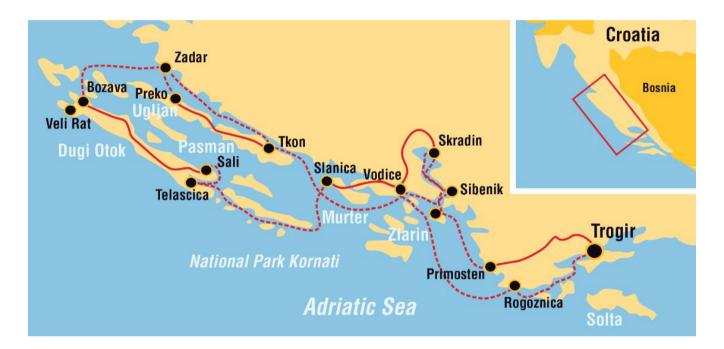
# **Cycling Europe** ISLANDS, BAYS & ANCIENT TOWNS OF CENTRAL DALMATIA

# **BY BIKE AND BOAT**

# 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS - PREMIUM PLUS BOATS - PRINCEZA DIANA & MELODY 190km by HYBRID or ELECTRIC BIKE



Croatia has a beautiful coast with thousands of islands, reefs and bays. Numerous romantic ruins, charming hills, and countless natural beauties are waiting to be discovered. Spend a week cruising between the mainland and the islands, spending your days cycling and relaxing in the sun. You will visit two national parks and the islands of Central Dalmatia. Highlights include: Trogir's Old Town a UNESCO World Heritage site, Primošten, Šibenik with its famous cathedral, Zadar, National Park Krka-Waterfalls and Kornati Islands. You cycle off after a hearty breakfast. At midday meet the ship at a harbour for lunch. In the evening the ship will be waiting in the next harbour. Enjoy dinner as the sun sets, followed by a stroll through an historic harbour town. Great local cuisine, a friendly crew and knowledgeable tour guides will ensure a memorable holiday.



# ITINERARY Day 1: (Saturday) Trogir – Rogoznica

Arrive in the picturesque Port of Trogir. The closest airport is at Split, only 5 km away. A taxi to the ship will cost you approx. €20. Check in between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. At 3.00pm we will cruise to Rogoznica, a small settlement on an island connected to the mainland by a causway. You will spend your first night in this traditional fishing village.

Participants arriving on flights after 2 pm can travel directly to Rogoznica, (approx. 25 km/€30 by taxi at own expense) where the ship will meet them at around 5 or 6 pm.

# Day 2: (Sunday) Rogoznica – Vodice – Slanica – Nature Park Telašćica

In the morning sail to Vodice. Cycle from Vodice to Murter Island, connected to the mainland by the lift bridge at Tisno. In Slanica, in the northwest of the island, the boat is waiting to take you to the island of Dugi Otok. Pass through the Kornati National Park with its stunning blue waters and uninhabited islands. Your destination is the Telašcica Nature Park. At the end of the day take a short hike to impressive cliffs before a short crossing by boat to the small seaside village of Sali for the night.

Cycling: 27km

### Day 3: (Monday) Island of Dugi Otok - Zadar

Cycle from Sali across the almost traffic-free island on a panoramic road to reach the pine forest, agave and tamarisk lined bay of Božava. Rejoin the boat and set off for Zadar, which for centuries was the political, cultural and intellectual centre of Dalmatia. Partake in a guided stroll around the bustling streets of the historical town centre - 3000 years of history have left their imprint on the character of this town and there are many things to be admired: the mighty fortified walls with their bastions, the loggia but also the early Romanesque St. Donatus Basilica. Overnight Zadar. **Cycling: 48km** 

## Day 4: (Tuesday) Zadar - Islands of Ugljan and Pasman - Vodice

During breakfast the boat crosses to Preko on the island of Ugljan. Ride to Tkon on the island of Pasman. The two islands are connected by a bridge. Cycle along the East Coast of the island,



with views of the mainland and the ocean. On arriving in Tkon board the boat and cross over to Vodice, a popular Dalmatian holiday destination, where you spend the night. **Cycling: 33km** 

## Day 5: (Wednesday) Vodice – Skradin

A scenic tour leads from Vodice along quiet roads through quiet villages of the Dalmatian hinterland to the beautiful city of Skradin at the foot of the Krka Canyon. In the afternoon your guides will introduce you to some Dalmatian specialties! Spend the night in Skradin. **Cycling: Approx 35 km** 

#### Day 6: (Thursday) Krka Waterfalls -Šibenik - Primosten



The magnificent port of Skradin is today's start point for exploring the most famous part of the Krka National Park with its unique waterfalls. Afterwards the boat takes you to the city of Šibenik to the spot where the Krka River flows into the Adriatic Sea. Visiti the famous cathedral of St Jacob and explore the lovely old town. Later in the afternoon cruise to Primosten for the night.

