

CROATIA – SOUTHERN DALMATIA

8-days / 7-nights moderate to challenging cycling from near Split **PREMIUM**



Explore the unique villages and beautiful islands of Southern Dalmatia – the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia – on an exciting cruising and cycling holiday. Experience the splendid island of Korčula with its picturesque old township and the lavender-covered island of Hvar. Sail and cycle with an experienced tour guide to the charming towns of Trogir, Hvar, Korčula and the artists' colony at Stari Grad.

Our moderate graded cycling tours require a good level of fitness, and regular cycle training beforehand. The daily itineraries of 20 - 40km, with ascent of 400 - 700m, 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 take a rest too. Set aside a time each day to swim or relax on board the boat. 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 with the multilingual tour guides. E-bikes are an ideal way to neutralise the steeper hills.

Cost from: **\$3430** per person (twin share lower deck)
Upper deck supplement from **\$465** per person (twin share)
Single cabin supplement on request

Mid/High season supplement: **\$610-\$1700** per person applies from May through early October

Departs: 9, 23 April, 7, 21 May, 4, 18 June, 2 July, 27 August,
10, 24 September, 8, 22 October 2027

Includes: 7 nights in a comfortable cabin with ensuite onboard a crewed motor yacht; 2 days at full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), 5 days at half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner); multilingual (English/German speaking) tour guide; guided cycling tours as shown in the itinerary; hybrid bicycle hire; maps for the daily tours (available on board).

Not included: Personal expenses, gratuities, local fees, drinking water and local port & tourist taxes (approx. €80 per person paid to captain), meals taken ashore on half-board days, drinks (tally sheet onboard to be paid at end of trip), bicycle insurance (available for additional cost), bike helmets (mandatory – we recommend you bring your own, some available aboard, must be requested beforehand), transfer to/from the ship in Trogir. E-Bike hire available at extra cost (on request).

*This tour is also offered as a **Premium Plus E-Bike** tour – a similar itinerary, with longer cycling distances, onboard Premium Plus boats – ask for more details.*

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Suggested itinerary – subject to weather and sailing conditions at the discretion of the captain / tour guide

Day 1 Friday: Trogir –Solta Island

Arrive in Split and make your way to the harbour of Trogir (about 5km by taxi) to board the ship between 1.00pm and 1.30pm. At 2pm we cruise to a quiet harbour on the Island of Solta, with time for a swim after a day of travelling. Overnight stay at Island of Solta.

Day 2 Saturday: Island of Vis

cycling @ 31km

We start the day with a cruise to the furthest inhabited island from mainland Croatia, the Island of Vis. A Greek colony called Issa inhabited the island 2300 years ago. Due to its strategic location, it was a military zone until 1995 and prohibited for foreign tourists. Now though we are allowed to explore the lovely island by bicycle. We have plenty of time to enjoy the island and spend the night here.

Day 3 Sunday: Island of Korčula

cycling @ 30km

The peace and remoteness, the lush vegetation and myriad cypress trees make the island of Korčula perhaps the most beautiful of the Dalmatian islands. Our cycle tour leads us to the village of Blato, like Rome built on seven hills. We return to Vela Luka where the ship is moored overnight.

Day 4 Monday: Island of Hvar

cycling @ 22 + 20km

Our day begins with a cruise to Hvar town on Hvar Island. Before we begin our cycle tour there is time to visit the magnificent Renaissance Square and enjoy the view from the Spanish Fortress situated high above the city. We cycle along an almost traffic-free road through small villages and over the pass to Stari Grad. In the afternoon we cycle through vineyards on the Stari Grad plains and then a picturesque coastal road to the quaint harbors of Vrboska and Jelsa, known locally as “little Venice”, before returning to Stari Grad, which has become a Mecca for artists and art lovers in the past few years.

Day 5 Tuesday: Brač Island: Milna – Postira

cycling @ 30km

We cruise to the island of Brač, which is famous for its shining white marble used for the White House in Washington DC and the Reichstag in Berlin. We start our bike tour in Milna, cycling through small, charming villages and past local architectural relics before hugging the coast taking in the views across the channel to the mainland, then onto the neighboring town of Postira. The night is spent in the quiet harbour of Postira.

Day 6 Wednesday: Omiš and Cetina Canyon

cycling @ 20km

During breakfast the ship cruises to Omiš, where we can either choose to take an optional rafting tour on the Cetina River at extra cost, or to cycle a route skirting Cetina Canyon, with fabulous views over the river and back down to the sea. In the afternoon the cycling and rafting groups return to the boat for a cruise to Split, where we stay overnight. The old town of Split, built adjoining the famous palace of the Roman Caesar Diocletian, is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 7 Thursday: Čiovo Island and Trogir

cycling @ 20km

Our final breakfast cruise of the holiday, back to Trogir. We take the bikes across the small bridge to Čiovo Island, lushly vegetated, with the aromatic scent of flowers and wild herbs in the air. We cycle to one of Čiovo's white sand beaches for a refreshing swim and a coffee before returning to the boat in Trogir. There is time this afternoon to visit the Old Town of Trogir, listed as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. The last evening aboard is celebrated in traditional fashion in the company of our fellow travellers and guides.

Day 8 Friday: Disembark

Tour ends after breakfast in Trogir. Split Airport is just a short taxi ride away for your onward connections.



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