



CROATIA

The Most Unusual Cycling Tour-Get Lost in the Adriatic!

8-day Adriatic Islands-hopping Cruise & Cycling Tour
Guaranteed Tour Departures in 2012

Departures from Split, Croatia every Saturday starting April 9, 2012.

PRICES: From USD 1,995 per person based on double cabin



"They take you by a boat to an island, drop you off with your bike, you cycle about 20-40 miles to the other side of island and by the time you get there, the boat is already waiting. Afterwards, we find some secluded beach on some remote and lost island where we swim, eat, drink and have fun. Same thing the next day except you are on different island. This goes on every day; different island, different scenery, different food and I never had so much fun." - L. C. (past cyclist)

The ideal way to see some of the most beautiful islands of Adriatic and enjoy an active vacation.

Cabins with private baths and showers are available on our air-conditioned yachts and gulets with maximum of 40 cyclists. We provide bikes or bring your own (credit \$100). Daily rides across different islands. We drop you and your bike off

on one, and pick you up on another side of each island. We handle bikes on and off the boat. We provide an experienced tour leader on all rides. Lots of activities for non-bikers as well; swimming, sightseeing, walking, snorkeling, scuba-diving and lots of fun for everyone.

BIKE - ISLAND HOPPING - DALMATIA

SPLIT – BRAČ - HVAR – KORČULA – MLJET - PELJEŠAC & MAKARSKA - OMIŠ & SPLIT



This guided cycling tour in Dalmatia starts on Brač Island and ends in Omiš. During your tour you will explore amazing coastlines, medieval towns, old villages and picturesque bays. Highlights include visiting nice beaches, vineyards, pine woods, cycling on the historic islands and exploring Mljet National Park. Croatia is a land of picturesque islands, rich history, Mediterranean vegetation and mild climate and the best way to explore it is, without doubt, by bike.

NOTE: Easy Conversion: 1m=3.281ft / 1km=0.6214mi

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Split - Island Brač (Milna) (L)

Bike Course: Milna – Bobovišća NM – Milna (approx 17km/10.5mi)

Surface: Paved, gravel
Inclination: Partly hilly - partly flat
Highest point

at: 175m/574ft

Departure at 1pm with lunch as first service. Two-hour journey to the island of Brač is the best time to meet your fellow passengers and the crew. Up on arrival in Milna you will cycle to Bobovišća on the sea. This little hamlet, set on the western side of island Brač just under the top of the mountain, seems somehow squeezed on the sunny slope, overlooking the sea. You will be able to have a swim here or just a coffee. Up on return to Milna we suggest you to take a ride along the coast. Overnight in the harbor of Milna.



Day 2: Brač Island Bike Course: Milna - Bol (B, D)

(approx. 43km/27mi)

Surface: Paved, short part to Gažul village is gravel

Inclination: Very hilly, partly flat, last 8km/5mi downhill

Highest point at: 570m /1,870ft

After breakfast your adventure will start with a long, but even climb to the crest of a hill, past mulberry and fig trees, pine forests, olive groves and vineyards. The white marble visible here was used for, among other things, the White House in Washington and the Reichstag building in Berlin. After 35 kilometers long drive you will have opportunity to try domestic food and vine at little shepherd village called Gažul with stone houses situated in authentic Brač platform (lunch is optional and cost approx 13 eur). After nice and long break you still have 10 km to get to Bol. The breathtaking panoramic views of the neighboring island of Hvar on the descent to the beach at Bol are well worth the effort of the ascent. In Bol one can see the Golden Horn beach (approx 2,5 km from the port so take a bike to get there). In Bol you can take a swim or stroll through Bol. Overnight in Bol.



Day 3: Hvar Island (B, L)

Bike Course: Jelsa - Starigrad - Hvar (approx 33km/20.5mi)

Surface: Paved, gravel

Inclination: Flat on the way to Starigrad, hilly from Starigrad

Highest point at: 415m/1,363ft

The island of Hvar is above all famous for its multicolored fields of rosemary and lavender. The biking tour takes us through small island settlements, fields and vineyards. We ride along coastal gravel road from Jelsa towards Vrboska and then we descend on an old road towards Stari Grad where we will have a refreshing stop. Starigrad is one of Croatia's oldest towns, dating back to 385BC when it was a Greek colony called Faros. On the way to Hvar we are passing through villages of Grablje, a wealthy place of hardworking people who were known for their high quality wine, honey, olive oil, and lavender, and Brusje, the first village behind

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Day 4: Korčula Island (B, D/L)

Bike Course: **Vela Luka - Korčula** (approx 44km/27mi) or **Račišće - Lumbarda - Korčula** (approx 24km/15mi) - to be confirmed on the spot as Vela Luka – Korčula is very demanding trail and not suitable for less fit groups.

Surface: Paved

Inclination: Partly flat, partly hilly, last 5km/3.1mi. downhill

Highest point at: 500m/1,640ft

Korčula is the island with the most abundant vegetation on the Adriatic. Its old Greek name Korkyra Melaina is especially due to the rich cover of pine woods. The peaceful and secluded gardens of Cypress trees here make Korčula perhaps the most beautiful of the Adriatic islands. Korčula, along with Venice, proclaims to be the birthplace of Marco Polo so you will meet the name Marco Polo everywhere when you get to Korčula island. The destination is the medieval town of Korčula constructed looking like a fishbone, main "bone" (street) going from main gate to the peak of the old town. Overnight in Korčula.



