

# Cycling Europe

2020 CROATIA BY BIKE & BOAT

PREMIUM SHIP: CROATIAN COAST & ISLANDS

DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT & v.v. - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



This tour is one of three Premium ship tours in Croatia. These tours offer our guests a comfortable motor yacht and pleasant surprises throughout the duration of the journey. On our Croatian Coast and Islands Premium Ship Tour we will show you the beauty of the South Dalmatian coastline and island world and its cultural highlights. Start your exploration in ancient Split, a UNESCO World Heritage site with almost 1800 years of history. Swim, bike and sail through the island world of Dalmatia for one week stopping at beautiful islands such as Hvar, Korčula and Lastovo. End in the 'Pearl of the Adriatic, Dubrovnik, surrounded by its imposing walls. Breath taking natural beauty and cultural highlights accompany you throughout the day. Further highlights of the trip are the islands of Brač, Mljet and Sipan. **The direction of this tour alternates each week.**

## GRADE / TERRAIN

Moderate to energetic. Daily tours of 22 – 45 km through hilly terrain with ascents of between 200 – 300 m. Electric bikes available. If you decide to skip a bike ride, you can cruise and relax on board or go ashore and explore the quaint historic little towns and villages.



## ITINERARY: DUBROVNIK TO SPLIT

### Day 1 (Sunday) Boarding in Dubrovnik

Check-in on board starts between 2.00 and 2.30 pm at Gruž, Dubrovnik's town port. At about 4.30 pm, your guide will take you on a walking tour of Dubrovnik. We will learn about some of the "Pearl of the Adriatic's" long history and visit some of the most impressive sites. Overnight in Gruž/Dubrovnik allowing time for you to experience the ambience of this lively city.

### Day 2 (Monday): Dubrovnik – Mljet Island (approx. 17.5 mi/ 28 km)

This morning cross over to the green and forested island Mljet - known as the honey island. With 70 % covered by woodland it is the most forested island in the Mediterranean region. Homer mentioned this lovely island in his epic poem "Odyssey". He made it a home for the Nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek King Odysseus, who could not resist Calypso and stayed on Mljet for seven years. Cycle from Sobra to Pomena where the ship awaits you for dinner. Overnight stay in Pomena.

### Day 3 (Tuesday) Lastovo Island – Korčula Island:

#### Korčula town (approx. 17.5 mi./28 km)

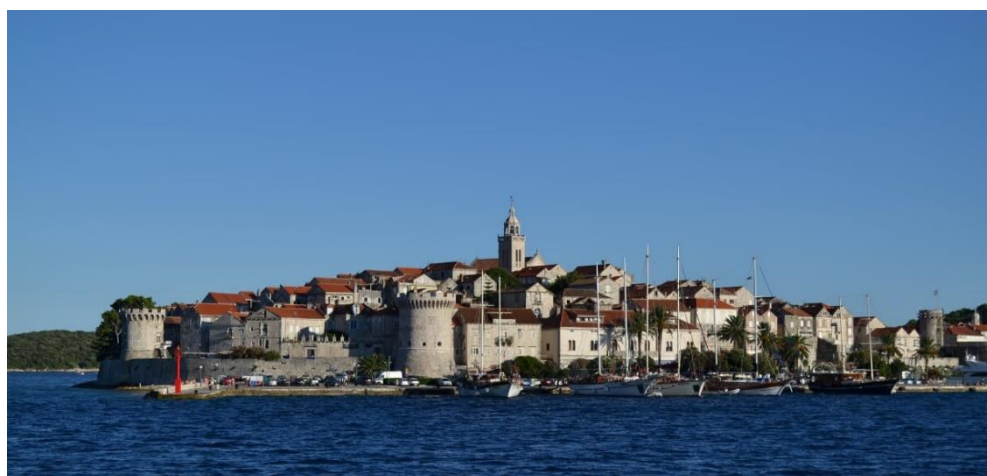
Today the boat takes you to the Island of Lastovo.

Today's cycle takes you across this beautiful island.

The gold-coloured "Marastina" white wine is grown here. Back at the boat it is time to cast off!

Cruise to Korčula Island, regarded as one of the

most beautiful islands in Dalmatia. The island's picturesque capital competes with Venice for the honour of being the birthplace of the famous discoverer Marco Polo. In the evening there will be plenty of time to explore the fantastic Old Town with its narrow "fishbone" alleys. A guided city tour is included and will give you an overview of the city and its interesting history.



**Day 4 (Wednesday) Korčula island: Korčula town – Vela Luka** (approx. 37.5 mi / 60 km)  
Cycle across the charming island of Korčula. Enjoy the mild Mediterranean climate and on the way enjoy the view of Pupnat Bay, which is one of the favourite photo spots for our guests; a contrast of shallow turquoise bays and deep blue channel waters. Dinner is on board Harmonia in the sheltered bay of Vela Luka.

**Day 5 (Thursday) Vela Luka – Hvar Island: Hvar – Stari Grad – Jelsa** (approx. 22 mi/ 35 m)  
The day starts with a relaxing cruise to Hvar town, capital of Hvar Island. Enjoy a little stroll through the city. Marvel at the magnificent Renaissance square and enjoy the view of the Spanish fortress towering high above the city. The bike tour takes you from Hvar through small villages and lavender fields to the lovely harbour of Stari Grad on the opposite side of the island. The descent to Stari Grad offers breath-taking views. The town was founded as a Greek colony of Faros – it has developed into a mecca for artists and art lovers in recent years. After lunch on board continue cycling to



Jelsa. Overnight Jelsa.

**Day 6: (Saturday) Jelsa to Brač Island: Bol – Pučišća** (approx. 14 mi./23 km)  
We cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its limestone that was used in the White House in Washington and in the construction of Berlin's Reichstag building in Germany. Once you arrive on Brač, start the bike tour from Bol to the picturesque harbour town of Pučišća. Spend the afternoon and evening here. Enjoy the serenity of the town, famous internationally for its stone masonry college.

**Day 7: (Saturday) Brač Island: Pučišća – Split** (approx.. 16 mi./25 km)  
Today's last bike tour leads you along the northern coastline of Brač from Pučišća to Supetar. Then, enjoy a cruise to the UNESCO world heritage city of Split. A guided city tour offers the chance to see inside the former Palace of Emperor Diocletian and to learn about its transformation into the city which it has become. A cheerful evening meal on board the boat gives you time to celebrate the success of the week with fellow travellers and tour guides.

**Day 8: (Sunday) Cruise ends in Split**  
After breakfast disembarkation in Split until 9.00am.

## **ITINERARY: SPLIT TO DUBROVNIK**

### **Day 1 (Sunday) Boarding in Split**

Check-in on board starts between 2 and 2.30 pm. At about 4.30 pm, your guide will take you on an extended stroll through Split. The Split region was colonised by the Greeks in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> century but the Roman emperor Diocletian should be considered its first citizen and founder. Explore the former Diocletian Palace and lose yourself in the labyrinthine alley-ways. Overnight in Split allowing time for you to experience the ambience of this lively city.

**Day 2 (Monday): Island Brač: Pučišća – Bol – Island Hvar: Jelsa** (approx. 14 mi./23 km)  
Cruise to the island of Brač, famous for its limestone that was used in the White House in Washington and in the construction of Berlin's Reichstag building in Germany. Once on Brač cycle from the picturesque harbour town of Pučišća, known internationally for its stone masonry college, across the island to Bol. Close by lies the famous Golden Horn', a popular Croatian

beach famous for its unique shape. Keen swimmers can take a swim here before continuing on by boat to Jelsa on the island of Hvar.

**Day 3 (Tuesday) Jelsa –Stari Grad – Hvar –Korčula Island: Vela Luka** (approx. 22mi/35 km)



In the morning we cycle to the beautiful harbour of Stari Grad on the Island of Hvar, founded as a Greek colony of Faros – it has developed into a mecca for artists and art lovers in recent years. Continue to the opposite side of the island to Hvar – the route takes us through small villages and lavender fields to the island's capital, where you can marvel at the magnificent Renaissance square and enjoy the view of the Spanish fortress towering high above the city. Dinner will be on board

and overnight stay on the sheltered bay of Vela Luka on Korčula – one of the most beautiful islands in Dalmatia.

**Day 4 (Wednesday) Korčula Island: Vela Luka – Korčula town** (approx. 37.5 mi/ 60 km)

Cycle across the charming island of Korčula all the way to Korčula city. Enjoy the mild Mediterranean climate and on the way we can enjoy the view of Pupnat Bay, which is one of the favourite photo spots for our guests; a contrast of shallow turquoise bays and deep blue channel waters. In the late afternoon we will reach the island's picturesque capital, which competes with Venice for the honour of being the birthplace of the famous discoverer Marco Polo. In the evening there will be plenty of time to explore the fantastic Old Town with its narrow "fishbone" alleys. A guided city tour is included.