#### Day 7: (Friday) Primošten – Trogir

From Primosten cycle inland past rural villages to Trogir. Many magical views of the town and the island of Čiovo invite for short breaks and photo stops. Once in Trogir there is enough time to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Old Town. Celebrate the end of the week with a cheerful evening meal on board with your fellow travellers and crew.

Cycling: 20 km

#### Day 8: (Saturday) Departure in Trogir

Disembark after breakfast at 9 am.

#### TERRAIN /GRADE - road cycling

A basic level of fitness is needed, aquired from steady cycling. The daily routes, of 18 - 50 km, cover hilly terrain and can be completed without time constraints. There are some steep climbs that can reach 200 – 500 metres above sea level. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday-periods. The tour is primarily a guided group tour. If you prefer to cycle individually, consult with your guide who will recommend suitable routes when the opportunity arises. Maps will be provided on these occasions. You are free to have a half day or full day on board the boat instead of taking the planned cycle tour. Helmets are mandatory and it is recommended that you bring you own. There are limited helmets available for hire on board. Electric Bikes are available.



**Alterations:** We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions, or organisational requirements

#### **PRINCEZA DIANA**

Everyone's favourite!!! The Princeza Diana is a 3-masted deluxe motor yacht that was launched in



June 2011. 40 m in length & 8.50m wide, the ship was especially built for our hybrid & e-bike tours. There are 16 spacious guest cabins all with air conditioning, own ensuites and hairdryer. A big saloon as well as a canopied quarterdeck with upholstered seating is situated on the top deck. There are deck chairs and mats on the sun deck for you to relax on and enjoy the views.

Cabins: 7 below deck with French bed (small double bed 200 x 140 cm). 5 above deck cabins with twin beds (200 x 90 cm each). 4 above deck cabins with French Bed and additional single bunk bed (200 x 90cm).



MELODY



Launched in 2015, 42m long and 8.30m wide Melody is a luxury floating hotel. Each of the 16 spacious cabins is well appointed with airconditioning, own ensuite, safe and TV. Relax on the spacious sundeck and the lounge on the aft deck. The platform on the stern allows easy access for swimming.

Melody has 16 cabins: <u>Above deck</u>: 2 cabins have a double bed, 8 Twin cabins (2 single beds)

<u>Below deck</u>: 3 cabins with double bed, 2 Twin cabins (2 single beds), 1 cabin has 3 single beds



#### CATERING

The on board cook prepares a hearty breakfast and one or two hot meals a day. Catering starts with dinner on the first night, and ends with the breakfast on the departure day. 4 Days Full Board (3 meals/day) & 3 Days with "Half-board" (2 meals/day)

#### **GUIDED TOUR**

The tour will be guided in English & German. **Group Size:** Minimum: 14participants / Maximum: 31+ participants

#### 2020 DATES & COST PER PERSON IN EURO:

The prices below are for a LOWER DECK double/twin cabin with ensuite

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Upper Deck ADD	€200	per person Princeza Diana and Melody
Single Lower Deck ADD	€500	per person
Single Upper Deck ADD	€800	per person

#### **RENTAL BIKES**

- o Rental bike are available: Hybrid bike with pannier: €80 for week
- E-Bike (electric assisted bike) with 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. Please note: Travel insurance does not usually cover rental bikes.

#### **HELMETS:**

Helmets are compulsory, and <u>must be requested in advance</u> because numbers are limited. You are encouraged to bring your own, well fitted helmet.

#### **TOUR COST INCLUDES**

- o 7 night's accommodation in cabin with own shower/toilet
- 4 days full board on the ship (3 meals a day) & 3 days half board (2 meals/day)
- English-speaking tour guide
- o Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- o Overview-maps for the daily tours on board
- Entrance fees to the National Parks (group visits only)
- o Bed linen & towels

#### NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

- Visitor's tax and unlimited bottled water charge €50 per adult, or €25 per child up to age 16 to be paid on board
- Flights to Trogir/Split
- Airport Transfer from the Split airport to the ship. It is only 5km, so a taxi from Split airport will cost approx. €20 Euro)
- o Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Entrance fees for sights (individual visits)
- o Meals ashore
- o Beach towels
- o Bike rental
- o Tips for crew and tour guides

#### **DISCOUNTS / CHILDREN:**

- Children up to 16 years receive a 25% discount on tour price (not combinable with 50% discount). They will need to pay single cabin supplement if they require own cabin.
- With three people sharing a cabin on Melody lower deck, there will be a 50% discount on the basic tour price for the third person, regardless of age. On Princeza Diana the third person will also receive a 50% discount on basic tour cost and will not be charged a surcharge for the upper deck.

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.

**PRE & POST TOUR HOTELS** – in Trogir, close to where the boat docks. Costs on application.

Book through:



