

CROATIA – SOUTHERN DALMATIA

E-BIKE TOUR

8-days / 7-nights moderate cycling from near Split **PREMIUM PLUS** to Hvar, Korčula and Stari Grad



Explore the unique villages and beautiful islands of Southern Dalmatia – the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia – on this exciting cruising and E-bike 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 Premium Plus ship for these cruises is an elegant, modern, comfortable motorised yacht with superior fittings and generous cabins, all with ensuite shower and toilet. The saloon, bar and dining area are spacious and well-appointed. The comfortable sundeck offers an ideal spot to sit back and relax while under sail, with plenty of chairs and sun-mattresses.

Our moderate graded cycling tours require a good level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. E-bikes are an ideal way to neutralise the steeper hills, though of course you will still be pedalling. The daily itineraries of 20-60km, with daily ascent ranging from 400 to 700 metres, 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 rest or walk as you choose. You are free to set aside a time each day to swim or relax on board the boat as the mood takes you. We cycle mostly on sealed roads (rarely travelled outside the holiday season) and each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join with the two multilingual tour guides.

Cost from: **\$4360** per person (twin share lower deck)
Upper deck supplement from **\$455** per person
Single cabin supplement on request

Mid/High season supplement: From **\$600-1145** per person
Applies 30 April to 25 June and 20 August to 15 October 2027

Departs: 16, 30 April; 28 May; 11, 25 June; 9, 23 July;
6, 20 August; 1, 15 October 2027

Includes: 7 nights in a comfortable cabin with ensuite; 2 days at full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner), 5 days at half board (breakfast and either lunch or dinner); **E-bike hire**; English/German speaking tour guide; guided cycling tours as shown in the itinerary; maps for the daily tours (available on board).

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

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

Due to wind, weather or operational requirements the tour itineraries may be changed or operate in reverse. All cycling distances are approximate

Day 1 Friday: Trogir – Vis Island

Make your way to the ship and board between 1.00pm and 1.30pm. If you are arriving into Split airport a private taxi transfer to Trogir harbour can be arranged – ask for price and details. Afternoon welcome and E-bike fitting before the ship departs at 2pm for the short cruise to Vis Island.

Day 2 Saturday: Vis Island

cycling @ 35km

The furthest island from the mainland, Vis has been of strategic importance throughout history. Some 2300 years ago the island was a Greek colony known as Issa, and until 1995 this island was a military zone prohibited to tourists. However we are now allowed explore the lovely island on two wheels. Later we cruise to Korčula Island, where we moor overnight in Vela Luka.

Day 3 Sunday: Korčula Island

cycling @ 60km

The peaceful island of Korčula, with its lush vegetation and cypress trees, is one of the most beautiful of the Dalmatian islands. We cycle to the village of Blato, like Rome built on seven hills, and to Pupnat Bay for wonderful views. We then descend to Korčula town for a walk in the old town's narrow alleyways. We stay overnight in Korčula town, which vies with Venice for the title of birthplace of Marco Polo.

Day 4 Monday: Island of Hvar

cycling @ 20km

We cruise to Hvar Island over breakfast and disembark at the island's capital, Hvar town. There is time to soak up the atmosphere of Hvar's magnificent Renaissance Square and the spectacular Spanish Fortress situated high above the city. We ride out from Hvar to a high pass (gaining wonderful views across the neighbouring islands and to the mainland), and alongside wild lavender fields to Stari Grad, the second largest settlement on the island. In recent years it has developed into an artists' colony. The boat is moored here overnight.



Day 5 Tuesday: Island of Brač

cycling @ 30km

We sail to Brač, famous for the white marble which was used in the construction of the White House in Washington DC and the Reichstag in Berlin. We cycle across the island, starting from the picturesque harbour town Milna. Our cycling route offers far-reaching views over the neighbouring islands so have your camera ready. We descend to the sleepy seaside town of Postira where there is time for a relaxing afternoon swim.

Day 6 Wednesday: Omiš and Cetina Canyon

cycling @ 45km

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, and we are treated to a guided city tour in the evening.

Day 7 Thursday: Šolta Island

cycling @ 20km

We cruise to Rogač on the island of Šolta and cycle past walled fields, olive groves, locust bean and fig trees so typical in Croatia. The herby smells of lavender and rosemary accompany us as we tour this island. Back in Rogač we load the bikes aboard the ship and enjoy our last cruise to Trogir, where if time permits, we can take a tour of the old town which again is a world heritage listed site. Our final dinner together is a traditional, communal meal and a last get-together with the crew and tour guides.

Day 8 Friday: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast in Trogir.

We offer this as a Bike & Boat cycling tour however, you decide each day if you want to cycle with the group and guide, ride independently (using the maps provided), or not cycle at all and relax onboard the boat. Do please note that whilst non-cycling passengers are always welcome on these departures, no sightseeing provisions are made for non-cyclists on cycling days.

You are welcome to use a normal hybrid bike on this tour however the pace will be set by the e-bike cyclists. This is a good option for keen, regular cyclists. Please request a normal bike when you make your booking.

The tour requires a minimum number of passengers to operate – ask for details when making your booking.



Outdoor Travel offers **Bike & Boat** cruises to many areas of Europe including **Croatia**, the **Aegean Islands of Greece**, the **Lycian Coast of Turkey**, the **Amalfi Coast** or the island of **Sicily** in **Italy**, and in **Vietnam**.

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