

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, the waterfalls of Krka National Park 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). Unpack once and return 'home' each day to a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. These cycle 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 include a mix of different nationalities.

Premium cruise from: **\$3440** per person (twin share lower deck)
 Upper deck supplement from **\$455** per person
 Single cabin supplement on request

Departs: 16, 30 April; 14, 28 May; 11, 25 June; 20 August; 3, 17 September;
 1, 15 October 2027

Premium Plus E-Bike from: **\$4360** per person (twin share lower deck)
 Upper deck supplement from **\$455** per person
 Single cabin supplement on request

Departs: 23 April; 7, 21 May; 4, 18 June; 2, 16, 30 July; 13, 27 August;
 17, 24 September; 8, 22 October 2027

Mid/High season supplements: From **\$600-1690** per person on all boats
 Applies 30 April to 2 July and 13 August to 15 October 2027

Includes: 7 nights in comfortable cabins with ensuite, 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 (*Premium* cruise) or E-bike hire (*Premium Plus E-Bike* cruise), 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 port taxes (approximately €80 per person paid to captain), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks, bike insurance (available for additional cost), bike helmets (mandatory – we recommend you bring your own, some available aboard, must be requested beforehand), transfers to/from Trogir. Upgrade to E-bike on *Premium* tours available 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 to board the ship between 1:00pm - 1:30pm. If you are arriving into Split airport a transfer to Trogir can be arranged – ask about price and details when booking. We begin with a short cruise at 2:00pm to Rogoznica, where we moor overnight.

Day 2 (Saturday) Vodice - Island of Murter - Telašćica

cycling @ 26km

During breakfast we cruise to Vodice, a well-known and lively resort on the Dalmatian mainland. 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 3 (Sunday) Dugi Otok - Zadar

cycling @ 32km

From Telašćica Nature Park 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 4 (Monday) Ugljan and Pašman Islands

cycling @ 33km

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 bridge. We cycle along the east coast, with beautiful views of the ocean and mainland. After our bike tour, we visit the coastal city of Šibenik where the Krka River flows into the Adriatic. If time permits we can visit the Cathedral of St Jacob, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, and the lovely old town.



Day 5 (Tuesday) Skradin - National Park of Krka

cycling @ 32km

A highlight on this day, as we visit the most famous part of the Krka National Park with its unique waterfalls. We cruise to the beautiful port of Skradin, located at the foot of the Krka Canyon, then cycle varied roads through remote villages in the Dalmatian inland. In the afternoon, we take a small boat to the Krka National Park where we have plenty of time to explore on foot. The night is spent in the postcard town of Skradin.

Day 6 (Wednesday) Skradin - Primošten

cycling @ 30km

A very leisurely morning, with a breakfast cruise from Skradin to Primošten and a stop for a swim, before lunch onboard. In the afternoon we cycle from Primošten to Rogoznica. After we return to Primošten there is time to explore the town.

Day 7 (Thursday) Island of Šolta – Trogir

cycling @ 20km

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. (Cyclists on the Premium Plus E-Bike cruise will cycle roughly 42km from Primošten to Trogir rather than visiting Šolta, on an inland route through small villages with beautiful views over Trogir and Čiovo Island.) 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 daily cycling routes, of 20 - 35km with 200 - 400 metres of elevation gain, 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. We offer this as a guided 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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