (single)
	<b>Single Use Cabin supplement:</b>	\$705pp
	<b>Bike Hire:</b>	\$165 per bike
Standard cruise departs:	<b>25 Apr, 2 May, 13, 27 Jun, 15, 22 Aug 09</b>	
Premium cruise - Romantica departs:	<b>9, 30 May, 6, 20 Jun, 11, 25 Jul, 8, 29 Aug, 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep, 3, 10 Oct 09</b>	
		<b>Starts &amp; Ends Port of Trogir</b>

**Cruise includes:** 8-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew of four, double / twin or single cabins with shower/toilet, full board on the ship includes breakfast, lunch & dinner, English-German speaking tour guide & guided cycling tours as described in itinerary, bed linen and towels, entrance fees for National Parks, overview-maps for the daily tours on board.

**Not included in tour:** Personal expenses & gratuities, local fees & port taxes (@ Euros 20 paid to captain), drinks (an honesty sheet system operates onboard to be paid at end of trip etc, Taxi transfer airport – ship in Trogir (one way 20 Euro paid locally)) We highly recommend you bring your own bike helmet on this trip or purchase one before boarding.

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY – subject to weather & sailing conditions

### Day 1 (Sat) Trogir – Rogoznica (approx. 20 km by bicycle)

Make your own way to Trogir by 11am. After checking in on the motor yacht at Trogir and a first lunch on board, your first cruise begins. You are heading for Rogoznica, a small settlement on an island connected to the mainland by a dam. From Rogoznica you undertake your first cycle tour. You will spend the first night in the harbour of Rogoznica.

### Day 2 (Sun) Rogoznica - Skradin (approx. 20 + 10 km by bicycle)

In the morning you will bike to Primošten. Your motor yacht will then take you through a narrow passage to Šibenik. After visiting the famous cathedral, your ship will take off again and advance further and further up the Krka river. In the evening you will arrive in Skradin, from where you will explore the magnificent lower waterfalls of Krka in the National Park of the Canyon of Krka, a geological peculiarity under protection. Here the Krka meanders the first 10 km through a flat region, the following 40 km through canyons and then 20 km through lakes, which are connected with the Adriatic.



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### **Day 3 (Mon) Skradin – Murter**

**(approx. 40 + 30 km by bicycle)**

Today you will be cycling from Skradin through farmlands to Vodice, where you will have lunch and have the opportunity to go swimming from a beautiful beach. In the afternoon you will reach the island of Murter, which is connected with the mainland by a lifting bridge. You will meet the ship for dinner in a romantic quiet harbour.

### **Day 4 (Tue) Slanica – Biograd and Islands of Pašman and Ugljan – Zadar**

**(approx. ca. 40 + 30 km by bicycle)**

During breakfast the boat takes you to Slanica on the mainland. Then you begin your first extensive bike tour. This trip takes you around Lake Vran to Beograd. Lake Vran is the largest freshwater lake in Croatia. On account of its floral and faunal diversity, a large part of the shore and the lake is protected as a nature park. While you enjoy lunch, your ship takes you to the island of Pasman at the Zadar Canal. You cycle along the east coast and cross a bridge to reach the island of Ugljan. You anchor in a quiet bay for lunch. In the afternoon, the ship takes you to Zadar which, for centuries, was the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia. Your tour-guide takes you on an extensive walk through the lanes of the lively old centre. 3000 years of history have left their imprint on the character of this town and there are many things to be admired: the mighty fortification walls with their bastions, the loggia but also the early Romanesque St. Donatus basilika. Overnight in the harbour of Zadar.

### **Day 5 (Wed) Island of Dugi Otok**

**(approx. 65 km by bicycle)**

In the morning you cruise to the island of Dugi Otok. Your bike tour begins at the bay of Bozava surrounded by pine forests, agaves and tamarisks, along a virtually traffic-free road. At first you bicycle to the lighthouse of Veli Rat and to a deserted beach for swimming. Then, along a panoramic road, you ride clear across the island. During the ride you are treated to countless unforgettable vistas of the islands in the deep-blue sea. You meet your boat in the beautiful little harbour of Savar and have lunch. Afterwards you continue by bike along the panorama road as far as Sali, where you spend the night.

