

# Cycling Europe

## CROATIA 2020 ISTRIA BY BIKE & BOAT 8 Days/7 Nights – 247kms



***“The heart of Europe” is what the Istrians call their peninsula, inspired by its shape and its position at the crossroads of Eastern and Western European. On this tour you will explore the most popular part of the Croatian coast. Starting in Pula, the ship will travel north, and tour guides will show you the most beautiful cycling routes in the coastal region. Visit the natural islands of Brijuni, the Lim Channel with its caves, the coastal cities of Poreč, Rovinj and Pula, as well as the Istrian hinterland, a famous wine and truffle region.***

***This trip starts and finishes in Pula, which can easily be reached by bus, or ferry from Venice (limited schedule).***

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: (Sunday) Pula

Individual arrival in Pula, the capital of Istria with an impressive cultural heritage from Roman times. Check in on the motor yacht between from 2pm - 2.30 pm. Your first bike tour starts at 3 pm and takes you on a circuit ride from the harbour around Pula. There may be the opportunity to have a closer look at the famous amphitheatre. Return to the ship and cruise a couple of miles north to a quiet bay for overnight.

**Cycling: Approximately 17 km**

### Day 2: (Monday) Vrsar – Porec

Early this morning cruise for 3 hours to Vrsar - the town where Casanova found temporary refuge from lovers pursuing him. From Vrsar we bike along the Limski Canal to Klostar. Along the way you can sample fresh suckling pig, and maybe olive oil and grappa. Cycle on to the picturesque old town of Porec. Your guides will take you for a stroll through the charming historical centre, with its beautiful buildings of many different periods, and the bustling shopping lanes. The famous Euphrasius Basilica, with its gorgeous early Christian mosaics, is also well worth a visit.

**Cycling: Approximately 35 km**



### Day 3: (Tuesday) Poreč – Višnjan – Umag

Today's cycle tour takes you from Poreč through extensive vineyards to Visnjan, home of the famous white Boskarin Cattle. After a coffee break continue cycling through the gentle hills of the hinterland to Vizinada. After a lunch break return to Poreč via a visit to the Baredine Cave which takes you through five amazing halls all beautifully illuminated. It leads 60m under ground to a subsurface lake and if you are lucky you'll meet a native – the famous amphebia (Proteus anguinus): the olm. This little cave dweller is a unique one and is endemic to this karst area. Back on board the boat enjoy a lovely cruise to Umag, which offers a picturesque old town centre located on a promontory as well as some remains of a medieval city wall.

**Cycling: Approximately 50 km**

### Day 4: (Wednesday) Umag - Grožnjan -Novigrad

After breakfast cycling takes you north along the coastline. After a climb reach the artist's village of Grožnjan. Time to wander before cycling to Novigrad through the Mirna River valley, well known as an area where white truffles can be found. Continue to Novigrad where impressive battlements of the city wall as well as Pelagius Basilica await. You will find many cafes and bars lining the pretty harbour. Dinner on board.

**Cycling: Approximately 55 km**





#### **Day 5: (Thursday) Novigrad –Porec - Rovinj**

In the morning cycle from Novigrad along the coast to Porec. There is time to take a wander through the beautiful old town and to enjoy the regional cuisine for lunch.

The boat awaits you in the harbour of Poreč and will take you to Rovinj, an Adriatic gem!

**Cycling: Approximately 35 km**

#### **Day 6: (Friday) Rovinj**

From Rovinj, leave for your morning bike ride with time for a swim in the Adriatic Sea on the way. Return to the ship for lunch then take an afternoon stroll through the winding alleyways of this enchanting picture perfect town. The night is spent in Rovinj.

**Cycling: Approximately 20 km**

#### **Day 7: (Saturday) Rovinj – Barbariga - Fazana - Vodnjan - Pula**

Morning cruise to Barbariga. After lunch cycle via Vodnjan back to Pula, your port of disembarkation, where you have time to stroll around or to explore the cultural heritage of the ancient town. The last evening aboard ship follows a nice tradition. Enjoy your last evening meal on board with your crew, your tour guides and new friends.

**Cycling: Approximately 35 km**

#### **Day 8: (Sunday) Pula**

After breakfast you will disembark by 9 am.

### **ALTERATIONS**

We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions or organisational requirements. Sometimes the tour will be conducted in reverse order.

### **TERRAIN & GRADE**

The bike routes require a basic level of fitness, which you should have acquired by occasional or daily cycling. The routes reach a maximum height of 300 m. The daily routes average 25 km (16 miles) and cover hilly terrain, and can be completed without time constraints. You can, however, also choose to

skip a bike-tour and spend the time sunbathing or swimming of the ship instead. The roads are mostly asphalted and there is little traffic outside of holiday periods (July - August).

### ACCOMMODATION – SHIP “TARIN”

The ‘Tarin’ is a two-masted motor sailing ship of 22m length and 6 m width that was built in 2004. All of her 10 cabins are above the water level. Three cabins have a double bed (140cm/55" wide) with an additional bunk bed, to sleep a third person. The other cabins have two separate beds that may be beside each other, or bunk beds on two levels. The forward sundeck measures 40 m2, the upper deck even 60 m2. Together with the large saloon, Tarin offers ample space to her passengers.



The cook on board prepares breakfast and one hot meal each day. The half board starts with the dinner on the arrival day and ends with the breakfast on the departure day. One meal per day will be taken on shore (not included in the cost).

### 2020 SCHEDULE & COSTS – PER PERSON IN EURO

17-24 May	<b>€1050</b>
24-31 May	<b>€1050</b>
31 May -07 June	<b>€1050</b>
07-14 June	<b>€1050</b>
14-21 June	<b>€1050</b>
21-28 June	<b>€1050</b>
28 June-05 July	<b>€1050</b>
30 August-06 September	<b>€1150</b>

06-13 September	<b>€1150</b>
13-20 September	<b>€1150</b>
20- 27 September	<b>€1150</b>
27 September-04 October	<b>€1150</b>
04-11 October	<b>€1050</b>
11-18 October	<b>€1050</b>

**50% discount for third person sharing cabin – three bed cabins have one double bed (floor level) and one single bunk bed.**

### ADD PER PERSON IN EURO

Single cabin supplement	<b>€ 600</b>
Bike Hire (21 speed)	<b>€ 80</b>
Electric bike hire	<b>€180</b>

Insurance against theft and damage - **Standard bike €10 per week, Electric bike €20 per week**

Limited helmets are available, please request at the time of booking.

### 2020 TOUR COST INCLUDES

- 8-day-trip on a motor yacht with a crew of four
- 7 nights accommodation on a motor yacht in a double or twin cabin with shower/toilet
- 7 days half board on the ship (breakfast daily and dinner or lunch)
- Bed linen and towel
- Guided cycling tours
- Overview-maps for the daily tours on board
- English-speaking tour guide

### 2020 TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- **Visitor's tax and bottled water €50 per adult - to be paid to the captain onboard in cash.**
- Drinks on board - tally sheet; to be paid to the captain.
- Tips for crew and tour-guides
- Parking – safe space - €50 for vehicles up to 6m in length and €100 for over 6m. Pay on the spot.
- Meals ashore (one each day)
- Entrance fees for sights

### TRANSFERS

Collective transfer from/to Zagreb on Days 1 and 8 only (11.30 am from Zagreb centre or 12.15 pm from Zagreb Airport to Pula. Return transfer from Pula to Zagreb Airport departs at 7.00 am. The cost is €50 per person each way and must be reserved and prepaid when booking the cruise.

### EXTRA NIGHT PACKAGES

#### **ZAGREB 2 Days/1 Night Pre-tour:**

Transfer on arrival from Zagreb Airport to a hotel in Zagreb city for overnight. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour in Zagreb (entrances not included) and dinner in a local restaurant. The following day transfer is provided to the boat in Pula.

**COST:** €320 per person share twin in 3\* hotel, single room supplement €40. Share twin cost in a 4\* hotel is €370, single room supplement €70.

### GETTING THERE

**For your journey to Pula there are four possible airports available:**

Pula Airport to the harbour of Pula	15minutes (taxi ride costs approx. 20 Euros)
Reijeka Airport to the harbour of Pula	1 hour 45 minutes
Trieste Airport to the harbour of Pula:	1 hour
Ljubljana to the harbour of Pula:	2 hours
Venice to the harbour of Pula:	4 hours

### HELMETS

Helmet use is mandatory on all bike rides. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own well-fitted helmet. Rental helmets are available on board in limited number (reservation required).

### GROUP SIZE

**Minimum** 14 participants, **Maximum** 24 participants



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