**Day 5 (Thursday) Korčula town – Lastovo Island – Mljet Island** (approx. 17.5 mi / 28 km)

A morning cruise takes you to the beautiful island of Lastovo – one of the smaller inhabited islands in the Adriatic Sea. The emperor Augustus liked the mild climate and in Roman times the island was even named Augusta Insula after him. The 800 or so islanders continue to make their living from fishing the extremely rich waters, agriculture and viticulture. The golden white wine "Marastina" is grown here. Enjoy a late lunch on board whilst cruising to Pomena on the Island of Mljet.



**Day 6 (Friday) Mljet Island** (approx. 17.5 mi./28 km)

From Pomena cycle across the green and forested island, known as the honey island. With 70 % of the island covered in woodland it's one of the greenest islands in the Mediterranean area. Homer mentioned this lovely island in his epic poem "Odyssey". He made it a home for the Nymph Calypso and the legendary Greek king Odysseus, whom could not resist Calypso and stayed on Mljet for seven years. Join the boat in Sobra and cruise to the island of Šipan.

**Day 7: (Saturday) Šipan Island – Dubrovnik** (approx. 7 mi./11 km)

Šipan is the largest of the Elaphiti Islands. Cycle with your tour guide past villas with exotic gardens and through a fertile valley framed by a range of limestone hills. Return to the boat for a final

crossing to Dubrovnik, the pearl of the Adriatic. A guided tour through Dubrovnik is offered, where you will learn the history of this UNESCO World Heritage listed city and visit the most interesting sites. The evening is spent on board in celebration together with guides, crew and guests.

### Day 8: (Sunday) Cruise ends in Dubrovnik

After breakfast disembarkation in Dubrovnik by 9.00am.

#### ITINERARY CHANGES

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned itinerary due to changing wind and weather conditions as well as organisational requirements. For example, if ports are overcrowded, the tour will be operated in reverse.

#### GRADE / TERRAIN

The cycling tours require no special fitness for E Bike level but good fitness for ordinary bikers. We do recommend you take an E Bike if you are unsure or for the hottest summer months. The altitudes range between 200 and 500 metres above sea level. The daily tours of up to 45 km lead through hilly and mountainous terrain, with some longer climbs and can be cycled without any time pressure. You have the option to miss a bike tour and spend half or even a full day relaxing on the ship.

#### HELMETS

Helmets are mandatory on all bike tours. Please bring your own helmet, rental helmets are available on a limited number on board (reservation required).



#### 2020 DATES & TOUR COST – PER PERSON IN EURO Twin/double cabin, lower deck. Sunday departures.

05.04. – 12.04.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1350
12.04. – 19.04.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1350
26.04. – 03.05.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1450
03.05. – 10.05.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1450
10.05. – 17.05.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1450
17.05. – 24.05.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1450
24.05. – 31.05.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1550
31.05. – 07.06.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1650
07.06. – 14.06.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1650
14.06. – 21.06.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1650
21.06. – 28.06.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1650
28.06. – 05.07.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1650
05.07. – 12.07.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1550
12.07. – 19.07.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1550
19.07. – 26.07.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1550
26.07. – 02.08.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1550
02.08. – 09.08.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1550
09.08. – 16.08.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1550
16.08. – 23.08.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1550
23.08. – 30.08.20	Dubrovnik – Split	€1650
30.08. – 06.09.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1650
06.09. – 13.09.20	Dubrovnik – Split	€1650
13.09. – 20.09.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1650
20.09. – 27.09.20	Dubrovnik – Split	€1650
27.09. – 04.10.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1650

04.10. – 11.10.20	Dubrovnik - Split	€1550
11.10. – 18.10.20	Split – Dubrovnik	€1450
18.10. - 25.10.20	Dubrovnik-Split	€1350

Participants: Minimum required to operate: 14 - Maximum: 36+  
The tour takes place in both directions alternate weeks.

