

# Cycling Europe

## 2020 CROATIA BY BIKE & BOAT

### KVARNER BAY & ISLANDS 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

190 km by 21-SPEED BIKE or ELECTRIC BIKE



Countless islands in crystal clear water, spectacular cliffs, picturesque beaches and innumerable small bays – that is the Kvarner Bay in the Northern Adriatic Sea. Every island is different and each one has its own history. For one week, you explore either independently or with a knowledgeable guide, the country and the people of these unique islands. Experience the beauty of the Adriatic Sea on board a romantic motor-sailer, your floating hotel. After a hearty breakfast, you will set off to explore on your bike. Be it the medieval city of Rab, the car-free road in the sky on Dugi Otok or the flower island of Molat, each day bringing new discoveries. Meet your ship in a

different harbour for lunch. Then bike on to the next harbour where the ship awaits. Enjoy an excellent meal while watching the sunset then go for a stroll through an historic harbour town.

This tour will occasionally be operated as hybrid bike and mountain bike tours from the same boat cruise. Contact us for more details about the MTB itinerary. A separate guide attends the hybrid bike group while another one leads the mountain bike group.

#### ITINERARY: Day 1 (Sunday)

##### Arrive Omišalj, cruise to Cres Island

Tour departs from Omišalj, a nice little harbor village on the Island of Krk. Check in from 2.00 – 2.30 pm. Boat departs around 3 pm to cruise to the island of Cres (4 hrs). On Cres we take an evening walk through the old “Venetian” town.

##### Day 2: (Monday) Cres and Lošinj Islands

After breakfast cycle from the city of Cres to Martinšćica. The boat awaits your arrival and lunch is served during the cruise to the island of Lošinj. If the weather is good, the captain will arrange a swim stop along the way before tying off in the harbour spa town of Mali Lošinj. The port with its colourful facades and numerous cafes offers its visitors a welcoming vibe for a relaxed evening..

**Cycling: Approximately 28 km**



### Day 3: (Tuesday) Lošinj and Molat Islands

Cycle along a seaside path to the south of Lošinj, there visit the small harbour of Veli Lošinj before meeting the ship for lunch. In the afternoon cross over to the island of Molat where you have another short cycle tour. Stay overnight in the quiet harbor of Molat. **Cycling: Approximately 20km**

### Day 4: (Wednesday) Dugi Otok Island - Zadar

During breakfast the ship leaves Molat and cruises past many small islands to the "spice island" of Dugi Otok. The bike tour starts in the bay of Božava which is surrounded by

pine woods, agaves and tamarisk trees. Ride on a road almost free of traffic. Cycle along the island's "Road in the Sky" to Sali, where the boat awaits to sail to Zadar, which, for centuries, was the political, cultural and spiritual centre of Dalmatia. 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. In the evening your tour guide takes us on an extensive walk through the lively city centre.

**Cycling: Approximately 42km**



### Day 5: (Thursday) Pag Island - Rab

We cruise until lunchtime, past many small islands to Pag Island. In the harsh but delightful landscape of the island come across many fig and olive trees. Over the centuries the inhabitants have built numerous stone walls for protection against the wind. Starting from Novalja, cycle on the narrow peninsular until you reach the sea, where the ship will take you to Rab. This fortified capital of the island, was built in the Middle Ages on a wedge shaped headland and marks one of the highlights of the trip. Four imposing bell towers are

a symbol of the town. After dinner you can explore the narrow alleys and numerous cosy cafès.

**Cycling: Approximately 34 km**

### Day 6: (Friday) Rab Island

Cycle along the coast to the east side of the island, an area with virtually no vegetation, which is rough and rocky and may remind you of a lunar landscape. The road leads to a bay with a sandy beach which is unusual in the Kvarner Islands. At lunchtime the ship will be waiting for you in the harbour at the old town of Rab. After a swimming break cruise to the neighbouring island of Krk, where you will spend the evening in the historical town of the Krk.

**Cycling: Approximately 25 km**

### Day 7: (Saturday) Krk Island

Cycle over the highest ridge on the island, which is covered with fragrant macchia shrubs, then on to a valley of vineyards and the museum town of Vrbnik, with its famous winding alleyway, the narrowest in the world. Continue on to Omišalj, past old villages and rich vegetation, with a swim stop enroute at Soline Bay. Spend the last evening aboard in Omišalj, with a final dinner and get together with the crew and guides.

**Cycling: Approximately 45 km**

## Day 8: (Sunday) Tour ends in Omišalj

Disembark by 9.00 a.m. (8.00 am: Collective group transfer to Zagreb Airport and Zagreb city can be reserved for €20 per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)



**Changes:** We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary, depending on wind and weather conditions, or organizational requirements.

### TERRAIN /GRADE – road cycling

You will require a reasonable level of fitness, which you have acquired by steady cycling. Cycling distances are 20 – 45 km per day, mostly on tar-sealed roads and hilly terrain with altitude 200 – 500m. There is little traffic outside the holiday periods of July and August. You can take a rest day for swimming and relaxing at any time.

### ACCOMMODATION:

#### “Premium Boat” ANDELA LORA

(all cabins have ensuite shower and toilet)

The Andela Lora is a spacious steel motor yacht that was launched in spring 2012. At 40 metres long and 8.5 metres wide, the Andela Lora is among the largest ships in our Croatian fleet.