Day 5: Mljet Island National Park (B, L)



Bike Course: **National park Mljet** (approx. 15km/9mi)

Surface: Paved, gravel

Inclination: Flat

Highest point at: 65m/213ft.

While we enjoy our breakfast the boat will drive us to lush green island of Mljet also known as Honey-Island. Mljet National Park is a beautiful area of unique charm featuring two connected salty lakes - Great Lake, covering an area of 145 ha, with a depth up to 46 m and the Small Lake with an area of 24 ha and a maximum depth of 29 m. The bikes we tour around the saltwater-lake, in which there is actually another island where in the twelfth century Benedictine created a monastery, beautifully secluded, and surrounded by pine and oak forests. After lunch you can take a swim in Small Lake or take another self drive ride. Overnight in Pomena (Mljet).



Day 6: Pelješac Peninsula & Makarska Riviera (B, L)

Bike Course: **Trstenik - Orebić - Lovište** (approx 27km/17mi or 45km/28mi)

Surface: Paved

Inclination: Partly flat, party hilly to very hilly, last 6km/1.0mi downhill

Highest point at: 940m/3,085ft

After breakfast we will enjoy the sail towards Pelješac Peninsula where the life is very much like that on an island. The climb ahead of you is not an easy one, but you will enjoy the landscape,

which will help you get through the difficult part. The cycle-tour leads you into the backcountry and past the most famous wine growing area. Once we reach a viewpoint an extraordinary sight over Korčula's old town on the other side opens. How much this ride will be difficult depends how fit you are. Those who feel tired can join the ship in Orebić, the picturesque townlet, the town of sea captains and sailors. The rest of the group will continue the 18 km long road towards Lovište where lunch will be served on board. In the afternoon our boat brings us to one of popular holiday resorts on Makarska Riviera on the base of the 5,500 ft high Biokovo mountain range. Overnight in Baška voda or Makarska.

Day 7: Omiš & Split (B, L)



Bike Course: Omiš – Radmanove Mlinice - Omiš (approx 12km/7.5mi)

Surface: Paved

Inclination: Partly flat, partly hilly, last 6km/1.0mi downhill

Highest point at: 240m/787ft.

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Day 8: Disembarkation Split

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Breakfast at 9:00 am and then disembarkation to make your own way home.

SWIMMING BREAKS: In good weather and depending on timing we will have regular stops for swimming while the ship anchors in secluded bays approximately 20-30 meters from the beach or after the cycling before departure to next island.

CYCLING ROUTE: The length of the daily cycling routes is estimated and informative and depends of various detours or short cuts that can be done on route. Sailing and cycling routes may be changed without prior notice due to weather conditions and capability of the respective

cyclists on board. Departure is during morning hours, mostly after breakfast.

FOOD: Half board is served on board: continental breakfast and either lunch or dinner. During our cycling routes we will recommend stops at local restaurants where you can sample the local specialties. These meals are not included in the price of the trip but are paid by the customers. Also there is a possibility to book a captain's dinner, which is paid directly on the spot and is offered by the captain and your tour guide.

DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICING

Prices per person for 8 day sailing & cycling

SAILING DATES-SATURDAYS	LOWER DECK	UPPER DECK
APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28	1,995	2,155
May 5	2,155	2,295
May 12	2,195	2,305
May 19	2,255	2,405
May 26	2,305	2,455
September 8, 15, 22, 29	2,195	2,305
October 6	2,195	2,305
October 13, 20, 27	1,995	2,155
Single Supplement	60%	
Port Taxes	US\$113.50	
Extra bed in Cabin	60%	

INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE:

- Seven (7) night cruise o/b A/C yacht/gullet with choices of cabins on upper or lower deck
- Daily breakfast and lunch o/b
- English-speaking guide throughout tour
- Welcome dinner and drink
- Bike rental with all gears
- Handling bikes on and off boat
- Bike assistance during rides
- 1.5L bottled water daily
- All government taxes

- Groups of 16 or more traveling together: 25% off per person of applicable rate plus one travels FREE**

** FREE ticket is responsible for payment of VAT taxes of 14.5%, Port charges of \$113.50, bike rental (if not bringing own bike) \$200 and bike handling fee (loading & unloading on boat) of \$100 and air to/from embarkation points.

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Not Included:

- Airfare to/from Croatia
- Transfers to and from airports, embarkation/disembarkation points and docks in marinas
- Hotel accommodation pre and post tour
- Personal expenses, alcoholic beverages on yacht during cruise unless otherwise specified
- Customary gratitude/tips to your guides and crew
- Meals other than those specified in tour

- Travel Guard: Travel interruption, Travel cancelation or Medical Emergency Evacuation insurance (highly recommended-please inquire!)

Optional:

- Pre and post tour hotel accommodation in Split available on request
- RT Transfers from Airport to Split hotel and marinas: \$95 per person including bikes and baggage
- Private tour guide in major ports of call: \$85 pp
- Whitewater rafting excursion in Makarska (Cetina River): \$150 pp (includes transfer to/from river)

Notes:

- Prices quoted here are per person in US Dollars based on double occupancy
- Letters in parenthesis (B,L,D) indicate daily meals served
- No discount on discount



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