### Surcharge Cabin on Upper Deck:

Twin/double €150 per person

### Single Cabin Supplements

½ Twin/double cabin can be requested, subject to availability

Double cabin for single use: Lower deck + €500 /Upper Deck +€700

### RENTAL BIKES

**21-gear trekking bike** with pannier:

€80 for week

**E-Bike** (electric assisted bike) with 8 gear hub-shifting and pannier: €180 for week

Optional **Bike insurance** for theft/damage (deliberate damage is not insured), please let us know at time of booking €10/bike or €20 for E-bike

### TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- 7 nights in twin/double cabin with own shower/toilet
- 4 days full board (3 meals/day) & 3 days half board (2 meals/day)
- 6 guided cycling tours as per itinerary
- Bed linen and towels in cabin
- English-speaking tour guide
- Overview maps for the daily tours on board
- City tours in Dubrovnik, Split & Korcula

### NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- **Tourist Tax and unlimited bottled water €50 per adult, or €25 per child (up to 16) to be paid on board in cash**
- Journey to and from Dubrovnik and Split
- Airport Transfer from Dubrovnik Airport to the ship (Taxi- approx. €40) and Split Airport to the ship (Taxi -approx. €20).
- Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Entrance fees for sights
- Meals ashore
- Beach towels (easy to buy one in Split or Dubrovnik)
- Tips for crew and tour guides
- Bike rental – see above
- Additional nights in Split & Dubrovnik hotels – prices on request

### TRANSFERS

Private airport transfers are available between Dubrovnik Airport and Gruž harbour and between Split Harbour and Split airport: Euros €25 per person per way – minimum 2 people. This must be pre-booked.

### DISCOUNTS / CHILDREN:

- Children under 16 years occupying their own cabin receive a 25% discount on tour price (not combinable with 50% discount). They will need to pay single cabin supplement.
- With three or four people sharing a cabin, there will be a 50% discount on the basic tour price for the third and fourth person, regardless of age.

We believe that only children in a good physical condition and with a minimum age of 10 and previous bicycle tour experience are able to master the bike-tours on their own strength. Please note that the minimum height for a hybrid rental bike is 120 cm, and Electric bike 150 cm.

## MEALS ONBOARD:

4 days have "full board" (3 meals) and 3 days with "half board" (2 meals/day). Catering begins with dinner on the first night, and ends with breakfast on day of departure.

## PREMIUM SHIP 'HARMONIA' (all cabins with shower & toilet)

At 38 m x 8.3 m the MY Harmonia is an elegant white motor yacht. This two-masted beauty meets the highest expectations with her 16 spacious air-conditioned guest cabins including tiled bathrooms with shower cabins/WC. The salon and numerous sun mats and beds on deck are at the guest's disposal. With the bathing platform at the stern, taking a dip in the sea is easy. The experienced crew and the captain offer a warm-hearted and considerate service, leaving no wish unattended.

- Above deck: Total 9 cabins - 6 with French bed, 3 cabins with 2 single beds.
- Below deck: Total 7 cabins – 2 cabins with French bed, 2 cabins with 2 single beds, additionally there are two quad cabins with 2 French beds, 1 triple cabin with 3 single beds

French beds are small double beds 200cm x 140cm. Single beds 200cm x 90 cm. Receive daily cabin cleaning, fresh towels mid-week, hairdryer, Wi Fi.



## How to get there:

### Tour starting & ending in Dubrovnik (Port of Gruz)

A taxi from Dubrovnik Airport (30 min) will cost approx. €40 - 45, or you can catch the public bus from the airport to the central Bus Station, which is next to Gruz harbour (approx 35 Kuna/NZ\$9) where the ship will be docked.

A private transfer from Dubrovnik Airport to Gruz Harbour can be requested - €25 per person one way (minimum 2 people).

### Tour starting & ending in Split

Split is very well connected by bus from Dubrovnik (approx 4.5 hours). See – [www.buscroatia.com/Split-split/](http://www.buscroatia.com/Split-split/)

To get to Dubrovnik and Split from New Zealand, you can fly via Frankfurt in Germany, Switzerland, Rome, London or Zagreb.

Split Airport is 24 km outside Split city centre (towards the port of Trogir). It is served by an Airport bus (direct service taking about 30 minutes – fare approx. 30 Kuna). This bus departs 30 minutes after the arrival of a scheduled flight – waiting times up to an hour can occur. There is also a local bus, Line 37, which departs from the main road outside the airport every 30 minutes on Sundays – however, the depot is about 1 km from the city centre and the port.

There are also ferries in the summertime from Italy (Ancona). You can book these online with [www.directferries.co.uk](http://www.directferries.co.uk) \*\* Also ferries between Italy (Bari) and Dubrovnik.



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