

CROATIA – FROM THE DALMATIAN ISLANDS TO DUBROVNIK

Duration: 8-days / 7-night
Departs: 27th April, 31st May *, 6th September & 11th October * 2008 (tours marked * will operate in the opposite direction with the bike tour in Split replaced by a tour on Solta Island).
Costs: AU\$1650 per person twin share – Single cabin supplement AU\$395
 Upper deck supplement AU\$120 per person (twin share) or AU\$220 for a single
 Bike hire with pannier bag AU\$140 per person

Our boat & bike-cruises in Southern Dalmatia, the smallest and most sparsely populated region in Croatia, will take us to unique little towns and beautiful islands. They will let you experience the beautiful island of Korcula with its picturesque old township, the wine growing peninsula of Peljesac and to the south of the peninsula the island of Mljet, with its wonderful national park. Our tour guide will guide you through the towns of Trogir, Hvar, Stari Grad and Korcula, which are almost all protected by a UNESCO World Heritage listing. Highlight of the tour is the world-famous city of Dubrovnik with its impressive and well-preserved fort.



Our moderately graded cycling tours are all-inclusive. They require a basic level of fitness, which can be acquired from steady cycling practise. The tours will range up to a height of 200 - 500m above sea level. The daily itineraries of 30 - 50km will take you through hilly, sometimes mountainous terrain without any time-constraints. There are 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 will travel 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 the two tour guides or other participants.



Services included

- 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 & 7-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towels
- Entrance fees for National Park of Mljet , overview-maps for the daily tours on board

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Suggested itinerary

Day 1 Trogir - Split (approx. 20 km by bicycle)

Arrive in Trogir or by plane to Split airport, which is about 5 km away from the harbour of Trogir. Check in on the yacht and the first short cruise begins at 2 pm from Trogir to Split. Your first cycle tour is to the Marjan mountain, a popular resort for the inhabitants of Split. After dinner your guide will accompany you on a walk through the old town of Split. Overnight stay in Split.

Day 2 Brac (approx. 17 + 36 km by bicycle)

In the morning the ship will bring you to the island of Brac where you will embark in Supetar, the ferry port of the island and the starting point of the first bike today that will lead along the coast. Your ship will pick you up in Pucisca and you will have lunch during the next cruise to Povlja. Today's second bike tour will begin with a long but moderate ascent to the mountain ridge of the island past mulberry, kiwi and fig trees, olive groves and vineyards. The following descent to Bol rewards you for your steep with amazing panoramic views of the neighbouring island Hvar. The overnight stay is in Bol, close to the well-known "Golden Horn" that is supposed to be one of the most beautiful beaches of Croatia.

Day 3 Hvar (approx. 25 + 20 km by bicycle)

During breakfast crossover to Stari Grad on the island of Hvar. The destination for your morning tour are the picturesque harbours of Jelsa and Vrboska. Afterwards you will return to Stari Grad for lunch. The afternoon's cycling tour leads you along the almost traffic free pass road through small villages to the town of Hvar. Once arrived in the town of Hvar you will undertake a guided tour around the town across the large Renaissance square which is lined with cathedral and many late gothic palaces. You will also climb to the Spanish fort. Here you will enjoy an amazing view over the ocean and the Paklenica Islands.

Day 4 Korcula (approx. 55 km by bicycle)

In the morning you will sail to the island of Korcula. The peacefulness and remoteness of luscious gardens with large cypresses dominate the appearance of perhaps the most beautiful Dalmatian island. Firstly you will cycle from Vela Luka, passing by Blato, which like Rome, was built on seven hills, to Brna. Here the ship is already awaiting you for lunch. Afterwards you will cycle on the old pass roads past the Pupnat Bay and finally you will reach Pupnat, from where the boat will bring you to Korcula town that vies with Venice for the title of the birth place of Marco Polo. Overnight stay in Korčula.

Day 5 Peninsula Pelješac and Mljet (approx 26 + 12 km by bicycle)

Pelješac impresses visitors even from afar with its Sv. Ilija Mountain, which rises almost 1000 metres from the sea. After a short cruise in the morning you will take a cycle tour into the inland of the island past the famous winegrowing region of Dalmatia (the excellent Plavac and Dingac wines come from here) to Trstenik.

During lunch you cross over to the green, wooded island of Mljet, which is also known as the honey island. In the 12th century Benedictine monks founded a beautifully situated monastery, which you will see on your short cycle trip. The local pine forest is one of the most beautiful of its kind in the entire Mediterranean region - Ulysses is said to have spent seven here. Today this region is a national park and a highlight of every Dalmatian journey.

Day 6 Mljet and Sipan (approx. 30 + 10 km by bicycle)

After breakfast you will explore the island of Mljet, starting in Pomena. In Sobra, the ferry port of the island, the ship will be awaiting you and bring you to Sipan, one of the Elafiti islands. During the afternoon a short bike tour leads you through green forests, fertile valleys and subtropical parks until you will reach the other end of the island. In the evening you will return to the ship where you will have dinner.

Day 7 Dubrovnik (approx. 30 km by bicycle)

Early in the morning final crossover to Dubrovnik. With your guides you will cycle to a place which offers a spectacular view of the Old Town of Dubrovnik. After your return to Dubrovnik you will be taken on a tour by a local guide who will explain you the history of this interesting and world-famous city. At night you have the opportunity to explore on your the lively city of Dubrovnik with the picturesque alleys, numerous stairways and countless bars.

Day 8 Disembarkation

Tour ends after breakfast - disembarkation till 9:00am.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alterations - We reserve the right to make alterations on the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions as well as organisational necessities.

Requirements (level 2-3) - The bike-tours require a basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The routes can reach an altitude of 200 - 500 metres. The day-tours from 30 to 50 km will take us through hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time-constraints. Participants will also need to master long and steep climbs, during which they are, however, also permitted to push their bikes. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned bike-tour. We will traverse mostly asphalted roads, which are rarely travelled on outside the holiday seasons. Each day you can either decide to bike alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the two tour guides or other participants.

Catering - The cook is a member of the crew and prepares a hearty breakfast and two warm dishes a day.

Participants - Minimum 16 participants - Maximum: 30 participants

We offer two different boats for your accommodation:



The **Otac Nikola** with its spotless white hull is our new ship in Croatia which will enrich our fleet in 2008. The stylish two masted motor-yacht with a length of 26m and a width of 7m offers enough space for 30 guests in 13 tasteful equipped cabins. 5 double cabins are located below deck, the other 9 cabins are situated above deck. The generous sun decks are equipped with comfortable deck-chairs and wooden lounges. The ship has a platform at the stern of the ship, from which you can take a bath in the sea every morning if you wish!



The **M/S Romantica** is a brand-new motor yacht, which will cruise the Croatian Adriatic from 2007. It is constructed of a solid steel hull combines romance with modern trend and functionality. There are 17 comfortably equipped double cabins (of @ 9-10 square metres) all well equipped and with their own bathroom.

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