She has 17 spacious air conditioned cabins available (12 -14 sqm)

Above deck: 10 (2x double, 3x double bed + single bed, 5x twin)

Below deck: 7 (3x double bed, 2x double bed + double bunk, 2x double bed + single bed)

Astern the boat has a swimming platform which facilitates the access to the open sea. A nice salon on the upper deck of the boat and many deck chairs for sunbathing on each platform make the voyage on the Andela Lora a very special one. The attentive and helpful crew is ready to do anything for a light-hearted journey through this wonderful island world.



### CLOTHING & LUGGAGE

Leave your evening dresses at home – bring casual holiday clothes, biking clothes and swimming costumes. There is not much store-room in the cabins so please bring soft bags

### MEALS

The on board cook prepares a hearty breakfast and one or two hot meals a day. On 4 days there is full board (3 meals/day) and 3 days there is half board (2 meals/day).

### GUIDES

The tour will be guided in English and German.

### 2020 SCHEDULE & PRICES PER PERSON IN EURO

12.04. – 19.04.20	€1,250	26.07. – 02.08.20	€1,450
03.05. – 10.05.20	€1,350	02.08. – 09.08.20	€1,450
10.05. – 17.05.20	€1,350	09.08. – 16.08.20	€1,450
17.05. – 24.05.20	€1,450	16.08. – 23.08.20	€1,450
24.05. – 31.05.20	€1,450	23.08. – 30.08.20	€1,450
07.06. – 14.06.20	€1,450	30.08. – 06.09.20	€1,550
14.06. – 21.06.20	€1,450	06.09. – 13.09.20	€1,550
21.06. – 28.06.20	€1,450	13.09. – 20.09.20	€1,550
28.06. – 05.07.20	€1,450	27.09. – 04.10.20	€1,550
12.07. – 19.07.20	€1,450	04.10. – 11.10.20	€1,450
19.07. – 26.07.20	€1,450	11.10. – 18.10.20	€1,350

### 2020 ADDITIONAL COSTS PER PERSON IN EURO

Surcharge for Upper Deck Cabin: Double or Twin

€ 150 (Andela Lora)

Single Supplement Cabin Lower Deck

€ 500 (Andela Lora)

Single Supplement Cabin Upper Deck

€ 700 (Andela Lora)

## RENTAL BIKES

- Rental bike: 21-gear trekking bike with pannier: €80 for week
- E-Bike: 8 gear hub-shifting and pannier: €160 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

## TRANSFERS

- Collective group transfer from Zagreb Airport on embarkation day at 12.15 pm and from Zagreb city centre at 11.30am can be reserved for **€30** per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)
- Collective group transfer to Zagreb on disembarkation day at 8.00 am can be reserved for **€30** per person. This must be reserved at time of booking.)
- Transfers to and from Rijeka Train Station can be reserved for **€20 per person each way** and Rijeka Airport to Omisalj can be reserved for **€15 per person each way**(on embarkation and disembarkation day only)

## DISCOUNTS

- There is a 50% discount for the third person in a triple cabin (below deck only. These cabins are furnished with a double bed and a single bunk bed above.
- Children up to 16 years occupying their own cabin will receive a 25% discount (not combinable with 50% discount)

## TOUR COST INCLUDES

- 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
- Guided cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Overview-maps for the daily tours on board
- 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
- Return Airport transfer with group from/to Zagreb Airport, or Zagreb city on Day 1 & Day 8 only – see details under "Transfers" above
- Transfers to and from boat from Rijeka train station
- Drinks on board (tally sheet, paid to the captain)
- Meals ashore
- Beach towels
- Car parking can be reserved for €50 for a car up to 6m in length and €100 for a car over 6m to be paid on site
- Bike rental
- Tips for crew and tour guides

## 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 numbers (reservation essential).

## CHILDREN

- Minimum age 10 years. Only children in good physical condition with previous cycling experience will be able to manage the cycling on this tour. Please note that minimum height for rental bikes is 120 cm

- Children under 16 years in their own cabin will receive a discount of 25%. Surcharge for single cabin use will be added.

## GROUP SIZE

Minimum 14 participants    Maximum 29 participants

## OPTIONAL – PRE TOUR HOTEL & SIGHTSEEING (FROM ZAGREB AIRPORT)

**2 Day/1 Night Zagreb package Pre-tour:** (min. 2 passengers) Includes:

- Transfer from Zagreb Airport to Zagreb hotel
- Guided afternoon sightseeing tour in Zagreb (entrances not included)
- Accommodation 1 night in 3\* or 4\* hotel, breakfast included
- Dinner in a local restaurant
- 3 hour transfer to the boat in Omasalj

**Cost:** 3-star hotel: Double Room €320 per person / single room €350

4-star Hotel: Double Room €370 per person / single room €420

## OMASALJ - GETTING THERE

- 6 km from Rijeka Airport (take a taxi) and 30km from Rijeka Bus Station.
- Rijeka – Zagreb Airport and vice versa are very well connected with bus and train services By bus – duration 3 hours, rate €12 – 15 per person. Buses depart every hour. For example there are buses operating at 6am, 7am, 7.45am, 8.30am etc.
- By train – duration 3 and half hours, approximate cost €12 per person.

**At time of booking:** Please advise your height, birthdate, nationality, any special meal requirements, if you want a helmet, and bike insurance plus a mobile number while travelling. There are limited E-bikes & helmets on this tour, so you must request at time of booking.

Book through:

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