### **Day 6 (Thu) Island of Dugi Otok – Kornati National Park**

**(approx. 15 km by bicycle)**

In the morning you follow in the footsteps of Winnetou: The bike ride takes you into the Telascica nature park, the location of the „Silver Lake“ that played an important role in a film about the famous chief of the Apaches. It is not only the Silver Lake but also the steep cliffs above the sea, which you can explore on foot, that make the visit to this nature park such a great experience. In the afternoon you go on a cruise through the national park of the Kornati islands, an archipelago of crystall-clear waters known for its diverse flora and fauna. You spend a relaxing evening in the peaceful atmosphere of the island of Zlarin.

### **Day 7 (Fri) Island of Zlarin – Trogir**

**(approx. 45 km by bicycle)**

In the morning your motor yacht will take you to Primošten. On your last bike tour you will visit small villages in the hinterland, biking on roads with little traffic until you reach Trogir. The final descent will offer you a grand view of the coastline of Split. In the afternoon you can stroll through the narrow alleys of the Old town, protected as World Cultural Heritage, and devote your attention to the cultural side of the trip.

### **Day 8 (Sat) Departure**

Tour ends after breakfast at 9 am.

**Alterations:** We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on weather, wind or organisational requirements.



## THE BOATS...

### **Ship KAPETAN JURE (all cabins with shower/toilet)**

The KAPETAN JURE is a 27-metre-long and 7-metre-wide comfortable and spacious wooden motor yacht that was built in 2000. 11 of the 15 cabins are on deck. 10 of these are furnished with the two beds arranged side by side, while one cabin has bunk beds. The remaining 4 cabins are below deck, and are furnished with a French bed (140 cm wide) and a porthole. Captain Anton and his crew form an experienced team, which knows how to pamper their guests with delicious specialties. The cabins have simple, but functional equipment and are furnished with two beds and a small wardrobe or an open shelf. There is enough space for sleeping and storing a sea bag or a travel bag. Due to the shape of the ship's hull, the size of the cabins may vary. However, a price differentiation is made only with respect to cabins "on deck" and "below deck".

### **Ship OTAC NIKOLA (all cabins with shower/toilet)**

The newly built Otac Nikola is an addition for the 2008 season. The stylish two-masted motor yacht measuring 21 x 7 m has a steel hull painted a brilliant white that attracts attention. The ship can accommodate a maximum of 30 guests in 13 tastefully furnished cabins. Five double cabins are located below deck, four three-bed-cabins on the main deck and the remaining four double cabins are situated on the upper deck. The spacious sundecks on two levels are equipped with comfortable chairs and sunbeds. The ship has a bathing platform at the stern that makes it easy for swimmers to get in and out of the water.

### **Ship ROMANTICA (all cabins with shower/toilet)**

The Romantica was launched in May 2007. The ship is 32 m long and 7,6 m wide and it possesses a solid structural steelwork, which, as the name says, connects romance with modern trend and functionally. Captain Jure pays a lot of attention to the elegant appearance of his ship: 17 comfortably equipped cabins with a size of 9-10 square metres also offer sufficient area to larger groups to accommodation. The generous cabins feature superior equipment. The far sundeck offers couch mats for sunbathing and relaxing. A characteristic of the ship is a platform at the stern of the boat, for easy access to the sea for swimming.

**Bringing Children:** We believe that only children in a good physical condition and of a minimum age of 10 and previous bicycle tour experience are able to master the bike-tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a rental bike is 1,40 m (4.6 ft.)

**Requirements:** The bike routes require a basic level of fitness, which you should have acquired by occasional or daily cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 100 – 300 metres. The daily routes, of 30-50 km (18 to 30 mi.), cover hilly terrain and can be completed without time constraints. You will also come across some rather steep climbs, where walking your bike is of course permitted. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday-periods. You can decide every day for yourself, whether you would like to cycle individually, using the maps provided, or join one of the tour guides (or individual participants).

**Catering:** The cook on board is a member of the crew and prepares the breakfast and two warm meals a day. The full board starts with the lunch on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day.

**Guided cycling tours:** The tour will generally be guided in German however one of the guides will translate into English for non-German-speaking participants. There will be a minimum of 16 participants & maximum: 30 participants.

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